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Hi Bern,

Sunny day so far, big Eagles game today with Tampa Bay at the Vet, Eagles should win, but have been known to blow such games. Tampa Bay has lost all 20 games where temperature at kickoff below 40 degrees, and that is roughly the temp it may be today at 1630. Eagles need any hex they can get.

Lots of travel for me last week, preparing for our meeting with EPA in Phila on a Superfund site Thursday, the personalities of some of the other companies in our group have really hurt us, so we are trying to patch that up. Monsanto/Solutia particularly ignorant, we may have to toss them from our group.

We learned late last week that the water supply in Little Hocking, Ohio, across the river from our Parkersburg plant, has levels of our surfactant 7 times higher than our guideline, so that is bad news. We are slowly learning we have set our guideline way below how it would have been set by EPA, but changing it now a no win. So in addition to all the agencies we have had on our butts, we now have Ohio and another EPA Region, not to mention the 20,000 people who drink the water supplied by Little Hocking with our surfactant in it, likely it has been there for at least the last decade. The class action lawsuit grows. Oddy, the source for that water supply may be our plant groundwater, it may flow under the Ohio River, being pulled by those wells, that seems the only theory so far, since levels in the river itself have tended to be just below our guideline.

India continue to make very hawkish statements to Pakistan, guess they are unable to get over the bombing of their Congress building, and blame it on Pakistan for allowing terrorists to thrive in Cashmere. Odd how folks forget about the devastation of war, seems that every generation a new group surfaces that sees it as glorious without the pain and suffering. Such traditional thinking has been deterred by nuclear bombs for the big boys, not at all clear these 2 countries are so deterred. If India really were to roll into Pakistan, seems Pakistan would feel compelled to respond with nuclear if its existence were threatened, then India, with likely far more weapons, would retaliate and the genie is out of the bottle. Modern population control?

Bush getting first taste of scandal with Enron collapse, maybe I should be grateful that DuPont stock only down as far as it is. The Republicans deserve all the shit the Dems can throw, it is fit for tat for the Clinton years, although I really believe the Reputs can hate with more conviction, and hit below the belt with more vigor than the Dems. The latter more into inclusiveness, the Reputs tribal.

Time to get some poop off my desk, hope all is well in Alabama, guess mom and I not getting to VT until later in Feb, what with Reilly's birthday and Valentines day. Oh well.

Love, —Dad, Mom, Erin, Jen, Cass, Reilly, Otto

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