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Geoff,

I think the crew might enjoy this. Please forward to them. On my way home.

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I am flying back to DC this weekend for a little R&R. My first chance to sleep in my own bed in more than a month. My husband is flying in from California for the weekend. My first time to see him in much more than a month. So needless to say, I probably won't be answering many emails after I leave for the airport this afternoon. I hope that many of you will be taking some much needed time off this weekend as well.

Best to you all,

Marcia



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