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1. SRB wants to proceed with a NATO friendlies breakfast even if Jeremy is not yet on board. (Jeremy would be a guest, not a co-host.) He would like to do this prior to Helsinki. He does NOT think Strobe or State needs to be there since they are doing similar events. He would want Vershbow and Fried.

Question: Who should set it up and do the inviting? We have the tentative list.

Who should prepare the briefing memo for SRB?

FYI: Sandy gave me some points on NATO enlargement that he wants to use as part of our second term agenda presentation for Erskine and for POTUS-HILL retreat. I list these points because it strikes me that they are the same ones he will want to use in this breakfast and in any speech he gives on second term agenda: (You might want to save these little gems!)

a. We have been embarked on a course towards NATO enlargement, a very deliberate course, since 1994 with the notion that we need to build upon the debris of the collapsed Soviet Union and to work towards a democratic, united, peaceful Europe.

b. The fundamental question is: WHY NATO enlargement? We have essentially 3 choices when it comes to NATO: disassemble a cohesive organization that has done great things, including Bosnia, freeze it where it was 50 years ago when Stalin was around, or make it organic and adapt it as we have done over time.

c. We face, with NATO enlargement, some hard problems: what you do to reassure the countries that are not in the first wave, how you deal with Russia to prevent a backlash, and the corellary issues of APC, PFP, Baltic Brigade, etc.

Thoughts?