

**Herridge, Catherine**

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**From:** Herridge, Catherine  
**Sent:** Friday, March 16, 2018 5:10 PM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA); (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI  
(b)(6) Prior, Ian (OPA)  
**Cc:** Gibson, Jake; Mears, William  
**Subject:** RE: Strzok/Page texts -- Judge Contreras

Thanks for coming back to us.  
Please advise if the background is reportable, and the attribution.  
Appreciated.

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:(b)(6)]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 16, 2018 5:02 PM  
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**Cc:** Gibson, Jake <(b)(6)> Mears, William <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** RE: Strzok/Page texts -- Judge Contreras

**Background:**

As you can see from the cover letter that accompanied the text messages that were disclosed to Congress, we included a lengthy description of our redaction procedures and the following language:

“To avoid any concern that the Department has withheld relevant information, if a Committee has specific questions about why a particular text was partially redacted or about the nature of personal text messages withheld, the Department will work with that Committee to either further describe or disclose redacted information in a closed setting.”

After that initial disclosure, the Department provided Committee staff the opportunity to review text messages that had been redacted in the original disclosure. Therefore, those text messages you reference were provided by the Department to the Committee. The Department has made every effort to be transparent and timely in this process, which is why the initial disclosure included a lengthy explanation of the redactions we believed were required and the offer to allow members and staff to view additional text messages as we did in this case.

As to the content of those messages or the decisions involved related to what was produced, we do not have further comment.

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Sarah Isgur Flores  
Director of Public Affairs  
(b)(6)

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**From:** Herridge, Catherine [mailto:(b)(6)]  
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Cc: Gibson, Jake (b)(6) Mears, William (b)(6) >  
Subject: Strzok/Page texts -- Judge Contreras

Good afternoon –

Trust you are well and can help or get our questions to the right person.

We have obtained Strzok/Page texts from July 2016, first reported today by the Federalist. House investigators reviewed the originals in-camera DOJ, took notes and filled in the redactions.

1. Are the versions attached here accurate?
2. Why did FBI/DOJ send heavily redacted versions of the texts to Capitol Hill, when the blacked out information was not classified?
3. On what basis were the redactions made?
4. Was there contact between Judge Contreras, Strzok and/or Page during the course of these investigations?
5. Strzok and Page considered setting up a cocktail party. Did it happen? Did Judge Contreras or Sally Yates attend?
6. Was Judge Contreras' recusal connected in any way to Strzok?
7. Agent Strzok did former national security adviser Mike Flynn's FBI interview. Did Judge Contreras consider it a conflict?

<http://thefederalist.com/2018/03/16/revealed-peter-strzok-had-personal-relationship-with-recused-judge-in-michael-flynn-case/>

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Washington, D.C. 20530

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley  
Chairman  
Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

JAN 19 2018

Dear Chairman Grassley:

This responds to your request to the Department of Justice (Department) to provide the Committee with copies of text message communications between Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) employees Peter Strzok and Lisa Page.

As you may know, on January 12, 2016, the Department's Office of Inspector General (OIG) publicly announced that the OIG would review "allegations that Department or FBI policies or procedures were not followed in connection with, or in actions leading up to or related to, the FBI Director's public announcement on July 5, 2016,<sup>1</sup> and the Director's letters to Congress on October 28 and November 6, 2016, and that certain underlying investigative decisions were based on improper considerations.<sup>2</sup>" As part of that review, the OIG obtained, among other things, text messages between Mr. Strzok and Ms. Page.

In December 2017, we provided you with an initial production of approximately 375 text message communications, dated August 16, 2015 to December 1, 2016. In response to the requests for the texts messages, the Department collected all text messages between Mr. Strzok and Ms. Page available from the FBI for the period July 1, 2015 to July 28, 2017,<sup>3</sup> which was the same period requested by the OIG. The Department began reviewing those documents in an effort to provide you those messages that were either work-related or that provided any insight into the political views of the participants.

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<sup>1</sup> On that date, then-FBI Director James B. Comey announced that the FBI was recommending to the Department of Justice that no charges should be filed relating to former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's use of a private email server.

<sup>2</sup> DOJ OIG Announces Initiation of Review, January 12, 2017, available at: <https://oig.justice.gov/press/2017/2017-01-12.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> Although the request included texts through July 28, 2017, there were no text messages between Mr. Strzok and Ms. Page after July 1, 2017, and the messages after June 25, 2017, were personal in nature.

The Department is not providing text messages that were purely personal in nature. Furthermore, the Department has redacted from some work-related text messages portions that were purely personal. The Department's aim in withholding purely personal text messages and redacting personal portions of work-related text messages was primarily to facilitate the Committee's access to potentially relevant text messages without having to cull through large quantities of material unrelated to either the investigation of former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's use of a personal email server or the investigation into Russian efforts to interfere with the 2016 Presidential election. Also, the withholding of personal information in some instances avoids unnecessary embarrassment or harassment to third parties that could result from public release of such information. The Department redacted the names of employees who are not SES-level employees, and in some instances, redacted SES employees' names to avoid unwarranted attention to those individuals when comments were gratuitous and did not provide relevant information to ongoing Congressional inquiries.

In a few instances, the Department has redacted portions of work-related texts that concern other investigations. Finally, the Department consulted with the Special Counsel's Office (SCO) and made some redactions related to the structure, operation, and substance of the SCO investigation because it is ongoing.

To avoid any concern that the Department has withheld relevant information, if a Committee has specific questions about why a particular text was partially redacted or about the nature of personal text messages withheld, the Department will work with that Committee to either further describe or disclose redacted information in a closed setting. Although the original spreadsheet contained only what the Department believed to be work-related text messages, subsequent reviews identified some additional personal text messages within that document. Therefore, the document produced today contains a small number of fully redacted messages that were determined to be personal messages subsequent to their initial inclusion in the previously provided spreadsheet. The enclosed document also excludes columns of information that contained only technical information such as phone numbers or email addresses in an effort to provide a more readily reviewable set of documents. In the attached, the "Inbox" documents are from Mr. Strzok to Ms. Page, and the "Outbox" documents are from Ms. Page to Mr. Strzok.

The Department wants to bring to your attention that the FBI's technical system for retaining text messages sent and received on FBI mobile devices failed to preserve text messages for Mr. Strzok and Ms. Page from December 14, 2016 to approximately to May 17, 2017. The FBI has informed us that many FBI-provided Samsung 5 mobile devices did not capture or store text messages due to misconfiguration issues related to rollouts, provisioning, and software upgrades that conflicted with the FBI's collection capabilities. The result was that data that should have been automatically collected and retained for long-term storage and retrieval was not collected. This problem should have been corrected with the rollout of the Samsung 7s in 2017.

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Mr. Strzok's Samsung 5 phone last connected to the storage system on June 18, 2016. He received his new Samsung 7 phone on or about July 5, 2017. Ms. Page's Samsung 5 phone last connected to the storage system on December 13, 2016. She received her new Samsung 7 phone on or about May 22, 2017.<sup>4</sup>

The Office of Inspector General pieced together the text messages between Mr. Strzok and Ms. Page from June 18, 2016, to December 13, 2016, using the data from Ms. Page's phone until the connection to the storage system stopped on December 13, 2016. On May 17, 2017, Ms. Page's data collection re-initiated when she received her new phone.

Please let this office know if you have any questions regarding this production.

Very truly yours,



Stephen E. Boyd  
Assistant Attorney General

cc: The Honorable Dianne Feinstein  
Ranking Member

Enclosure

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<sup>4</sup> Although FBI identified May 22, 2017 as the issued date for Ms. Page's phone, collection resumed on May 18, 2017. The FBI has not yet been able to account for this discrepancy.

Strzok-Page Texts

2016-07-25 00:34:40, Mon	OUTBOX	Rudy is on the FISC! Did you know that?
2016-07-25 00:35:07, Mon	OUTBOX	Just appointed two months ago
2016-07-25 00:35:20, Mon	INBOX	Mitch has lined up a CI threat briefing for Brinkeman in advance of her travel to the PRC. I want to get CI training lined up for the whole federal judiciary. I'm worried we're sending the wrong folks to do the briefing.
2016-07-25 00:35:33, Mon	INBOX	I did. We talked about it before and after. I need to get together with him.
2016-07-25 00:35:43, Mon	OUTBOX	So get the right folks in then!
2016-07-25 00:36:02, Mon	OUTBOX	You didn't tell me. \U0001f615
2016-07-25 00:36:19, Mon	INBOX	I just emailed him and Sally that he (Mitch) and I should do it.
2016-07-25 00:36:24, Mon	INBOX	I did!
2016-07-25 00:37:18, Mon	OUTBOX	No, you definitely didn't.
2016-07-25 00:38:21, Mon	INBOX	I am almost certain I did. It may have been in passing in another discussion, but I have a memory of it.
2016-07-25 00:38:32, Mon	OUTBOX	I think that makes sense. Remind me to tell you frustrating GB convo I had with Mitch
2016-07-25 00:39:00, Mon	INBOX	Ok. He won't let some things go....
2016-07-25 00:39:13, Mon	OUTBOX	I honestly truly don't think you did. I'm serious. I would have remembered that. It's too central in my life. I'm afraid you might be too central in my life.
2016-07-25 00:40:11, Mon	INBOX	I'm certain- CERTAIN I did not with M. And there's no one else I would have mentioned it to. In any case, I need to get together with him.
2016-07-25 00:41:16, Mon	OUTBOX	Well I have zero recollection of it. Recent, old, on phone, in person, text, nothing.
2016-07-25 00:41:44, Mon	INBOX	he mentioned thinking about it even though he was junior, they needed people and they especially needed minorities, and then he said he'd gotten on a month or two ago at a graduation party we were both at.
2016-07-25 00:41:54, Mon	INBOX	In person.
2016-07-25 00:42:30, Mon	INBOX	Want to say in your office but I'm not certain. In any case, yes, he is. Happy to discuss. Haven't told M.
2016-07-25 00:42:50, Mon	INBOX	Was Moffa's thing low side or high side? Can't find it
2016-07-25 00:43:09, Mon	INBOX	Oops, just found it
2016-07-25 00:43:10, Mon	OUTBOX	High.

Strzok-Page Texts

2016-07-25 00:44:07, Mon	OUTBOX	Peter. It wasn't me. No memory of minority mention or any of it. I'm sorry.
2016-07-25 00:44:47, Mon	OUTBOX	Go ask her. Thought of it because you had to Google FISC judges and saw him there. I'm telling you.
2016-07-25 00:50:43, Mon	INBOX	I just did. She confirmed I hadn't. So either in told you or wanted to tell you and hadn't. She brought up a good point about being circumspect in talking to him in terms of not placing him into a situation where he'd have to recuse himself.
2016-07-25 00:52:07, Mon	OUTBOX	I can't imagine either one of you could talk about anything in detail meaningful enough to warrant recusal.
2016-07-25 00:52:23, Mon	OUTBOX	Anyway, maybe you meant to, but you didn't.
2016-07-25 00:53:08, Mon	INBOX	Really? Rudy, I'm in charge of espionage for the FBI. Any espionage FISA comes before him, what should he do? Given his friend oversees them?
2016-07-25 00:53:55, Mon	INBOX	Ok, I believe you that I didn't. Thought I had. Happy to (indeed, wanted to and thought I did) talk about it with you.
2016-07-25 00:56:24, Mon	OUTBOX	standards for recusal are quite high. I just don't think this poses an actual conflict. And he doesn't know what you do?
2016-07-25 01:00:00, Mon	INBOX	Generally he does know what I do. Not the level or scope or area. But he's super thoughtful and rigorous about ethics and conflicts. M suggested a social setting with others would probably be better than a one on one meeting. I'm sorry, I'm just going to have to invite you to that cocktail party.
2016-07-25 01:08:13, Mon	INBOX	of course you'll be there. Have to come up with some other work people cover for action. Bill and wife? Sally?
2016-07-25 01:08:23, Mon	INBOX	Jason, if he's in OCA?
2016-07-25 01:08:35, Mon	OUTBOX	Why more? Six is a perfectly fine dinner party.
2016-07-25 10:29:56, Mon	OUTBOX	
2016-07-25 10:31:41, Mon	INBOX	
2016-07-25 10:32:37, Mon	INBOX	
2016-07-25 10:35:59, Mon	OUTBOX	
2016-07-25 10:36:55, Mon	OUTBOX	
2016-07-25 10:43:24, Mon	INBOX	

Gibson, Jake

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**From:** Gibson, Jake  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 15, 2018 9:02 AM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Subject:** Re: alleged FBI docs

From Doug:

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI

On Mar 15, 2018, at 7:38 AM, Gibson, Jake <(b)(6)> wrote:

So....

Do these look authentic to you?

**From:** "McKelway, Doug" <(b)(6)>  
**Date:** March 14, 2018 at 6:01:41 PM EDT  
**To:** "Gibson, Jake" <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** alleged FBI docs

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI

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**Gibson, Jake**

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**From:** Gibson, Jake  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 14, 2017 5:32 PM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Subject:** Fwd: letter to FBI re: comey draft speech  
**Attachments:** 2017-12-14 RHJ to FBI re Comey July 5 Statement.pdf; ATT00001.htm;  
Attachment with RHJ Letter (SJC 000031-37).pdf; ATT00002.htm

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## United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON  
HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS  
WASHINGTON, DC 20510-6250

December 14, 2017

The Honorable Christopher Wray  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
935 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, DC 20535

Dear Director Wray:

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs is continuing its oversight of the Office of Special Counsel's (OSC) Hatch Act investigation of former Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Director James Comey. I write to request additional material concerning the public statements made by Director Comey in reference to the FBI's investigation of former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's use of a private email server. I appreciate your cooperation with this request.

On November 17, 2017, the FBI produced documents that it had previously transmitted to OSC as part of OSC's Hatch Act investigation of Director Comey.<sup>1</sup> These documents help to inform the Committee's understanding of both OSC's and the FBI's investigations. However, these documents raise additional questions about both investigations.

The FBI's production included early drafts of Director Comey's public statement, ultimately delivered on July 5, 2016, clearing Secretary Clinton of criminal wrongdoing in her use of a private email server.<sup>2</sup> On May 2, 2016, Director Comey emailed a draft statement to FBI Deputy Director Andrew McCabe, FBI General Counsel James Baker, and FBI Chief of Staff James Rybicki—a full two months before the FBI had completed over a dozen interviews, including its interview with Secretary Clinton.<sup>3</sup> The drafting of this statement began before the FBI immunized key witnesses to the investigation, including Cheryl Mills and Heather Samuelson.<sup>4</sup> The immunity agreements with Ms. Mills and Ms. Samuelson, executed on June

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<sup>1</sup> Letter from Gregory A. Brower to Sen. Ron Johnson, Chairman, S. Comm. on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Nov. 17, 2017).

<sup>2</sup> Documents FBI produced to the Committee on Nov. 17, 2017 marked SJC 000028-000271 [herein after "FBI documents"]. For clarity, I have attached the entire document containing track-changed edits to Director Comey's original draft July 5 statement. This document is marked SJC 000031-000037.

<sup>3</sup> FBI documents, *supra* note 2 at SJC 000140.; Letter from Sen. Charles Grassley, Chairman, S. Comm. on Judiciary, to Christopher Wray, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Aug. 30, 2017. The FBI conducted an interview of Secretary Clinton on July 2, 2016.

<sup>4</sup> Comm. review of Justice Dep't immunity agreements with Cheryl Mills & Heather Samuelson, (Sept. 27, 2016).

10, 2016, also included side agreements requiring the FBI to destroy evidence on devices turned over to the FBI.<sup>5</sup>

According to documents produced by the FBI, FBI employees exchanged proposed edits to the draft statement. On May 6, Deputy Director McCabe forwarded the draft statement to other senior FBI employees, including Peter Strzok, E.W. Priestap, Jonathan Moffa, and an employee in the Office of General Counsel whose name has been redacted.<sup>6</sup> While the precise dates of the edits and identities of the editors are not apparent from the documents, the edits appear to change the tone and substance of Director Comey's statement in at least three respects.<sup>7</sup>

***1. Repeated edits to reduce Secretary Clinton's culpability in mishandling classified information***

The original draft of Director Comey's remarks included a statement that could be read as a finding of criminality in Secretary Clinton's handling of classified material:

*There is evidence to support a conclusion that Secretary Clinton, and others, used the private email server in a manner that was grossly negligent with respect to the handling of classified information.*<sup>8</sup>

The edited statement deleted the reference to gross negligence—a legal threshold for mishandling classified material<sup>9</sup>—and instead replaced it with an exculpatory sentence:

*Although we did not find clear evidence that Secretary Clinton or her colleagues intended to violate laws governing the handling of classified information, there is evidence that they were extremely careless in their handling of very sensitive, highly classified information.*<sup>10</sup>

This change appeared in the statement as Director Comey delivered it on July 5, 2016.<sup>11</sup>

Further, the original draft of Director Comey's statement connected the volume of classified material on Secretary Clinton's private server with a finding of criminality. It read:

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<sup>5</sup> *Id.*; see also *FBI agreed to destroy laptops of Clinton aides with immunity deal, lawmaker says*, Fox News, Oct. 3, 2016.

<sup>6</sup> FBI documents, *supra* note 2 at SJC 000028-29.

<sup>7</sup> *Id.*

<sup>8</sup> FBI documents, *supra* note 2 at SJC 0000142.

<sup>9</sup> See 18 U.S.C. § 793.

<sup>10</sup> FBI documents, *supra* note 2 at SJC 000034

<sup>11</sup> *Statement by FBI Director James B. Comey on the Investigation of Secretary Hillary Clinton's Use of a Personal E-Mail System*, July 5, 2016, available at <https://www.fbi.gov/news/pressrel/press-releases/statement-by-fbi-director-james-b-comey-on-the-investigation-of-secretary-hillary-clinton2019s-use-of-a-personal-e-mail-system> [hereinafter *Comey July 5 statement*].

*Similarly, the sheer volume of information that was properly classified as Secret at the time it was discussed on email (that is, excluding the “up classified” emails) supports an inference that the participants were grossly negligent in their handling of that information.*<sup>12</sup>

This statement was edited to deemphasize the amount of classified information and, again, to remove a reference to gross negligence. The edited version read:

*In addition to this highly sensitive information, we also found information that was properly classified as Secret by the U.S Intelligence Community at the time it was discussed on email (that is, excluding the ‘up classified emails).*<sup>13</sup>

The edited version also contained a sentence that read, “This is especially concerning because all of these emails were housed on servers not supported by full-time security staff, like those found at the Departments and Agencies of the U.S. Government.”<sup>14</sup> This sentence was not included in the statement as delivered by Director Comey on July 5.<sup>15</sup>

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<sup>12</sup> FBI documents, *supra* note 2 at SJC 0000142

<sup>13</sup> FBI documents, *supra* note 2 at SJC 000035

<sup>14</sup> FBI documents, *supra* note 2 at SJC 000035.

<sup>15</sup> Comey July 5 statement, *supra* note 11.

Figure 1: Edits to “extremely careless” in Director Comey’s statement

That’s what we have done. Now let me tell you what we found.

~~Although we did not find clear evidence that Secretary Clinton or her colleagues intended to violate laws governing the handling of classified information, there is evidence that they were extremely careless in their handling of very sensitive, highly classified information. There is evidence to support a conclusion that Secretary Clinton, and others, used the private email server in a manner that was grossly negligent with respect to the handling of classified information. For example, seven email chains concern matters that were classified at the TS SAP level when they were sent and received. These chains involved Secretary Clinton both sending emails about those matters and receiving emails from others about the same matters. There is evidence to support a conclusion that any reasonable~~

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person in Secretary Clinton’s position, or in the position of those government employees with whom she was corresponding about these matters, should have known that an unclassified system was no place for such an email conversation.

~~Although we did not find clear evidence that Secretary Clinton or her colleagues intended to violate laws governing the handling of classified information, there is evidence that they were extremely careless in their handling of very sensitive, highly classified information.~~

~~Similarly, in addition to this highly sensitive information, we also found the sheer volume of information that was properly classified as Secret by the U.S. Intelligence Community at the time it was discussed on email (that is, excluding the “up classified” emails). This is especially concerning because all of these emails were housed on servers not supported by full-time security staff, like those found at Departments and Agencies of the U.S. Government. This supports an inference that the participants were grossly negligent in their handling of that information.~~

In addition, the original draft of Director Comey’s statement stated that the FBI had found evidence of potential violations of the gross negligence statute and of the statute governing misdemeanor mishandling of classified information:

*Although there is evidence of potential violations of the statute proscribing gross negligence in the handling of classified information and of the statute proscribing misdemeanor mishandling, my judgment is that no reasonable prosecutor would bring such a case. At the outset, we are not aware of a case where anyone has been charged solely based on the “gross negligence” prohibition in the statute.*

*In looking back at our investigations in similar circumstances, we cannot find a case that would support bringing criminal charges on these facts. All the cases prosecuted involved some combination of: (1) clearly intentional misconduct; (2) vast quantities of materials exposed in such a way as to support an inference of intentional misconduct; (3) indications of disloyalty to the United States; or (4) efforts to obstruct justice. We see none of that here.*<sup>16</sup>

The edited version removed Director Comey's specific reference to potential violations of the gross negligence and misdemeanor mishandling statutes. The edits changed the first sentence of the quoted text to read:

*Although there is evidence of potential violations of the statutes regarding the handling of classified information, my judgment is that no reasonable prosecutor would bring such a case.*<sup>17</sup>

A comment bubble accompanying the edit, in which the editor wrote, "we changed none of this text, we simply reordered it. The original text is below, struck out."<sup>18</sup> The editor did not address the deletion of references in the original draft to evidence of potential violations of the gross negligence or misdemeanor statutes.

Director Comey's public remarks on July 5 lacked any specific reference to the FBI finding of evidence potential violations of the "gross negligence" and "misdemeanor mishandling" statutes. Instead, Director Comey stated:

*Although there is evidence of potential violations of the statutes regarding the handling of classified information, our judgment is that no reasonable prosecutor would bring such a case. . . .*<sup>19</sup>

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<sup>16</sup> FBI documents, *supra* note 2 at SJC 000036.

<sup>17</sup> FBI documents, *supra* note 2 at SJC 000036.

<sup>18</sup> FBI documents, *supra* note 2 at SJC 000036.

<sup>19</sup> Comey July 5 statement, *supra* note 11.

Figure 2: Edits removing references to evidence of violations of statutes about the use of classified information

In looking back at our investigations in similar circumstances, we cannot find a case that would support bringing criminal charges on these facts. All the cases prosecuted involved some combination of: (1) clearly intentional mishandling of classified information; (2) vast quantities of materials exposed in such a way as to support an inference of intentional misconduct; (3) indications of disloyalty to the United States; or (4) efforts to obstruct justice. All charged cases of which we are aware have involved the accusation that a government employee intentionally mishandled classified information. We see none of that here.

Commented [p6]: We changed name of this text, we simply reinserted it. The original text is below, struck-out.

Although there is evidence of potential violations of the statutes regarding the handling of classified information, my judgment is that no reasonable prosecutor would bring such a case. Prosecutors necessarily weigh a number of factors before bringing charges. There are obvious considerations, like the strength of the evidence. But they must be balanced against things like the intent and context of the person's actions. To be clear, this is not to suggest that in similar circumstances, an individual who engaged in this activity would face NO consequences. To the contrary, such individuals are often subject to security or administrative sanctions. But that decision is not what is before me now.

~~Although there is evidence of potential violations of the statute proscribing gross negligence in the handling of classified information and of the statute proscribing misdemeanor mishandling, my judgment is that no reasonable prosecutor would bring such a case. At the outset, we are not aware of a case where anyone has been charged solely based on the gross negligence prohibition in the statute. In looking back at our investigations in similar circumstances, we cannot find a case that would support bringing criminal charges on these facts. All the cases prosecuted involved some combination of: (1) clearly intentional misconduct; (2) vast quantities of materials exposed in such a way as to support an inference of intentional misconduct; (3) indications of disloyalty to the United States; or (4) efforts to obstruct justice. We see none of that here.~~

Commented [p7]:

Accordingly, although the Department of Justice makes final decisions on matters such as this, I am completing the investigation by expressing to Justice my view that no charges are appropriate in this case.

SJC000036

## 2. Edits to remove reference to the Intelligence Community's role in identifying vulnerabilities related to Secretary Clinton's private email server

Director Comey's original statement acknowledged the FBI had worked with its partners in the Intelligence Community to assess potential damage from Secretary Clinton's use of a private email server. The original statement read:

*[W]e have done extensive work with the assistance of our colleagues elsewhere in the Intelligence Community to understand what indications there might be of compromise by hostile actors in connection with the private email operation.<sup>20</sup>*

The edited version removed the reference to the intelligence community:

<sup>20</sup> FBI documents, *supra* note 2 at SJC 000142.

*[W]e have done extensive work to understand what indications there might be of compromise by hostile actors in connection with the personal e-mail operation.*<sup>21</sup>

Director Comey delivered this edited statement in his July 5 remarks.<sup>22</sup> It is unclear why FBI staff removed the reference to working with the Intelligence Community during the editing process for Director Comey's statement.

**3. Edits to downgrade the likelihood that hostile actors had penetrated Secretary Clinton's private server**

Finally, the original draft of Director Comey's statement included a conclusion that it was "reasonably likely" that hostile actors had penetrated Secretary Clinton's private server. Director Comey's original statement read:

*With respect to potential computer intrusion by hostile actors, we did not find direct evidence that Secretary Clinton's personal email system, in its various configurations since 2009, was successfully hacked. But, given the nature of the system and of the actors potentially involved, we assess that we would be unlikely to see such direct evidence. We do assess that hostile actors gained access to the private email accounts of individuals with whom Secretary Clinton was in regular contact from her private account. We also assess that Secretary Clinton's use of a private email domain was both known by a large number of people and readily apparent. Given the combination of factors, we assess it is reasonably likely that hostile actors gained access to Secretary Clinton's private email account.*<sup>23</sup>

This statement was edited to downgrade the assessment that it was "reasonably likely" that hostile actors had gained access to Secretary Clinton's private email account. Instead, the edited statement simply read it was "possible" that those events occurred—the formulation Director Comey ultimately used in his public statement on July 5.<sup>24</sup> Director Comey's July 5 statement ultimately read:

*With respect to potential computer intrusion by hostile actors, we did not find direct evidence that Secretary Clinton's personal e-mail domain, in its various configurations since 2009, was successfully hacked. But, given the nature of the system and of the actors potentially involved, we assess that we would be unlikely to see such direct evidence. We do assess that hostile actors gained access to the private commercial e-mail accounts of people with whom Secretary Clinton was in regular contact from her personal account. We also assess that Secretary Clinton's use of a personal e-mail domain was both known by a large number of people and readily apparent. She also used her personal e-mail extensively while outside the United States, including sending and receiving work-related e-mails in*

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<sup>21</sup> FBI documents, *supra* note 2 at SJC 000034.

<sup>22</sup> Comey July 5 statement, *supra* note 11.

<sup>23</sup> FBI documents, *supra* note 2 at SJC 0000143.

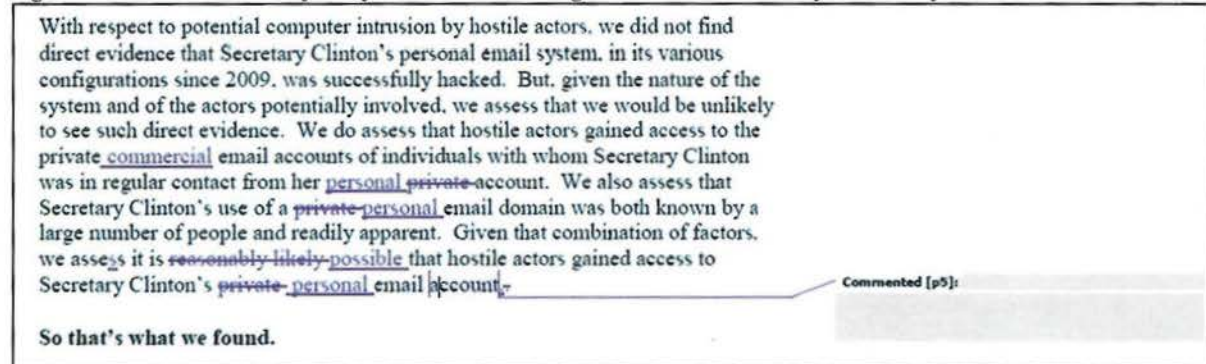
<sup>24</sup> FBI documents, *supra* note 2 at SJC 000035.



*the territory of sophisticated adversaries. Given that combination of factors, we assess it is possible that hostile actors gained access to Secretary Clinton's personal e-mail account.*<sup>25</sup>

The edited statement contains a comment bubble at the conclusion of the changed paragraph; however the FBI redacted the comment.<sup>26</sup>

**Figure 3: Edits on “reasonably likely” that hostile actors gained access to Secretary Clinton’s personal email account**



Although it is not readily apparent from the draft statement, media reports suggest that Mr. Strzok changed the language from “grossly negligent” to “extremely careless” in the draft statement.<sup>27</sup> Mr. Strzok also participated in the FBI’s interview of Secretary Clinton on July 2, 2016.<sup>28</sup> Other documents produced by the Justice Department show during the FBI’s investigation of Secretary Clinton, Mr. Strzok described then-candidate Trump as an “idiot” and that his candidacy would be “good for Hillary.”<sup>29</sup> On March 4, 2016, he wrote that “Hillary should win 100,000,000-0” in a hypothetical election with Trump.<sup>30</sup> In addition, while exchanging text messages with Lisa Page in August 2016, Mr. Strzok wrote: “I want to believe the path you threw out to consideration in Andy’s office—*that there’s no way he gets elected—but I’m afraid we can’t take that risk.* It’s like an insurance policy in the unlikely event you die before you’re 40 . . . .”<sup>31</sup>

<sup>25</sup> Comey July 5 statement, *supra* note 11.

<sup>26</sup> FBI documents, *supra* note 2 at SJC 000035.

<sup>27</sup> Laura Jarrett and Evan Perez, *FBI agent dismissed from Mueller probe changed Comey’s description of Clinton to ‘extremely careless’*, CNN, Dec. 4, 2017, <http://www.cnn.com/2017/12/04/politics/peter-strzok-james-comey/index.html>.

<sup>28</sup> Fed. Bureau of Investigation, 302 of FBI interview with Hillary Clinton, July 2, 2016, available at <https://vault.fbi.gov/hillary-r.-clinton/Hillary%20R.%20Clinton%20Part%2002%20of%2016/view>.

<sup>29</sup> Letter from Stephen E. Boyd, Ass’t Attn’y Gen. for the Office of Legislative Affairs, U.S. Dep’t of Justice, to Sen. Ron Johnson, Chairman, S. Comm. on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, Dec. 12, 2017. Mr. Boyd’s letter was accompanied by a production of 375 text message communications between Mr. Strzok and Lisa Paige, another FBI employee dated August 16, 2015 to December 1, 2016 [herein after referred to as “text messages.” Text messages at 8-9; text messages at 10.

<sup>30</sup> Text messages at 11

<sup>31</sup> Text messages at 43 (emphasis added).

In summary, the edits to Director Comey's public statement, made months prior to the conclusion of the FBI's investigation of Secretary Clinton's conduct, had a significant impact on the FBI's public evaluation of the implications of her actions. This effort, seen in light of the personal animus toward then-candidate Trump by senior FBI agents leading the Clinton investigation and their apparent desire to create an "insurance policy" against Mr. Trump's election, raise profound questions about the FBI's role and possible interference in the 2016 presidential election and the role of the same agents in Special Counsel Mueller's investigation of President Trump. Given these circumstances, the Committee has additional questions about the process by which the FBI edited Director Comey's public statement of July 5, 2016. I respectfully request the following information and material:

1. Please provide the names of the Department of Justice (DOJ) employees who comprised the "mid-year review team" during the FBI's investigation of Secretary Clinton's use of a private email server?
2. Please identify all FBI, DOJ, or other federal employees who edited or reviewed Director Comey's July 5, 2016 statement. Please identify which individual made the marked changes in the documents produced to the Committee.
3. Please identify which FBI employee repeatedly changed the language in the draft statement that described Secretary Clinton's behavior as "grossly negligent" to "extremely careless." What evidence supported these changes?
4. Please identify which FBI employee edited the draft statement to remove the reference to the Intelligence Community. On what basis was this change made?
5. Please identify which FBI employee edited the draft statement to downgrade the FBI's assessment that it was "reasonably likely" that hostile actors had gained access to Secretary Clinton's private email account to merely that an intrusion was "possible." What evidence supported these changes?
6. Please provide unredacted copies of the drafts of Director Comey's statement, including comment bubbles, and explain the basis for the redactions in the material produced to date.

Please provide this information as soon as possible but no later than 5:00 p.m. on December 28, 2017. Any classified information provided in response to this letter should be provided under separate cover through the Office of Senate Security.

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs is authorized by Rule XXV of the Standing Rules of the Senate to investigate "the efficiency, economy, and effectiveness of all agencies and departments of the Government,"<sup>32</sup> Additionally, S. Res. 62 (115th Congress) authorizes the Committee to examine "the efficiency and economy of all

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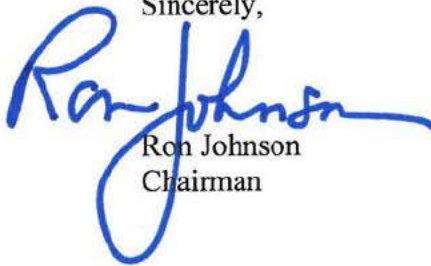
<sup>32</sup> S. Rule XXV(k); *see also* S. Res. 445, 108th Cong. (2004).

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branches of the Government including the possible existence of fraud, misfeasance, malfeasance, collusion, mismanagement, incompetence, corruption, or unethical practices . . . .<sup>33</sup>

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions about this request, please contact Kyle Brosnan or Brian Downey of the Committee staff at (b)(6) .

Sincerely,



Ron Johnson  
Chairman

cc: The Honorable Claire McCaskill  
Ranking Member

Enclosure

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<sup>33</sup> S. Res. 62 § 12, 115th Cong. (2017).

I've been trying to imagine what it would look like if I decided to do an FBI only press event to close out our work and hand the matter to DOJ. To help shape our discussions of whether that, or something different, makes sense, I have spent some time crafting what I would say, which follows. In my imagination, <sup>(b)(5) per FBI</sup> [REDACTED] Here is what it might look like:

(b)(5) per FBI

Gibson, Jake

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**From:** Gibson, Jake  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 12, 2017 7:44 AM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Subject:** Re: HPSCI interviews

Do you have the email where (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI makes the mistake?

On Dec 12, 2017, at 6:47 AM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <(b)(6)> wrote:

Not for republication

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Boyd, Stephen E. (OLA)" (b)(6)  
**Date:** December 11, 2017 at 8:47:04 PM EST  
**To:** "Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)" <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: HPSCI interviews

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Brower, Gregory (DO) (FBI)" (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI  
**Date:** December 11, 2017 at 8:23:34 PM EST  
**To:** "Boyd, Stephen E. (OLA) (JMD)" (b)(6)  
**Cc:** (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI  
**Subject:** Fwd: HPSCI interviews

----- Original message -----

**From:** "Brower, Gregory (DO) (FBI)" (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI  
**Date:** 12/4/17 3:21 PM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI  
**Subject:** HPSCI interviews

Please go ahead and confirm with [REDACTED] -- SSA [REDACTED] on DEC 12 and DD McCabe on DEC 19. And let him know that we are trying to confirm a date for DAD Strzok. Copy Boyd and me.

thx

Gregory A. Brower  
Assistant Director  
FBI Congressional Affairs  
(Direct) [REDACTED]  
(Mobile) [REDACTED]

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Gibson, Jake

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**From:** Gibson, Jake  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 30, 2017 4:03 PM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Subject:** Re: Language

Got it.  
Thanks much.

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 30, 2017, at 3:59 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <(b)(6)> wrote:

Small changes—this one cleared below. Making small edits to other one—coming shortly.

xxx

Sarah Isgur Flores  
Director of Public Affairs

(b)(6)

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**From:** Gibson, Jake [mailto:(b)(6)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 30, 2017 3:41 PM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** Language

A source familiar with the matter tells Fox News that the Christopher Steele's ALLEGED FBI handler met with Senate intell cmte months ago, BEFORE the summer. Sources report it is likely the same individual will meet with the House Intelligence Committee soon.

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**Ehrsam, Lauren (OPA)**

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**From:** Ehrsam, Lauren (OPA)  
**Sent:** Monday, November 6, 2017 4:52 PM  
**To:** Prior, Ian (OPA); Miller, William (USADC)  
**Cc:** Ian Mason  
**Subject:** RE: US v. Slatten

Hi Ian,

Thank you for your question. The Department of Justice declines to comment.

Best regards,  
Lauren

Lauren Ehrsam  
Spokeswoman and Media Affairs Specialist

O: (b)(6) C: (b)(6)

*For information on office hours, access to media events, and standard ground rules for interviews, please click [here](#).*

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**From:** Prior, Ian (OPA)  
**Sent:** Monday, November 6, 2017 4:50 PM  
**To:** Miller, William (USADC) (b)(6); Ehrsam, Lauren (OPA) (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Ian Mason <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** Re: US v. Slatten

Hey Ian Lauren is handling

Ian D. Prior  
Principal Deputy Director of Public Affairs  
Office: (b)(6)  
Cell: (b)(6)

*For information on office hours, access to media events, and standard ground rules for interviews, please click [here](#).*

On Nov 6, 2017, at 4:29 PM, Miller, William (USADC) (b)(6) wrote:

Please check with the Department of Justice's Office of Public Affairs. Although my office handled the prosecution, DOJ's appellate team and the Solicitor General are handling this.

**From:** Ian Mason [mailto:(b)(6)]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 6, 2017 4:25 PM

SENT: Monday, November 6, 2017 4:23 PM

To: Navas, Nicole (OPA) (JMD) <[Nicole.Navas@usdoj.gov](mailto:Nicole.Navas@usdoj.gov)>

Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA) (JMD) (b)(6); Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA) (JMD)

<(b)(6)>; Miller, William (USADC) (b)(6)

Subject: RE: US v. Slatten

Mr. Miller,

Anything on this case? We're going to run a piece later tonight and if the SG is planning to take this up on cert it changes things quite a lot.

Let me know if there is any statement forthcoming.

Thanks again,  
Ian Mason  
Breitbart News

-----Original Message-----

From: "Navas, Nicole (OPA)" <[Nicole.Navas@usdoj.gov](mailto:Nicole.Navas@usdoj.gov)>

Sent: Monday, November 6, 2017 1:08pm

To: "Ian Mason" <(b)(6)>, "Prior, Ian (OPA)" <(b)(6)>, "Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA)"

<(b)(6)>, "William Miller" <(b)(6)>

Subject: RE: US v. Slatten

+Bill Miller

Nicole Navas Oxman  
Spokesperson/Public Affairs Specialist  
U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)

(b)(6) (office)

(b)(6) (cell)

[Nicole.Navas@usdoj.gov](mailto:Nicole.Navas@usdoj.gov)

From: Ian Mason [[mailto:\(b\)\(6\)](mailto:(b)(6)@usdoj.gov)]

Sent: Monday, November 06, 2017 1:05 PM

To: Prior, Ian (OPA) (b)(6); Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA)

<(b)(6)>; Navas, Nicole (OPA) (b)(6)

Subject: US v. Slatten

The DC Circuit just denied an en banc rehearing in US v. Slatten No. 15-3078. See attached This is the vacating of the Blackwater contractors' convictions.

Does DOJ intend to petition for cert? If not are you planning on retrying Slatten and the others?

Thanks,  
Ian Mason  
Breitbart News

**United States Court of Appeals**  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CIRCUIT

**No. 15-3078**

**September Term, 2017**

**1:14-cr-00107-RCL-1**

**Filed On:** November 6, 2017

United States of America,

Appellee

v.

Nicholas Abram Slatten,

Appellant

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Consolidated with 15-3079, 15-3080, 15-3081

**BEFORE:** Garland, Chief Judge; Henderson, Rogers, Tatel, Griffith,  
Kavanaugh, Srinivasan, Millett, Pillard, and Wilkins, Circuit Judges

**ORDER**

Upon consideration of the petition of appellee United States of America for rehearing en banc, the responses thereto, and the absence of a request by any member of the court for a vote, it is

**ORDERED** that the petition be denied.

**Per Curiam**

**FOR THE COURT:**  
Mark J. Langer, Clerk

BY: /s/  
Ken R. Meadows  
Deputy Clerk

**O'Malley, Devin (OPA)**

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**From:** O'Malley, Devin (OPA)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 1, 2017 1:27 PM  
**To:** 'Gurman, Sadie'; Gibson, Jake  
**Subject:** DHS Press Contacts

(b)(6)

Devin M. O'Malley  
Department of Justice  
Office of Public Affairs  
Office: (b)(6)  
Cell: (b)(6)

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 19, 2017 3:34 PM  
**To:** Gibson, Jake  
**Cc:** Prior, Ian (OPA)  
**Subject:** Re: The Hill Story...

Off the record just for your own info: "they" in that sentence doesn't mean the FBI from what I have seen. Maybe some other group did--but not related to this case.

On Oct 19, 2017, at 2:29 PM, Gibson, Jake (b)(6) wrote:

I also have not seen any evidence of a connection between Russian money and the Clinton foundation except this line...

They also obtained an eyewitness account backed by documents indicating Russian nuclear officials had routed millions of dollars to the U.S. designed to benefit former President Bill Clinton's charitable foundation during the time Secretary of State Hillary Clinton served on a government body that provided a favorable decision to Moscow, sources told The Hill.

Now, Solomon never really gives us any of these documents, and I certainly have not found any.

However... back to my other question about the timing and whether CFIUS knew about the investigation before they approved the Uranium One deal.

This line from an FBI release seems to indicate there was an investigation going on as far back as 2004...

According to court documents, Mikerin was the director of the Pan American Department of JSC Techsnabexport (TENEX), a subsidiary of Russia's State Atomic Energy Corporation and the sole supplier and exporter of Russian Federation uranium and uranium enrichment services to nuclear power companies worldwide, and the president of TENAM Corporation, a wholly owned subsidiary and the official representative of TENEX. **Court documents show that between 2004 and October 2014, conspirators agreed to make corrupt payments to influence Mikerin and to secure improper business advantages for U.S. companies that did business with TENEX, in violation of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA).**

<https://www.fbi.gov/contact-us/field-offices/washingtondc/news/press-releases/former-russian-nuclear-energy-official-sentenced-to-48-months-in-prison-for-money-laundering-conspiracy-involving-foreign-corrupt-practices-act-violations>

so... my question is what the DOJ/FBI knew at the time CFIUS approved the Uranium One deal... and did they pass that onto CFIUS?

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:(b)(6)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 19, 2017 3:19 PM  
**To:** Gibson, Jake  
**Cc:** Prior, Ian (OPA)  
**Subject:** Re: The Hill Story...

Not for attribution: it looks like the FBI involved prosecutors in the mikerin case in 2013. Indictments in 2014. So all of that is well after the uranium one deal.

Off the record: I haven't seen any evidence beside stated as fact that there's anything connecting the mikerin case to evidence of Russian money to the Clinton foundation. Have you seen anything?

On Oct 19, 2017, at 2:11 PM, Gibson, Jake (b)(6) wrote:

Anything on this?

<http://thehill.com/policy/national-security/355749-fbi-uncovered-russian-bribery-plot-before-obama-administration>

To me... It seems like this is the other nugget here.... Did the FBI, or DOJ make 'The Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States' aware of the criminal activity before the Committee approved the Uranium One deal??

“The Obama administration and the Clintons defended their actions at the time, insisting there was no evidence that any Russians or donors engaged in wrongdoing and there was no national security reason for any member of the committee to oppose the Uranium One deal.

But FBI, Energy Department and court documents reviewed by The Hill show the FBI in fact had gathered substantial evidence well before the committee’s decision that Vadim Mikerin the main Russian overseeing Putin’s nuclear expansion inside the United States was engaged in wrongdoing starting in 2009.

Then-Attorney General Eric Holder was among the Obama administration officials joining Hillary Clinton on the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States at the time the Uranium One deal was approved. Multiple current and former government officials told The Hill they did not know whether the FBI or DOJ ever alerted committee members to the criminal activity they uncovered.”

Jake Gibson  
Department of Justice and Federal Law Enforcement Producer  
Fox News Washington  
Cell (b) (6)  
Cell (b) (6)  
(b)(6)  
@JakeBGibson

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**Ross, Lee**

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**From:** Ross, Lee  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 20, 2017 12:22 AM  
**To:** Brzuska, Donnie C LT  
**Cc:** O'Malley, Devin (OPA); Lajeunesse, William  
**Subject:** Re: [Non-DoD Source] RE: AG Interview

Copy. Thank you LT. what is best cell number to reach you in case of problem? Lee

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 19, 2017, at 8:59 PM, Brzuska, Donnie C LT (b)(6) wrote:

Good Evening, I look forward to working with you all. Please arrive at Tenth Avenue Marine Terminal using address at the attached email at 7 a.m. We will send someone to the gate to meet you and escort you on. Please let me know if you have any questions. R/db

Sent with BlackBerry Work  
([www.blackberry.com](http://www.blackberry.com))

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**From:** O'Malley, Devin (OPA) (b)(6)  
**Date:** Tuesday, Sep 19, 2017, 8:52 PM  
**To:** Ross, Lee (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Lajeunesse, William (b)(6), Brzuska, Donnie CLT  
(b)(6)  
**Subject:** [Non-DoD Source] RE: AG Interview

Yes...I've copied Lt. Brzuska from the US Coast Guard to this email. He will give you info on where to arrive, etc., but we are asking that you arrive NLT 7:00 am PDT for a 7:50 am PDT interview with the Attorney General and Admiral Zukunft (Commandant of the US Coast Guard). Donnie will have someone meet you at the gate to bring you in.

Devin M. O'Malley  
Department of Justice  
Office of Public Affairs  
Office: (b)(6)  
Cell: (b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Ross, Lee (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 19, 2017 10:27 PM  
**To:** O'Malley, Devin (OPA) (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Lajeunesse, William (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Re: AG Interview

Excellent. Thank you. Since William will do the interview. He's best to go over editorial. I'm best for all matters logistical. And to that end. Is there an early time/location to pencil in? Lee (b)(6)

Sent from my iPhone

> On Sep 19, 2017, at 7:20 PM, O'Malley, Devin (OPA) (b)(6) wrote:



>  
> Thanks all...just didn't want to miss the boat here.  
>  
> William/Lee- I'll be in touch re details if we can accommodate.  
>  
> Devin  
>  
> Sent from my iPhone  
>  
> On Sep 19, 2017, at 7:13 PM, Gibson, Jake (b)(6) wrote:  
>>  
>> Hey Devin-  
>>  
>> Lee Ross (CC'd here) is actually the producer tomorrow.  
>>  
>> Anything else I can do to help let me know.  
>>  
>> William LaJ CC'd as well.  
>>  
>> Talk to you all soon.  
>>  
>> -Jake  
>>  
>>  
>>  
>>  
>>> On Sep 19, 2017, at 10:03 PM, O'Malley, Devin (OPA) (b)(6) wrote:  
>>>  
>>> Hi William-  
>>>  
>>> Jake Gibson mentioned trying to coordinate a joint interview with the AG and Commandant of the Coast Guard tomorrow AM.  
>>>  
>>> I wanted to reach out directly since I'm in pacific time as well. Do you have time to chat tonight? I arrive in San Diego shortly.  
>>>  
>>> Copying Dan Gallo in the event I've got the wrong email, and he can put us in touch a different way.  
>>>  
>>> Devin  
>>>  
>>> Sent from my iPhone  
>>  
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**From:** Gallo, Danie (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 19, 2017 10:12 PM  
**To:** O'Malley, Devin (OPA)  
**Cc:** (b)(6) William Lajunesse (Fox); Gibson, Jake; Ross, Lee  
**Subject:** Re: AG Interview

I'm looping in Lee Ross on this, since he is now going to be the one producing with William tomorrow.

Dan Gallo  
Mobile (b)(6)  
Twitter: @dangallo  
**Fox News Channel LA Bureau**

On Sep 19, 2017, at 7:03 PM, O'Malley, Devin (OPA (b)(6)) wrote:

Duplicative Material



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**From:** O'Malley, Devin (OPA)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 19, 2017 10:22 PM  
**To:** Gibson, Jake  
**Subject:** Re: AG Sessions and USCG media event - please embargo 9/20

Thanks man...just didn't want to miss you and then be SOL if we can do this.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 19, 2017, at 7:03 PM, Gibson, Jak (b)(6) wrote:

I will send an email right now.

Thanks!

On Sep 19, 2017, at 9:37 PM, O'Malley, Devin (OPA (b)(6) wrote:

Jake-

Can you put me in touch with the reporter and producer who are on pacific time, so we can work on logistics?

Thanks, man! Hope you're well.

Devin

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 19, 2017, at 4:21 PM, Gibson, Jak (b)(6) wrote:

Yeah... I think a joint interview would work well.

On Sep 19, 2017, at 5:53 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) (b)(6) wrote:

Definitely interested. Could we do a joint interview w the coast guard commandant? Adding devin who is handling the schedule w the coast guard folks.

On Sep 19, 2017, at 1:32 PM, Gibson, Jake (b)(6) wrote:

Duplicative Material - See Next Page

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**From:** Gibson, Jak (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 19, 2017 5:11 PM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Subject:** Re: AG Sessions and USCG media event - please embargo 9/20

All good?  
LA people wondering about logistics, etc.

On Sep 19, 2017, at 4:30 PM, Gibson, Jak (b)(6) wrote:

Well the story we're going down there for is the drug interdiction.  
I'd imagine the LaJeunesse piece would be on that... maybe broadened out a bit to include other interdiction efforts at the land border.

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA (b)(6))  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 19, 2017 4:18 PM  
**To:** Gibson, Jake  
**Subject:** Re: AG Sessions and USCG media event please embargo 9/20

And this would be on the drug interdiction?

On Sep 19, 2017, at 12:49 PM, Gibson, Jak (b)(6) wrote:

We'd like to send Correspondent William LaJunesse from our LA buro. We would cover the event, but would also like an interview to use in that story and possibly more.

We are planning on sending two cameras, so we could do this as a full sitdown interview or a quick off the shoulder if there isn't much time.

We'd prefer a sit down.

Sent from my iPhone  
On Sep 18, 2017, at 1:53 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
(b)(6) wrote:

Yes there's a chance of that. Tell me more.

On Sep 18, 2017, at 1:12 PM, Gibson, Jake  
(b)(6) wrote:

So...

If we come to this event... might we be able to get an interview with the AG?

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Melnick, Peter N CDR"

(b)(6)

**Date:** September 12, 2017 at 8:40:22 AM EDT

**To** (b)(6) Jake Gibson

**Cc:** "Brzuska, Donnie C LT"

(b)(6)

**Subject:** AG Sessions and USCG media event - please embargo 9/20

Jake,  
Good morning from Washington D.C.

I am the press Assistant to the Commandant of the Coast Guard and Mrs. Sarah Flores from the AG's office passed on your contact information.

I wanted to link up with you to let you know that the Coast Guard is conducting an offload of over 50 thousand lbs of cocaine in San Diego on September 20th. There will be a high number of VIPs including the Attorney General, the Commandant of the Coast Guard and members of the Hill in attendance.

The DOJ and Coast Guard Public Affairs will release a media advisory on Monday, 9/18, but I wanted to make sure that Fox News was included in the early outreach as we feel that this will be very compelling to your viewers and readers. And maybe plan on a way to expand the coverage (Fox and Friends) to reach an even broader audience. The imagery of this magnitude of seized drugs is very attractive and, right on

the heels of our response to Irma and Harvey, continues to showcase the Brand of the Coast Guard.

Along with members of the crew, we can arrange for 1v1 interviews with the Commandant and, with Sarah's assistance, the AG.

I ask that you embargo the above as plans until 9/20.

Please let me know what you think and how we can partner to maximize this awesome event. I have included LT Donnie Brzuska for planning purposes as well.

Alos, I have attached a picture of a similar offload to show how captivating this is.

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Thanks Jake, hope this works out!

Very Respectfully,

Cmdr. Pete Melnick  
Press Assistant to the Commandant  
Tel (b)(6)  
Cell and Text (b)(6)  
(b)(6)

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**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2017 1:54 PM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Subject:** Re: AG Sessions and USCG media event - please embargo 9/20

Working on the more now.  
Will get back asap.

On Sep 18, 2017, at 1:53 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA (b)(6)) wrote:

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**From:** Ross, Le (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 19, 2017 5:41 PM  
**To:** Pettit, Mark T. (OPA)  
**Cc:** O'Malley, Devin (OPA)  
**Subject:** Re: Hi Devin

Thank you. I'm leaving Portland soon. And will be in San Diego tonight.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 19, 2017, at 2:34 PM, Pettit, Mark T. (OPA (b)(6)) wrote:

Noted, I am forwarding your info onto our Coast Guard liaison.

**Mark T. Pettit**  
Confidential Assistant  
Office of Public Affairs  
U.S. Department of Justice  
[Office](#) (b)(6)  
[Cell](#) (b)(6)

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**From:** Gallo, Danie (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 19, 2017 5:33 PM  
**To:** O'Malley, Devin (OPA (b)(6))  
**Cc:** Pettit, Mark T. (OPA (b)(6)); Ross, Le (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Re: Hi Devin

Hi all,

Lee Ross is now your contact for tomorrow in San Diego. Can you all please work with Lee on this now? I'm no longer going. Thanks!

Dan Gallo  
Mobile (b)(6)  
Twitter: @dangallo  
**Fox News Channel LA Bureau**

On Sep 19, 2017, at 1:54 PM, O'Malley, Devin (OPA (b)(6)) wrote:

Mark-

Can you connect Dan with the Coast Guard folks?

Thanks

Devin

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Gallo, Daniel (b)(6)"  
**Date:** September 19, 2017 at 10:29:15 AM PDT  
**To:** "O'Malley, Devin (OPA) (b)(6)"  
**Subject: Re: Hi Devin**

I'll also be at the AG's event in San Diego tomorrow. I believe I've been credentialed but in the event I haven't, is there anything I need to do to RSVP? Any info you could pass along would be greatly appreciated.

Dan Gallo  
Mobile (b)(6)  
Twitter: @dangallo  
**Fox News Channel LA Bureau**

On Sep 18, 2017, at 9:18 PM, O'Malley, Devin (OPA) (b)(6) wrote:

I'll be sending something around shortly.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 18, 2017, at 8:50 PM, Gallo, Daniel (b)(6) wrote:

I believe our desk RSVP'd for me but just wanted to touch base since I'll be the Fox News Channel producer covering the event in Portland tomorrow. What time do you recommend we get there to check in?

Dan Gallo  
Mobile (b)(6)  
Twitter: @dangallo  
**Fox News Channel LA Bureau**

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**From:** Gallo, Danie (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 19, 2017 4:20 PM  
**To:** O'Malley, Devin (OPA)  
**Subject:** Re: Hi Devin

Do we have the prepared remarks yet?

Dan Gallo  
**Field Producer**  
**Fox News Los Angeles Bureau**

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2044 Armacost Ave  
Los Angeles, CA 90025

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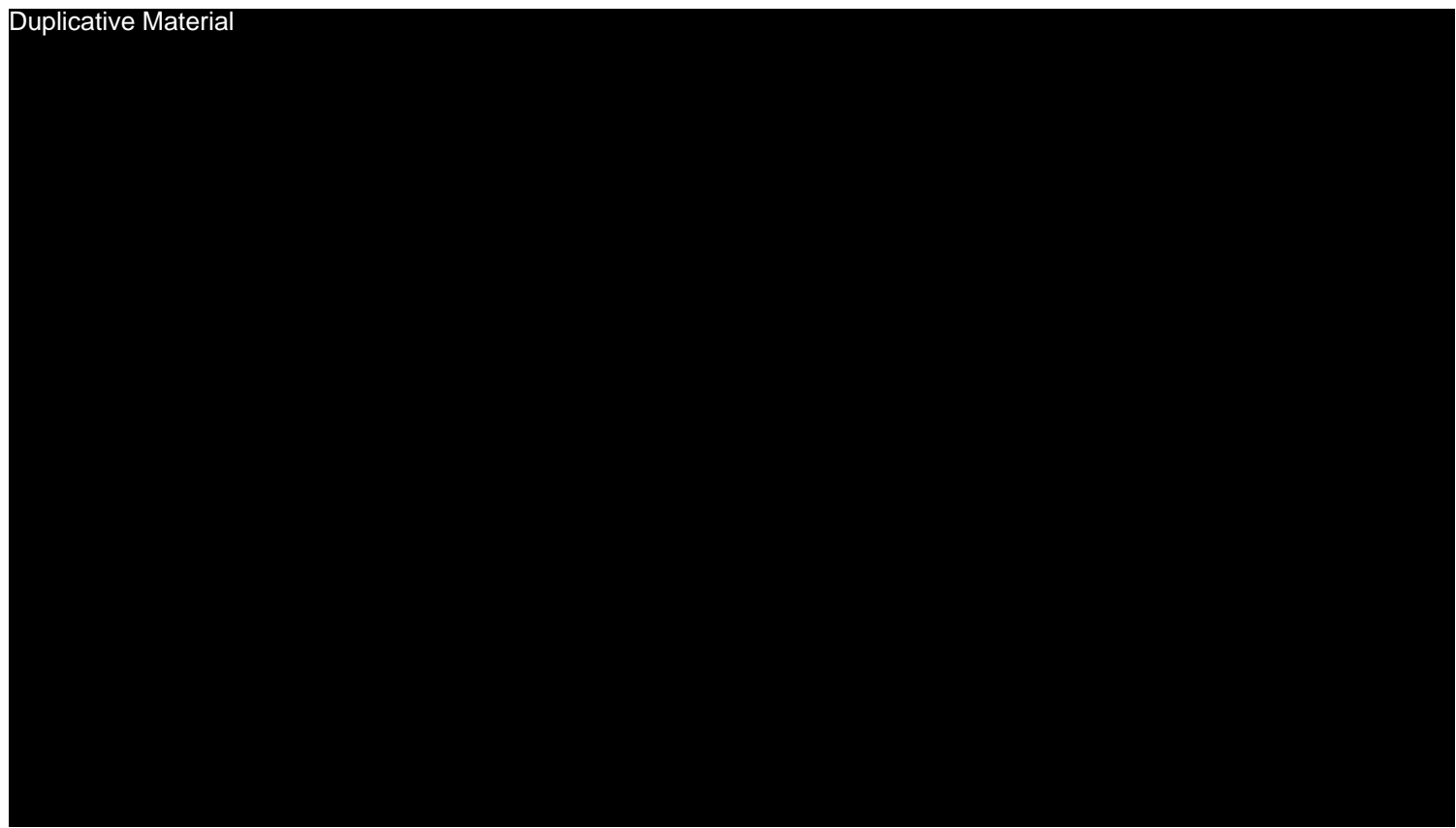


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**From:** "O'Malley, Devin (OPA) (b)(6)"  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at 12:18 AM  
**To:** Fox New (b)(6) Dan Gallo  
**Subject:** Re: Hi Devin

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**Sent:** Tuesday, September 19, 2017 12:34 AM  
**To:** O'Malley, Devin (OPA)  
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Thank you.

Dan Gallo  
Mobile (b)(6)  
Twitter: @dangallo  
**Fox News Channel LA Bureau**

On Sep 18, 2017, at 9:18 PM, O'Malley, Devin (OPA (b)(6)) wrote:

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**Edwin Mora**

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**From:** Edwin Mora  
**Sent:** Monday, August 28, 2017 1:29 PM  
**To:** Sutton, Sarah E. (OPA)  
**Cc:** (b)(7)(E) per FBI  
**Subject:** Re: ATTN: FBI -- Breitbart News: Mosque Bombing in Minnesota

Thank you for getting back to me Sarah. Initially, I didn't have the email address for the FBI press office so I Ccd DOJ. I meant to take that out after I obtained their contact info. Take care.

On Aug 28, 2017, at 1:27 PM, Sutton, Sarah E. (OPA (b)(6) > wrote:

Edwin-

It looks like you already have an email contact for the FBI, but the phone number for their press office is below:

(202) 324-3691

Thanks,

**Sarah Sutton**  
Press Assistant  
U.S. Department of Justice  
Office of Public Affairs

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Cel (b)(6)  
Ema (b)(6)

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**From:** Edwin Mora [[mailto:\(b\)\(6\)](#)]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 28, 2017 12:45 PM  
**T** (b)(7)(E) per FBI  
**Cc:** Press <[Press@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:Press@jmd.usdoj.gov)>  
**Subject:** ATTN: FBI -- Breitbart News: Mosque Bombing in Minnesota

Hello,

I hope this finds you well. My name is Edwin Mora and I'm with Breitbart News. I have a few questions for the FBI regarding the recent bombing at the Dar Al-Farooq Islamic Center in Bloomington, MN. I tried reaching out to the Minnesota field office — Media Coordinator Jeffrey K.

Van Nest -- to no avail.

I hope headquarters can refer me to someone at the FBI who can address my questions.

Is the incident being treated as a hate crime? Was it anti-Islam violence or was it Muslim-on-Muslim?

Has the FBI found a culprit? Is there a description of the suspect?

What leads is the FBI currently investigating? Is there any suspicion as to the motive yet?

The mosque claims it has previously received threats, why is the FBI finding it hard to find the culprit? Was there no CCTV?

My deadline is today at 4 p.m. I hope to hear from you soon. Take care.

Edwin Mora  
National Security  
Breitbart News

(b) (6)

## Herridge, Catherine

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**From:** Herridge, Catherine  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 23, 2017 5:48 PM  
**To:** media@ucia.gov (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (DO) (FBI); Prior, Ian (OPA); Timothy L Barrett  
**Cc:** Browne, Pamela; Upson, Cyd  
**Subject:** RE: BuzzFeed/Dossier Subpoenas

Thank you for responding.

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**From:** Herridge, Catherine  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 23, 2017 12:06 PM  
**To:** 'media@ucia.gov' <media@ucia.gov (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI (b)(6)  
(b)(6) 'Timothy L Barret (b)(3), (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Browne, Pamela (b)(6) Upson, Cyd (b)(6) Herridge,  
Catherine (b)(6)  
**Subject:** BuzzFeed/Dossier Subpoenas

Good morning,

All of your agencies are copied on this email because a new filing in the Florida defamation BuzzFeed suit states that you received subpoenas six weeks ago as part of the litigation and have agreed to respond by Friday August 25<sup>th</sup>.

1. Can you confirm the subpoenas were received, and your agency has committed to respond by Friday?

Thank you in advance for confirming receipt, and the help.

Catherine V Herridge  
Chief Intelligence Correspondent  
Fox News Channel

“Six weeks ago Defendants served subpoenas for depositions and the production of documents on several third party witnesses, including several government agencies and their former officials. These include the FBI, DOJ, ODNI, CIA, and James Comey, James Clapper, and John Brennan. The information Defendants seek is directly relevant to their privilege defenses, and potentially to the issue of falsity as well. The government agencies have informed Defendants that they will notify Defendants of the nature of their response to the subpoenas on or before August 25, 2017. Defendants anticipate that the government’s response is likely to result in significant motion practice in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, the timing of which will be beyond these parties’ control.”

- 1.

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**Prior, Ian (OPA)**

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**Sent:** Wednesday, August 23, 2017 1:29 PM  
**To:** Herridge, Catherine; media@ucia.go (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (DO) (FBI); Timothy L Barrett  
**Cc:** Browne, Pamela; Upson, Cyd  
**Subject:** RE: BuzzFeed/Dossier Subpoenas

Catherine,

DOJ declines comment. Thank you

Ian D. Prior  
Principal Deputy Director of Public Affairs  
Department of Justice  
Office (b)(6)  
Cell (b)(6)

*For information on office hours, access to media events, and standard ground rules for interviews, please click [here](#).*

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**From:** Herridge, Catherine [mailto: (b)(6)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 23, 2017 12:06 PM  
**To:** media@ucia.go (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (DO) (FBI) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI; Prior, Ian (OPA) (b)(6)  
Timothy L Barre (b)(3), (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Browne, Pamela (b)(6) Upson, Cyd (b)(6) Herridge,  
Catherine (b)(6)  
**Subject:** BuzzFeed/Dossier Subpoenas

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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA  
MIAMI DIVISION**

ALEKSEJ GUBAREV,  
XBT HOLDING S.A., and  
WEBZILLA, INC.  
Plaintiffs,

v.

BUZZFEED, INC. and  
BEN SMITH  
Defendants.

**Case No.**

**0:17-cv-60426-UU**

**JOINT STATUS REPORT**

The Parties, Plaintiffs Aleksej Gubarev, XBT Holding, S.A., and Webzilla, Inc. and Defendants BuzzFeed, Inc. and Ben Smith, by and through undersigned counsel and pursuant to this Court's August 7, 2017 Order Setting Status Conference [D.E. 50], Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(f), and Local Rule 16.1(b), hereby submit the following Joint Status Report:

- 1. A plain statement of the nature of the claim and any counterclaims, cross-claims, or third-party claim, including the amount of damages claims and any other relief sought.**

Plaintiff's Statement

Plaintiffs have set forth a single count against Defendants for Defamation and Defamation Per Se. Plaintiffs, none of whom are public figures, have alleged that Defendants published a so-called "Dossier" of unverified information in which various allegations were made concerning, among other things, computer hacking allegedly carried out by persons or organizations with ties to Russia and the Russian secret service. Although Defendants specifically knew that at least portions of the dossier were untrue, and doubted the veracity of the dossier as a whole, they

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**Gibson, Jake**

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**From:** Gibson, Jake  
**Sent:** Friday, August 4, 2017 2:06 PM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Cc:** Prior, Ian (OPA)  
**Subject:** RE: DOJ/FBI queries

FYI-

WORD THAT ATTORNEY GENERAL LORETTA LYNCH MET PRIVATELY WITH FORMER PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON ON A PHOENIX TARMAC ON THE EVENING OF JUNE 27, 20-16 – WHEN THE F-B-I WAS DETERMINING WHETHER TO SEEK AN INDICTMENT OF HILLARY CLINTON FOR HER PRIVATE EMAIL SERVER – LEAKED OUT THE NEXT DAY.

NEWLY RELEASED DOCUMENTS SHOW THE FIRST INQUIRY ABOUT THE TARMAC MEETING, FROM A-B-C NEWS, LED AN ALARMED JUSTICE DEPARTMENT PRESS OFFICER TO EMAIL TWO OF HER COLLEAGUES LESS THAN A MINUTE LATER, SAYING: "WE NEED TO TALK."

**Loretta Lynch/U.S. Attorney General: [June 28]** Our conversation was a great deal about his grandchildren.

BY EARLY EVENING, LYNCH HAD ANSWERS READY ABOUT THE EVENT THAT SOON FORCED HER TO WITHDRAW FROM THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS ON HILLARY CLINTON.

YET THE TALKING POINTS LYNCH'S AIDES GENERATED FOR PUBLIC CONSUMPTION SOMEHOW REMAIN REDACTED IN THE 400-PAGES OBTAINED IN A FREEDOM-OF-INFORMATION-ACT LAWSUIT FILED BY THE "AMERICAN CENTER FOR LAW AND JUSTICE."

**Jordan Sekulow/Executive Director, American Center for Law and Justice: [PRE-JORDANSEKULOWROSENPR-EESAWOD] (13:07:05)** When we filed this FOIA request back in July, the FBI quickly responded – this is the FBI under Jim Comey – that they didn't have any documents.

THOSE SECTIONS NOT REDACTED REVEAL THE EARLY APPREHENSION OF JUSTICE AND F-B-I OFFICIALS AS THE TARMAC STORY ACHIEVED LIFT-OFF, AND THEIR DETERMINATION TO KEEP LYNCH IN THE LOOP.

WITHIN AN HOUR OF A-B-C'S INQUIRY, THE ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS, PETER KADZIK, WAS ADDED TO THE THREAD, AND A D-O-J AIDE WELCOMED A STATEMENT PREPARED FOR LYNCH BY TELLING SIX COLLEAGUES: "WILL SHOW THIS TO THE A-G NOW."

2-AND-A-HALF HOURS LATER, THE SAME LYNCH STAFFER WROTE TWO OTHERS TO SAY: "CAN YOU EMAIL THE AG TO LET HER KNOW THE PLAN?"

**Stand-up:** A-C-L-J executives told Fox News they intend to press their lawsuit to obtain un-redacted copies of these documents. The **Department of Justice did not** respond to our **request for comment**. Chris?

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto: (b)(6)]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 04, 2017 12:30 PM  
**To:** Gibson, Jake  
**Cc:** Prior, Ian (OPA)  
**Subject:** RE: DOJ/FBI queries

Adding ian so we can both look at this

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Sarah Isgur Flores  
Director of Public Affairs

(b) (6)

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**From:** Gibson, Jake [mailto:(b)(6)]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 4, 2017 12:02 PM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Fwd: DOJ/FBI queries

From a colleague:

Can you please reach out to DOJ and FBI to see if they have any comment on these newly released DOJ/FBI documents concerning the Lynch-WJC tarmac meeting? ACLJ (the Sekulow group) obtained them via FOIA. Two questions arise:

As you'll see below, ACLJ accuses FBI of having "lied" to the group when the Bureau stated initially that it possessed no documents responsive to their request, only to produce the documents cited below. What accounts for that?

Second, the DOJ document references talking points the department had generated in case of press inquiries about the tarmac meeting (when were they developed?) and yet despite the fact that these talking points were prepared for public dissemination DOJ redacted them! Why is that?

Not sure if you'll need to go through a FOIA spokesman or regular Main Justice/Main FBI media folks.

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**From:** Gene Kap (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Friday, August 04, 2017 10:53 AM  
**To:** Rosen, James (b)(6)  
**Subject:** URGENT - ACLJ: DOJ Document Dump on Clinton Lynch Meeting: Comey FBI Lied, Media Collusion, Spin, and Illegality

James, thought you would find this of interest. Best,  
Gene Kapp  
ACLJ

NEWS FROM THE AMERICAN CENTER FOR LAW & JUSTICE (ACLJ)  
IMMEDIATE RELEASE: AUGUST 4, 2017

**[DOJ Document Dump to ACLJ on Clinton Lynch Meeting: Comey FBI Lied, Media Collusion, Spin, and Illegality](#)**

By Jordan Sekulow, Executive Director of the ACLJ

The American Center for Law and Justice (ACLJ) has just obtained [hundreds of pages](#) in our ongoing investigation and [federal lawsuit](#) on former Attorney General Loretta Lynch's tarmac meeting with former President Bill Clinton while the Department of Justice (DOJ) and FBI had an

ongoing criminal investigation into Hillary Clinton's emails. The results are shocking.

First, the Comey FBI lied to us. Last July, we sent FOIA requests to both the [Comey FBI and the Lynch DOJ](#) asking for any documents related to the Clinton Lynch plane meeting. The FBI, under the then directorship of James Comey, [quickly replied](#) that "No records responsive to your request were located."

The documents we received today from the Department of Justice include several emails from the FBI to DOJ officials concerning the meeting. One with the subject line "[FLAG](#)" was correspondence between FBI officials (Richard Quinn, FBI Media/Investigative Publicity, and Michael Kortan) and DOJ officials concerning "flag[ing] a story . . . about a casual, unscheduled meeting between former president Bill Clinton and the AG." The DOJ official instructs the FBI to "let me know if you get any questions about this" and provides "[o]ur talkers [DOJ talking points] on this". The talking points, however are redacted.

[Read The Entire Post Here](#)

The American Center for Law and Justice (ACLJ), which focuses on constitutional law, is based in Washington, D.C. and is online here.

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**MEDIA CONTACTS:**

For Print: Gene Kap (b)(6)

For Broadcast: Anna Hutsell or Janna Dawso (b)(6)

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**Wells, Justin**

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**From:** Wells, Justin  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 25, 2017 2:36 PM  
**To:** (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (SECD) (FBI); Darden, Silas V. (OAG (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (HO) (FBI); (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (SECD) (FBI)  
**Cc:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA (b) (6) (b) (6)  
**Subject:** RE: AG El Sal Trip - Fox News Security

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI

Thanks very much. Also, any additional information you can provide our security would be appreciated such as hotel locations, addresses of planned stops, hotel name/address would be appreciated. Our guys would like to do a little advance work and familiarize themselves with the locations.

Thanks,  
Justin

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**Fro** (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI. (SECD) (FB (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI  
**Sent:** Monday, July 24, 2017 7:01 PM  
**To:** Wells, Justin (b)(6) Darden, Silas V. (OAG) (JMD) (b)(6) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (HO) (FB (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (SECD) (FB (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI  
**Cc:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) (JMD) (b)(6) (b) (6)  
(b) (6) >  
**Subject:** Re: AG El Sal Trip - Fox News Security

Justin,

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI is working this issue now.

As I understand i (b)(7)(E) per FBI the 21CF agent for access to th (b)(7)(E) per FBI - necessarily prohibiting his entrance ther (b)(7)(E) per FBI .

Additionally, at this point the motorcade size is becoming an issue, so adding a separate vehicle will likely not be feasible.

Best case scenario is the age (b)(7)(E) per FBI and there is room for him in the same vehicle that will transport Tucker.

We definitely recognize your concern and will do what we can to accommodate.

Thanks,

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI

----- Original message -----

From: "Wells, Justin" (b)(6)  
Date: 7/24/17 6:44 PM (GMT-05:00)  
To: "Darden, Silas V. (OAG) (JMD)" (b)(6) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (HO) (FBI)"  
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(FBI) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI  
Cc: "Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) (JMD)" (b)(6) (b) (6)  
(b) (6), (b) (6) " (b) (6) >  
Subject: AG El Sal Trip - Fox News Security

Hi all,

Apologies for putting everything on this email but I've been advised there may be a hiccup in allowing our 21CF Corp Security to accompany Fox News personnel in the El Salvador motorcade.

Is there someone who can approve allowing our 21<sup>st</sup> Century Fox agents inside the motorcade? Tucker is very high profile and often draws attention so I would want to make sure an agent is with him at all times. Is there a way we can work toward getting this approved?

Thank you all for your help in making this a safe and successful trip.

Best,  
Justin



**Justin Wells**

Executive Producer, Tucker Carlson Tonight

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## Wells, Justin

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**From:** Wells, Justin  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2017 4:00 PM  
**To:** Darden, Silas V. (OAG)  
**Cc:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Subject:** RE: San Salvador Advance Shutdown

Thanks -- no worries, as long as they get it figured out in time.

The emergency contact for all Fox staff is Ronald Mitchell (b)(6) and ce (b)(6).  
All are U.S. citizens and born in the U.S.

Name: Tucker Carlson  
EMAI (b)(6)  
D (b)(6)  
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U.S. Passport (b)(6)  
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Name: Justin Wells  
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Name on Passport: Justi (b)(6) Wells  
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**From:** Darden, Silas V. (OAG) [mailto: (b)(6)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2017 2:19 PM  
**To:** Wells, Justin (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: San Salvador Advance Shutdown

Thank you, Justin.

My apologies for the confusion. It is my understanding that both Bobby and Nathan have spoken with the AG's detail on the information required for access to each of the sites. I also understand they obtained the information for Nathan, but are still waiting on the information for the rest of your detail.

Separately, for each person that will be traveling with the AG or that will require access to the embassy or other site on the trip, I need the following information:

- First Middle Last Name
- Email address
- Phone Number
- Country of Birth
- Country of Passport
- Passport Number
- Passport Type
- Emergency Contact Info

This information will be passed to the embassy to expedite entry access into the country and to the embassy.

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**From:** Wells, Justin [mailto: (b)(6)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2017 1:15 PM  
**To:** Darden, Silas V. (OAG) (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) (b)(6)  
**Subject:** FW: San Salvador Advance Shutdown

See below from our Security

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**From** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2017 11:31 AM  
**To:** Wells, Justin (b)(6)

**Subject:** San Salvador Advance Shutdown

Justin,

Things did not go well today in San Salvador. The lead agent we hired (b)(6), was prepared to conduct an advance with FBI agen (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI only to be told he would not be able to attend meetings until he is cleared by the FBI. Unfortunately, this effectively shut down todays advance and Agen (b)(6) is flying back to Guatemala for another assignment. As you know, Agen (b)(6) was flown in from another assignment in Guatemala to conduct todays advance.

*Unless we receive a specific itinerary indicating physical addresses of locations to be visited by the FNC Team and points of contacts (with cell#'s) at those locations, we cannot prepare properly for this security detail.*

Awaiting additional information before proceeding with this security detail.

Its should be noted that the FBI was fully cooperative and responsive until the advance was to start this morning. Hopefully there should be no further disruptions once our agents are cleared. The FBI should have notified us of this clearance request right from the beginning.

Thanks,  
Bobby

(b)(6)

*The Sarge LLC*

*A Security Solutions Company*

(b) (6) (Cell 1)

(b) (6) (Cell 2)

(b)(6)

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## Wells, Justin

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**From:** Wells, Justin  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2017 1:15 PM  
**To:** Darden, Silas V. (OAG)  
**Cc:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Subject:** RE: travel schedule

Hi Silas,

My security team says they were not permitted on the advance today. For some reason, they haven't been cleared. However, there was no talk of an issue with clearance previously? Is there a way to get this fixed. I'll forward the note from our security advisor.

Thanks,  
Justin

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**From:** Darden, Silas V. (OAG) [mailto: (b)(6)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 19, 2017 11:37 PM  
**To:** Wells, Justin (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Re: travel schedule

Justin,

I just spoke with the AG's detail on the ground in El Salvador. It is my understanding that they have connected with your security poc and your detail will accompany them on walk-throughs tomorrow to the following sites:

- Embassy
- ILEA
- PNC HQ (Castillo)
- La Chacra Processing Center

Other than the departure times from (b)(7)(E) and arrival time in San Salvador, there is not a schedule available for the trip yet. Your detail will see each recommended location tomorrow. The assessment that follows will inform the schedule.

Once finalized, you can expect the agenda to reflect the following:

- Engagement with El Salvador Attorney General
- Anti-Gang Briefing
- Engagement with PNC Director
- Time for Interviews
- ILEA Tour
- Driving Tour
- Prison and/or Processing Center Visit

I would be happy to answer any other questions you have.

Thanks,  
Silas

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 19, 2017, at 11:04 PM, Wells, Justin (b)(6) wrote:

Hi Silas,

Will you have any update today or very early tomorrow? Our security detail wants to start visiting locations tomorrow.

Please let me know as soon as you can I know the logistics are tricky but even if you have a rough draft that would be helpful.

Thanks,

Justin

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:(b)(6)]

**Sent:** Wednesday, July 19, 2017 4:16 PM

**To:** Wells, Justin (b)(6)

**Cc:** Darden, Silas V. (OAG) (b)(6)

**Subject:** RE: travel schedule

Wow that sounds fantastic!! Adding you with Silas who will be heading up advance and be your best contact for travel details.

Silas This is Justin w Tucker's team. Can you send him a rough overview of where we are on the el sal schedule?

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Sarah Isgur Flores  
Director of Public Affairs

(b) (6)

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**From:** Wells, Justin [mailto:(b)(6)]

**Sent:** Wednesday, July 19, 2017 4:09 PM

**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) (b)(6)

**Subject:** travel schedule

Hi Sarah,

Any update on the travel schedule for next week's trip. We're getting excited. I think we are going to bring back all the footage and turn it into a 1 week series for the following week with heavy promotion and run 1 piece each night. It'll be great!

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**Wells, Justin**

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**From:** Wells, Justin  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 19, 2017 8:15 PM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Cc:** Darden, Silas V. (OAG)  
**Subject:** RE: travel schedule

Thanks Sarah. Interesting NYT story

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto: (b)(6)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 19, 2017 8:10 PM  
**To:** Wells, Justin (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Darden, Silas V. (OAG) (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Re: travel schedule

Btw Silas is working on getting back to you

On Jul 19, 2017, at 4:15 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) (b)(6) wrote:

Duplicative Material



## Wells, Justin

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**From:** Wells, Justin  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 19, 2017 6:57 PM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Cc:** Darden, Silas V. (OAG)  
**Subject:** RE: travel schedule

Thanks Sarah.

Silas, any update on the El Sal schedule? Our security team is asking for information - they want to start scouting the shoot locations tomorrow.

Thanks,  
Justin



### Justin Wells

Executive Producer, Tucker Carlson Tonight

(b) (6) | m (b) (6) | (b)(6) | w: [Tucker Carlson Tonight](#)



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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto: (b)(6)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 19, 2017 4:16 PM  
**To:** Wells, Justin (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Darden, Silas V. (OAG) (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: travel schedule

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Hi Sarah.



**Singman, Brooke**

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**From:** Singman, Brooke  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2017 11:44 AM  
**To:** Navas, Nicole (OPA)  
**Cc:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA); Prior, Ian (OPA)  
**Subject:** RE: do you know...

FBI directed me to DOJ for comment on this matter.

Thanks,

Brooke Singman

(b) (6)

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**From:** Singman, Brooke  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2017 11:33 AM  
**To:** 'Navas, Nicole (OPA)' <Nicole.Navas@usdoj.gov>  
**Cc:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) (b)(6) Prior, Ian (OPA) (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: do you know...

Hi Nicole,

Not sure if you can comment on this but in the conference today, Judicial Watch says it was confirmed that the FBI turned over 7,000 documents from Anthony Weiner's laptop to the State Department.

Can you confirm or deny this?

Thanks,

Deadline is 12:30p EST.

Brooke Singman  
Politics Reporter, Fox News Channel

(b) (6)

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**From:** Navas, Nicole (OPA) [<mailto:Nicole.Navas@usdoj.gov>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 19, 2017 9:40 PM  
**To:** Singman, Brooke (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) (b)(6) Prior, Ian (OPA) (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: do you know...

Hi Brook,

Sorry for the late reply. The Department declines to comment beyond our statements at tomorrow's status conference. Thank you

Nicole Navas Oxman  
Spokesperson/Public Affairs Specialist  
U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)

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**From:** Singman, Brooke [mailto:(b)(6)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 19, 2017 5:06 PM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) (b)(6) Prior, Ian (OPA) (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Navas, Nicole (OPA) (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: do you know...

Thank you so much, Sarah.

President of Judicial Watch Tom Fitton is headed to court tomorrow for a FOIA lawsuit regarding Clinton emails at the State Department.

He said that "the president ought to be outraged" that the slow "drip" of documents are being done "in his name," and that the Trump administration is now "protecting" Mrs. Clinton.

The State Department has been approved to turn out 500-or so documents per month of the 33,000 Clinton emails, and Judicial Watch is claiming the slow rate of release is now "the fault of the Trump administration."

Can someone get me a comment on this?

Thanks,

Brooke Singman  
Politics Reporter, Fox News Channel

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:(b)(6)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 19, 2017 5:01 PM  
**To:** Singman, Brooke (b)(6) Prior, Ian (OPA) (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Navas, Nicole (OPA) <Nicole.Navas@usdoj.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: do you know...

My guess is Nicole will know about this

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Sarah Isgur Flores  
Director of Public Affairs

(b) (6)

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**From:** Singman, Brooke [mailto:(b)(6)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 19, 2017 4:55 PM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) (b)(6) Prior, Ian (OPA) (b)(6)  
**Subject:** do you know...

Who from DOJ represents State during the *State Dept v. Judicial Watch* case?? There is a hearing tomorrow... would

you handle media requests for that?

Thanks,

Brooke Singman  
Politics Reporter, Fox News Channel

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**Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)**

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 19, 2017 10:43 PM  
**To:** Gibson, Jake  
**Subject:** Re: ATTORNEY GENERAL SESSIONS, DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL ROSENSTEIN AND OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS TO ANNOUNCE INTERNATIONAL CYBERCRIME ENFORCEMENT ACTION

Strange

On Jul 19, 2017, at 10:32 PM, Gibson, Jake (b)(6) wrote:

Thanks very much!

This is the only version of this I received.

We will be there.... unfortunately I am out of town on assignment.

Jake Gibson  
DOJ Producer  
Fox News Washington  
(b) (6)  
@JakeBGibson

On Jul 19, 2017, at 10:27 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) (b)(6) wrote:

Begin forwarded message:

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<[Ex\\_PAOMailbox@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:Ex_PAOMailbox@jmd.usdoj.gov)>  
**Date:** July 19, 2017 at 5:01:27 PM EDT  
**To:** "USDOJ-Office of Public Affairs (SMO)"  
<[Ex\\_PAOMailbox@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:Ex_PAOMailbox@jmd.usdoj.gov)>  
**Subject:** ATTORNEY GENERAL SESSIONS, DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL ROSENSTEIN AND OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS TO ANNOUNCE INTERNATIONAL CYBERCRIME ENFORCEMENT ACTION

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**WHO:** Attorney General Jeff Sessions  
Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein  
FBI Acting Director Andrew McCabe  
DEA Deputy Administrator Robert Patterson  
Europol Executive Director Robert Mark Wainwright

**WHEN:** **THURSDAY, JULY 20, 2017**  
**10:00 a.m. EDT**

**WHERE:** Department of Justice  
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950 Pennsylvania Ave, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20530  
**OPEN PRESS**  
**LIVESTREAMED ON [JUSTICE.GOV/LIVE](http://JUSTICE.GOV/LIVE)**

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**Wells, Justin**

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**From:** Wells, Justin  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 18, 2017 4:48 PM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (HO) (FBI)  
**Subject:** RE: Request for information for upcoming trip.

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI

Were you able to get into it? I got an email from our system that says it was read by you.

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**From:** Wells, Justin  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 18, 2017 4:46 PM  
**To:** 'Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) (b)(6) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (HO) (FB (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI  
**Subject:** RE: Request for information for upcoming trip.

That is really, really strange. Our email system may automatically encrypt when it recognizes sensitive info?

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:(b)(6)]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 18, 2017 4:44 PM  
**To:** Wells, Justin (b)(6) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (HO) (FB (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI  
**Subject:** RE: Request for information for upcoming trip.

I'm not clear on how to read this.

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Sarah Isgur Flores  
Director of Public Affairs

(b) (6)

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**From:** Wells, Justin [mailto:(b)(6)]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 18, 2017 4:38 PM  
**T** (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (HO) (FB (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI); Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Request for information for upcoming trip.



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**From:** (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (HO) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 18, 2017 2:42 PM  
**To:** Wells, Justi (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (HO) (FBI); Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Subject:** Re: Request for information for upcoming trip.

Yes please send us the list as soon as possible.

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI

Special Agent  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Attorney General's Protection Detail

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI

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**From:** "Wells, Justin" (b)(6)  
**Date:** 7/18/17 2:12 PM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (HO) (FBI) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI, "Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) (JMD)"  
(b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Request for information for upcoming trip.

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI

Just following up on this. Will our crew need a "CARNE" -- which is the official list of all gear being brought into a foreign country.  
Once I know that - I can get you all of the below information.  
Thanks very much,  
Justin

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**From:** Wells, Justin  
**Sent:** Monday, July 17, 2017 12:35 PM  
**T** (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (HO) (FBI) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI; Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) (JMD) (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Request for information for upcoming trip.

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI

I should have the list shortly. However, do you know if our crew will need a "CARNE" (list of all the gear being brought into a foreign country)  
Let me know and thank you! Justin

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**From:** (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (HO) (FBI) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI  
**Sent:** Friday, July 14, 2017 8:47 PM  
**To:** Wells, Justin (b)(6) Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) (JMD) (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Re: Request for information for upcoming trip.

Hello Justin. Around noon on Monday will be perfect. Thank you sir.



(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI

Special Agent  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Attorney General's Protection Detail

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI

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**From:** Wells, Justin (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Friday, July 14, 2017 7:33 PM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) (JMD (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (HO) (FBI)  
**Subject:** RE: Request for information for upcoming trip.

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI

I don't have names for every crew member just yet but I requested it. What's your deadline on this?  
If I had by Monday at Noon would that be okay? Or is that pushing it?  
Please let me know and thank you

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:(b)(6)]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 14, 2017 8:01 PM  
**T** (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (HO) (FBI (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI  
**Cc:** Wells, Justin (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Request for information for upcoming trip.

Adding Justin who will handle the Fox part.

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Sarah Isgur Flores  
Director of Public Affairs

(b)(6)

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**From** (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (HO) (FB (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI  
**Sent:** Friday, July 14, 2017 4:24 PM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Request for information for upcoming trip.

Sarah, as per our conversation today, please provide the information below for staff and media personnel scheduled to travel on 07/27/2017. This information is required to complete the travel file and secure hotel rooms. Delays may result in having to stay in another hotel. I have information for you, Rachael, and Silas.

Name:  
DOB:  
Name on Passport:  
Passport #:  
Passport Issue Date:  
Passport Exp Date:  
Govt CC #/method of payment:

Govt CC Exp Date:  
Govt 3 digits on back:  
Cell #:

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI

Special Agent  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
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(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI

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## Wells, Justin

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**From:** Wells, Justin  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 12, 2017 10:25 PM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Cc:** (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (SECD) (FBI) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (SECD) (FBI)  
**Subject:** Re: El Sal trip // security

Thanks Sarah. I'll talk to our corporate security guys who handle our international security and get everyone looped in together tomorrow.

> On Jul 12, 2017, at 9:00 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) (b)(6) wrote:  
>  
> Justin--  
>  
> CC'ing our security detail who can discuss private security arrangements while y'all are down w us.  
>  
> S

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## Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Sent:** Friday, June 9, 2017 6:52 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) Joel Pollak (Breitbart)  
**Subject:** RE: Query re: Special Counsel

Nothing on this. Sorry!

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Sarah Isgur Flores  
Director of Public Affairs

(b) (6)

**From** (b)(6) Joel Pollak (Breitbart)  
**Sent:** Friday, June 9, 2017 9:42 AM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Query re: Special Counsel

Hi Sarah

I have a question or two about the Special Counsel, after yesterday's hearing.

Given that former FBI director James Comey says that he deliberately leaked a memo prepared during his time at the Bureau in order to trigger the launch of a Special Counsel, will DOJ reconsider the appointment of the Special Counsel?

Given the close past relationship between Comey and Special Counsel Robert Mueller, will DOJ recommend Mueller recuse himself?

Will there be an investigation of Comey for leaking the memo?

Is the DOJ going to investigate whether there were further leaks by Comey, either during or after his time at the Bureau?

Thanks -- if you can't get answers to all of these, the first is the most important to me.

J

## Fanning, Elizabeth

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**From:** Fanning, Elizabeth  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 7, 2017 7:42 PM  
**To:** Prior, Ian (OPA)  
**Subject:** RE: If Tucker needs

Thank you!

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**From:** Prior, Ian (OPA) [mailto: (b)(6)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 07, 2017 6:15 PM  
**To:** Fanning, Elizabeth (b)(6)  
**Subject:** If Tucker needs

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**Allegation:** Chris Wray is not independent enough to be FBI Director. His law firm has represented a Russian oil company and advises Trump's business interests. Wray himself represented Chris Christie during the "Bridgegate" scandal. And he is a consistent donor to Republican candidates.

**Facts:**

- Chris Wray, the former top prosecutor at DOJ, now works in private practice at one of the top American law firms. It is no surprise that he and his firm represent a range of clients.
  - His firm, King & Spalding, has 900 lawyers in 19 offices around the world, and thousands of clients, including some of the biggest American and multi-national companies, including Coca-Cola, Delta Airlines, Home Depot, Johnson & Johnson, and UPS.
  - Wray has never personally provided legal advice to the President or any of his business interests. He never even met or spoke to the President prior to May 30, 2017.
  - Wray has never personally represented Rosneft, the Russian-government owned oil and gas company. In fact, he has never worked for any Russian client.
  - If confirmed, Wray will consult with the career professionals at DOJ regarding any possible conflicts of interest as a result of his firm's clients and follow their advice on how to resolve them.
- As a lawyer, Wray represents clients who hire him for his professional legal advice, based on his experience and skills, including some individuals and organizations who are being prosecuted by DOJ. Prosecutors, including Obama's Attorney General, Eric Holder, routinely leave government work to become defense attorneys.
  - The American tradition is that everyone even those accused of wrongdoing deserves legal representation. And the tradition is never to hold a lawyer responsible for the acts or political views of his clients.
- Wray's personal political beliefs will have no influence on his role as FBI Director. Anyway, as a private citizen, he was entitled to support candidates whose policies he favors.
- Wray has a well-established reputation as an ethical, straight-shooter, both as a prosecutor and as a defense attorney, including among former Obama officials.
  - "I've known him and worked with him for two decades, in both his private and public sector stints...he will bring the independence and strength needed in this challenging environment." Neil McBride, Obama-appointed U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia.

## **Chris Wray: A Record of Integrity and Accomplishment.**

Chris Wray is a world-class prosecutor, lawyer, and leader with the integrity, experience, judgment, credibility, independence, and intellect needed to lead the FBI.

### **Facts:**

- Wray has an impressive record as a prosecutor and in law enforcement.
- Wray worked for four years in private practice before turning his legal career to public service as a prosecutor.
  - Worked closely with former Attorney General Griffin Bell, who had served as AG under President Jimmy Carter.
  - Worked closely with Larry Thompson, who had been a U.S. Attorney and later served as Deputy Attorney General.
- From 1997 to 2001, Wray served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Georgia.
  - As a career line prosecutor, Wray gained vast experience handling a full range of federal criminal cases from investigation, working closely with FBI special agents, to grand jury, to trial and appeal.
  - Handled numerous complex investigations and high-profile cases, including:
    - Successful jury trial and conviction of the City of Atlanta's chief investment officer and a prominent Atlanta businessman on a major public corruption and fraud scheme.
    - Successful conviction of an Indiana man who conducted church burning spree across the country, one of which killed a firefighter. Following Wray's oral argument, the full Eleventh Circuit, sitting *en banc*, upheld the conviction.
- Recognized for his talents as an AUSA, Wray joined the Department of Justice where he distinguished himself as an organizer and leader.
  - He served as Principal Associate Deputy Attorney General (PADAG) under Larry Thompson. In that capacity, he had oversight responsibilities spanning the entire Department, including the FBI, all of the litigating divisions, the Justice Management Division and all of the U.S. Attorney's Offices.
  - As PADAG, Wray worked closely with the DOJ leadership, Director Mueller and other senior FBI officials responding the 9/11 attacks and restructuring the Department to confront and prevent terrorism.

- He played a direct role in both the prosecution of al Qaida operative Zacarias Moussaoui and the coordination with local law enforcement of the response to and prosecution of the Washington, DC snipers.
  - Likewise, he oversaw DOJ's other non-terrorism priorities during that time, including its focus on the reduction in gun violence through the Project Safe Neighborhoods initiative, which remains a priority of the Department still today.
  - He also was instrumental in forming the President's Corporate Fraud Task Force and coordinating the response to the corporate accounting scandals that arose beginning in 2001.
  - He also gained significant management experience representing DOJ on the President's Management Council, overseeing implementation of the President's Management Agenda at DOJ and coordinating DOJ's own Strategic Management Council.
- At 36, Wray was nominated by President Bush and confirmed by the Senate, with unanimous consent, as the Assistant Attorney General in charge of the DOJ's Criminal Division, the youngest person to hold that position since the Kennedy Administration.
- During Wray's leadership, the Criminal Division had the responsibility for the range of responsibilities now covered by the Criminal Division and the National Security Division, including the Counterterrorism, Counterespionage, Computer Crime, Fraud, Narcotics, Organized Crime and Public Corruption Sections.
- As head of the Criminal Division, working closely with the FBI and other federal law enforcement agencies, Wray led investigations, prosecutions and policy development across a wide swath of federal criminal law. He personally argued an important criminal case in the Supreme Court and engaged with local, state, and federal law enforcement and prosecutors around the country and the globe.
  - Led efforts to prevent and safeguard our national security by disrupting support networks and drying up sources of funding for terror attacks and prosecuting terrorists and those who provide material support to terrorists. This effort included working closely with the FBI, foreign law enforcement agencies, and U.S. Attorney's Offices around the country.
    - Under this leadership, the Department secured the conviction of Zacarias Moussaoui for a conspiracy including his role in the 9/11 plot.
  - Oversaw numerous complex corporate fraud investigations and prosecutions, including:
    - The Enron Task Force and the team of federal prosecutors and agents from the FBI and other law enforcement agencies and convictions of more than a dozen executives.



- Oversaw the investigation and successful prosecution of more than a dozen executives from HealthSouth, Enterasys, and Just for Feet.
  - Oversaw the successful investigation and prosecution of international drug traffickers and cartel members, sex and human trafficking, and child pornography.
  - Led an aggressive strategy to combat cybercrime and intellectual property theft, including the early efforts to combat “phishing” and the investigation and prosecution of hackers and identity thieves.
  - Led the Public Integrity Section and critical efforts to combat public corruption domestically and abroad under the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act.
- In 2005, in recognition of his extraordinary contributions, Mr. Wray received the Edmund J. Randolph Award, the Department’s highest award for public service and leadership
  - Upon his return to private practice, Wray quickly established a reputation as one of the nation’s best litigators and counsel for companies and executives facing government investigation and scrutiny.
    - *Chambers USA*, Best Lawyers in America, Who’s Who and Legal 500 all recognize Wray as one of the foremost white-collar and government investigations lawyers in the country.
      - In 2010, a leading publication for lawyers, *Chambers*, described him as a “renowned heavy hitter.”
      - This year, *Chambers* described him as a “top-notch advocate who can provide counsel on the toughest issues,” who “brings instant credibility and will give you straight answers without blowing smoke.”
      - Likewise, *Legal 500* recognized him as “one of the best in the business” for his “excellent judgment, vast experience and responsiveness.”

## Nestande, Francesca

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**From:** Nestande, Francesca  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 7, 2017 6:35 PM  
**To:** Prior, Ian (OPA)  
**Subject:** RE: Chris Wray

Great thank you!

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**From:** Prior, Ian (OPA) [mailto: (b)(6)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 07, 2017 6:17 PM  
**To:** Nestande, Francesca  
**Subject:** Chris Wray

Hi Francesca,

Just wanted to send over some background points on Chris Wray if you are covering at all tonight.

Thx!

Ian D. Prior  
Principal Deputy Director of Public Affairs  
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**Prior, Ian (OPA)**

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**From:** Prior, Ian (OPA)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 7, 2017 6:16 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) Andrew Murray (Fox News)  
**Subject:** if anyone needs some background for tomorrow  
**Attachments:** Updated Talking Points Chris Wray.pdf; Chris Wray General Responsive Talkers.pdf

I know Alice Fisher is going on.

For background only.

Thx!

Ian D. Prior  
Principal Deputy Director of Public Affairs  
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Cel (b)(6)

## Kaplan (Levine), Karrah

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**From:** Kaplan (Levine), Karrah  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 7, 2017 3:26 PM  
**To:** Prior, Ian (OPA)  
**Subject:** Re: hey

Nope all set, thank you!

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**From:** Prior, Ian (OPA)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 7, 2017 3:22 PM  
**To:** Kaplan (Levine), Karrah  
**Subject:** hey

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Do you need anyone to go on to talk about the Chris Wray pick?

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**Prior, Ian (OPA)**

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**From:** Prior, Ian (OPA)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 7, 2017 3:12 PM  
**To:** Fanning, Elizabeth  
**Subject:** People who will talk Wray

1. Ashcroft
  - a. Contact Susan Johnson C (b) (6)
2. John Richter
  - a. (b) (6) [cell]
3. Kent Alexander
  - a. (b) (6) [cell]
4. Gary Grindler
  - a. (b) (6) [cell]
  - b. Grindler was contacted by Katie Dominique of CBS NEWS, who is working on a piece tonight and wants to do a taped interview today.
5. Alice Fisher
  - a. (b) (6)
  - b. Already spoken to the following news outlets: CNN- Evan Perez, CNN- Laura Jarrett, WSJ- Aruna Viswanatha, NYT- Adam Goldman, AP- Eric Tucker, National Law Journal- Katelyn Polantz, and Law360- Jimmy Hoover.
  - c. In addition, Fox & Friends has asked her to appear tomorrow morning.

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**Prior, Ian (OPA)**

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**From:** Prior, Ian (OPA)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 7, 2017 3:10 PM  
**To:** Fanning, Elizabeth  
**Subject:** People willing to appear on tv to talk about Chris Wray

1. John Ashcroft
  - a. Contact Susan Johnson C (b) (6)
2. John Richter, Former Acting Assistant Attorney General for the Criminal Division
  - a. (b) (6) [cell]
3. Kent Alexander, Former U.S. Attorney under President Clinton
  - a. (b) (6) [cell]
4. Gary Grindler, Acting Deputy Attorney General under President Obama
  - a. (b) (6) [cell]
  - b. Grindler was contacted by Katie Dominique of CBS NEWS, who is working on a piece tonight and wants to do a taped interview today.
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Cell (b) (6)

**Gibson, Jake**

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**From:** Gibson, Jake  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 7, 2017 12:36 PM  
**To:** Prior, Ian (OPA)  
**Subject:** RE: Quote from Former Attorney General John Ashcroft on Nomination of Christopher Wray

Thanks.

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**From:** Prior, Ian (OPA) [mailto: (b)(6)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 07, 2017 12:28 PM  
**To:** Prior, Ian (OPA)  
**Subject:** Quote from Former Attorney General John Ashcroft on Nomination of Christopher Wray

*"Chris Wray is a man of integrity with a deep commitment to the rule of law. His substantial experience, particularly in serving on our Justice Department team fighting terrorism [after 9/11](#), uniquely qualifies him to protect America as FBI Director." - Former U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft*

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**Gibson, Jake**

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**From:** Gibson, Jake  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 7, 2017 11:48 AM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Subject:** RE: Wray photo

Excellent.

Thanks.

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto: (b)(6)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 07, 2017 11:38 AM  
**Subject:** Wray photo

Here's a recent photo if your teams need one

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**Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)**

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 7, 2017 11:37 AM  
**Bcc:** Paula Rei (b)(6) Jake Gibson (Fox News) (b)(6) Laura Jarrett (Turner - CNN);  
(b)(6) Mike Levine (ABC) (b)(6) Pete Williams (NBC)  
**Subject:** Wray photo  
**Attachments:** FW: photo.msg

Here's a recent photo if your teams need one

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**Newman, Ryan (OLP)**

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**From:** Newman, Ryan (OLP)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 7, 2017 11:20 AM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA); Prior, Ian (OPA)  
**Cc:** Talley, Brett (OLP)  
**Subject:** FW: photo

See attached. And below.

Ryan Newman  
Acting Assistant Attorney General  
Office of Legal Policy  
U.S. Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Ave, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20530  
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-----Original Message-----

From: Wray, Chris [mailto:(b)(6)]  
Sent: Wednesday, June 7, 2017 11:17 AM  
To: Newman, Ryan (OLP) (b)(6) >; Talley, Brett (OLP) (b)(6) >; Kingo, Lola A. (OL (b)(6))  
Subject: Fwd: photo

2 photos from my firm. I leave it to you all to decide which one to use for whom.

Als (b)(6) (below) is our firm's press person, in case there's a need to get anything from her directly.

Thanks.

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From (b)(6) " (b)(6) >>  
To: "Wray, Chris" (b)(6)  
Subject: photo

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**Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)**

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 7, 2017 10:55 AM  
**To:** (b)(6) Serafin Gomez (Fox News)  
**Cc:** (b)(6) Jake Gibson (Fox News)  
**Subject:** Re: Potential Surrogates for Chris Wray

Alice fisher too!

On Jun 7, 2017, at 10:42 AM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) (b)(6) wrote:

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From: (b)(6) Sarah Isgur Flores  
To: (b)(6) Serafin Gomez (Fox News)  
Cc: (b)(6) Jake Gibson (Fox News)  
Bcc:  
Subject: Fwd: Potential Surrogates for Chris Wray  
Date: Wed Jun 07 2017 10:42:45 EDT  
Attachments:

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In case y'all need some folks:

\*\*\*\*\* Gary Grindler, former acting DAG under Obama, former CoS to AG Holder and AG Reno

(b) (6) [cell], (b) (6) and (b) (6)

\*\*\*\*\* John Richter, former US Atty, my former CoS as AAG and former Acting AAG/CRM

(b) (6) [cell], (b) (6) [office], (b) (6)

\*\*\*\*\* Joe Whitley, former DHS GC, former US Atty in 2 different districts, etc.

(b) (6) [cell], (b) (6) [office – ATL], (b) (6) [office – DC], (b) (6)

\*\*\*\*\* Joe Robuck, retired FBI Special Agent (on public corruption squad and SWAT in Atlanta)

(b) (6) [cell], (b) (6)

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\*\*\*\*\* Ken Wainstein, former AAG for NSD, former US Atty in DC, etc.

(b) (6) [cell], (b) (6) [office], (b) (6)

\*\*\*\*\* Pat Rowan, former AAG for NSD and formerly my senior counsel for counterterrorism when I was AAG

(b) (6) [cell], (b) (6) [office], (b) (6)

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**Gomez, Serafin**

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**From:** Gomez, Serafin  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 7, 2017 10:47 AM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Subject:** Re: Potential Surrogates for Chris Wray

Thank you Sarah Isgur Flores!

Serafin Gomez  
White House Producer

(b) (6)

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@finnygo

On Jun 7, 2017, at 10:43 AM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) (b)(6) wrote:

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## Singman, Brooke

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**From:** Singman, Brooke  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 24, 2017 4:04 PM  
**To:** Strom, Natalie M. EOP/WHO; Sanders, Sarah H. EOP/WHO; Short, Michael C. EOP/WHO  
**Cc:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Subject:** FBI candidate roster?

Hi All,

Hope you're well!

Joe Lieberman who President Trump said was his top pick for FBI Director last week is, reportedly, out of consideration according to WH sources...

Can you confirm a few names that the WH previously gave me as candidates on the shortlist? This most likely has updated, and changed, but can you confirm?

Former NYPD Commissioner Ray Kelly  
Former House Intel Cmte Chair Rep. Mike Rogers  
Acting FBI Director Andrew McCabe  
Mayor of Colorado Springs John Suthers  
EVP of Boeing John Luttig  
FBI's Paul Abbate  
Former Deputy AG under Bush 43, Larry Thompson  
Associate Judge for NY Court of Appeals Mike Garcia

Thank you,

Brooke Singman  
Reporter, Fox News Channel

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## Schwartz, Brian

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**From:** Schwartz, Brian  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 24, 2017 10:25 AM  
**To:** Prior, Ian (OPA)  
**Subject:** RE: Joe Lieberman no longer being considered for FBI director?

Ok but is he still on the short list? They keep forwarding us to the DOJ.

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**From:** Prior, Ian (OPA) [mailto: (b)(6)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 24, 2017 10:22 AM  
**To:** Schwartz, Brian  
**Subject:** FW: Joe Lieberman no longer being considered for FBI director?

Hey brian,

Off the record, but I can't confirm because I honestly do not know. I think you'd have to reach out to the WH on that

Ian D. Prior  
Principal Deputy Director of Public Affairs  
Office (b)(6)  
Cel (b)(6)

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**From:** Press  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 24, 2017 10:21 AM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) (b)(6) Prior, Ian (OPA) (b)(6)  
**Cc:** O'Malley, Devin (OPA) (b)(6)  
**Subject:** FW: Joe Lieberman no longer being considered for FBI director?



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**From:** Schwartz, Brian [mailto: (b)(6)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 24, 2017 9:48 AM  
**To:** Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov>  
**Subject:** Joe Lieberman no longer being considered for FBI director?

Hello,

CNN is reporting that Joe Lieberman is no longer being considered for FBI director. I'm just looking for a confirmation that report is accurate so we can go with it on our air. My deadline is 1045 am eastern so please let me know as soon as possible.

Brian Schwartz  
Fox Business

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**Prior, Ian (OPA)**

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**From:** Prior, Ian (OPA)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 10, 2017 1:41 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) Amber Athey (Daily Caller)  
**Subject:** FW: Request for comment on Comey reports

Totally false

Ian D. Prior  
Principal Deputy Director of Public Affairs  
Office (b)(6)  
Cel (b)(6)

**From:** Amber Athey [mailto: (b)(6) ]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 10, 2017 1:29 PM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Prior, Ian (OPA) (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Re: Request for comment on Comey reports

Thank you.

On Wed, May 10, 2017 at 1:16 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) (b)(6) wrote:

The story is Totally false

> On May 10, 2017, at 12:44 PM, Amber Athey (b)(6) wrote:

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> Hi,

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> My name is Amber Athey and I am a reporter with The Daily Caller. Does DOJ have an official comment on reports that James Comey requested more resources for the Russia investigation just a few days before his firing?

>

> Please respond ASAP.

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> Thanks,

> Amber

**Gibson, Jake**

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**From:** Gibson, Jake  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 9, 2017 9:15 PM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Subject:** Re: McCabe acting director?

Thanks

Jake Gibson  
Field Producer  
Fox News Washington  
(b)(6)  
@JakeBGibson

> On May 9, 2017, at 9:04 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) (b)(6) wrote:

>  
> Email to FBI employees. Not from me  
>  
> <image1.PNG>

>  
>> On May 9, 2017, at 8:48 PM, Gibson, Jake (b)(6) wrote:

>>  
>> We have it from another source.  
>> I have seen reports that Sessions and DAG have spoken to him tonight.  
>>  
>> Can you help me catch up on this?

>>  
>> Jake Gibson  
>> Field Producer  
>> Fox News Washington

> (b)(6)  
>> @JakeBGibson

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**Gibson, Jake**

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**From:** Gibson, Jake  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 9, 2017 9:15 PM  
**To:** Prior, Ian (OPA)  
**Subject:** Re: Have a sec to talk?

Thanks!!

Jake Gibson  
Field Producer  
Fox News Washington  
(b)(6)  
@JakeBGibson

> On May 9, 2017, at 9:04 PM, Prior, Ian (OPA (b)(6) wrote:

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> Hands off from me

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> <image1.PNG>

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> Ian D. Prior

> Principal Deputy Director of Public Affairs > Offic (b)(6) > Cel (b)(6)

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>> On May 9, 2017, at 9:01 PM, Gibson, Jake (b)(6) wrote:

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>> Jake Gibson  
>> Field Producer  
>> Fox News Washington

> (b)(6)  
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**From:** Prior, Ian (OPA)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 9, 2017 9:04 PM  
**To:** Gibson, Jake  
**Subject:** Re: Have a sec to talk?  
**Attachments:** image1.PNG; ATT00001.txt

Hands off from me

Ian D. Prior  
Principal Deputy Director of Public Affairs  
Office (b)(6)  
Cell (b)(6)

> On May 9, 2017, at 9:01 PM, Gibson, Jake (b)(6) wrote:

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> @JakeBGibson

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From: (b)(7)(E)

Date: 05/09/2017 7:57 PM (GMT-05:00)

To: (b)(7)(E)

Subject: Message from Attorney General Sessions

**Message from the Attorney General**

The President of the United States has exercised his lawful authority to remove James B. Comey, Jr., as the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. By operation of law and effective immediately, Deputy Director Andrew McCabe assumed the position of Acting Director of the FBI. As you well know, the FBI is an exceptional law enforcement and intelligence agency. It is made so by you, the devoted men and women who work tirelessly to keep our country safe. Thank you for your steadfast dedication and commitment during this time of transition.

Jeff Sessions



## Lynn, Emily

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**From:** Lynn, Emily  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 18, 2017 5:10 PM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA); Dunham, Laura (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (SECD) (FBI (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (b)(6) (SECD) (FBI)  
**Subject:** RE: Security POC

Sounds great! I'll be here awaiting the security team. Feel free to reach me (b)(6) when you're headed over and I'll come to greet you.

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto: (b)(6)]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 18, 2017 5:03 PM  
**To:** Lynn, Emily (b)(6) Dunham, Laur (b)(6) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (SECD) (FBI (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI  
**Subject:** RE: Security POC

Great adding our folks!

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Sarah Isgur Flores  
Director of Public Affairs

(b)(6)

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**From:** Lynn, Emily [mailto: (b)(6)]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 18, 2017 5:02 PM  
**To:** Dunham, Laura (b)(6) >; Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) (b)(6)  
Fanning, Elizabeth (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Security POC

Hi Sarah,

Feel free to have the advance team contact me when they plan to head over this way and I'll greet them and give them a tour around the bureau for security measures.

Thank you!

Emily

(b)(6)

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**From:** Dunham, Laura  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 18, 2017 5:00 PM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) (b)(6) Fanning, Elizabeth (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Lynn, Emily (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Security POC

Hi Sarah,

Emily Lynn will be the POC at the DC bureau (Ian has her info too!). Emily is cc'd here and her cell (b)(6).

And there will be makeup tonight for the AG as well.

Thank you!

Laura

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**From:** Fanning, Elizabeth  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 18, 2017 4:57 PM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA); Dunham, Laura  
**Subject:** Re: Security POC

Hey! Thanks for working this puts looping in Laura. I'm actually out of the office today. Thanks!

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 18, 2017, at 16:23, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) (b)(6) wrote:

Can you send along the name of the best POC on site for the FBI detail to contact in advance for tonight? Also will there be makeup still available?

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Sarah Isgur Flores  
Director of Public Affairs

(b)(6)

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**Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)**

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 18, 2017 5:02 PM  
**To:** Dunham, Laura; Fanning, Elizabeth  
**Cc:** Lynn, Emily  
**Subject:** RE: Security POC

Thank you!

(Sorry to bug you on vaca, EF!)

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Sarah Isgur Flores  
Director of Public Affairs

(b)(6)

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**From:** Dunham, Laura [mailto: (b)(6) ]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 18, 2017 5:00 PM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) (b)(6) Fanning, Elizabeth  
(b)(6)  
**Cc:** Lynn, Emily (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Security POC

Duplicative Material

## Gallo, Daniel

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**From:** Gallo, Daniel  
**Sent:** Monday, April 10, 2017 5:55 PM  
**To:** Carr, Peter (OPA)  
**Subject:** RE: RSVP - Fox News

Great- thank you sir.

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**From:** Carr, Peter (OPA) [mailto: (b)(6) ]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 10, 2017 5:53 PM  
**To:** Gallo, Daniel  
**Cc:** Dean, Matthew (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per CBP  
**Subject:** Re: RSVP Fox News

Same place just a larger area within that space.

On Apr 10, 2017, at 2:50 PM, Gallo, Danie (b)(6) > wrote:

Thank you, Peter. Here is crew info:

(b)(6) (PHOTOG)

(b)(6)

DAN GALLO (PRODUCER)

(b)(6)

Will you be sending an updated advisory on location, etc? Thank you.

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**From:** Carr, Peter (OPA) [mailto: (b)(6) ]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 10, 2017 5:46 PM  
**To:** Gallo, Daniel  
**Cc:** Dean, Matthew (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per CBP  
**Subject:** Re: RSVP Fox News

We have moved the location for the availability to accommodate more media. If you can please provide the full name and date of birth for those attending, we can work them in.

On Apr 10, 2017, at 7:25 AM, Gallo, Daniel (b)(6) > wrote:

Hi Peter,

I'm RSVP-ing for myself (producer) and our photograph (b)(6) for AG Sessions's events in Arizona tomorrow. We are not 100% sure which ones we're covering yet, but can you please RSVP us for all of them?

Thank you.

Dan Gallo

**Field Producer**  
**Fox News Channel Los Angeles Bureau**

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2044 Armacost Ave  
Los Angeles, CA 90025

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**Dean, Matthew**

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**From:** Dean, Matthew  
**Sent:** Monday, April 10, 2017 5:48 PM  
**To:** Carr, Peter (OPA); Gallo, Daniel  
**Cc:** (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per CBP  
**Subject:** Re: RSVP - Fox News

Thanks, Peter. Dan, here on this email, can reply with his and his photographer's information.

Best,

Matt

Matt Dean  
Department of Justice & Federal Law Enforcement Producer  
Fox News Channel  
(b)(6) (Mobile)  
(b)(6) (DOJ)  
(b)(6)  
@MattFirewall

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**From:** Carr, Peter (OPA (b)(6) >  
**Sent:** Monday, April 10, 2017 5:46:09 PM  
**To:** Gallo, Daniel  
**Cc:** Dean, Matthe (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per CBP  
**Subject:** Re: RSVP - Fox News

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**Carr, Peter (OPA)**

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**From:** Carr, Peter (OPA)  
**Sent:** Monday, April 10, 2017 4:32 PM  
**To:** Gallo, Daniel  
**Subject:** Re: RSVP - Fox News

Contact CBP and ask if they can accommodate you.

On Apr 10, 2017, at 1:27 PM, Gallo, Daniel [\(b\)\(6\)](#) > wrote:

Hey Peter,

We actually are already headed there to be in place tomorrow morning. Our network, Fox News Channel, is relying on us for coverage of this as we cannot make the Phoenix events. What can I do to remedy this and make sure we get in?

Thanks,  
Dan

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**From:** Carr, Peter (OPA) [[mailto:\(b\)\(6\)](#)]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 10, 2017 4:14 PM  
**To:** Gallo, Daniel  
**Subject:** RE: RSVP Fox News

I'm sorry for the delay in getting back to you. We are unable to accommodate additional media for the Nogales and Luke AFB events, but I have you down for the IACP speech at the Wigwam at 1pm. Note that there is a security sweep at 12:15.

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**From:** Gallo, Daniel [[mailto:\(b\)\(6\)](#)]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 10, 2017 10:24 AM  
**T** [\(b\)\(6\) Peter Carr DOJ](#)  
**Subject:** RSVP - Fox News

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**O'Malley, Devin (OPA)**

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**From:** O'Malley, Devin (OPA)  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 18, 2018 5:18 PM  
**To:** Neil Munro  
**Subject:** Re: Do call or, or send a response. Will write this up tonight for the morning. DHS lawyers are using a 1996 law to defend the OPT program, while AG Sessions says the 1996 law does not allow DACA work permits...

Considering DOJ is doing the arguments on Tuesday, I'm not certain your assertions re DHS arguments are correct.

Again, we aren't making a statutory argument on Tuesday. So I would advise writing what you plan to.

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 18, 2018, at 5:04 PM, Neil Munro (b)(6) wrote:

Nice try.

Your lawyers in the tech workers case are going to argue technicalities — ie standing or 'not stating a case' etc.

But your DHS lawyers have cited the same 1324a language used by Obama's lawyers, and they have not renounced the claim (despite AG Sessions' recent statements - <http://www.breitbart.com/big-government/2018/02/16/exclusive-jeff-sessions-ending-executive-branch-legal-activism/>)

If your DHS lawyers were going to reverse course and renounce 1324a, it would have come up in the Tech Workers submission, and you would have told me.

So does AG Sessions know that the DHS lawyers are going to stiff him on DACA?

Neil Munro  
Breitbart News

On Feb 18, 2018, at 4:04 PM, O'Malley, Devin (OPA)  
(b)(6) wrote:

(b)(6) wrote:

That's not what is being argued by DOJ attorneys. Maybe in last admin.

I would encourage you to read the response brief in Washington alliance of Tech Workers v DHS in the dc circuit court to see what our argument is.

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 18, 2018, at 3:47 PM, Neil Munro (b)(6) wrote:

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Neil Munro (b)(6)  
**Subject:** DHS lawyers are using a 1996 law to defend the OPT program, while AG Sessions says the 1996 law does not allow DACA work permits...  
**Date:** February 16, 2018 at 2:45:41 PM EST  
**To:** "Houlton, Tyler"  
(b)(6), "Prior, Ian (OPA)"  
(b)(6)

Tyler, Ian,

DHS lawyers are about to shoot a big hole in the President & AG's arguments against DACA.

They are due in court on Tuesday to protect the OPT subsidized-outsourcing program. For details about the OPT program; <http://www.breitbart.com/big-government/2017/06/21/hidden-federal-opt-program-helps-330000-foreign-graduates-get-us-jobs/>

The lawyers' case is based on a definition and exemption at the end of <https://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/8/1324a>, which prohibits the hiring of "unauthorized aliens" which includes illegal aliens. The definition is at the very end:

(3) Definition of unauthorized alien  
As used in this section, the term "unauthorized alien" means, with respect to the employment of an alien at a particular time, that the alien is not at that time either (A) an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence, or (B)

authorized to be so employed by this chapter or by the Attorney General.

The same unlimited power claim is found here - <https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/eAgendaViewRule?pubId=201710&RIN=1615-AC15>

"Also, section 274A(h)(3)(B) of the INA, 8 U.S.C. 1324a(h)(3)(B), recognizes the Secretary's discretionary authority to extend employment authorization."

DHS claims "or by the attorney general" means DHS has unlimited authority to allow aliens to work via OPT — but also, by implication, via DACA.

That argument is being made against the administration in the DACA cases, such as *Vidal v. Nielsen*, No. 16-CV-4756 (NGG) (JO), 2018 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 23547, at \*23 (E.D.N.Y. Feb. 13, 2018), where the administration lawyers do not argue that 1324a(h) does not give them authority to allow aliens to work: <https://www.leagle.com/decision/infdc020180214f61>

Additionally, recipients of deferred action may apply for authorization to work legally in the United States, provided that they "establish[] an economic necessity for employment." 8 C.F.R. § 274a.12(c)(14); see also 8 U.S.C. § 1324a(h)(3) (excluding from the definition of "unauthorized aliens," who may not be knowingly employed in the United States, aliens "authorized to be . . . employed . . . by the Attorney General"). Deferred action does not, however, confer lawful immigration status, a pathway to citizenship, or a defense to removal, and is revocable by immigration authorities.

I'll get this out shortly.

Might you both send me a comment reconciling the administration's incompatible claims?

Fun stuff,

Yours,

Neil Munro  
Breitbart News.  
(b)(6)

**Prior, Ian (OPA)**

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**From:** Prior, Ian (OPA)  
**Sent:** Friday, February 16, 2018 2:51 PM  
**To:** Neil Munro; Houlton, Tyler  
**Cc:** O'Malley, Devin (OPA)  
**Subject:** RE: DHS lawyers are using a 1996 law to defend the OPT program, while AG Sessions says the 1996 law does not allow DACA work permits...

Adding Devin

Ian D. Prior  
Principal Deputy Director of Public Affairs  
Department of Justice  
Office: (b)(6)  
Cell: (b)(6)

*For information on office hours, access to media events, and standard ground rules for interviews, please click [here](#).*

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**From:** Neil Munro (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Friday, February 16, 2018 2:46 PM  
**To:** Houlton, Tyler (b)(6); Prior, Ian (OPA) (b)(6)  
**Subject:** DHS lawyers are using a 1996 law to defend the OPT program, while AG Sessions says the 1996 law does not allow DACA work permits...

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**Pfeiffer, Alex**

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**From:** Pfeiffer, Alex  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 8, 2018 11:15 AM  
**To:** O'Malley, Devin (OPA)  
**Cc:** (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Re: Do we know her immigration status?

Awesome. Thanks.

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 8, 2018, at 11:06 AM, O'Malley, Devin (OPA) (b)(6) wrote:

Alex-

(b)(6) from ICE is going to get you to the right people so you can get an answer.

Thank you both.

Devin

**Devin M. O'Malley**  
Department of Justice  
Office of Public Affairs  
Office: (b)(6)  
Cell: (b)(6)

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**From:** Prior, Ian (OPA)  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 8, 2018 10:22 AM  
**To:** O'Malley, Devin (OPA) (b)(6)  
**Subject:** FW: Do we know her immigration status?

Ian D. Prior  
Principal Deputy Director of Public Affairs  
Department of Justice  
Office: (b)(6)  
Cell: (b)(6)

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**From:** Zerna, Tasha (USAMN) (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 7, 2018 7:41 PM  
**To:** Prior, Ian (OPA) (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Re: Do we know her immigration status?

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On Feb 7, 2018, at 5:51 PM, Prior, Ian (OPA) (b)(6) wrote:

Ian D. Prior  
Principal Deputy Director of Public Affairs  
Office: (b)(6)  
Cell: (b)(6)

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)" (b)(6)  
**Date:** February 7, 2018 at 6:36:31 PM EST  
**To:** "Pfeiffer, Alex" (b)(6)  
**Cc:** "Prior, Ian (OPA)" (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Re: Do we know her immigration status?

Adding Ian

On Feb 7, 2018, at 6:26 PM, Pfeiffer, Alex  
(b)(6) wrote:

"Federal authorities on Wednesday charged a 19-year-old former St. Catherine University student with attempting to provide material support to al-Qaeda, arson and making a false statement to the FBI. Tnuza Hassan, who allegedly started several fires at some buildings at the university on Jan. 17, was questioned by the FBI several months before the alleged arson."

<https://www.mprnews.org/story/2018/02/07/former-st-catherine-student-charges-with-arson-providing-support-to-al-qaeda>

Thanks,  
Alex Pfeiffer  
Associate Producer  
Tucker Carlson Tonight

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**Kupec, Kerri (JMD)**

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**From:** Kupec, Kerri (JMD)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 30, 2018 2:36 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) Kerri Kupec  
**Bcc:** Gibson, Jake; Amy Howe; Reid, Paula; (b)(6) Laura Jarrett (Turner - CNN); Woodruff, Betsy; Tony Mauro; Marcia Coyle; 'Alex Swoyer'; Gregory, Patrick; Robinson, Kimberly  
**Subject:** Logistical details for tomorrow's OTR meeting with SG Francisco

Hi, everyone –

Some logistical details for tomorrow's 11 am meeting:

- For those of you who have DOJ hard passes, please meet at the Office of Public Affairs (OPA) office suite (1220) at **10:50 am**. A member of the OPA team will escort you to the SG's office.
- For those of you who do not have DOJ hard passes, please check in at the Visitor's Center entrance (Constitution Avenue). If you are checking in at the Visitor's Center, I would recommend getting there at **10:45 am**. You will be given a red badge and someone from the OPA team will escort you to the SG's office. *Please let me know today if you plan to check in at the Visitor's Center.*
- As a reminder, tomorrow's discussion is completely off-the-record.

If you have any questions, please email or call me at (b)(6). Appreciate you coming out and looking forward to a candid conversation that I hope is just the first of many. See you in the morning!

Best,

Kerri

Kerri Kupec, Esq.  
Spokesperson/Media Affairs Specialist  
U.S. Department of Justice  
Office of Public Affairs

(b)(6)

(b)(6) (office)

(b)(6) (cell)

**Gibson, Jake**

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**From:** Gibson, Jake  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 30, 2018 12:04 PM  
**To:** Kupec, Kerri (JMD)  
**Subject:** Re: OTR meeting with SG Noel Francisco

11 is better for me but I can work around whatever u need...

On Jan 30, 2018, at 11:46 AM, Kupec, Kerri (JMD) <(b)(6)> wrote:

Hi, Jake – any chance you can come at 9 am instead?

Thanks,  
Kerri

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**From:** Gibson, Jake [mailto:(b)(6)]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 30, 2018 9:55 AM  
**To:** Kupec, Kerri (JMD) (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Re: OTR meeting with SG Noel Francisco

Thanks!

I would love to attend.

On Jan 30, 2018, at 9:38 AM, Kupec, Kerri (JMD) <(b)(6)> wrote:

Hi, Jake – hope you are doing well. I wanted to invite you to a small, off-the-record discussion with Noel Francisco and Jeff Wall tomorrow, Wednesday, Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> at 11 am. It will be a small group of journalists – and I'm hoping for a candid conversation about the remainder of the term and the philosophy of this solicitor general's office.

I hope you can make it. Thanks for your consideration!

Best,  
Kerri

Kerri Kupec  
U.S. Department of Justice  
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**Bream, Shannon**

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**From:** Bream, Shannon  
**Sent:** Monday, January 29, 2018 6:14 PM  
**To:** Kupec, Kerri (JMD)  
**Subject:** RE: OTR meeting with Noel Francisco

Good for you!

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**From:** Kupec, Kerri (JMD) (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Monday, January 29, 2018 6:13 PM  
**To:** Bream, Shannon <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** RE: OTR meeting with Noel Francisco

AH, that makes sense. We will have to work something out for a different time.  
It's good – similar to what I was doing at ADF, but (surprisingly) more low-key. Who would have thought? 😊

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**From:** Bream, Shannon [[mailto:\(b\)\(6\)@](mailto:(b)(6)@)]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 29, 2018 6:09 PM  
**To:** Kupec, Kerri (JMD) (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: OTR meeting with Noel Francisco

I hate to miss this!! However, I'm staying on air live until 2am following SOTU : ( I'm afraid the odds of me being presentable and back downtown by 9am are not good. Please forgive me! How are you liking the new gig?

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**From:** Kupec, Kerri (JMD) (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Monday, January 29, 2018 6:03 PM  
**To:** Bream, Shannon (b)(6)  
**Subject:** OTR meeting with Noel Francisco

Hi, Shannon –

- 1) Loved your Instagram posts from your recent trip. Interviewing the VP in Israel? #YesPlease
- 2) Wanted to make sure you saw my invitation to a small, off-the-record discussion with Noel Francisco and Jeff Wall in Noel's office at DOJ on Wednesday, Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> at 9 am. It will be a small group of five network journalists– and I'm hoping for a candid conversation about the remainder of the term and the philosophy of this solicitor general's office.

Would personally love if you could be there, so I do hope you can make it. HOWEVER, I know you have a crazy schedule, so if you'd like to send someone in your place, just let me know.

Best,  
Kerri

Kerri Kupec, Esq.  
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**Kupec, Kerri (JMD)**

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**From:** Kupec, Kerri (JMD)  
**Sent:** Monday, January 29, 2018 8:54 AM  
**To:** (b)(6) Kerri Kupec  
**Bcc:** 'Jan Crawford'; 'Pete Williams'; 'Shannon Bream'; De Vogue, Ariane; Thomas, Pierre  
**Subject:** Invitation: Off-the-Record discussion with Solicitor General Noel Francisco

Good morning!

I'd like to invite you to a first, off-the-record conversation with Solicitor General Noel Francisco and Principal Deputy Solicitor General Jeff Wall on **Wednesday, Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> at 9 am**. We have a hard stop just before 10 am, so I'd plan for about 50 minutes. The meeting will be small group of about five journalists in total.

Please let me know as soon as possible if you'd like to attend. If you do not have DOJ press creds, please check-in at the Visitor Center Entrance on Constitution Ave.

Very much hoping you can make it – Noel and Jeff are looking forward to the discussion. If you have any questions or questions about getting in on Wednesday, please call me at (b)(6).

Warmly,  
Kerri

Kerri Kupec, Esq.  
Spokesperson/Media Affairs Specialist  
U.S. Department of Justice  
Office of Public Affairs

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**O'Malley, Devin (OPA)**

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**From:** O'Malley, Devin (OPA)  
**Sent:** Friday, January 26, 2018 6:31 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) - Ian Mason - Breitbart  
**Subject:** We got sued today  
**Attachments:** 1-main.pdf

Hey Ian-

Not for attribution, but here are some thoughts I wanted to share:

See attached. Take a look at pages 17-18. Do you think they are going to have any luck finding records from "Kristjen M. Nielsen" or "Luke Beckman" or "Julie Kirschner?" Since none of those specific people (as spelled) work at DHS, I'm not sure they'll have any luck.

Aside from this incorrect legal document being a huge waste of their donors' money, which I think someone should point out, it's a huge waste of TAXPAYER dollars for the government to defend a lawsuit that appears to have been written and filed by the dog of legal intern. Instead, it was filed by John Freedman, a PARTNER at Arnold & Porter (a pretty respected law firm). He's also staked out a position as a Trump resistance person since he's filed this, DACA lawsuits, and some other things.

Have a good weekend!

Devin

**Devin M. O'Malley**  
Department of Justice  
Office of Public Affairs  
Office: (b)(6)  
Cell: (b)(6)

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

LAWYERS' COMMITTEE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS  
UNDER LAW  
1401 New York Avenue, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20005,

Plaintiff,

v.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20530,

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY,  
245 Murray Lane, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20528,

Defendants.

Docket No.

**COMPLAINT**

**INTRODUCTION**

Plaintiff Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law (the "Lawyers' Committee") brings this action under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 522 ("FOIA"), against Defendants United States Department of Justice ("DOJ") and United States Department of Homeland Security ("DHS") to compel Defendants to disclose records relating to the Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity ("PACEI" or the "Commission") requested by the Lawyers' Committee under FOIA.

This suit concerns the Government's failure to abide by basic requirements of openness and transparency. During its entire existence, PACEI operated under a cloud of pervasive secrecy, in violation of federal law, refusing to make almost all of its records available to the public. Given the Commission's clandestine operations, and the Commission's continued refusal