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The following is a summary of where we are.=. .

Mongolia is certainly not in bad graces with us -- it's an example of democ=acy in the region and has had made military contributions in Afghanistan. =CC has selected Mongolia for a second compact, and USTR is working on a bi=ateral Transparency Agreement. We have had regular engagement with them on macroeconomic issues.

Mongolia's economic outlook over the medium-term is favorable due to =bundant natural resources, but it is highly vulnerable to commodity price =olatility--particularly for copper--and they have had trouble =eveloping an investment environment for FDI.

The IMF recently concluded that Mongolia is at high risk of debt distress. =ongolia might already have had a Fund program but for significant short-te=m borrowing from its swap line with the PBOC. As things stand, however, Mo=golia is not pursuing a Fund program.

The authorities have reached a deal with Rio Tinto on the underground porti=n of the Oyu Tolgoi copper mine. But until that money flows, Mongolia will=need macro tightening and better financial sector oversight.

At any rate, if you end up helping them out, I'm sure they'll be well-serve= by your advice.

Best regards,
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Someone approached me on their behalf looking for advice. They are apparently in financial trouble, squeezed by China etc.

No idea if I can or want to help them but wondered whether they are in=good or bad or I suspect neutral graces of USA.

Thx

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