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Dear Subscribers.

As noted early last Thursday morning, US equities were already under a bit more pressure again after the rally back to key resistance (more below.) And we still feel that was attributable to the lack of any specification of the beginning of the Fed balance sheet 'reduction' in last Wednesday afternoon's July 25-26 FOMC meeting minutes (our marked-up version accessible at http://bit.ly/2wRUHrZ) release. That was grounds to feel that for all of the Fed-speak on inflation there was some reason to believe the Fed is less confident on the economy.

There was also the crumbling of business support for President Trump in the wake of his lame response to the events and fallout from the Charlottesville protest situation, and anticipation of the return of the North Korean (NOKO) situation. All of which has come back into focus after another Trump Monday-Tuesday 'dipsy-doodle'. Just like last week he was more scripted and professional on Monday, only to go totally off script, winging his sometimes almost bizarre ideas on Tuesday evening at his Phoenix rally.

The return of 'the real Donald Trump' only raises the same old concerns about whether he was creating so much acrimony even in his own party (forget about the Democrats) that not much is going to get done in Washington DC. And as we have been stating for months, the ever more likely lack of timely progress on tax reform and infrastructure spending are a problem for high priced US equities.

This is the critical consideration:

As part of the post-Yellen testimony push to a new high, the September S&P 500 future exceeded the June 2,451-46 congestion highs and held it as support into mid-July. While that support was violated on previous Thursday's NOKO confrontation selloff, it was reinstated with the caveat it could be violated again if the NOKO situation deteriorates. That 2,451-46 congestion remains a key area.

And Closing below MA-13 at 2,443 last week left it vulnerable. So now, even though it held the selloff around lower support (more below on that), with both weekly MA-13 and MA-9 in the mid-upper 2,440's the lack of upside follow through today may mean the market is ready for another test of lower support.

As noted extensively previous, there always were more major lower supports. The most prominent among them is the 2,405-00 late-February through mid-May congestion, which was also a retest of the major top from the March trading high. Along the way there is also the weekly chart up channel support (from the late-March 2,317.75 selloff low) at 2,420 that was tested earlier this week.

As also noted previous, there is now more meaningful higher resistance from two weeks ago after the failure from above the previous 2,475-80 resistance left a fresh weekly DOWN Closing Price Reversal (CPR.) That reinforced the importance of the 2,475-80 resistance at which it has failed repeatedly in the short term (now including last week Wednesday.) The previous week's 2,472 Close is the DOWN CPR signal, with a Tolerance to the 2,480.50 late-July trading high.