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here is the note I mentioned:

I was just in Washington DC seeing the President and a lot of the Executive team (Lew, Sperling, Donilon, Holdren) as well as a bunch of Senators.

A number of people mentioned how they thought Jim Kim would help the World Bank do a better job.

I told the Foundation team that the next time I am in DC I should get together with a number of World Bank people including Jim to discuss one or more issues.

It could be primary health care or agriculture or slums or some mix of those. I hope I am not being naïve that World Bank can be a stronger player in the development game

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I will be sorry not to have you full time at the Foundation since your broad thinking let you pioneer new areas and make valuable suggestions.

However the World Bank connection is an important one where you could really help them and help the Foundation connect with them.

So I feel great about your work for the Foundation even though the urban work isn't being pursued as a priority right now.

It is important enough we will get back to it when we have made progress on other things I hope. Ideally World Bank or others would advance the field during those years.

Either in Seattle or DC I will find a chance to thank you in person and make sure we keep the connection going.

Steve did amazing work for Microsoft. He is a brilliant software leader. I feel like it is a bit tragic for Microsoft that Ballmer and Sinofsky didn't add up well but I am not blaming anyone. Steve stayed to do critical critical work that give the company a chance for a strong renewal. He showed a lot of patience and unbelievably dedicated work in all his work but particularly his work on Windows. I am very hopeful that he and I get to work together on projects in the future – whether it is technology business or development related. I would also like to touch base with Steve face to face sometime in the weeks ahead. My family is headed out to live in Africa for 3 weeks on December 6 so it might be when I get back in early January. I hope he knows he has all my respect. I wanted to help with the incompatibility between him and Ballmer but I did not find a way to do so.