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To: PUA 780 Students

From: Mac Destler

Re: opening sessions

The gods that determine spring term scheduling here at Maryland have allotted us one fewer Monday than they did last year. So we will need to get going sooner. For this reason I am asking that, if possible, you take a look at the first of our course readings, Morris Fiorina's provocative short read, *Culture War?* We will spend half of our first session discussing some of the issues it raises. So while failure to skim the book before class will not prevent a student from participating constructively in the discussion, it will help us all if at least some of you do so. (In addition, this will lighten your load for the second week, when we will return to the topic in our broader look at public opinion.)

Following are the readings for the second and third week of class. They include readings from three of the five books listed for purchase: Fiorina, *Culture War?* Allison and Zelikow, *Essence of Decision*, SECOND Edition; and Wittkopf and McCormick, *Domestic Sources of American Foreign Policy*, FOURTH Edition.

February 7: **Public Opinion**

Readings: Fiorina, *Culture War?*

Chicago Council on Foreign Relations, *GLOBAL VIEWS 2004: American Public Opinion and Foreign Policy*, 56pp. [P]

[http://www.c CFR.org/globalviews2004/sub/pdf/Global_Views_2004_US.pdf]

Wittkopf and McCormick, chap. 7 (Murray/Spinoza).

Steven Kull and I. M. Destler, *Misreading the Public: The Myth of a New Isolationism*, Brookings Institution Press, 1999, chap. 12. [P]

[For comprehensive information on US public opinion on current foreign policy issues, go to www.Americans-world.org.]

February 14: **Models of Policymaking**

Readings: Allison and Zelikow, *Essence of Decision*, In order to get a minimum sense of the argument and the paradigms, read at least pp. 1-26, 143-47, 163-85, 255-63, 294-313, and 379-405. Skim other parts for illustrative examples, links to the broad policymaking and IR literatures, and fascinating interpretations of this classic crisis. And for the actual resolution of the crisis, you will surely want to read pp. 325-66--if not for this week, then when we discuss the Kennedy administration..

RECOMMENDED (and of possible relevance for the fourth paper assignment):

Robert Putnam, "Diplomacy and Domestic Politics: The Logic of Two Level Games," *International Organization*, Vol 42 (Summer 1988), pp. 427-60. [R, jstor]

