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Subject: RE: Spill of National Significance

I'm demob'ing 6 Jul...originally it was going to be this Friday because I was supposed to do the procedure next week, but when Top Kill failed, I realized it wouldn't be a good time to go...Roger Laferriere and I are a team, and he's staying here until then, so I resked the procedure for 13 Jul. Then I'll be grounded for a few weeks (I'll go back to work the following week, but I'm not supposed to travel too far). That said, it's conceivable I'll rotate back here in late Aug.

Don't believe what you see on TV...people here are working very hard and we're keeping the vast majority of the oil off of the beaches. We need to do a better job telling our story.

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