

Note for Woodward, Ellis

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**From:** Woodward, Ellis  
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Spoke w/Charlie today who passed on the following intelligence from a conversation with Larry Horowitz (formerly Senator Kennedy's chief of staff, now a successful businessman in California with close ties to Clinton and Kessler). The White House has made the decision to move tobacco to the back burner having calculated they don't want a tobacco fight and fallout that comes with it. Edwards was told that the White House has decided to get rid of Kessler if Clinton is re-elected. Kessler has told Horowitz that he wants to leave. Take all of that for what its worth, but Horowitz is very plugged in.

Re: the op-ed. Charlie contacted the Post again this week and has not heard back from them. I told him to go ahead and approach the San Diego paper which he will do this afternoon.