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But nothing further in terms of interim bridging support?
The PDCF is a liquidity facility, it does not provide any credit support.
I guess my question is would Hank in principle consider putting public capital at risk temporarily as a bridge while an agreed deal was implemented - eg by backstopping the bad bank portfolio on a temporary basis, or temporarily standing behind Lehman trades while a complex takeover was implemented?

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Off the record, his view is that the existing tools should be used as needed. Existing tools include the pdcf.

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Would Paulson's firm no government money position rule out the government providing some short term bridging support eg while the acquisition of the problem asset portfolio by a consortium of Wall Street banks was organised and implemented?

I am trying to figure out whether the position is no public capital at risk at any point - or something that would in principle allow interim support so long as the end transaction was entirely private.

Please advise. It is important I don't end up mischaracterising Hank's position only for people to see an apparent climbdown if/when a deal is announced.

Best
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