

General. It sounds like a relatively chilly reception awaiting you.

The President. Well, I mean, I think that there's going to be politics. That's what happens in Washington. They are going to play to their base for a certain period of time. But I'm pretty confident that they're going to recognize that our job is to govern and make sure that we are delivering jobs for the American people and that we're creating a competitive economy for the 21st century, not just for this generation, but the next one.

And so my expectation, my hope is that John Boehner and Mitch McConnell will realize that there will be plenty of time to campaign for 2012 in 2012 and that our job this year is to make sure that we build on the recovery. We started to make good progress on that during

the lame duck, and I expect to build on that progress when I get back.

All right?

Q. What do you think about their effort to repeal health care?

Q. Anything on Larry Summers's replacement?

The President. Thank you, guys. Happy New Year.

NOTE: The President spoke at 10 p.m. while en route to Joint Base Andrews, MD. In his remarks, he referred to Mayor Peter B. Carlisle of Honolulu, HI; and Gov. Neil Abercrombie of Hawaii. The transcript was released by the Office of the Press Secretary on January 4. Audio was not available for verification of the content of these remarks.

Statement on the Resignation of Robert L. Gibbs as White House Press Secretary *January 5, 2011*

For the last 6 years, Robert has been a close friend, one of my closest advisers, and an effective advocate from the podium for what this administration has been doing to move America forward. I think it's natural for him to want

to step back, reflect, and retool. That brings up some challenges and opportunities for the White House, but it doesn't change the important role that Robert will continue to play on our team.

Message to the Congress on 2010 Census Redistricting *January 5, 2011*

To the Congress of the United States:

Pursuant to title 2, United States Code, section 2a(a), I transmit herewith the statement showing the apportionment population for each State as of April 1, 2010, and the number

of Representatives to which each State would be entitled.

BARACK OBAMA

The White House,
January 5, 2011.

Remarks on the Appointment of William M. Daley as White House Chief of Staff *January 6, 2011*

Please have a seat, everybody. Happy New Year. Last October, when my former Chief of Staff, Rahm Emanuel, departed to pursue oth-

er opportunities in Chicago, I asked Pete Rouse, one of my most trusted aides, to step into the breach and lead us through a very