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McCain: You know, that's a tough question and there's a lot of qualified Americans But I think the first criteria, Tom, would have to be somebody who immediately Americans identify with, immediately say, we can trust that individual A supporter of Sen Obama's is Warren Buffett [chairman of Berkshire Hathaway] He has already weighed in and helped stabilize some of the difficulties in the markets and with companies and corporations, institutions today I like Meg Whitman [former CEO of eBay and current McCain campaign adviser], she knows what it's like to be out there in the marketplace She knows how to create jobs Meg Whitman was CEO of a company that started with 12 people and is now 1.3 million people in America make their living off eBay Maybe somebody here has done a little business with them But the point is it's going to have to be somebody who inspires trust and confidence Because the problem in America today to a large extent, Tom, is that we don't have trust and confidence in our institutions because of the corruption on Wall Street and the greed and excess and the cronvism in Washington, DC

Brokaw: All right Sen McCain – Sen Obama, who do you have in mind for treasury secretary?

Obama: Well, Warren would be a pretty good choice – Warren Buffett, and I'm pleased to have his support But there are other folks out there The key is making sure that the next treasury secretary understands that it's not enough just to help those at the top Prosperity is not just going to trickle down We've got to help the middle class And we've – you know, Sen. McCain and I have some fundamental disagreements on the economy, starting with Sen McCain's statement earlier that he thought the fundamentals of the economy were sound Part of the problem here is that for many of you, wages and incomes have flat-lined For many of you, it is getting harder and harder to save, harder and harder to retire And that's why, for example, on tax policy, what I want to do is provide a middle class tax cut to 95 percent of working Americans, those who are working two jobs, people who are not spending enough time with their kids, because they are strugg Sen McCain is right that we've got to stabilize housing prices But underlying that is loss of jobs and loss of income That's something that the next treasury secretary is going to have to work on