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How would March 7th (Friday) at either 10am or 11am work for your team?

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Let us know if we need to prepare anything or send anything in advance.

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Please see the attached. I tried to reorganize the sections to fit the new format of our BTAI structure.

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