

you can't breathe anymore." He noted that the drug is impacting people in a wide age range. Kimbell added, "We've seen overdoses now from the ages of 17 to 59, so really. If you are buying a pill from someone you don't know, or you are using a pill that you don't know where it came from, it could have Nitazene in it and it's extremely dangerous. Its synthetic route is very hard to make, and you need lab experience, but we are seeing Nitazene that are made in China, and they are purchased online and smuggled into the U.S. in parcels, and locally, we are seeing drug gangs take fentanyl and Nitazene and pressing it into a what looks like a prescription drug." According to Kimbell, Nitazene can be purchased online, using a smartphone. He says, sadly, that's how many kids are getting their hands on it. Kimbell was also quoted as saying, "We are seeing kids carry that – they can reach a drug dealer that is carrying this type of drug instantly. Within minutes you can tuck your kids in bed, and they can get on social media, and they can have that stuff delivered to their house."

The story was also reported on by [KHOU-CBS](#).

Mike Gannon Retires From DEA

[WXIN-FOX](#) reported that a familiar face with the news outlets morning news team, Mike Gannon, is retiring from his role as a special agent in the DEA. Gannon stated, "This for me is something that has never really felt like a job, more like a calling. It's just something I'm so passionate about." Gannon said on the Angela Answers segment, "It's been an honor to be here in Indiana. The important thing: I did marry a Hoosier. So, I'm a Hoosier now and I'm very blessed to be here. I really think it's some of finest work that I've been able to do in law enforcement with the collaboratives partners that we've had. I'm a blessed man, and it's been an honor to serve the community."

Still No Update On Federal Investigation In North Dakota

[KVLV-NBC](#) reported that the news outlet has reached out to the DEA once again, seeking an update on the federal investigation underway in Oakes, North Dakota. The news outlet reached out to the U.S. Attorney's Office, who confirmed that the investigation is still ongoing, though they did not have any new information at this time. They also said that they are anticipating a press release "soon." According to the news outlet, multiple tips were received from viewers back on May 16th, including one saying that multiple agencies were in town and several arrests were made, even claiming that there was a helicopter circling the town.

Baton Rouge Man Accused Of Making, Selling Machine Gun Conversion Devices Arrested

[WGMB/WVLA-FOX/Independent](#) reported that a man accused of manufacturing and distributing machine gun conversion devices (MCDs) within the city has been arrested by the Baton Rouge Police Department. BRPD Special Investigations and the ATF Field Office in Baton Rouge began looking into a suspect identified as Dakell Odds after receiving tips about his alleged involvement. BRPD detectives obtained a search warrant for two Baton Rouge addresses. This led to the finding of several items including a 3D printer, several firearms, and illegal narcotics. Another suspect, Sommer Reed, was also booked into the East Baton Rouge Parish Prison and charged with 16 counts of possession of a machine gun.

NTSB Investigating BGE Practices After Deadly Bel Air House Explosion

[The Baltimore Banner](#) reported that a hole in a plastic gas pipeline could reveal more about the cause of a Bel Air house explosion that left the 73-year-old homeowner and a Baltimore Gas and Electric employee dead last summer. The National Transportation Safety Board released initial reports about the home explosion that happened in the 2300 block of Arthurs Woods Drive the morning of August 11th, 2024. Excavations revealed damaged electric service cables and a hole in the home's plastic gas service line. BGE removed parts of the plastic gas service line, including the source of the gas leak. As the NTSB's investigation continues, officials will focus on BGE's construction practices, its process for recording and

responding to odor complaints, and its pipeline safety management system. Other agencies that responded home explosion included the Maryland State Police, Maryland State Fire Marshal, and the ATF. Three gas leaks were found after a survey of the neighborhood. Further testing of the home that exploded found high gas readings under the property's driveway.

Ohio Senate Honors U.S. Marshals Service's Northern Ohio Violent Fugitive Task Force For 60,000th Arrest

[WEWS-ABC](#) reported that the Ohio Senate passed State Resolution 114, which honors the U.S. Marshals Service's Northern Ohio Violent Fugitive Task Force (NOVTF) for achieving its 60,000th arrest on March 24th, 2025. On Wednesday, members of NOVTF were in Columbus to receive the award presented by Ohio Senator Tom Patton. The resolution recognizes the NOVTF effort in apprehending violent fugitives across Northern Ohio. Patton stated, "Coming from a law enforcement family, I couldn't be more proud to present the award for the outstanding achievement of the Northern Ohio Violent Fugitive Task Force." The NOVTF was established by U.S. Marshal Pete Elliott in 2003 after Cleveland Police Officer Wayne Leon was killed in the line of duty by a fugitive. Elliott was quoted as saying, "I'm very proud of what we started and what we have sustained over the last few decades. I am proud of all our leaders throughout Northern Ohio and all of our task force officers who sacrifice so much to make our communities a safer place."

Officials Say Mother Who Fled Rochester With Four Children Arrested In California

The [New Hampshire Union Leader](#) reported that the U.S. Marshals arrested the fugitive mother of four missing Rochester children six days after safely recovering the kids from a motel in California. The U.S. Marshals Service said in a news release on Wednesday that Kristyanna Hall was arrested on Tuesday in Sherman Oaks, California. Hall had taken her four children in early February, defying court orders to give over custody to a relative. The kids were found safely in Ontario, California, more than 50 miles from where a fugitive task force apprehended Hall. The children were recovered after a nearly four-month investigation and flown back to Boston last week and reunited with their aunt, Shayntel Cormier, who is their legal guardian. Hall was held at Van Nuys Jail on fugitive charges, awaiting extradition to New Hampshire. [The Boston Globe](#) reported that William R. Hart, Jr., U.S. Marshal for the District of New Hampshire, said in the statement, "[Today] marks the end to a months-long investigation that spanned thousands of miles, multiple jurisdictions, and required the undivided attention of many dedicated law enforcement professionals that I am proud to work among." The article noted that officers from the U.S. Marshals Service's District of California, assisted by the Los Angeles Police Department and other local agencies, found the children and arrested Hall. A U.S. Marshals Service spokesperson in a statement last week, following the children's recovery, "This case highlights the vital role that interagency cooperation plays in safeguarding at-risk children. We are grateful for the swift actions of our law enforcement partners in California and commend the Rochester Police Department for their persistence and dedication to this case."

The story was also reported on by [WMUR-ABC](#) and [WCSH-NBC](#).

As Texan As They Come: Inside The Life Of U.S. Marshal T. Michael O'Connor

[KHOU-CBS](#) reported that U.S. Marshal T. Michael O'Connor is about as Texan as they come. A fifth-generation cowboy raised on one of Texas' oldest and largest ranches, O'Connor's story is one of grit, faith, and service — both in the field and on the front lines of law enforcement. He's spent over 40 years protecting Texans — first as the four-term sheriff of Victoria County, and now as the U.S. Marshal for the Southern District of Texas, overseeing 45 counties and hundreds of deputies. Behind the badge is a man shaped by the land, his faith, and a deep sense of duty. In Thursday morning's newscasts, the news outlet's Jacob Rascon introduces the public to the Marshal through a heartfelt portrait of his life and career. The article teased the Thursday morning broadcast by noting that it will include O'Connor

discussing the emotional toll and spiritual mission behind his work, and the violent fugitive takedowns that defined his decades in law enforcement. O'Connor was quoted as saying, "You've heard that saying, 'You can run but you can't hide,' that specifically refers to the U.S. Marshals."

U.S. Marshals Arrest Suspect Accused Of Assaulting Woman At Knoxville Apartment In Mississippi

[WVLT-CBS](#) reported that the Knoxville Police Department spent several days searching for a man accused of assaulting a woman at an apartment early Saturday morning. According to KPD, 21-year-old Ethan Johnston reportedly assaulted the 20-year-old woman at an apartment at Union Knoxville on Cumberland Avenue. KPD said in an update on Wednesday that Johnston had been taken into custody by the U.S. Marshals Service in Meridian, Mississippi. Johnston was on a Greyhound bus when he was found and taken into custody, and will be extracted back to Knoxville in the coming days. [WBIR-NBC](#) reported that a police report said that the victim met Johnston on Friday night on the strip. The report said around 2:00 a.m. Saturday, the victim and Johnston went to her apartment and she fell asleep. The victim woke up to Johnston's hands around her neck and lost consciousness. The report said around 1:30 p.m. the victim walked to the East Tennessee Children's Hospital with "significant" injuries to the right side of her face and nose and had strangulation marks on her neck. She told staff there Johnston took her phone, car keys, and driver's license

U.S. Marshals Say Two Murder Suspects Captured On The Same Day

[WMC-NBC](#) reported that the U.S. Marshals Service is reporting that two homicide suspects were captured on the same day. On May 27th, the USMS arrested two murder suspects wanted by the Memphis Police Department in unrelated homicide cases. According to the article, Alvin Justice was wanted for second-degree murder and Damarrius Mathis for first-degree murder. Justice's arrest was in connection with a 2024 homicide where the victim, Charles Terry, was found shot to death on Los Angeles Street in Memphis; he was transported to a local hospital, where he was later pronounced dead. Mathis's arrest was in connection with a homicide in March of this year, when the victim, Deonte Reed, was found shot to death, along with a female suffering from a gunshot wound on Chelsea Avenue in Memphis. Both Martin and Justice were located at homes in Memphis. [WHBQ-FOX](#) reported that in a statement released on Wednesday, the Memphis Police said the arrests were made possible because of "successful partnerships" with several other law enforcement agencies. The agencies involved included the Shelby County Sheriff's Office Fugitive Apprehension Team, the U.S. Marshals Service's Two Rivers Violent Fugitive Task Force, and MPD's Fugitive Unit.

Second Suspect Arrested In Attack On Off-Duty NYPD Officer In The Bronx

[WABC-ABC](#) reported that police arrested a second man on Wednesday, accused of brutally beating an off-duty NYPD officer in the Bronx over the weekend. NYPD Commissioner Jessica Tisch announced the arrest of 23-year-old Wayne Lucas, who was taken into custody in Virginia. Also on Wednesday, the officer who was attacked was released from the hospital amid great fanfare. With a black eye, and barely able to see the police officers applauding in front of him, the 27-year-old Chowdury Nafees from the Bronx managed a salute as he was released from Jacobi Hospital, four days after the attack. Just a day before, the first of the two suspects, 23-year-old Taveon Hargrove, was taken into custody in North Chesterfield, Virginia, by members of the U.S. Marshals' Regional Fugitive Task Force. Both Hargrove and Lucas are awaiting extradition back to New York City. The article noted that the arrests were made after investigators released new surveillance video on Monday to help them track down the two suspects. Authorities have also arrested Hargrove's father for allegedly using the officer's stolen credit card at several bodegas in the Bronx. The Police Benevolent Association of New York released a statement after the arrest of Hargrove that said, "Thank you to our NYPD detectives and U.S. Marshals for ending this vicious cop-basher's run. But the job is far from over. Even when his criminal partner is caught, we must still stand together to make sure the justice system does its job: protect the cops who protect NYC."

The story was also reported on by the [New York Post](#), the [New York Daily News](#), and [News 12 The Bronx](#).

Judge Declines To Block Transfer Of Death Row Inmates Granted Clemency By Biden To 'Supermax' Facility

The [New York Times](#) reported that a federal judge declined to intervene on behalf of 21 former federal death row inmates whom the Trump administration seeks to transfer to the nation's most restrictive prison facility, ruling on Tuesday that the men had not exhausted other legal avenues to fight their transfers. In an opinion issued overnight, Judge Timothy J. Kelly of the Federal District Court for the District of Columbia wrote that the men, whose sentences were commuted to life in prison without the possibility of parole by former President Joseph R. Biden Jr. in December, had not directly challenged the transfer with the BOP. Judge Kelly wrote, "The Bureau of Prisons offers an administrative process for challenging final designations to ADX, and plaintiffs have not completed — or, to the court's knowledge, even started — that process," using shorthand for the U.S. Penitentiary Administrative Maximum Facility in Florence, Colo., sometimes called the Alcatraz of the Rockies. Lawyers for the men had argued that the government's effort to transfer them to the only federal "supermax" prison, known for its punishing conditions, was driven by animus. During a hearing in May, Carmen Iguina-Gonzalez, a lawyer appearing on behalf of the 21 men who sued to stop the transfer, described in detail the psychological effects that solitary confinement and the other severe prison conditions can have. She argued that the men would be facing those extreme conditions at the "supermax" facility in Colorado — which she said prison officials themselves refer to as a "clean version of hell" — solely because President Trump sought to override Biden's use of his clemency powers. During a hearing last week, Judge Kelly expressed some doubt that the transfers were being carried out improperly. While the legal team representing the men raised concerns that some had medical conditions that had not been taken into account as part of the transfer plans, Judge Kelly said he had witnessed other administrative lapses in the prison system and believed at least some of those apparent oversights may have been accidental. In his ruling, however, he wrote that the men should have the opportunity to exhaust other appeals before being transferred and that the court could ultimately reach a different conclusion. [NBC News](#) reported that the "Supermax," which sits in a mile-high desert south of Colorado Springs, is also known as "the Alcatraz of the Rockies" for its isolated conditions and housing some of the most high-profile prisoners deemed safety risks. They currently include drug kingpin Joaquín "El Chapo" Guzmán and domestic terrorists Eric Rudolph, the 1996 Atlanta Olympics bomber, and Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, the Boston Marathon bomber, whose federal death sentence was not commuted by Biden.

The story was also reported on by [Bloomberg](#).

Transgender Former Employee Is Suing Liberty University Over Firing

The [Washington Examiner](#) reported that one of the country's largest Christian universities is being sued by a former employee over the school's decision to fire a biological man once he began to transition to a woman. The Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals allowed Liberty University on Friday to appeal a lawsuit from the former employee, giving the religious school a second chance to prove that the former employee violated the university's doctrinal statement and religious policy on gender. Mat Staver, founder and chairman of Liberty Counsel, spoke exclusively with the news outlet, saying the case has significant implications for Liberty University's right to uphold its Christian doctrine against transgender ideologies. Liberty University is a private, evangelical university in Lynchburg, Virginia. Jonathan Zinski, the former employee now suing the school, came to work at the information technology helpdesk in February 2023. Zinski has admitted to waiting until after the 90-day probationary period before disclosing in an email that she had begun taking hormones four months before starting her employment and planned to transition to a woman and legally change her name from Jonathan to Ellenor Zinski. One month later, on August 8th, Liberty University held a meeting to inform Zinski that she was being fired for transitioning.

The university told Zinski it believes in God's design for males and females, as described in the doctrinal statement Zinski agreed to uphold and signed during the hiring process. Liberty also said, "Liberty does not believe such identification and flexibility is either necessary or appropriate in its workplace." Zinski filed a lawsuit supported by the American Civil Liberties Union. Both use Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as their argument. The initial complaint from Zinski claims that Liberty University's firing of an employee for being transgender is a violation of Title VII because it discriminates on the basis of sex. Liberty University's motion to dismiss argues that Section 703 gives an exemption for religious schools to hire employees based on religion. Counsel for Liberty University believes Zinski attempted to bait the university into a lawsuit by applying for the IT job four months after beginning to take female hormones. The ACLU claims Zinski is a "devout Christian" who wanted to work at LU and forward the university's mission of evangelism. In February, U.S. District Judge Norman K. Moon ruled in favor of Zinski. On May 23rd, the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals permitted Liberty University to appeal the lawsuit. The Title VII, First Amendment, and the Federal Religious Freedom Restoration Act will all be heard before the Federal Court of Appeals. According to the lawsuit, Zinski wants a payout of \$300,000 in compensatory and punitive damages, plus back-pay, reimbursement for attorney's fees and costs, and for Liberty University to make a statement saying they violated Title VII in handling Zinski's employment and firing.

Christian Students Challenge Virginia's Exclusion Of Tuition Aid To Theological Majors

The [Courthouse News Service](#) reported that three college students filed a lawsuit against Virginia on Wednesday, claiming that the state's exclusion of theological majors from tuition aid eligibility is unconstitutional. The students wrote in their complaint, "Students can pursue myriad different secular programs and even some religious programs in college while remaining eligible for both the State Tuition Assistance and National Guard Grants—but the one thing they cannot pursue are programs that government officials deem to be for religious training or theological education." The students challenge provisions of the Virginia Tuition Assistance Grant Program and the National Guard Tuition Assistance Grant Program, which are administered by the State Council of Higher Education and the Virginia Department of Military Affairs, respectively. Jacob Reed, an attorney with Alliance Defending Freedom, stated that the First Amendment prohibits the government from excluding students from otherwise available grants solely because they picked religious programs that they believe God has called them to pursue. The plaintiffs include incoming Liberty University first-year students Cameron Johnson and Luke Thomas, as well as current student Virginia Army National Guard Private First Class Trace Stevens, who all claim to be eligible for tuition assistance. The students argue that the law only bars aid to schools whose sole purpose is religious or theological training, such as seminaries. However, they contend that the state has extended this restriction to students at broadly religious schools like Liberty University and Eastern Mennonite University, based on their chosen fields of study. Degrees in Philosophy and Religious Studies, meanwhile, are not excluded from the grants, despite some institutions describing the religious studies degree they offer as training for a career in Christian ministry. Similarly, secular music programs are also eligible for grant assistance.

New Mexico Police Immune In Shooting Of Man With Airsoft Rifle

The [Courthouse News Service](#) reported that the 10th Circuit affirmed on Wednesday that New Mexico law enforcement officers who shot and killed a man armed with an AR-shaped airsoft gun are entitled to qualified immunity. U.S. Circuit Judge Timothy Tymkovich wrote in a 25-page opinion, "We conclude the officers are entitled to qualified immunity because their use of lethal force was objectively reasonable based on the circumstances presented." The George W. Bush appointee also said the family failed to provide any fact disputes on their state claims that necessitated a jury to untangle. On February 3rd, 2021, a driver in Deming, New Mexico, called 911 to report a man standing on an interstate median, pointing a gun at cars. When they arrived, officers from the Deming Police Department and the Luna

County Sheriff's Office found 29-year-old Gilbert Valencia walking through the desert with a rifle shaped like an AR-15. Several officers who had been standing 40 feet away said they didn't know Valencia was carrying an airsoft gun, though it had orange paint on the muzzle and lacked a stock and magazine. As different officers gave different commands, Valencia put his hands up and got on his knees. When ordered to get down on his stomach, Valencia went to move the gun out of the way, prompting three officers to fire 20 shots at him. Valencia died after being shot 10 times. Led by Ernestina Cruz, Valencia's family sued several named officers and the city of Deming on December 15th, 2022, in New Mexico's Sixth Judicial District Court. The officers filed to move the suit to federal court. On May 20th, 2024, U.S. District Judge Margaret Strickland granted summary judgment on behalf of the officers. The family appealed, arguing Strickland had improperly weighed evidence and settled disputed facts, jobs that belong to a jury. During oral argument in March, the family urged the court to find that police should not have qualified immunity in the case. Because Valencia appeared armed and since "few crimes are more serious than an active shooter on an estate highway," Tymkovich found that law enforcement responders were reasonable in believing there was an immediate threat to their safety.

Illinois Calls On Seventh Circuit To Renew Public Transit Gun Restrictions

The [Courthouse News Service](#) reported that Illinois maintained that the state's gun restrictions on public transit were constitutionally and historically sound to a Seventh Circuit panel on Wednesday. The Illinois firearm statute requires people to obtain firearm owner's identification cards in order to get a concealed carry permit and a gun. Four men filed a lawsuit in 2022 challenging a provision of that law that prohibits firearm owners from carrying guns on public transportation unless those weapons are unloaded and secured. A lower court ruled in favor of the gun owners in August 2024. Attorneys for the state of Illinois appealed that ruling in 2025, and argued that the gun restrictions on public transit follow historical precedent. Alex Hemmer, the deputy solicitor general for the state of Illinois, told a Seventh Circuit panel on Wednesday that the restrictions pass the constitutional muster set in the landmark 2022 Supreme Court case, *New York State Rifle and Pistol Association v. Bruen*, which established that current firearm regulation must be consistent with the historical tradition of firearm regulation. Hemmer said of Illinois' statute that the restriction descends directly from a tradition of restricting access to firearms that are loaded and unsecured on passenger railroads in the 19th century, which itself descends from a tradition of restricting access to firearms in crowded spaces. U.S. Circuit Judge Amy St. Eve pointed out that the 19th century passenger railroads Hemmer referenced were managed by private companies. Hemmer said in the 19th century, railroads weren't ordinary corporations but rather quasi-public corporations that could exercise eminent domain to build railroad tracks. He added that, aside from the quasi-public nature of 19th century railroad companies, the Supreme Court has indicated that private regulations could be appropriately considered in the historical analysis. In *Bruen*, for example, the court concluded that schools were "sensitive places" and as such could have firearm restrictions based on a secondary source that cited gun restrictions at both public and private universities. John Ohlendorf, who represented the plaintiffs, said Hemmer's argument was a reach, particularly because he failed to mention the firearm restrictions on public transit when the Second Amendment was initially ratified. He maintained that asking what private companies did in the past has no bearing on the constitutional analysis of any particular case.

The story was also reported on by [Bloomberg](#) and [The Center Square](#).

Federal Court Blocks Trump From Imposing Sweeping Tariffs Under Emergency Powers Law

The [New York Times](#) reported that a panel of federal judges on Wednesday blocked President Trump from imposing some of his steepest tariffs on China and other trading partners, finding that federal law did not grant him "unbounded authority" to tax imports from nearly every country around the world. The

ruling by the U.S. Court of International Trade delivered an early yet significant setback to Trump, undercutting his primary leverage as he looks to pressure other nations into striking trade deals more beneficial to the United States. Before Trump took office, no president had sought to invoke the International Emergency Economic Powers Act to impose tariffs on other nations. The law, which primarily concerns trade embargoes and sanctions, does not even mention tariffs. But Trump adopted a novel interpretation of its powers as he announced, and then suspended, high levies on scores of countries in April. He also used the law to impose tariffs on products from Canada and Mexico in return for what he said was their role in sending fentanyl to the United States. On Wednesday, the Court of International Trade found that Trump's tariffs "exceed any authority granted" to the president by the emergency powers law. It was noted that lawyers for the Justice Department had staunchly defended the legality of Trump's strategy, telling the Court of International Trade repeatedly that it had no right to review the president's actions. The [Associated Press](#) pointed out that what remains unclear is whether the White House will respond to the ruling by pausing all of its emergency power tariffs in the interim.

The story was also reported on by [Axios](#), [BBC](#), [CBS News](#), [CNBC](#), [CNN](#), [Courthouse News Service](#), [The Guardian](#), [The Hill](#), [MSNBC](#), [NBC News](#), [Newsweek](#), [NPR](#), [Politico](#), [Reuters](#), [Time](#), [USA Today](#), the [Wall Street Journal](#), the [Washington Post](#), and the [New York Post](#)

The Associated Press article was reprinted by 166 news outlets across 35 states and Washington, DC, with the most reprints occurring in Florida (10), California (10), Texas (9), Washington (9), and Pennsylvania (8).

Judge Refuses To Temporarily Block The Trump Administration From Removing Copyright Office Director

The [Associated Press](#) reported that a federal judge refused on Wednesday to temporarily block the Trump administration from removing and replacing the director of the U.S. Copyright Office. U.S. District Judge Timothy Kelly ruled from the bench that the office director, Shira Perlmutter, hasn't met her legal burden to show how removing her from the position would cause her to suffer irreparable harm. Kelly's refusal to issue a temporary restraining order isn't the final word in the lawsuit that Perlmutter filed last week. If Perlmutter decides to seek a preliminary injunction, the judge is giving her attorneys and government lawyers until Thursday to present him with a proposed schedule for arguing and deciding the matter. Perlmutter's attorneys say she is a renowned copyright expert who also has served as Register of Copyrights since the former Librarian of Congress, Carla Hayden, appointed her to the job in October 2020. Earlier this month, Trump appointed Deputy Attorney General Todd Blanche to replace Hayden as Librarian of Congress. The White House fired Hayden amid criticism from conservatives that she was advancing a "woke" agenda. Perlmutter's position is considered part of the legislative branch of government. The U.S. Copyright Office is housed within the Library of Congress, and its director is chosen by the Librarian of Congress, who is also a legislative branch employee but nominated by the president and subject to Senate confirmation. Perlmutter's lawyers argued that the president doesn't have the authority to unilaterally remove the Register of Copyrights or appoint an acting Librarian of Congress.

The story was also reported on by [Bloomberg Law](#), [Deadline](#), [Law360](#), [Law.com](#), [Politico](#), [Reuters](#), and [Roll Call](#)

The Associated Press article was reprinted by 71 news outlets across 28 states and Washington, DC, with the most reprints occurring in Florida (7), New York (7), Texas (5), Georgia (4), and Minnesota (4).

Judge Blocks White House From Ending Congestion Pricing In New York City

The [New York Times](#) reported that a federal judge on Wednesday blocked the Trump administration from attempting to end congestion pricing in New York City before its fate could be decided in court. The move comes a day after U.S. District Judge Lewis J. Liman granted the toll program temporary protection that

would end in June. The latest decision extends that protection and could prove to be a turning point in the monthslong litigation in favor of congestion pricing, legal observers said. The judge's order effectively keeps the tolling program running, likely for several months, while the case is being litigated. And it prohibits the Trump administration from following through on its threats to withhold funding or approvals for transportation projects in New York if the program is not halted. President Trump has vowed to kill congestion pricing, which charges motorists to enter Manhattan below 60th Street, claiming without evidence that it is harmful to New York City's economy. In a 109-page opinion on Wednesday, Liman wrote that the Metropolitan Transportation Authority had provided substantial evidence that the federal government "acted arbitrarily and capriciously" in trying to terminate the toll program. The judge also wrote that the authority had shown that it would be "irreparably injured" without an injunction, which supersedes the more limited temporary restraining order issued on Tuesday. The article quoted a spokesperson for the Department of Transportation who stated the following: "We're looking at all available legal options, including an appeal. We won't stop fighting for working-class Americans who being unfairly charged to go to work, see their families, and contribute to New York's tourist economy."

The story was also reported on by [Gothamist](#), [Law360](#), [Reuters](#), and the [Washington Post](#)

Ghost Tax Preparer Pleads Guilty To Wire Fraud Conspiracy, Faces Up To 20 Years In Prison

[Forbes](#) reported that an Augusta, Georgia, man has pleaded guilty to wire fraud conspiracy related to a "ghost" tax preparation business. As a result, Allen Brown now faces up to 20 years in prison. The article explained that a ghost preparer is a tax preparer who isn't on the IRS's radar because they do not have a Preparer Tax Identification Number (PTIN). To remain hidden, a ghost preparer will accept payment from a taxpayer to prepare a tax return but will not sign the return, which means the return will appear to be self-prepared. By law, anyone paid to prepare or assist in preparing federal tax returns must have a valid PTIN. According to the plea agreement, Brown operated a ghost tax preparation business at his home and a church. As part of the business, he charged clients a tax prep fee of around \$500 plus 10% of any fraudulent tax refund he and his other "ghost" preparers obtained for them. To inflate the refunds, Brown trained his employees to prepare false income tax returns with bogus medical and dental expenses. The article noted that they also fabricated fuel tax credits. Since taxpayers could receive inflated tax refunds by participating in the scheme, Brown and another individual offered clients two bold filing options: "Standard" or "I'm Not Scared." The "Standard" option generally resulted in a fraudulent tax refund of \$2,000 to \$9,000, while the "I'm Not Scared" option generally resulted in a fraudulent tax refund of \$14,000 to \$30,000. As part of the "I'm Not Scared" option, Brown instructed ghost preparers to falsely claim FTCs and bogus income and expenses on Schedule C, as well as fake medical and dental expenses on Schedule A. For the "Standard" option, ghost preparers would file returns reporting bogus income and expenses on Schedule C, as well as improper Sick and Family Leave Credits. As a result of his scheming, Brown and his conspirators claimed at least \$1,003,631 in fraudulent income tax refunds. They also collected approximately \$130,000 in fees.

South Dakota Tribe Declares State Of Emergency Over Crime

The [Associated Press](#) reported that the Rosebud Sioux Tribe in South Dakota has declared a public safety state of emergency on its reservation, asking for more law enforcement resources from the federal government. It's the tribe's third emergency declaration in six years as members contend with methamphetamine and other illicit drug use, trafficking, and gun violence on the Rosebud Indian Reservation. The tribe previously declared states of emergency in 2019 and 2024. Kathleen Wooden Knife, president of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe, wrote in the declaration on Tuesday that the emergency is due to "pervasive law and order and public health issues ... creating threats to public safety, the health

and welfare of the general public." The declaration asked for increased patrol and investigative support from federal agencies, cooperation from the 12 communities on the reservation, and coordination between the tribe and federal government. It was noted that law enforcement is stretched thin on many reservations in the United States, leading some tribes to sue the federal government. In a lawsuit the Oglala Sioux tribe filed against the Bureau of Indian Affairs, a judge ruled that the federal government is obligated by treaty to support law enforcement on the Pine Ridge Reservation. The Rosebud Indian Reservation has a dozen law enforcement officers for an area that stretches nearly 1 million acres across five counties. After previous emergency declarations, the reservation received help from the U.S. Attorney's Office, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Department of Interior, though it was not enough to solve the problems.

The story was also reported on by [Dakota News Now](#), [South Dakota Public Broadcasting](#), and [KELO-CBS](#)

The Associated Press article was reprinted by 92 news outlets across 30 states and Washington, DC, with the most reprints occurring in Florida (10), New York (9), Ohio (6), Texas (5), and Pennsylvania (5).

Implant Maker Exactech May Conclude Bankruptcy Without TPG Settlement

[Reuters](#) reported that attorneys for medical implant maker Exactech said at a Wednesday bankruptcy court hearing in Delaware that it is walking away from recent efforts to protect its owner TPG from lawsuits alleging that Exactech's knee implants were defective. Exactech had planned to ask U.S. bankruptcy Judge Laurie Selber Silverstein in Wilmington to confirm a bankruptcy plan this week that would have stopped lawsuits against TPG in exchange for a contribution of about \$10 million. Exactech attorney Ryan Dahl said at Wednesday's hearing that creditors' resistance to that strategy pushed the company to change course and re-start talks on a different plan that will not resolve TPG's liability for allegedly defective medical devices sold by Exactech. Exactech filed for bankruptcy in October, seeking to sell its assets and resolve about 2,600 lawsuits over recalled knee, hip and shoulder implants. Many of the lawsuits alleged that a packaging defect had caused oxidation in some devices, shortening their lifespan and requiring patients to undergo "revision surgeries" to address flawed or failing implants. Exactech has not yet reached a new agreement with creditors, including people who sued the company over the implants, but Exactech expects to have a new plan ready for court approval by late June. Eric Goodman, an attorney who represents creditors, said that the new plan would preserve legal claims against TPG for future litigation, which had been a "lightning rod issue" in Exactech's bankruptcy. Silverstein agreed to adjourn Exactech's confirmation hearing to allow the talks to proceed. TPG's attorney, Mark Premo-Hopkins, said his client was "disappointed" with the delay and that its proposed settlement was reasonable.

Bankruptcy Trustee Seeks Return Of Payments Pickleball Rocks Founder Sent Pre-Bankruptcy

The [Indianapolis Star](#) reported that as he was faced with a growing chorus of complaints from unpaid investors, embattled Indiana pickleball entrepreneur Rodney Grubbs wired money to a select group of creditors in late 2023. From October through December that year, Grubbs sent payments totaling more than \$80,000 to assuage investors in Indiana, Ohio, Florida, and North Carolina. Now, the trustee overseeing Grubbs' federal bankruptcy case is attempting to claw back that money to help repay other investors who claim they are owed millions. In recent proceedings in federal court in Indianapolis, an attorney representing trustee Joanne Friedmeyer told the judge she tried to get several individuals to return money Grubbs had sent them in 2023 to settle debts. Still, the recipients have refused to give the money back to the bankrupt estate despite written demand. Investors from across the U.S. have accused Grubbs of operating a Ponzi Scheme, an accusation he's denied in court. He's accused of bilking hundreds of pickleball and real estate investors out of an estimated \$57 million — the vast majority obtained from unsecured creditors he encountered traveling to pickleball tournaments around the country. Just weeks

before frustrated investors pushed Grubbs into involuntary bankruptcy, he sent \$25,000 to an Ohio man on October 27th, 2023, and \$13,792 to a Zionsville man on November 28th, 2023. Grubbs also sent \$16,750 to a North Carolina man on December 6th, 2023, and made three wire transfers totaling \$25,000 to a Florida man in October, November and December of that year. A fifth individual and the estate of a sixth person who received payments from Grubbs in late 2023 agreed to return the money they received, opting instead to settle for smaller amounts. Grubbs, who could not be reached for comment, made all of the payments within the 90-day period leading up to the bankruptcy filing. Friedmeyer, the trustee, claims in court documents that the transfers resulted in the individuals receiving more than they would have gotten from the Chapter 7 bankruptcy case. Grubbs' bankruptcy case now has 335 creditors, mostly represented by attorney Matt Foster. Several banks have also submitted claims. According to court documents, he was in debt to all of the individuals who are being asked to return money. The attorney for Friedmeyer, however, writes the transfers were made at a time when Grubbs had more debt than assets. The trustee discovered the payments via an examination of Grubb's Statement of Financial Affairs and documents from FCN Bank obtained by a subpoena.

Tate Brothers Face Rape And Trafficking Charges In The UK

The [Associated Press](#) reported that prosecutors said on Wednesday that influencer brothers Andrew and Tristan Tate have been charged in Britain with rape and other crimes. The charges were authorized in January last year but not publicized, though news media at the time reported on a U.K. arrest warrant issued against the Tates, dual U.S. and British citizens who moved to Romania in 2016. The Crown Prosecution Service said this was the first time it confirmed the two had been criminally charged in Britain. Andrew Tate faces 10 charges related to three women that include rape, actual bodily harm, human trafficking, and controlling prostitution for gain. Tristan Tate faces 11 charges related to one woman that include rape, human trafficking and actual bodily harm. The Tates were arrested in Romania in late 2022 and formally indicted last year on charges that they participated in a criminal ring that lured women there, where they were allegedly sexually exploited. Andrew Tate was also charged with rape. Romanian courts have issued an order to extradite the two to the UK once their court case is concluded in there. The warrant issued by Bedfordshire Police last year for the siblings dates back to allegations between 2012 and 2015. The whereabouts of the brothers was not immediately clear. They were photographed a week ago outside a police station in Voluntari, Romania, where they have to report regularly while facing charges there.

The story was also reported on by [Forbes](#), [Reuters](#), the [New York Times](#), the [New York Post](#), the [Independent](#), the [Washington Examiner](#), [USA Today](#), [Newsweek](#), [The Hollywood Reporter](#), [Rolling Stone](#), [Sky News](#), [BBC](#), [CBS News](#), [CNN](#), and [Fox News](#).

The Associated Press article was reprinted by 446 outlets across 35 states and Washington, DC, with the most reprints occurring in California (62), Texas (35), Pennsylvania (25), Florida (22), and Minnesota (21).

Federal Judge Issues \$20 Million Verdict Against Syria For Torture Of U.S. Citizen Taken Captive In 2019

[Fox News](#) reported that a Washington, D.C.-based law firm secured a judgment of more than \$20 million against the Syrian Arab Republic on behalf of Sam Goodwin, a St. Louis native held captive in the country's notorious prison system for 63 days while on a trip to visit every country in the world. U.S. District Court Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly awarded Goodwin \$20,201,620 in damages, about \$10 million each in compensatory and punitive damages, in response to a lawsuit filed under the Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act's "state sponsor of terrorism" exception. Roughly half of the judgment is payable through the U.S. Victims of State-Sponsored Terrorism Fund, which is financed by sanctions proceeds and other penalties. Depending on the amount of money in the fund, Goodwin could get a certain percentage of compensatory damages over several years. Goodwin entered war-torn Syria from Iraq in 2019 as part of a

years-long quest to visit every country in the world. He stayed in Qamishli, a city on the Turkey-Syria border, which he believed was under the control of the U.S.-backed Kurds. The former Division I collegiate hockey player was detained by men in military uniforms at a roundabout not far from his hotel while on FaceTime with his mother, Ann. Goodwin told the news outlet last year, "I was taken into the basement of a facility that I now know is called Syria's Military Intelligence [Branch] number 215, a facility notoriously known for housing political prisoners, and I was held here in solitary confinement for 27 days." His lawyers said he was tortured at Branch 215 by the now-ousted regime of former Syrian dictator Bashar al-Assad and subjected to prolonged interrogation. At one point, Goodwin's interrogator threatened to hand him over to ISIS after he refused to admit to accusations of being a spy. His release was secured by General Abbas Ibrahim, then Lebanon's top security official, who was put in contact with the family by Joseph Abbas, the uncle of Goodwin's sister's friend and former college roommate. His family worked tirelessly to bring him home, collaborating with the FBI, CIA, State Department, the special presidential envoy for hostage affairs, Vatican envoys, Middle East experts, and others. Miller & Chevalier has secured other judgments against the Syrian Arab Republic, including one for approximately \$50 million in 2023 for Kevin Dawes, another American citizen who was illegally arrested, imprisoned and tortured in Syria. In July, it filed a lawsuit on behalf of the family of Dr. Majd Kamalmaz, a psychotherapist and humanitarian who was detained at a government checkpoint in Damascus, Syria, in 2017, accusing the Syrian Arab Republic of abducting, torturing and killing him.

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WASHINGTON SCHEDULE

White House

President Trump

- 11:00 AM: The President receives his Intelligence Briefing
- 12:30 PM: The President has lunch with the Vice President
- 1:00 PM: Press Briefing by the White House Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt
- 5:00 PM: The President participates in a Swearing-In Ceremony for the Chief of Protocol of The United States

Vice President Vance

- No official presidential schedule released or announced.

US Senate

- No events scheduled.

US House of Representatives

- No events scheduled.

General Events

- Brookings: Navigating economic resilience and growth in small island states – Thursday, May 29, 2025. Location: Online event, 10:15 AM. Small island states face unique economic challenges, climate vulnerability, dependence on a narrow export base, and exposure to external shocks, while high-capital costs, transaction fees and risk-appetite barriers from lenders hinder access to affordable financing. However, these nations also host distinctive opportunities for innovation, sustainable development, and global partnerships. The West African island nation of Cabo Verde has emerged as a compelling case of political stability and human development since gaining independence in 1975, yet its economy remains vulnerable to global trade uncertainties, volatile economic growth, low productivity of the private sector and climate-related risks.
- The Heritage Foundation: Pierce at 100: The Legacy of Pierce v. Society of Sisters – Thursday, May 29, 2025. Location: Online event, 2:30 PM. Join The Heritage Foundation as we commemorate the 100th anniversary of the landmark Supreme Court decision Pierce v. Society of Sisters, which affirmed parental rights and religious liberty in education.
- Carnegie: Digital Democracy in a Divided Global Landscape – Thursday, May 29, 2025. Location: Online event, 9:00 AM. A global shift is underway where technological advancement has emerged as a key source of power and nations are increasingly abandoning shared approaches in favor of sovereign priorities. In the newest publication from the Carnegie Endowment's Digital Democracy Network (DDN), Digital Democracy in a Divided Global Landscape, authors explore these shifts through four themes: how local actors are navigating new tech challenges; evolving digital repression tactics; national strategies and digital sovereignty debates; and pressing tech policy and regulatory questions. The Network's diverse group of scholars and activists illuminate emerging issues, new debates, and unresolved dilemmas in the tech domain. They highlight the challenges posed by new technologies to democracy, politics, and society.
- Carnegie: A Fireside Chat on the U.S. Department of State's Commercial Diplomacy Strategy in Africa – Thursday, May 29, 2025. Location: Online event, 2:00 PM. The U.S. Department of State's Bureau of African Affairs recently unveiled a commercial diplomacy strategy towards Africa that reframes U.S. foreign policy towards the continent. This six-point plan aims to streamline U.S. diplomatic engagement to focus on activities that increase U.S. exports and investment in Africa, eliminate trade deficits, and drive mutual prosperity.
- CATO Institute: The State of Parental Rights, 100 Years after Pierce v. Society of Sisters – Thursday, May 29, 2025. Location: Online event, 9:00 AM. One hundred years ago, the US Supreme Court famously wrote, "The child is not the mere creature of the State; those who nurture him and direct his destiny have the right, coupled with the high duty, to recognize and prepare him for additional obligations." That ruling was Pierce v. Society of Sisters, which launched the parental rights movement that has become especially ascendant, but also controversial, since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- AEI: Place-Based Immigration Programs – Thursday, May 29, 2025. Location: AEI Auditorium, 4:00 PM. The immigration policy debate remains contentious at the national level. In response, two recent proposals let local communities opt in to new visa programs. The American Academy of Arts and Sciences has proposed the Community-Based Visa Program, which could revitalize local economies with declining populations by helping them attract the immigrants they want. The Economic Innovation Group's Heartland Visa Program focuses on stimulating growth and investment in such regions by letting them bring in high-skilled and entrepreneurial immigrants.
- RAND: Admissions Webinar: Master of National Security Faculty Panel – Thursday, May 29, 2025. Location: Online event, 9:00 AM. Prospective students are encouraged to connect with faculty from the

RAND School of Public Policy's Master of National Security Policy program.

•INSA: Securing Space: Threats, Data, and Resilience in a Contested Domain – Thursday, May 29, 2025.
Location: Online event, 7:45 AM. Join 200 intelligence and national security professionals on Thursday, May 29, from 7:45-10:00 am for Securing Space: Threats, Data, and Resilience in a Contested Domain, a TS//SI-TK//NOFORN classified program in Chantilly, VA.

Please contact (b) (6) to unsubscribe.

From: "Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON)" (b) (6)

To: "Wise, Jared (ODAG)" (b) (6) >

Cc: "McCabe, Neil (PARDON)" < (b) (6)

Subject: Re: Operation Stolen Dream

Date: Thu, 29 May 2025 20:47:41 -0400

Importance: Normal

This too.

<https://www.fbi.gov/file-repository/reports-and-publications/stats-services-publications-mortgage-fraud-2010-mortgage-fraud-report-2010>

Ed Martin

From: Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON) (b) (6)

Sent: Thursday, May 29, 2025 8:19 PM

To: Wise, Jared (ODAG) < (b) (6)

Cc: McCabe, Neil (PARDON) (b) (6)

Subject: Operation Stolen Dream

Jared

This operation was run by Mueller and Eric Holder. The targeted small businesses and individuals and left the big banks alone.

Can you please request the file on this for me to review?

Thx.

Office of Public Affairs | Attorney General Eric Holder Speaks at the Operation Stolen Dreams Press

Conference | United States Department of Justice

<https://www.justice.gov/archives/opa/speech/attorney-general-eric-holder-speaks-operation-stolen-dreams-press-conference>

<https://publicintegrity.org/inequality-poverty-opportunity/fbi-brags-about-chasing-down-mortgage-fraudsters-but-big-banks-are-left-untouched/>

Ed Martin

From: "McCabe, Neil (PARDON)" (b) (6)

To: "Blanche40, Todd (ODAG)" (b) (6), "Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON)" (b) (6)

Cc: "Bove, Emil (ODAG)" (b) (6)

Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Webform submission from: Media Inquiries

Date: Fri, 30 May 2025 08:47:42 -0400

Importance: Normal

Mr. Blanche:

I acknowledge your concerns and rules of the road. The title was corrected to the reporter. The inquiry addressed Mr. Martin's confirmation and the charge that he is anti-Semitic. It was my fault for not staffing it through OPA.

I sent an (b) (5) statement to OPA for their use because they told me there were inquiries. It was a proposed text of a statement OPA could use if they needed something handy.

(b) (6)

, I discussed this email with him.

V/r,

McCabe

From: Blanche40, Todd (ODAG) (b) (6)

Sent: Friday, May 30, 2025 8:11 AM

To: Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON) (b) (6)

Cc: McCabe, Neil (PARDON) (b) (6) Bove, Emil (ODAG) (b) (6)

Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Webform submission from: Media Inquiries

This is becoming a real problem, Ed. We need to talk about what is going on here? Aside from not even getting your title correct in the statement, this is now the 4th time that we have asked that all comms to the public be worked through our press office.

I do it, the Attorney General of the United States does it, and so you have to do it as well, please.

Also, we are now seeing something about an interview you recently did talking about the (b) (5) investigation. This is an investigation. Investigations are confidential, governed by Rule 6(e). Aside from the fact that publicly talking about investigations is a violation of DOJ policy, giving the media and the public a heads up about what we are doing is not helpful to the investigation itself. Did this interview get cleared through the press office?

I am frustrated.

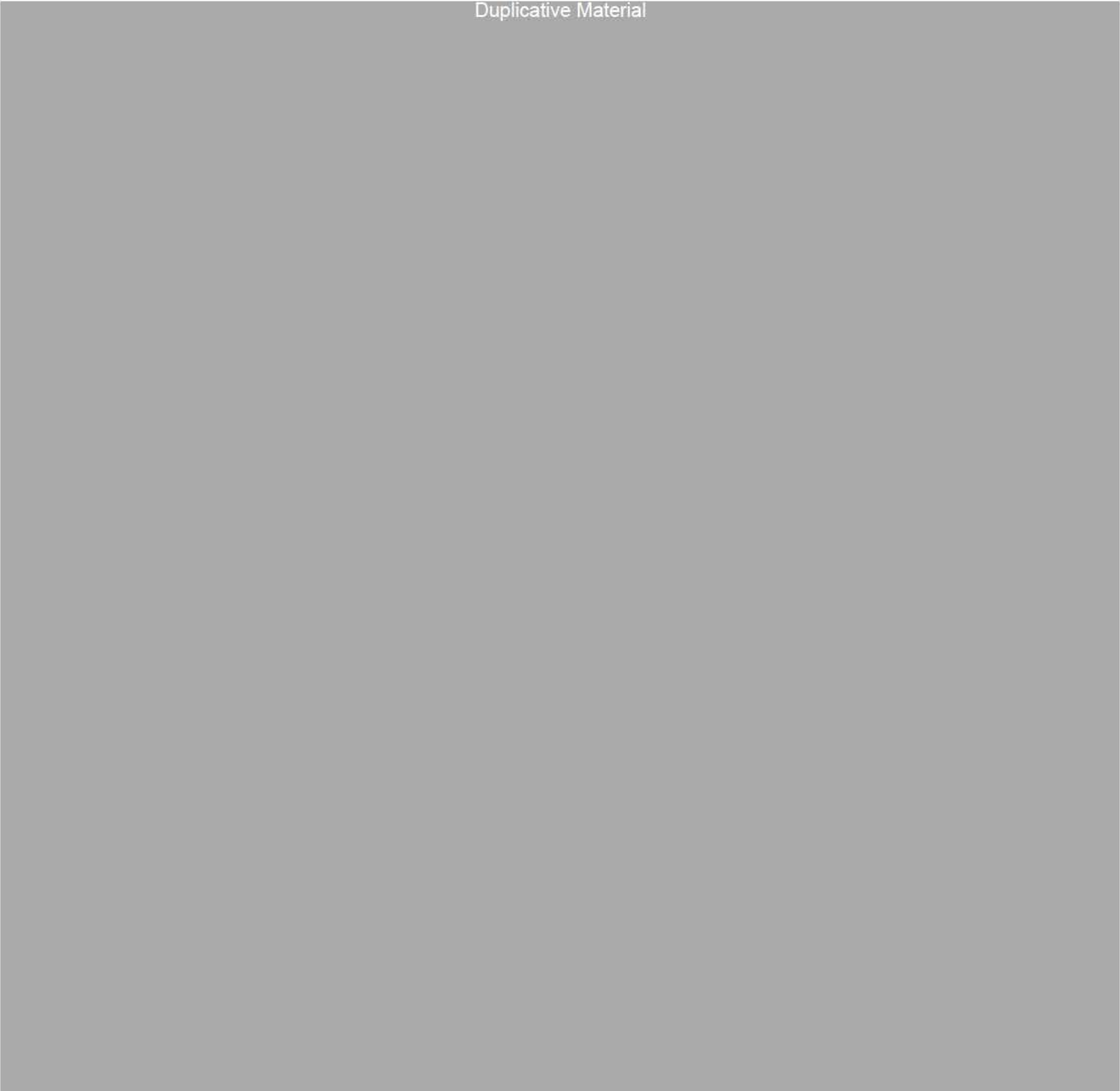
Todd Blanche
Deputy Attorney General

From: Perkins, Paul (ODAG) (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, May 29, 2025 5:24 PM
To: Bove, Emil (ODAG) (b) (6); Blanche40, Todd (ODAG) (b) (6)
Cc: Jag, Rachel (ODAG) (b) (6)
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Webform submission from: Media Inquiries

FYSA

From: Perkins, Paul (ODAG)
Sent: Thursday, May 29, 2025 5:23 PM
To: McCabe, Neil (PARDON) (b) (6); Baldassarre, Natalie (PAO) (b) (6)
Jag, Rachel (ODAG) (b) (6); Poplin, Cody (ODAG) (b) (6); Gilmartin, Chad (PAO)
(b) (6); McGavick, Gates (PAO) (b) (6)
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Webform submission from: Media Inquiries

Duplicative Material



From: "Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON)" (b) (6)

To: "Davis, Nick (ODAG)" (b) (6)

Cc: "Wise, Jared (ODAG)" (b) (6)

Subject: Re: WWG

Date: Fri, 30 May 2025 11:39:22 -0400

Importance: Normal

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Yes. That's good one.

Ed Martin

From: Davis, Nick (ODAG) (b) (6)

Sent: Friday, May 30, 2025 11:19:19 AM

To: Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON) (b) (6)

Cc: Wise, Jared (ODAG) (b) (6)

Subject: WWG

Ed, let me know if there is a project or lead you want me to track down. If no one has the Catholic issue mentioned, I'm happy to take a look after getting up to speed.

Nick Davis

Counsel

Office of the Deputy Attorney General

Department of Justice



From: "Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON)" (b) (6)

To: "Joseph Schmitz" (b) (6)

Subject: RE: Schedule C Candidate (b) (6)

Date: Sat, 31 May 2025 06:20:05 -0400

Importance: Normal

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Joe

Thanks for this. Is she based in NY or here in DMV?

Ed

From: Joseph Schmitz (b) (6)

Sent: Friday, May 30, 2025 2:27 PM

To: Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON) (b) (6)

Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Schedule C Candidate (b) (6)

Ed: I met (b) (6) last year at Heritage. Since then, she has impressed me as the type of person I would hire, if I could, as my Schedule C appointee in a minute. Attached is her cover letter to you and resume. I recommend that you at least speak with (b) (6). Feel free to call me if you have any questions or concerns. /Joe/

Hon. Joseph E. Schmitz
JOSEPH E. SCHMITZ, PLLC
5502 Parkston Road
Bethesda, Maryland 20816

Cell. (b) (6)

JESPLLC

From: Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON) (b) (6)

Sent: Thursday, May 22, 2025 11:38 AM

To: Joseph Schmitz (b) (6)

Subject:

Joe

My phone number is (b) (6). Please share your cell #.

Ed Martin

From: "Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON)" (b) (6)

To: "McCabe, Neil (PARDON)" (b) (6)

Subject: Fw: Letter of inquiry for AG James

Date: Sun, 01 Jun 2025 07:09:23 -0400

Importance: Normal

Attachments: 2025-05-29_Letter_James.pdf

Can you send me this in color?

Ed Martin

From: Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON) (b) (6)

Sent: Sunday, June 1, 2025 7:08:47 AM

To: McCabe, Neil (PARDON) (b) (6)

Subject: Fw: Letter of inquiry for AG James

This needed to be in color. Was I?

Ed Martin

From: McCabe, Neil (PARDON) (b) (6)

Sent: Thursday, May 29, 2025 5:44:53 PM

To: nysag@nys.ag.ny.gov <nysag@nys.ag.ny.gov>

Cc: (b) (6) (b) (6) >; Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON) <(b) (6)>

Subject: Letter of inquiry for AG James

Duplicative Material

From: "Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON)" (b) (6)

To: (b) (6) " (b) (6) >

Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Re: J6 Legal Intern

Date: Sun, 01 Jun 2025 21:10:53 -0400

Importance: Normal

thx

From: (b) (6) <(b) (6)>

Sent: Friday, May 30, 2025 8:00 AM

To: Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON) (b) (6)

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: J6 Legal Intern

Dear Pardon Attorney Martin,

In my enthusiasm, I neglected to include a formal cover letter with my initial message. My apologies. Please find it attached here, along with a brief statement regarding my involvement in January 6th, as well as two writing samples. (b) (6)

I would be honored to support the important work of your office in any capacity and am eager to offer my assistance wherever it may be of value.

Thank you again for the opportunity to connect. I look forward to the possibility of speaking further.

Warm regards,

(b) (6)

(b) (6)

On Sun, May 18, 2025 at 11:12 PM (b) (6) (b) (6) > wrote:

Hi Ed,

Extremely grateful for your work and your willingness to take a look at my resume. As I mentioned, I am a (b) (6)

-- I am also a pardoned J6er. (b) (6)

Attached please find my resume and headshot.

Thank you sincerely.

Best regards,

(b) (6)

(b) (6)

(b) (6)

From: "Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON)" (b) (6)

To: "All PARDON Feds & Contractors (PARDON)" (b) (6)

Subject: Thank you and busy times ahead

Date: Sun, 01 Jun 2025 21:42:23 -0400

Importance: Normal

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Ed

Ed Martin

From: "Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON)" (b) (6)

To: "Katz, Adam" <akatz@goldbergsegalla.com>

Subject: Re: Pardon Memo- Daniel Gordon

Date: Mon, 02 Jun 2025 08:38:35 -0400

Importance: Normal

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Thank you.

Ed Martin

From: Katz, Adam <akatz@goldbergsegalla.com>

Sent: Monday, June 2, 2025 8:27:59 AM

To: Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON) (b) (6)

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Pardon Memo- Daniel Gordon

Mr. Martin: I hope all is well. I work closely with Stefan Passantino. He asked me to send you this pardon memo for Daniel Gordon. I'm also attaching the full pardon application that was filed on his behalf.

Thanks,
Adam Katz

Adam Katz, Esq.

Partner

DIRECT 646.292.8787 | **CELL** (b) (6)

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From: "Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON)" (b) (6)

To: "All PARDON Feds & Contractors (PARDON)" (b) (6)

Subject: Thank you and busy times ahead

Date: Mon, 02 Jun 2025 09:05:00 -0400

Importance: Normal

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Ed

Ed Martin

From: "Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON)" (b) (6)

To: (b)(6) - Ed Martin Personal Email

Subject: Fw: Thank you and busy times ahead

Date: Mon, 02 Jun 2025 09:08:46 -0400

Importance: Normal

Ed Martin

From: Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON) (b) (6)

Sent: Monday, June 2, 2025 9:05 AM

To: All PARDON Feds & Contractors (PARDON) (b) (6)

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Ed

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Ed Martin

From: "Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON)" (b) (6)

To: "Gillespie, Kira (PARDON)" (b) (6)

Cc: "Sargent-Burns, Rosalind A. (PARDON)" (b) (6); "Larsen, Erika J. (PARDON)" (b) (6)

Subject: RE: 925(c) Recommendations

Date: Mon, 02 Jun 2025 11:01:10 -0400

Importance: Normal

Thank you. Will review

From: Gillespie, Kira (PARDON) (b) (6)

Sent: Monday, June 2, 2025 11:01 AM

To: Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON) (b) (6)

Cc: Sargent-Burns, Rosalind A. (PARDON) (b) (6); Larsen, Erika J. (PARDON) (b) (6)

Subject: 925(c) Recommendations

Good morning, Ed,

As part of the 925(c) project (b) (5)

(b) (5)

Before your appointment, we were able to fully resolve and reach a recommendation in 2 cases: (b) (5) and (b) (5), which I have attached. Since, we have reached two more recommendations—(b) (5)—in the cases of (b) (5) and (b) (5), (b) (6) They are also attached. If you agree, I recommend that we send the most recent two to Paul Perkins, given he was heading the working group on this issue, and has reviewed the prior two.

Best regards,

Kira

Kira Gillespie
Deputy Pardon Attorney
Office of the Pardon Attorney
Department of Justice
2Con Building, 145 N Street NE
Rm. (b) (6)
Washington, DC 20530
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From: "Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON)" (b) (6)

To: "Gillespie, Kira (PARDON)" (b) (6)

Subject: Fw: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Return of Fines/Special Penalty Assessments and Restitution in January 6 Cases

Date: Mon, 02 Jun 2025 11:59:41 -0400

Importance: Normal

Attachments: Kinnison_Doc_542.pdf

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From: Amanda Skinner (b) (6)

Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2025 at 11:27 AM

Subject: Return of Fines/Special Penalty Assessments and Restitution in January 6 Cases

To: Ed Martin

Hi Ed. Great to talk with you this morning. As we discussed, several of my January 6 clients paid special penalty assessments/fines/restitution before they were pardoned. I'm watching the docket in 21-CR-392 because one of the defendants in that case, Mr. Kinnison, filed a motion for return of his restitution and special penalty assessment. Full disclosure: I represent a defendant in that group, Mr. Ron Mele. It appears the Government agreed any funds paid should be returned (see attached) way back on April 15th. The Court has yet to rule in that case and the AUSA I emailed previously said I'd need to file a motion in each case to have this issue addressed.

I was going to file a motion for joinder and individual motions in my other cases, but since the Court still hasn't ruled on the pending motion Mr. Kinnison filed, I was trying to think of a quicker way to achieve the return of the funds. I understand your office needs to verify whether funds have been paid and can send proof of that if you have a specific AUSA working on this. My thought was that it might make sense for the Government and defense to file stipulated motions to return funds and submit a proposed order to the Court for future cases. I appreciate you considering this!

Take care,

Amanda Skinner

Assistant Federal Public Defender (Appellate Unit)

506 S. Main Suite 400

Las Cruces, NM 88001

Telephone: (b) (6)

Facsimile: (575) 527-6933

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From: "Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON)" (b) (6)

To: (b)(6) - Ed Martin Personal Email

Subject: Fw: Requested items

Date: Mon, 02 Jun 2025 12:51:52 -0400

Importance: Normal

Attachments: Favorable_Commutation_Recs_5.23.25_Portfolio.pdf;
Favorable_Commutation_Recs_5.23.25.zip

Ed Martin

From: Sargent-Burns, Rosalind A. (PARDON) (b) (6)

Sent: Friday, May 23, 2025 8:26:34 AM

To: Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON) (b) (6)

Cc: Gillespie, Kira (PARDON) (b) (6)

Subject: RE: Requested items

And because we are a team of overachievers , here are those 5 additional recommendations.

Rosalind

From: Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON) (b) (6)

Sent: Friday, May 23, 2025 7:31 AM

To: Sargent-Burns, Rosalind A. (PARDON) (b) (6)

Cc: Gillespie, Kira (PARDON) (b) (6) >

Subject: Re: Requested items

This is great. I'm be in first thing today

Thank you for fast work.

Ed

Ed Martin

From: Sargent-Burns, Rosalind A. (PARDON) (b) (6)

Sent: Thursday, May 22, 2025 4:24:53 PM

To: Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON) (b) (6)

Cc: Gillespie, Kira (PARDON) (b) (6)

Subject: Requested items

Hi Ed,

Using available information and accessible systems, I was able to draft up case summaries in the two cases you inquired about – (b) (5), (b) (6) . Those truncated summaries are attached; they don't

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include recommendations since we don't have the full roster of reports and views upon which we base our office recommendations, but hopefully, they are helpful info sources in the event determinations need to be made speedily.

Also attached is a zip folder of the 20 (b) (5) commutation recommendations we had ready and our team was able to finalize. The zip folder of the Word docs is in case you want to make any revisions, but I've also attached a PDF portfolio for easy reading. Our team really came together to compile these, and Kira is reviewing and finalizing five more that should be ready in the morning, so we'll have excess.

I believe this covers all action items for today but let me know if you need anything further.

Have a great evening,
Ros

Rosalind Sargent Burns
Senior Deputy Pardon Attorney
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145 N Street, NE, Room (b) (5)
Washington, DC 20530
Office: (b) (6)
Mobile: (b) (6)

From: "Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON)" (b) (6)

To: "Matt Dummermuth" (b) (6)

Cc: "Perkins, Paul (ODAG)" (b) (6)

Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: Connection

Date: Mon, 02 Jun 2025 14:57:22 -0400

Importance: Normal

At what number may I call?

Ed Martin

From: Matt Dummermuth (b) (6)

Sent: Monday, June 2, 2025 8:15:51 AM

To: Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON) (b) (6)

Cc: Perkins, Paul (ODAG) (b) (6)

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Connection

Absolutely. I look forward to talking with you.

Matt

On Sat, May 31, 2025 at 6:04 AM Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON) (b) (6) wrote:

Thank you, Paul.

Matt, may I please call you on Monday?

Thanks.

Ed

From: Perkins, Paul (ODAG) (b) (6)

Sent: Friday, May 30, 2025 1:53 PM

To: (b) (6)

Cc: Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON) (b) (6)

Subject: Connection

Matt,

Thanks for speaking earlier this week.

(b)(5) per NARA

. He has several issues he would like to discuss with you.

Thanks,

Paul

Paul R. Perkins

Associate Deputy Attorney General

U.S. Department of Justice

(b) (6)

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Matt Dummermuth

General Counsel

National Archives and Records Administration

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(office)

From: "McCabe, Neil (PARDON)" (b) (6)
To: "Gilmartin, Chad (PAO)" (b) (6) "Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON)"
(b) (6) "Perkins, Paul (ODAG)" (b) (6)
"McDonald, Colin (ODAG)" (b) (6) "Jag, Rachel (ODAG)"
(b) (6) "McGavick, Gates (PAO)" (b) (6)
"Baldassarre, Natalie (PAO)" (b) (6)

Subject: RE: inquiry for Pardon Attorney

Date: Mon, 02 Jun 2025 16:33:18 -0400

Importance: Normal

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We are in a no response posture. (The base loves liberal tears. Why get in the way.)

From: Gilmartin, Chad (PAO) (b) (6)
Sent: Monday, June 2, 2025 3:56 PM
To: Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON) (b) (6) McCabe, Neil (PARDON) (b) (6) Perkins,
Paul (ODAG) (b) (6) McDonald, Colin (ODAG) (b) (6) ; Jag, Rachel (ODAG)
(b) (6) McGavick, Gates (PAO) (b) (6) Baldassarre, Natalie (PAO)
(b) (6)
Subject: Fw: inquiry for Pardon Attorney

+ODAG and Pardon. Let's coordinate to see what response makes the most sense here, but my initial take is that (b) (5). Thoughts?

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From: MacFarlane, Scott (b) (6)
Sent: Monday, June 2, 2025 3:51 PM
To: Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) (b) (6)
Cc: Gilmartin, Chad (PAO) (b) (6)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] inquiry for Pardon Attorney

Hey Wyn and Chad...

Can you pass along this inquiry to Office of Pardon Attorney? USAO-DC sent me your way

We're interviewing one of the former (departed) DC Asst. US Attorneys today about the impact of the pardons issued in the Jan 6 cases.

In his interview, he said the pardons were shocking, demoralizing, dangerous – and that the untraditional nature of the President's pardons have endangered the image of due process and fairness.

Checking – does Mr. Martin have any comment on the pardons and clemency issued this year, including the Jan 6 pardons?

Scott MacFarlane
Justice Correspondent – CBS News
202-507-1129 @MacFarlaneNews
(b) (6)

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From: "Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON)" (b) (6)

To: "Ed Martin" (b)(6) - Ed Martin Personal Email

Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: FW: EAM III Pardon Materials

Date: Tue, 03 Jun 2025 07:16:50 -0400

Importance: Normal

Kira

Is this one in the system? Can you please do a check on him for me?

Ed

From: Ed Martin (b)(6) - Ed Martin Personal Email

Sent: Monday, June 2, 2025 3:49 PM

To: Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON) (b) (6)

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: FW: EAM III Pardon Materials

Ed Martin

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From: Ed Martin (b)(6) - Ed Martin Personal Email

Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2025 at 3:48 PM

Subject: Fwd: FW: EAM III Pardon Materials

To: Ed Martin (b)(6) - Ed Martin Personal Email

Ed Matricardi

Allied Public Affairs, LLC

(b) (6)

From: "Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON)" (b) (6)

To: "Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON)"

Subject:

Date: Tue, 03 Jun 2025 07:50:44 -0400

Importance: Normal

Attachments: Threat_Screening_Center_-_May_29_2025.docx

Ed Martin

From: "Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON)" (b) (6)

To: "Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON)" (b) (6)

Subject: Fw:

Date: Tue, 03 Jun 2025 08:21:10 -0400

Importance: Normal

Attachments: Threat_Screening_Center_-_May_29_2025.docx

Ed Martin

From: Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON) (b) (6)

Sent: Tuesday, June 3, 2025 7:50:44 AM

To: Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON) (b) (6)

Subject:

Ed Martin

From: "Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON)"

(b) (6)

To: "Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON)"

(b) (6)

"McCabe, Neil (PARDON)"

(b) (6)

Subject: template

Date: Tue, 03 Jun 2025 08:27:52 -0400

Importance: Normal

Attachments: Letter_Template_June_2025.docx

From: "Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON)" (b) (6)

To: "Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON)" (b) (6)

Subject:

Date: Tue, 03 Jun 2025 09:33:28 -0400

Importance: Normal

Attachments: OAN_- _Dominion_- _amended_counterclaim_and_third-party_complaint_- _as_filed.pdf

Ed Martin

From: "Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON)" (b) (6)

Cc: "McCabe, Neil (PARDON)" (b) (6)

Subject: RE: Kennard

Date: Tue, 03 Jun 2025 09:39:04 -0400

Importance: Normal

Attachments: Hon._William_Kennard.docx

Now attaching copy

From: Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON)

Sent: Tuesday, June 3, 2025 9:38 AM

To: Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON) (b) (6)

Cc: McCabe, Neil (PARDON) <(b) (6)>

Subject: Kennard

For your review

From: "Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON)" (b) (6)

To: "Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON)" (b) (6)

Subject:

Date: Tue, 03 Jun 2025 11:32:05 -0400

Importance: Normal

Attachments: (b) (5) _Analysis.xlsx

Ed Martin

From: "Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON)" (b) (6)

To: "Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON)" (b) (6)

Subject: FW: template

Date: Tue, 03 Jun 2025 11:37:03 -0400

Importance: Normal

Attachments: Letter_Template_June_2025.docx; Template_Pardon_Attorney_-_June_2025.docx

From: Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON) (b) (6)

Sent: Tuesday, June 3, 2025 8:28 AM

To: Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON) (b) (6) McCabe, Neil (PARDON) (b) (6)

Subject: template

From: "McCabe, Neil (PARDON)" (b) (6)

To: "Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON)" (b) (6)

Subject: RE: Letter of inquiry for AG James

Date: Tue, 03 Jun 2025 15:35:37 -0400

Importance: Normal

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As you requested.  [2025-05-29 JAMES2 LETTERsmooth.docx](#)

From: Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON) (b) (6)

Sent: Tuesday, June 3, 2025 2:59 PM

To: McCabe, Neil (PARDON) (b) (6)

Subject: FW: Letter of inquiry for AG James

Can you please send this to me as a Word file?

Ed

From: McCabe, Neil (PARDON) (b) (6)

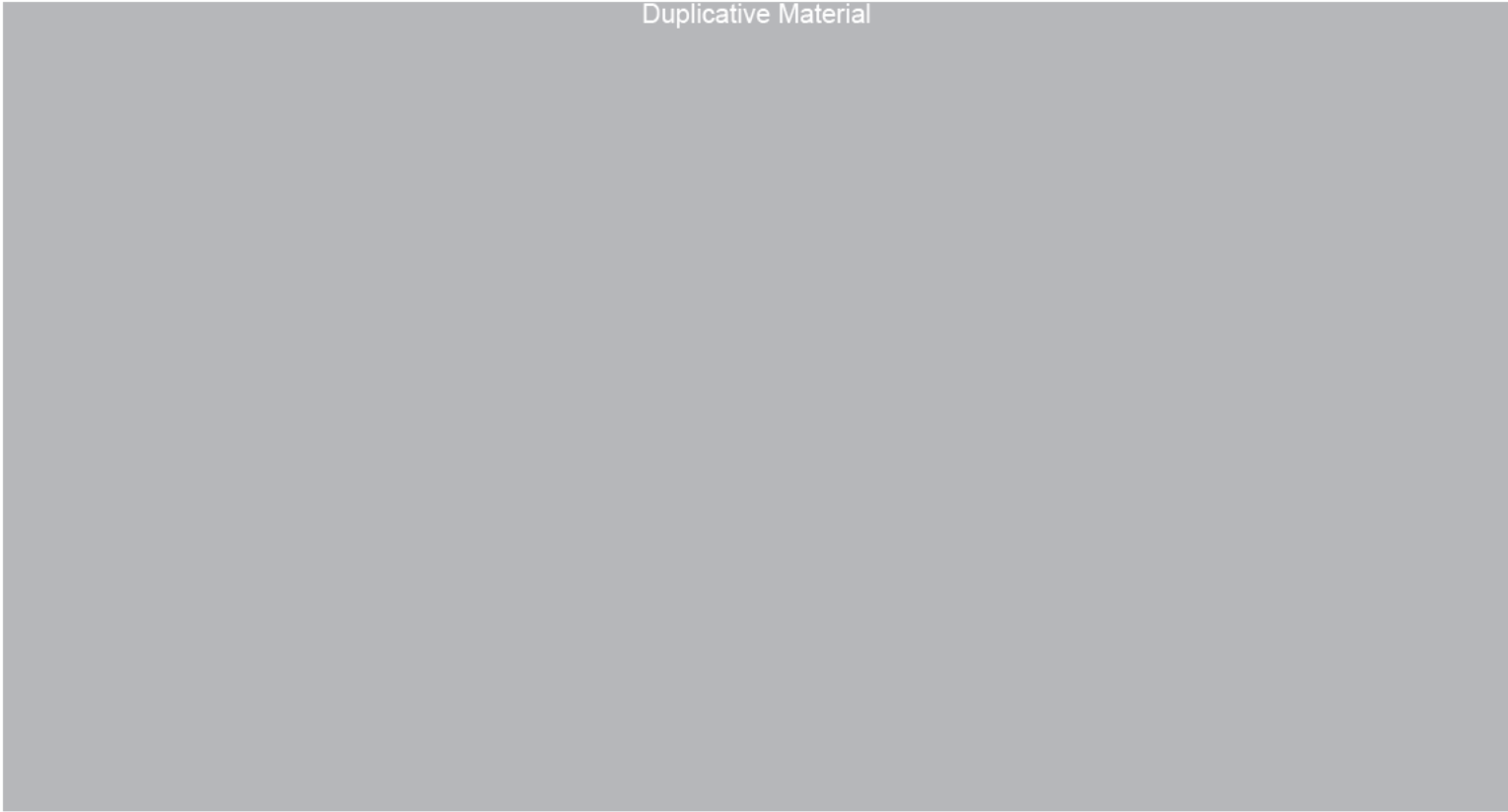
Sent: Thursday, May 29, 2025 5:45 PM

To: nysag@nys.ag.ny.gov

Cc: (b) (6) Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON) (b) (6)

Subject: Letter of inquiry for AG James

Duplicative Material



From: "Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON)" (b) (6)

To: "Martha Byrne" (b) (6)

Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Michael McMahon official pardon documents filed today by Attorney Larry Lustberg

Date: Wed, 04 Jun 2025 05:51:43 -0400

Importance: Normal

Got it. Thanks.

From: Martha Byrne (b) (6)

Sent: Tuesday, June 3, 2025 6:36 PM

To: Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON) (b) (6)

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Michael McMahon official pardon documents filed today by Attorney Larry Lustberg

Good Afternoon,

A follow up on the pardon request for Michael McMahon. Attached is the official pardon application which was filed today by attorney Laurence Lustberg, including thirty-nine letters of support presented at Michael's sentencing.

Please advise if any further assistance is needed.

Sincerely,
Martha Byrne McMahon
(b) (6)

Sent from my iPhone

From: "Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON)" (b) (6)
To: "Warner, Mac (CRT)" (b) (6), " (b) (6) (ODAG)" (b) (6)
Cc: " (b) (6) (ODAG)" (b) (6) >, "Sassok, Evie (JMD)" (b) (6), "Fox, Jordan (ODAG)" (b) (6), "McCabe, Neil (PARDON)" (b) (6), "Wise, Jared (ODAG)" (b) (6)

Subject: RE: Weaponization WG

Date: Wed, 04 Jun 2025 06:01:35 -0400

Importance: Normal

Great news! 4300 block of RFK is already legendary.

Welcome to the A Team, Mac.

Ed

From: Warner, Mac (CRT) (b) (6) >
Sent: Tuesday, June 3, 2025 4:08 PM
To: (b) (6) (ODAG) (b) (6)
Cc: (b) (6) (ODAG) (b) (6) >; Sassok, Evie (JMD) (b) (6); Fox, Jordan (ODAG) (b) (6); Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON) (b) (6); McCabe, Neil (PARDON) (b) (6); Wise, Jared (ODAG) (b) (6)
Subject: RE: Weaponization WG

Thank you, (b) (6) . I appreciate your timely assistance!

From: (b) (6) (ODAG) (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, June 3, 2025 4:06 PM
To: Warner, Mac (CRT) (b) (6)
Cc: (b) (6) (ODAG) (b) (6); (b) (6) (ODAG) (b) (6); Sassok, Evie (JMD) (b) (6); Fox, Jordan (ODAG) (b) (6)
Subject: Weaponization WG

Good afternoon, Mr. Warner:

You are cleared for ODAG office (b) (6) , Main DOJ. We will work to obtain you an office key and desk phone.

Respectfully Submitted,

(b) (6)
Staff Assistant and Security Programs Manager
U.S. Department of Justice
Office of the Deputy Attorney General
o: (b) (6)
c: (b) (6)

From: "Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON)" (b) (6)

To: "Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON)" (b) (6)

Subject: Letitia James letter May 2025

Date: Wed, 04 Jun 2025 06:08:18 -0400

Importance: Normal

Attachments: Hon._AG_James_Letter_May_29_2025.pdf

From: "Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON)" (b) (6)
To: (b) (6) " (b) (6)
(b) (6) (b) (6),
Cc: "Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON)" (b) (6) (b) (6)
(b) (6), "McCabe, Neil (PARDON)" (b) (6)
"Wise, Jared (ODAG)" (b) (6) >

Subject: Letter to Hon. Kennard - from Ed Martin

Date: Wed, 04 Jun 2025 06:09:34 -0400

Importance: Normal

Attachments: To_Hon._William_Kennard_-_June_4_2025_-_from_Ed_Martin.pdf

Dear Sir,

Please accept this letter from Mr. Martin.

Thank you.

Office of Ed Martin

From: "Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON)" (b) (6)

To: "Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON)" (b) (6)

Subject:

Date: Wed, 04 Jun 2025 08:08:29 -0400

Importance: Normal

Attachments: Pardon_Office_Records_Request.docx

Ed Martin

From: "Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON)" (b) (6)

To: "Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON)" (b) (6)

Subject:

Date: Wed, 04 Jun 2025 08:50:47 -0400

Importance: Normal

Attachments: Alternate_Electors_Pardon_vFD.docx

Ed Martin

From: "Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON)" (b) (6)

To: "Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON)" (b) (6) "McCabe, Neil (PARDON)"
(b) (6)

Subject:

Date: Wed, 04 Jun 2025 09:21:05 -0400

Importance: Normal

Attachments: Alternate_Electors_Document_-_Ed_Edits_June_4_2025.docx

From: "McCabe, Neil (PARDON)" (b) (6)

To: (b) (6) " (b) (6)

Cc: "Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON)" (b) (6)

Subject: Request for an office call and facility tour

Date: Wed, 04 Jun 2025 11:57:57 -0400

Importance: Normal

Dear Mr. Olding:

I work for Mr. Edward R. Martin Jr., the U.S. Pardon Attorney, copied on this email.

Please help me schedule an office call with you and Mr. Martin about your products and your company.

If possible, he would also like a tour of your facility to see older versions and how they are made.

Very respectfully,

McCabe

Neil W. McCabe

Senior Advisor to the Weaponization Czar/DOJ Pardon Attorney

DOJ: (b) (6)

Personal: (b) (6)

“Please consider the environment before printing this email.”

From: "Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON)" (b) (6)

To: "All PARDON Feds & Contractors (PARDON)" (b) (6)

Subject: FW: Project

Date: Wed, 04 Jun 2025 21:48:59 -0400

Importance: Normal

Dear Colleague,

Please see below. It's an important project.

Additionally, I want to make clear that my door is always open to you. Some of you may well have had concerns about the way the Biden Administration handled these clemency actions and may have been keeping to yourselves information concerning misconduct or malfeasance including by those still around you.

Please know that you can speak to me directly about your concerns. I will ensure that those who come forward are accorded all applicable protections and are not retaliated against in any way.

All the best.

Ed

From: Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON) (b) (6)

Sent: Wednesday, June 4, 2025 9:40 PM

To: Sargent-Burns, Rosalind A. (PARDON) (b) (6) >; Gillespie, Kira (PARDON) (b) (6)

Cc: Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON) <(b) (6)> McCabe, Neil (PARDON) <(b) (6)>

Subject: Project

Ros and Kira,

Following up on my email earlier in the week, please compile the files and all documentation in this Office on the clemency actions listed below. This includes emails and other memos as well as our standard documents. We are compiling this for review by me and you and others. (Even a brief examination of the enrolled clemency warrants in the cases below show that the clemency warrants were auto-penned. They are a focus at this time.)

I would appreciate it if this effort was completed as soon as possible ... at the latest, is Thursday, June 12th doable?

Thank you for this. FYI, I will be contacting our entire staff as well as Alice and any employees of the Admin in the coming days in case they were involved in any of these cases and have any insight or concerns. Important to get all information.

Thank you.

All the best.

LIST OF CASES:

- **June 13, 2022:** Commutation for Brittany Krambeck;
- **December 30, 2022:** Pardon of Gary Parks Davis;
- **December 30, 2022:** Pardon of Edward Lincoln De Coito III
- **December 30, 2022:** Pardon of Vicente Ray Flores;
- **December 30, 2022:** Pardon of Beverly Ann Ibn-Tamas;
- **December 30, 2022:** Pardon of Charlie Byrnes Jackson;
- **December 30, 2022:** Pardon of John Dix Nock III;
- **April 28, 2023:** Commutation for 31 individuals;
- **September 14, 2023:** Pardon of Amin Hasanzadeh;
- **September 14, 2023:** Pardon of Reza Sarhangpour Kafrani;
- **September 14, 2023:** Pardon of Kaveh Lotfolah Afrasiabi;
- **September 14, 2023:** Commutation for Mehrdad Ansari;
- **September 14, 2023:** Commutation for Kambiz Attar Kashani;
- **December 22, 2023:** Commutation for 11 individuals;
- **April 24, 2024:** Pardons of 11 individuals;
- **April 24, 2024:** Commutations for 5 individuals;
- **December 12, 2024:** Pardon of 39 individuals;
- **December 12, 2024:** Commutation for 1,499 individuals;
- **December 23, 2024:** Commutations for 37 out of 40 individuals on federal death row;
- **January 17, 2025:** Commutations for 2,490 individuals across three warrants.
- **January 19, 2025 Pardons**
 - **Warrant 1:** Members of Congress who served on the Select Subcommittee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol (“Select Committee”); the staff of the Select Committee, as provided by House Resolution 503 (117th Congress); and the police officers from the D.C. Metropolitan Police Department of the U.S. Capitol Police who testified before the Select Committee;
 - **Warrant 2:** Dr. Anthony Fauci;
 - **Warrant 3:** General Mark Milley;
 - **Warrant 4:** James Biden, Sara Jones Biden, Valerie Biden Owens, John T. Owens, and Francis W. Biden;
 - **Warrant 5:** Gerald G. Lundergan;
 - **Warrant 6:** Ernest William Cromartie; and
 - **Warrant 7:** Darryl Chambers, Marcus Mosiah Garvey (posthumous), Ravidath Ragbir, Don Leonard Scott, Jr, and Kemba Smith Pradia.
- **January 19, 2025 Commutations**
 - Leonard Peltier;
 - Robin Peoples and Michelle West; and
 - Kimberly Robinson, Shawndale Saunders, Keith Seigle, and Shaddy Whitaker

From: "Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON)" <(b) (6)>
To: "Singh, Aakash (ODAG)" <(b) (6)> "David Z Chesnoff"
(b) (6) >
Cc: "McCabe, Neil (PARDON)" <(b) (6)>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL]
Date: Thu, 05 Jun 2025 07:34:24 -0400
Importance: Normal

Ed Martin

From: Singh, Aakash (ODAG) <(b) (6)>
Sent: Thursday, June 5, 2025 7:28:19 AM
To: David Z Chesnoff <dzchesnoff@cslawoffice.net>
Cc: McCabe, Neil (PARDON) <(b) (6)> Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON) <(b) (6)>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL]

Thanks for flagging, David. I agree a meeting would be prudent. I'm copying Neil and Ed to this email. I defer to Ed's availability for a call or Teams meeting, but I can make today and/or tomorrow work. Thanks, and talk soon!

Best,
Aakash

From: David Z Chesnoff <dzchesnoff@cslawoffice.net>
Sent: Thursday, June 5, 2025 1:07 AM
To: Singh, Aakash (ODAG) <(b) (6)>
Subject: [EXTERNAL]

Dear Aakash,

I am not trying to be annoying. Just hope to talk.

I just read that the Congress is interviewing the Special Counsel in our case, David Weiss this Friday about all things Hunter Biden.

I really think a conversation with Ed Martin and yourself would be helpful in that our efforts to free (b) (5), (b) (6) would potentially make him available for the Congressional inquiry into the weaponization of prosecutions by the past administration and the potential corruption of the Bidens. This also ties into the President's Executive Order issued yesterday to determine whether there was abuse of power by Biden and his administration which includes the abuses of the Special Counsel which he has asked both the Attorney General and White House counsel to investigate.

I'm available at any time for a call.

Sincerely,
David Z. Chesnoff, Esq.
520 South Fourth Street
Las Vegas, NV 89101
Office-702-384-5563
dzchesnoff@cslawoffice.net

From: "Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON)" <(b) (6)>

To: "McHenry, James (ODAG)" <(b) (6)>

Subject: Re: Weaponization

Date: Thu, 05 Jun 2025 07:40:08 -0400

Importance: Normal

Sorry for such a slow reply, sir. I would like this very much. I am over in the Baden office today so offsite. Can we perhaps meet tomorrow morning at RFK?

Ed Martin

From: McHenry, James (ODAG) (b) (6)

Sent: Monday, June 2, 2025 7:28:44 PM

To: Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON) (b) (6)

Subject: Weaponization

Hi Ed,

I don't think we've had a chance to meet in person yet, but I'm glad to be working with you. Do you have some time this week or next to talk about the DOJ Weaponization project in the context of DOJ's immigration judges?

It's nothing urgent, but I have some thoughts I want to run by you.

Thanks.

James

Associate Deputy Attorney General
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From: "Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON)" (b) (6)

To: "Hayes, Sean EOP/WHO" (b) (6)

Subject: Fw: NARA

Date: Thu, 05 Jun 2025 08:56:37 -0400

Importance: Normal

Attachments: (b) (5).docx

Sean

As mentioned yesterday, here is the (b) (5)

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Thx.

Ed

Ed Martin

From: Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON) <(b) (6)>

Sent: Thursday, June 5, 2025 8:54:34 AM

To: Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON) (b) (6)

Subject: NARA

Ed Martin

From: "Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON)" [REDACTED] (b) (6)

To: "All PARDON Feds & Contractors (PARDON)" [REDACTED] (b) (6)
[REDACTED]

Subject: FW: Project

Date: Thu, 05 Jun 2025 09:10:00 -0400

Importance: Normal

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From: "McCabe, Neil (PARDON)" (b) (6)

To: "Warner, Mac (CRT)" (b) (6)

Subject: Re: FYI

Date: Thu, 05 Jun 2025 09:27:55 -0400

Importance: Normal

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Not today. I am with Mr. Martin now. We have other meetings. I thought it was tomorrow.

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From: Warner, Mac (CRT) (b) (6)

Sent: Thursday, June 5, 2025 9:26:30 AM

To: McCabe, Neil (PARDON) (b) (6)

Subject: RE: FYI

Do we have a working group meeting today?

From: McCabe, Neil (PARDON) (b) (6)

Sent: Thursday, June 5, 2025 9:11 AM

To: Warner, Mac (CRT) (b) (6); Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON) <(b) (6)>

Cc: Wise, Jared (ODAG) (b) (6)

Subject: Re: FYI

OK. This is what you were talking about before. Old rope. Thanks.

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From: Warner, Mac (CRT) (b) (6)

Sent: Thursday, June 5, 2025 8:29:19 AM

To: McCabe, Neil (PARDON) (b) (6); Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON) (b) (6)

Cc: Wise, Jared (ODAG) (b) (6)

Subject: FYI

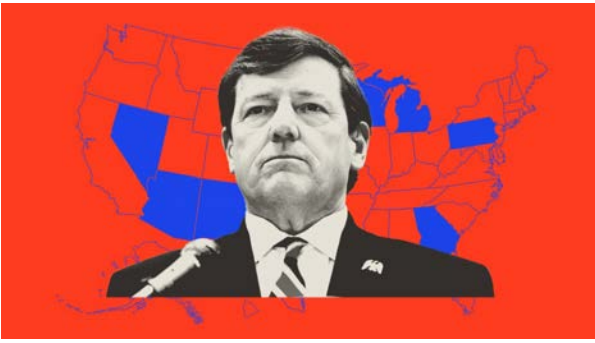
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Trump's Pardon Attorney Mulls Clemency for Fake Electors—Dead or Alive

Blocked from continuing as US attorney, Ed Martin charges ahead in new role.



• **DAN FRIEDMAN**



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The Trump administration's new chief pardon attorney is considering a plan to grant clemency to dozens of so-called fake electors who aided Donald Trump in his scheme to overturn the 2020 election, according to a person with knowledge of the discussions.

Ed Martin—the failed US attorney nominee whom Trump recently named to a different high-level role in the Justice Department—is working on a plan to recommend federal pardons for all these reputed Trump electors, despite the fact that none have been charged with federal crimes. The move would be part of the larger campaign to remove the stain of Trump's attempt to steal the 2020 election, an effort that has included the president's mass pardons of January 6 rioters.

The person familiar with the plan said these possible pardons have not yet been approved by the White House. But they are part of a swirl of activity by Martin, a former far-right activist and “Stop the Steal” organizer.

Less than three weeks into his new job, Martin has already played a role in 17 pardons and eight commutations signed by Trump. Among the recipients was a convicted tax cheat whose mother is a major Trump fundraiser, who attended a \$1 million dinner with the president a few weeks earlier. Martin, meanwhile, has sat for a slew of interviews, mostly with right-wing venues, in which he has outlined plans to investigate matters such as the conduct of January 6 prosecutions, allegations that then-President Joe Biden improperly issued pardons using an autopen, unspecified claims about Dr. Anthony Fauci, and the prosecution of militia members convicted of plotting in 2020 to kidnap Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer.

Martin's new influence is a turnabout from a few weeks ago, when the death of his nomination as US attorney for the District of Columbia—a job Martin had been performing on an acting basis since Trump's inauguration—marked an embarrassing defeat for the president. Martin's reputation had been damaged by scrutiny of his ties to an alleged Nazi sympathizer and his apparently false statements downplaying that relationship. Republican senators also appeared concerned about his threats to use prosecutorial power to punish universities, environmental groups, medical journals, Democratic lawmakers, and Trump critics.

Martin now appears even better positioned to wield DOJ power to advance Trump's agenda and exact political retribution. That's because Trump, after withdrawing Martin's US attorney nomination, named him associate deputy attorney general, pardon attorney, and head of the so-called weaponization working group set up at the DOJ to target what the president claims were politicized prosecutions and other abuses during the Biden administration. None of these roles require Senate confirmation.

The elector scheme was a key component of Trump's plan to overturn the 2020 presidential race. Citing bogus election fraud claims, Trump wanted Mike Pence—who, as vice president, oversaw Congress' electoral vote certification—to reject the legitimate results in favor of pro-Trump slates of electors from seven key battleground states. As part of this plot, Trump backers in five of those states falsely claimed to be the legitimate electors. This has led to state criminal charges against against more than 40 people, including fake electors and other people involved in the effort. Most of those those cases are still pending. (In two other states Biden won—Pennsylvania and New Mexico—Trump supporters signed documents saying they would be the legitimate electors only if the election results were overturned; none of those individuals were charged with crimes.)

Federal pardons for fake electors would have no official bearing on the state criminal cases. But Martin hopes the pardons would serve a “symbolic” value in declaring the electors blameless and maybe even help sway courts, the source familiar with the plan said. The pardons would be in sync with Trump’s denial of wrongdoing in the federal case in which he was charged with crimes related to the fake electors plot. The Justice Department ended that case against Trump after he was reelected president in November.

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The elector clemency effort would be part of an broader initiative to present Trump with the option of issuing numerous symbolic pardons, many of them posthumous, the source said. For example, Martin might urge Trump to pardon John F. Kennedy supporters who in 1960 signed paperwork saying they were Hawaii’s electors when a recount left the actual winner of the state uncertain. Kennedy ultimately won Hawaii, and the electors were accepted as the state’s legitimate slate. The Kennedy electors, of course, were never charged with state or federal crimes. Pardoning them now would be meaningless, except as a gesture to boost the claim by Trump supporters that the fake electors of 2020 similarly did nothing wrong.

A Justice Department spokesperson declined to comment. The White House did not respond to a request for comment.

Martin’s plan for fake electors, even dead ones, to receive largely symbolic pardons is an example of the publicity-heavy approach he is taking as he melds his pardon and weaponization jobs into a combined role of all-out partisan advocacy.

“We’ll be a little bit more outward-facing in terms of talking about what’s happening,” Martin said at a May press conference outlining his plans. “The law can be taken up, but the starting point is to make sure that the public sees that we’re doing it.”

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This sounds like a plan to publicly launch investigations that please the president, even if few people in the task force’s crosshairs ultimately face charges—presumably because few have committed actual crimes. Such efforts would violate a DOJ tradition, and written rules, that say the department should pursue justice by prosecuting crimes in court rather than through public relations offensives.

But Martin appears unconcerned. “If they can be charged, we’ll charge them,” he said at the press conference. “But if they can’t be charged, we will name them...and in a culture that respects shame, they should be people that are ashamed.”

To aid his probes, Martin is hoping to add to the weaponization team a handful of FBI whistleblowers who testified before Congress about what they said were problems with the bureau’s investigation of January 6 attackers. Martin seemingly alluded to this plan during a recent interview with conservative podcast host Breanna Morello, who specifically mentioned Steve Friend and Garret O’Boyle—FBI agents reprimanded after speaking out on the matter—as potential additions to the task force. “You’re gonna be happy, Breanna,” Martin responded. “And you’re gonna deserve a lot of credit...We gotta bring them in.”

Martin has said the weaponization group will investigate the DOJ’s use of a specific criminal statute against numerous January 6 rioters. The Supreme Court ultimately ruled that this provision, which can carry a sentence of up to 20 years in prison, did not apply to most of those defendants. Martin has previously called for jailing whoever “ordered” the use of this obstruction statute, 18 USC 1512. While leading the DC US attorney’s office, he opened an internal investigation into his subordinates’ use of the statute in the Capitol riot prosecutions. He told Tucker Carlson recently that the weaponization group will continue that effort, aiming to determine “who made the 1512 call.”

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Martin is also reportedly personally reviewing a pardon request by Stewart Rhodes, founder of the Oath Keepers militia, who was convicted of seditious conspiracy in 2022. Rhodes is one of 14 members of the Oath Keepers and Proud Boys who received commutations, but not pardons, from Trump on January 20. Roughly 1,600 other January 6 convicts and defendants received full pardons at the time.

Martin has used his X feed to cheer on Trump's pardons, and he has been notably vocal about his efforts to encourage Trump to use the pardon power to reward political allies. Last week, Trump pardoned Scott Jenkins, a Republican sheriff and Trump supporter from Virginia who was convicted in December of accepting bribes in exchange for giving law enforcement powers to a businessmen. Martin quickly made his own view clear. Although Jenkins' prosecution had no obvious link to partisan politics, Martin celebrated it by posting: "No MAGA left behind."

From: "McCabe, Neil (PARDON)" (b) (6)
To: "Baldassarre, Natalie (PAO)" (b) (6) "Perkins, Paul (ODAG)"
(b) (6) "Poplin, Cody (ODAG)" (b) (6) >, "Jag, Rachel
(ODAG)" (b) (6) "Gilmartin, Chad (PAO)" (b) (6)
"McGavick, Gates (PAO)" (b) (6)

Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Ed Martin interview request

Date: Thu, 05 Jun 2025 10:14:52 -0400

Importance: Normal

Thanks, Natalie. We are still on a pause. I will decline it.

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From: Baldassarre, Natalie (PAO) (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, June 5, 2025 9:45:37 AM
To: McCabe, Neil (PARDON) (b) (6) Perkins, Paul (ODAG) (b) (6) Poplin, Cody
(ODAG) (b) (6) >; Jag, Rachel (ODAG) (b) (6) Gilmartin, Chad (PAO)
< (b) (6) McGavick, Gates (PAO) < (b) (6)
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Ed Martin interview request

Passing along this interview request from Bloomberg for Ed for your consideration.

Hey Natalie,

As I mentioned on the phone yesterday, I've been reporting on the pardon ecosystem over the past few months. Our [most recent story](#) explored the various strategies attorneys and their clients were employing to get their cases in front of the White House and how recent grants of clemency had instilled hope in people who had a case to make about overzealous prosecution or weaponization. We interviewed Alice Marie Johnson for that story.

Now Ed Martin has been appointed Pardon Attorney, we're interested in how he will approach a role that has traditionally attracted little attention. Would he be open to an interview about the new role?

I'm interested in what he plans to do, what cases he wants to focus on, whether the criteria for recommending clemency will change, how he'll work with the Pardon Czar, any changes he has implemented already, whether the vetting process will change and where he sees his work in the context of the administration's broader priorities.

Ideally it'd be good to do it in person but phone would also suffice.

Happy to discuss.

Thanks,

Ava

Ava Benny-Morrison
Senior Reporter - Legal
Bloomberg News - New York

From: "McCabe, Neil (PARDON)" (b) (6)
To: "Gilmartin, Chad (PAO)" (b) (6) "Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON)" (b) (6)
Cc: "Baldassarre, Natalie (PAO)" (b) (6) "McGavick, Gates (PAO)" (b) (6)
"Perkins, Paul (ODAG)" (b) (6) "Fox, Jordan (ODAG)" (b) (6) >, "Jag, Rachel (ODAG)" (b) (6)
"Nieves, Brian (ODAG)" (b) (6)

Subject: Re: Proposed media for Mr. Martin

Date: Thu, 05 Jun 2025 19:27:36 -0400

Importance: Normal

Chad:

Tell me the ones Mr. Martin can do po

Nothing has been scheduled, so maybe they will not be next week, I just don't want to engage with out your clearance.

Tell me the ones you object to and and we will let them go.

V/r,

Neil

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From: Gilmartin, Chad (PAO) (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, June 5, 2025 6:10:48 PM
To: McCabe, Neil (PARDON) (b) (6) Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON) (b) (6)
Cc: Baldassarre, Natalie (PAO) (b) (6) McGavick, Gates (PAO) (b) (6)
Perkins, Paul (ODAG) (b) (6) Fox, Jordan (ODAG) (b) (6) >; Jag, Rachel (ODAG) (b) (6)
Nieves, Brian (ODAG) (b) (6)
Subject: RE: Proposed media for Mr. Martin

Neil and Mr. Martin—Thank you for sending over these media requests! Are all 16 media requests high priority for next week? (b) (5)

When you have a reduced list of requests, please send my way and OPA will be happy to review and approve. Based on your email below, OPA expects there won't be any news from these interviews (including Saturday's Fox News hit – which is approved by OPA) and asks that you please follow our below guidance for all your media hits:

- Please adhere to the Media Contacts Policy in the Justice Manual ([here](#))
- Please flag and obtain OPA approval if you plan to make any announcement that will make news

On the breaking news of President Trump's memo Reviewing Certain Presidential Actions ([here](#)), please use the below talking points which have been approved:

- The investigation is focused on President Biden's capacity and his direction of the autopen's use.
- The investigation is in an initial, fact-finding stage.

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Look forward to continuing our work together!

Thank you,

-Chad

From: McCabe, Neil (PARDON) (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, June 5, 2025 12:37 PM
To: Gilmartin, Chad (PAO) (b) (6)
Cc: Baldassarre, Natalie (PAO) (b) (6); McGavick, Gates (PAO) (b) (6); Perkins, Paul (ODAG) (b) (6); Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON) (b) (6)
Subject: Proposed media for Mr. Martin

Chad:

Great seeing you last night. We are ending our strategic pause on media next week, and these are the outlets I am looking to book. The broadcast ones are time-sensitive, but the print interviews are less so.

Nothing is booked, but the Dr. Phil interview has been ongoing since DC U.S. Attorney days.

We have no items to break, these would just be old rope. If new things come up, we will stay safe, and block-and-pivot.

If we have new things, I will draft a release for approval, so Mr. Martin, who is copied on this email, is free to discuss with the reporter.

Below are one-offs, but Larry O'Connor/WMAL would be the regular weekly hit he has had in the past. This one is for Tuesdays 7:35 a.m.

Broadcast:

Dr. Phil: Monday or Tuesday
Mark Halperin/2-Way: Monday
Grace Curley/WRKO-AM/Boston: Any weekday
John Fredericks/JRRN: Any weekday. (John requested a regular weekly segment.)
Benny Johnson/Real America's Voice
Jason Mattera/NewsMax
Vanessa Broussard/Lindell TV
Matt Gaetz/OAN
Chanel Rion/OAN
John Hines/OAN
Jan Jekielek/Epoch Times-NTD

Print:

Stephanie Palma/Financial Times
Suzanne Monyak/Bloomberg Legal
Josh Christenson/NYPost
Susan Ferrechio/Washington Times

Very respectfully,

McCabe

Neil W. McCabe

Senior Advisor to the Weaponization Czar/DOJ Pardon Attorney

DOJ: (b) (6)

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From: "Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON)" (b) (6)

To: "Fox, Jordan (ODAG)" (b) (6)

Subject: Re: Friday

Date: Thu, 05 Jun 2025 20:49:04 -0400

Importance: Normal

Ok if we can be done by 11:30am ish ...?

Ed Martin

From: Fox, Jordan (ODAG) (b) (6)

Sent: Thursday, June 5, 2025 8:41:11 PM

To: Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON) (b) (6)

Subject: Re: Friday

Apologies for the second email. Any chance we can do 11am?

From: Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON) (b) (6)

Sent: Thursday, June 5, 2025 8:30:10 PM

To: Fox, Jordan (ODAG) (b) (6)

Subject: Re: Friday

2:30pm? Maybe 3pm?

Ed Martin

From: Fox, Jordan (ODAG) (b) (6)

Sent: Thursday, June 5, 2025 8:27:55 PM

To: Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON) (b) (6)

Subject: RE: Friday

Hi Ed,

Not a problem. What if we moved this meeting to later in the afternoon so you can attend. What time do you think you be back at Main Justice?

Thank you,
Jordan

Jordan Fox

Chief of Staff

Office of the Deputy Attorney General

(b) (6)

From: Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON) (b) (6)

Sent: Thursday, June 5, 2025 8:26 PM

To: Fox, Jordan (ODAG) <(b) (6)>

Subject: Friday

Jordan,

(b) (6)

So, I'm gonna have to miss the 12 noon meeting with Todd and Emil about weaponization. Can you please pass along my regrets? I don't think there will be a conflict again.

Sorry.

Ed

Ed Martin

From: "Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON)" (b) (6)

To: "DAGSchedule40 (ODAG)" (b) (6)

Subject: Accepted: Weekly Weaponization Working Group Meeting

Date: Thu, 05 Jun 2025 21:26:51 -0400

Importance: Normal

Attachments: unnamed

Event: Accepted: Weekly Weaponization Working Group Meeting

Start Date: 2025-06-06 11:00:00 -0400

End Date: 2025-06-06 11:20:00 -0400

Location: DAG Conference Room 4111

Class: X-PERSONAL

Date Created: 2025-06-05 21:26:49 -0400

Date Modified: 2025-06-05 21:26:53 -0400

Priority: 5

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Attendee: DAGSchedule40 (ODAG) (b) (6)

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From: "McCabe, Neil (PARDON)" (b) (6)

To: "Warner, Mac (CRT)" (b) (6)

Subject: Re: Meeting today?

Date: Fri, 06 Jun 2025 08:33:48 -0400

Importance: Normal

At 11 a.m. with the DAG.

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From: Warner, Mac (CRT) (b) (6)

Sent: Friday, June 6, 2025 8:02:20 AM

To: McCabe, Neil (PARDON) (b) (6)

Subject: Meeting today?

Neil,

Do you know if we are having a WWG meeting today?

Also, would you let me know when is a good time to get with Ed today?

Thanks.

Mac

From: "Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON)" (b) (6)

To: "Perkins, Paul (ODAG)" (b) (6) "McCabe, Neil (PARDON)"
(b) (6)

Subject: Re: Investigation

Date: Fri, 06 Jun 2025 08:48:39 -0400

Importance: Normal

See you at 9:30am.

Ed Martin

From: Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON) (b) (6)

Sent: Thursday, June 5, 2025 4:00:00 PM

To: Perkins, Paul (ODAG) (b) (6) McCabe, Neil (PARDON) (b) (6)

Subject: Re: Investigation

Paul,

Sorry, for the slow response. I committed last week to spending part of today, listening to folks who have grievances on the weaponization front. It's been a grueling day of listening to people and their problems and knowing that most of it is stuff that we can't fix.

Can we meet tomorrow at 9:30 at RFK? We have some things that we put in motion at the pardon office as well as talking to Sean in White House counsel. I can explain them all to you.

Ed.

Ed Martin

From: Perkins, Paul (ODAG) (b) (6)

Sent: Thursday, June 5, 2025 10:07:48 AM

To: Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON) (b) (6) McCabe, Neil (PARDON) (b) (6)

Subject: Investigation

Hey guys. Let me know when you have time to discuss the President's memo last night.

Paul

Paul R. Perkins

Associate Deputy Attorney General

U.S. Department of Justice

(b) (6)

From: "DAGSchedule40 (ODAG)" (b) (6)

To: "Fox, Jordan (ODAG)" (b) (6)

Subject: Fw: Weekly Weaponization Working Group Meeting

Date: Fri, 06 Jun 2025 09:33:54 -0400

Importance: Normal

Attachments: unnamed

Is this moving to 10am?

Ed Martin

From: Nieves, Brian (ODAG) (b) (6) on behalf of DAGSchedule40 (ODAG)
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Sent: Friday, June 6, 2025 9:22:21 AM

To: Bove, Emil (ODAG) (b) (6) Singh, Aakash (ODAG) (b) (6) Henricks, Aaron (ODAG) (b) (6) Nieves, Brian (ODAG) (b) (6) DeLorenz, Chris (ODAG) (b) (6) Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON) (b) (6) Wise, Jared (ODAG) (b) (6) >; Fox, Jordan (ODAG) (b) (6) >; Wharton, Kendra (ODAG) (b) (6) >; Bhirud, Ketan (ODAG) (b) (6) ; Davis, Nick (ODAG) (b) (6) >; Day, Vance (ODAG) (b) (6) Kapoor, Vetan (ODAG) (b) (6) >

Subject: Weekly Weaponization Working Group Meeting

When: Friday, June 6, 2025 10:00 AM-10:20 AM.

Where: DAG Conference Room 4111

POC: Jordan Fox

Participants:

ODAG: PADAG Emil Bove, Jordan Fox, Brian Nieves, Ed Martin, Aakash Singh, Ketan Bhirud, Vance Day, Chris DeLorenz, Jared Wise, Aaron Henricks, Nick Davis, Vetan Kapoor, Kendra Wharton

Event: Fw: Weekly Weaponization Working Group Meeting

Start Date: 2025-06-06 10:00:00 -0400

End Date: 2025-06-06 10:20:00 -0400

Organizer: DAGSchedule40 (ODAG) <(b) (6)>

Location: DAG Conference Room 4111

Class: X-PERSONAL

Date Created: 2025-06-06 09:33:38 -0400

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Attendee: Fox, Jordan (ODAG) <(b) (6)>

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Ed Martin

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From: "Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON)" <(b) (6)>
To: "CStewart esq" (b) (6)
Cc: (b) (6) (b) (6) >, "George Pallas"
(b) (6) >

Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Please Issue an Amended J6 Pardon Certificate and end the illegitimate BOP/DOJ incarceration of Elias Costianes

Date: Fri, 06 Jun 2025 10:28:59 -0400

Importance: Normal

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Ed Martin

From: CStewart esq (b) (6)
Sent: Friday, June 6, 2025 9:53:00 AM
To: Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON) <(b) (6)>
Cc: (b) (6) (b) (6) >; George Pallas (b) (6)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please Issue an Amended J6 Pardon Certificate and end the illegitimate BOP/DOJ incarceration of Elias Costianes

Good morning Mr. Martin,

I am disappointed to not have received any response from you for a meeting yesterday or today regarding the above subject, given that I am in DC (swearing in/inductee to US Supreme Court bar yesterday). Mr. Pallas and I each sent emails offering any time for a meeting yesterday afternoon or all day today, with no acknowledgment received. I can't tell if some aide is reviewing and filing your emails since it would have been appropriate and courteous to at least have received a response that you have no available time.

For the love of Jesus and as a Christian American who served this country since 1980, with 25 years' active duty in the US Army at tactical and operational assignments (not as a lawyer) - including multiple comba/dangert zone deployments where my units and I defended America and its values - I am asking you again to issue an amended J6 pardon certificate for Elias Costianes that merely adds his US District Court of Maryland case number *1:21-cr-00458-JKB*

In every filing at district and appellate level since Feb 19, 2025, the AUSA wrote that based on guidance from higher, the J6 pardon applies to Mr. Costianes. While the two courts play a game of case ping pong, with MD District Judge Bredar writing that he interprets the pardon to not apply, the BOP and DOJ have not released Mr. Costianes. We are approaching 4 months of the DOJ holding Mr. Costianes hostage during court ping pong.

Judge Bredar is about to deny the DOJ's Rule 48(a) filing to overturn and dismiss. He ordered supplementals - attached. The future is easy to see in this case. He will be copying the same legal misapplication of law as done by Judge Friedrich in DC for Mr. Wilson. That alliance with TDS Judge Friedrich shows in his denial of the pardon (attached). The activist 4th Circuit will not overturn Judge Bredar. In fact, the 4th Circuit will sit doing nothing just to run the clock on Elias' continued incarceration as they watch the DOJ sit on its hands holding Elias hostage. DOJ members' inaction indicates there is no belief in enforcing President Trump's pardon EO.

The appeal will take a year - meaning Mr. Costianes will have been held hostage by the DOJ/BOP for his entire sentence - after being pardoned. If we were in Oz, the analogy is that DOJ has been wearing the ruby red shoes that always can have sent Mr. Costianes home. Yet it incredibly does nothing while fraudsters, thieves, and murderers have been pardoned and freed.

Does President Trump agree with US AG/DOJ/BOP inaction? Why is American justice under DOJ abandoning Mr. Costianes (and Mr. Wilson in the DC case)?

I can supplement the attached supplement filing with an amended J6 pardon certificate that contains the case #. Since nobnopy in DOJ seems to have actionable authority over the BOP, please provide the amended pardon certificate document that can be actionable. While everyone in DOJ gets to go home this weekend for some amount of time, Mr. Costianes is facing another weekend of liberty denied in the BOP hellhole.

My faith in God and my prayers - in addition to untold hours of work - have brought no understanding about what politics or government dysfunction can possibly be involved with the DOJ failing to follow President Trump's EO 10887 that requires the release of Mr. Costianes. I do not understand the bureaucratic direction to use an inapplicable pardon form to apply for a new pardon. Being directed into bureaucracy portends nothing good. I did not have to submit inapplicable paperwork for the BOP to release Jeremy Brown. At that time, President Trump said the pardon applies to contraband found during J6 searches and DOJ jumped. Who is blocking that now based on either their irrelevant opinion or incompetence?

The judicial activism shocks the conscience. The DOJ/BOP hostage holding is mind-boggling to patriots like me and many others. I became an attorney to continue to serve - and not to beat my head against a bureaucratic brick wall that gets its support from people who could care less that Mr. Costianes has had his liberty falsely taken by his government and its inaction.

Thank you for your time and efforts. Please end this injustice by the courts AND also by DOJ at present.

Carolyn Stewart

(b) (6)

Carolyn Stewart

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From: "Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON)" <(b) (6)>

To: "Perkins, Paul (ODAG)" (b) (6)

Date: Fri, 06 Jun 2025 10:31:52 -0400

Importance: Normal

Attachments: (b) (5).docx

As referenced. Good to talk.

Ed

Ed Martin

From: "Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON)" <(b) (6)>

To: "Day, Vance (ODAG)" <(b) (6)>

Subject: Re: Weaponization Working Group Meeting

Date: Fri, 06 Jun 2025 14:46:15 -0400

Importance: Normal

Cannot meet until after 12:30pm. Prefer it then. Thx.

Ed Martin

From: Day, Vance (ODAG) <(b) (6)>

Sent: Friday, June 6, 2025 2:01:45 PM

To: Singh, Aakash (ODAG) <(b) (6)> Henricks, Aaron (ODAG) <(b) (6)>
DeLorenz, Chris (ODAG) <(b) (6)> Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON) <(b) (6)> Wise,
Jared (ODAG) <(b) (6)> Wharton, Kendra (ODAG) <(b) (6)> Bhirud, Ketan (ODAG)
<(b) (6)> Davis, Nick (ODAG) <(b) (6)>; Kapoor, Vetan (ODAG)
<(b) (6)>

Subject: Weaponization Working Group Meeting

When: Monday, June 9, 2025 8:30 AM-9:30 AM.

Where: Room 4133 - Margolis Conference Room

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From: "Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON)" <(b) (6)>

To: "Ches McDowell" (b) (6)

Cc: "Macey Russo" <(b) (6)>

Subject: Re: Connecting

Date: Fri, 06 Jun 2025 18:17:53 -0400

Importance: Normal

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Ed Martin

From: Ches McDowell (b) (6)

Sent: Friday, June 6, 2025 4:28:28 PM

To: Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON) <(b) (6)>

Cc: Macey Russo (b) (6)

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Connecting

Mr. Martin,

It was great to be on Mark Halperin's podcast with you. We have quite a few mutual friends and I actually worked with Sen. Tillis quite intensely on a few confirmations - including yours. Would love to tell you the story.

I'd appreciate some time to get together next week to go over a few things if you have any availability.

All my best

Ches

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Managing Partner

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(b) (6)

From: "Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON)" <(b) (6)>
To: "Michael Madaio" (b) (6)
Cc: "Matthew Eyet" (b) (6)
Subject: Re: Pardon Applications - (b) (6)
Date: Fri, 06 Jun 2025 18:48:12 -0400
Importance: Normal
Inline-Images: Outlook-sn0k0um1.jpg

Michael

Thank you for sending.

I'm just seeing these files now. I have not reviewed them or put them in the system.

I am in Washington, DC still. Unlikely to be consulted by anyone about these today.

Ed

Ed Martin

From: Michael Madaio (b) (6)
Sent: Friday, June 6, 2025 12:38:11 PM
To: Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON) <(b) (6)>
Cc: Matthew Eyet (b) (6)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Pardon Applications - (b) (6)

Ed,

I wanted to reach out to introduce myself - I am Alina Habba's former law partner and have represented President Trump on a number of different matters. My firm has submitted several pardon applications (and likely have more to come) so I'm hoping to have the opportunity to meet with you at some point to discuss the merits of those applications.

The reason I am writing now is to provide copies of the pardon applications for (b) (6)
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- [Cover Letter - Pardon Applications -](#) (b) (6)
- [Pardon Application -](#) (b) (6)
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It is my understanding that (b) (6), so I wanted to ensure that you had a chance to review the applications before then.

Please feel free to give me a call on my office line or cell (b) (6) if you have any questions or would like to discuss the applications of (b) (6).

Thank you,
Michael

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From: "Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON)" <(b) (6)>

To: "Davis, Nick (ODAG)" (b) (6) >

Subject: Catholics

Date: Sat, 07 Jun 2025 10:02:41 -0400

Importance: Normal

You probably saw this one, Nick, but I thought I'd send it anyway.

https://www.realclearpolitics.com/articles/2025/06/07/biden_weaponized_law_enforcement_against_catholics_152892.html

Ed Martin

From: "Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON)" <(b) (6)>
To: "Gilmartin, Chad (PAO)" <(b) (6)> "McCabe, Neil (PARDON)" <(b) (6)>
Cc: "Baldassarre, Natalie (PAO)" <(b) (6)> "McGavick, Gates (PAO)" <(b) (6)>
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"Nieves, Brian (ODAG)" <(b) (6)>

Subject: Re: Proposed media for Mr. Martin

Date: Sat, 07 Jun 2025 20:31:00 -0400

Importance: Normal

Sorry. I missed this email today. (b) (6)

My fault.

To be clear, Chad, you guys sent this to us and approved it. I've been on a total silence turning down all media.
Ed

Ed Martin

From: Gilmartin, Chad (PAO) <(b) (6)>
Sent: Saturday, June 7, 2025 1:08:00 PM
To: McCabe, Neil (PARDON) <(b) (6)> Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON) <(b) (6)>
Cc: Baldassarre, Natalie (PAO) <(b) (6)> McGavick, Gates (PAO) <(b) (6)>
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<(b) (6)> Nieves, Brian (ODAG) <(b) (6)>
Subject: Re: Proposed media for Mr. Martin

Good afternoon,

Passing along that the per the DAG no media is approved at this time, including tonight's Fox News hit.

From: McCabe, Neil (PARDON) <(b) (6)>
Sent: Thursday, June 5, 2025 8:17 PM
To: Gilmartin, Chad (PAO) <(b) (6)> Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON) <(b) (6)>
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Subject: Re: Proposed media for Mr. Martin

Chad:

(b) (5)

This is the list. Not everything has to be this week. Things have to be scheduled. The print articles won't come out at once either.

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As a start, we have three things for Monday and Tuesday: Dr. Phil, Mark Halperin and Larry O'Connor. The O'Connor & Company is a resumption of the weekly segment.

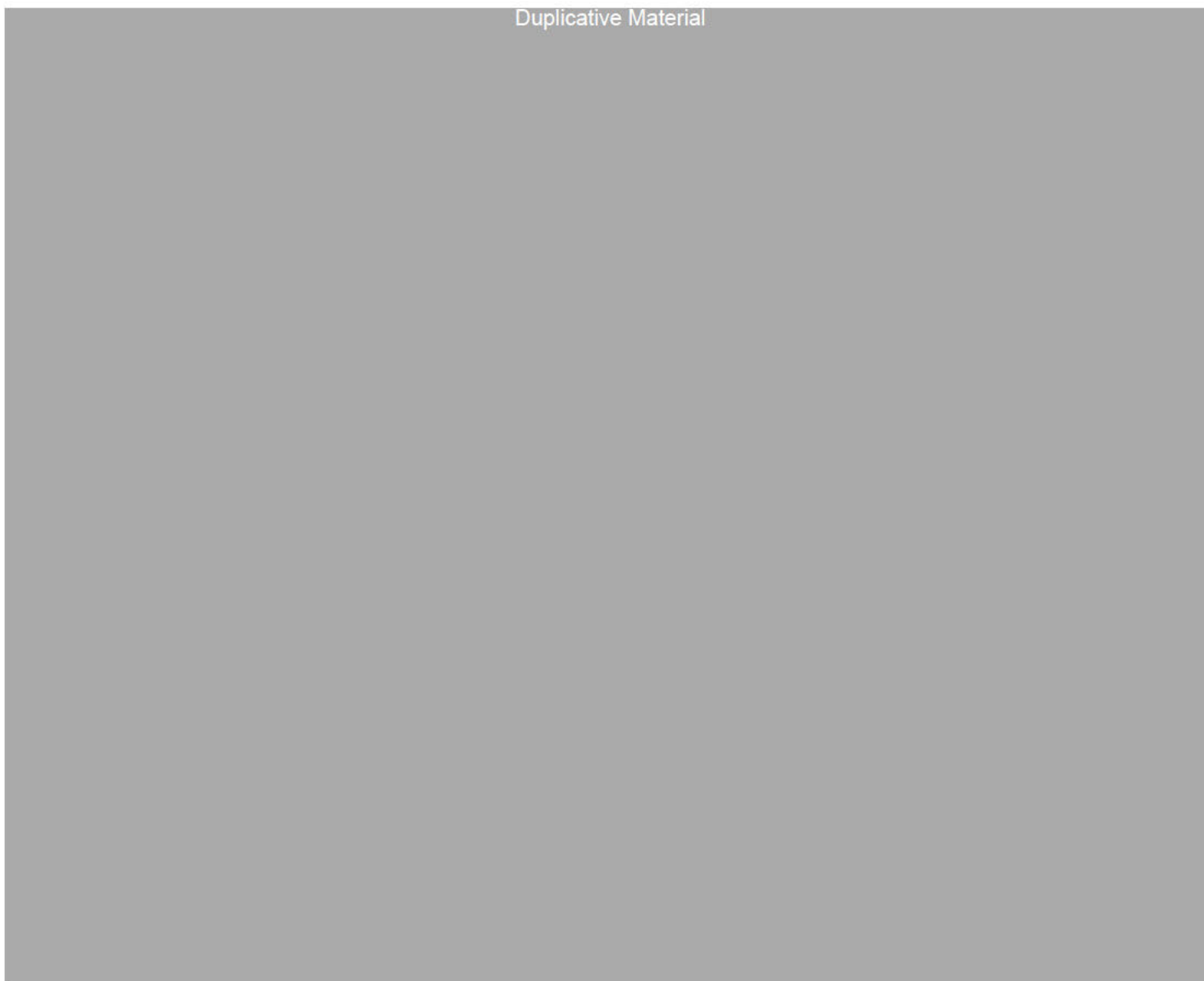
If you deny permission for those, I can make the call tomorrow and give people time to book someone else.

V/r,

McCabe

From: Gilmartin, Chad (PAO) (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, June 5, 2025 6:10 PM
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Subject: RE: Proposed media for Mr. Martin

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From: "Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON)" <(b) (6)>
To: "McGavick, Gates (PAO)" <(b) (6)> "Gilmartin, Chad (PAO)" <(b) (6)>
"McCabe, Neil (PARDON)" <(b) (6)>
Cc: "Baldassarre, Natalie (PAO)" <(b) (6)> "Perkins, Paul (ODAG)" <(b) (6)>
"Fox, Jordan (ODAG)" <(b) (6)> "Jag, Rachel (ODAG)" <(b) (6)>
"Nieves, Brian (ODAG)" <(b) (6)>

Subject: Re: Proposed media for Mr. Martin

Date: Sat, 07 Jun 2025 20:32:41 -0400

Importance: Normal

I did not see the email (b) (6). And again, you guys initiated and approved it. Not sure what exactly is going on ...
Ed

Ed Martin

From: McGavick, Gates (PAO) <(b) (6)>
Sent: Saturday, June 7, 2025 8:05:48 PM
To: Gilmartin, Chad (PAO) <(b) (6)> McCabe, Neil (PARDON) <(b) (6)> Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON) <(b) (6)>
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Subject: Re: Proposed media for Mr. Martin

Echoing Gilmartin - despite our flag of the request for everyone's awareness, I don't understand how the 1PM email noting that nothing was approved could have been misconstrued.

From: Gilmartin, Chad (PAO) <(b) (6)>
Sent: Saturday, June 7, 2025 8:02:55 PM
To: McCabe, Neil (PARDON) <(b) (6)> Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON) <(b) (6)>
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Subject: Re: Proposed media for Mr. Martin

Sorry if there was any confusion - OPA flagged this for you as standard practice as is our protocol for all principals throughout the building for awareness. Fox was confirmed by the Pardon office before OPA approved. Then as I understand it on Friday there was a meeting where ODAG confirmed that no media was approved, ODAG oversees OPA on the org chart and thus is superior, and today around 1pm I sent an email at the request of leadership confirming that per the Friday meeting no media including today's Fox hit was approved, which was plenty of time to cancel.

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From: McCabe, Neil (PARDON) <(b) (6)>
Sent: Saturday, June 7, 2025 7:50 PM

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To: Gilmartin, Chad (PAO) <(b) (6)> Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON) <(b) (6)>
Cc: Baldassarre, Natalie (PAO) <(b) (6)> McGavick, Gates (PAO)
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<(b) (6)> Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON) <(b) (6)>
Subject: Re: Proposed media for Mr. Martin

Chad:

I am confused. Your office sent this to us. We did not seek it. I told you we had confirmed it. We were on a media pause, but we did this anyway. I thought we were doing you a favor.

You have the list of media people who reached out to Mr. Martin. I have not gotten back to anyone, because I am waiting on you to make a decision—except for the ones who wanted him Monday or Tuesday were told we could not oblige, because you did not get back to me. Your call. I have no issue with it at all.

This afternoon, I flagged a documentary I thought would be interesting to you, because I thought we were collaborating. You thanked me.

Thursday, I told your office we had a public event Friday that might involve media from other people there, because I wanted to be in synch with you. There was no media, but I did not want to take a chance you would be blindsided.

I am very sorry this upset you.

V/r,

McCabe

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From: Gilmartin, Chad (PAO) <(b) (6)>
Sent: Saturday, June 7, 2025 7:07:12 PM
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Subject: Re: Proposed media for Mr. Martin

The Pardon Attorney is on Fox right now. This was not approved - see my previous email.

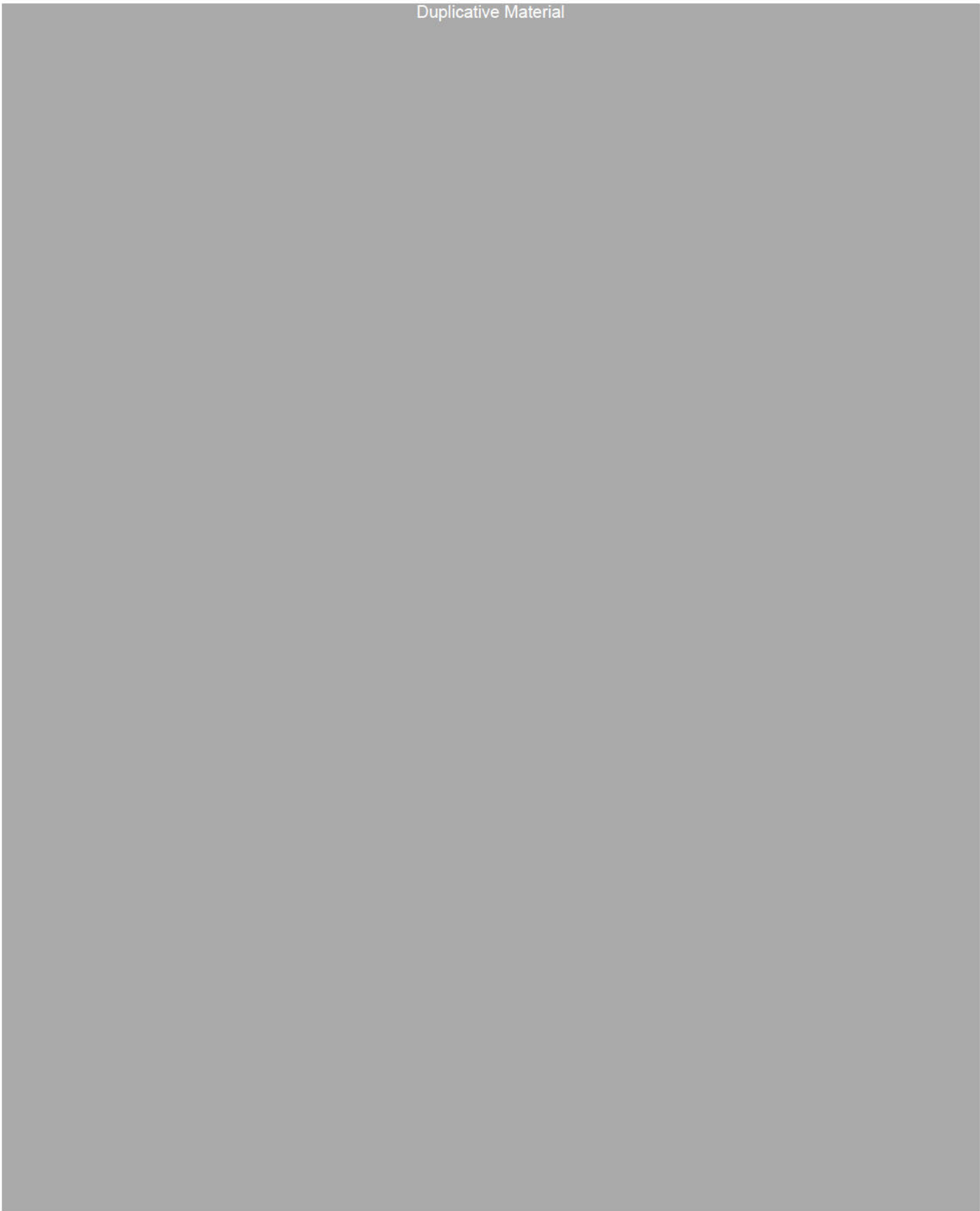
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From: Gilmartin, Chad (PAO) <(b) (6)>
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Subject: Re: Proposed media for Mr. Martin

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From: "Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON)" <(b) (6)>
To: "Fox, Jordan (ODAG)" <(b) (6)> "Sarah Schmukler" <(b) (6)>
Cc: "Shaina Harlig" <(b) (6)> "Rabbi Zvi Boyarsky" <(b) (6)>
"Zvi Boyarsky" <(b) (6)> "Nieves, Brian (ODAG)" <(b) (6)>
<(b) (6)> "McCabe, Neil (PARDON)" <(b) (6)>

Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: DC meeting

Date: Sat, 07 Jun 2025 20:34:48 -0400

Importance: Normal

Great. I am aware of the Aleph Institute. Very valuable to me that we get better connected.
I will make time in the 11th.
Ed

Ed Martin

From: Fox, Jordan (ODAG) <(b) (6)>
Sent: Saturday, June 7, 2025 2:02 PM
To: Sarah Schmukler <(b) (6)>; Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON) <(b) (6)>
Cc: Shaina Harlig <(b) (6)>; Rabbi Zvi Boyarsky <(b) (6)> Zvi Boyarsky <(b) (6)>; Nieves, Brian (ODAG) <(b) (6)> McCabe, Neil (PARDON) <(b) (6)>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Re: DC meeting

Sarah,

Thank you so much for your email. I am adding DOJ's Pardon Attorney, Ed Martin to this email chain. Ed, the DAG and PADAG have been speaking with the Aleph Institute over the last several months and have enjoyed learning more about the ways we can all work together. Rabbi Boyarsky and other members of his team will be in DC on June 11th and are interested in meeting with you. Please work with Sarah to see if there would be a good time for Aleph's team to come meet with you on that day.

Thank you,
Jordan

Jordan Fox
Chief of Staff
Office of the Deputy Attorney General
(b) (6)

From: Sarah Schmukler <(b) (6)>
Sent: Friday, June 6, 2025 6:28 PM
To: Fox, Jordan (ODAG) <(b) (6)>
Cc: Shaina Harlig <(b) (6)> Rabbi Zvi Boyarsky <(b) (6)> Zvi Boyarsky <(b) (6)>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: DC meeting

Dear Jordan,

I hope this email finds you well

I just wanted to thank you for all your help and your willingness to connect us with Ed Martin. Immensely appreciated!

We are hoping to lock in a meeting during our June 11th trip, if that might be possible.

By way of background, the [Aleph Institute](#) was founded in 1981 in the chambers of Judge Jack Weinstein, who has played a pivotal role in its development over the past four decades. Aleph has a decades-long history of working successfully with judges, legislators, executive branch officials (including prosecutors and prison officials), legal scholars, and legal practitioners in the area of criminal legal reform, as well as assisting thousands of incarcerated individuals and their families (including providing extensive programming) on a regular basis (see testimonials attached).

Aleph was instrumental in the passage of the First Step Act and co-hosted the "Rewriting the Sentence II" summit in Washington D.C., convening over 400 stakeholders from the criminal justice system—including judges, prosecutors, probation officers, and legislators.

Thank you and wishing you a wonderful weekend!

Sarah

On Fri, May 23, 2025 at 6:23 PM Rabbi Zvi Boyarsky <(b) (6)> wrote:

Were so honored/appreciative
Pls pass on our deepest appreciation

Rabbi Zvi Boyarsky
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On Fri, May 23, 2025, 10:54 AM Fox, Jordan (ODAG) <(b) (6)> wrote:

Rabbi Boyarsky and Ms. Harlig,

I hope you are both well. The DAG and PADAG would like to join your meeting with Director Marshall on June 11. They are looking forward to hearing your policy proposals.

Sincerely,
Jordan

Jordan Fox
Chief of Staff
Office of the Deputy Attorney General

(b) (6)

From: Shaina Harlig <(b) (6)>
Sent: Friday, May 23, 2025 1:24 PM
To: Rabbi Zvi Boyarsky <(b) (6)>
Cc: Fox, Jordan (ODAG) <(b) (6)> Sarah Schmukler <(b) (6)>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: DC meeting

Dear Ms. Fox,

I hope this finds you well. I wanted to follow up on Rabbi Boyarsky's previous email regarding the possibility of scheduling this meeting.

Many thanks,

On Wed, May 21, 2025 at 1:42 AM Rabbi Zvi Boyarsky <(b) (6)> wrote:

B"H

Dear Jordan,

Hope this message finds you well.

Wondering if DAG Blance and DPAG Bove might have time for a follow up meeting with Aleph leadership - we'd love to share a few interesting policy proposals we've been working on over the year with them for consideration.

We plan to be in DC on June 11th, G-d willing, if that might work but ofcourse we would work around anytime that is convenient for them.

Thanks so much for all your help!

Many thanks!

Warmly,

Zvi

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Rabbi Zvi Boyarsky

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From: "McCabe, Neil (PARDON)" <(b) (6)>

To: "Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON)" <(b) (6)>

Subject: Starter text for WWG Status Memo Format

Date: Sun, 08 Jun 2025 21:35:47 -0400

Importance: Normal

Attachments: 2025-06-08_Guidelines_for_Weaponization_Working_Group_Status_Memos.docx

For your consideration.

Very respectfully,

McCabe

Neil W. McCabe

Senior Advisor to the Weaponization Czar/DOJ Pardon Attorney

DOJ: (b) (6)

Personal: (b) (6)

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From: "McCabe, Neil (PARDON)" <(b) (6)>

To: "Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON)" <(b) (6)>

Subject: The Big, Beautiful Commission Starter Text

Date: Sun, 08 Jun 2025 22:38:36 -0400

Importance: Normal

Attachments: 2025-06-08_Starter_Text_for_the_Big_Beautiful_Commission.docx

For your consideration.

Very respectfully,

McCabe

Neil W. McCabe

Senior Advisor to the Weaponization Czar/DOJ Pardon Attorney

DOJ: (b) (6)

Personal: (b) (6)

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From: "Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON)" <(b) (6)>

To: "Derek Myers" <(b) (6)>

Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: From Savannah: New possible pardon

Date: Mon, 09 Jun 2025 14:48:48 -0400

Importance: Normal

Can try. What days?

Ed

Ed Martin

From: Derek Myers (b) (6)

Sent: Monday, June 9, 2025 2:42:24 PM

To: Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON) <(b) (6)>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: From Savannah: New possible pardon

Ed, I'm in DC next week; I have five files for commutation or pardons. Could you meet? I'll be with Savannah Chrisley's PR person (Savannah can't come herself).

Let me know which days work for you.

Thank you.

On Jun 7, 2025, at 5:47 PM, Derek Myers (b) (6) wrote:

Following up on this, Ed. Thanks.

On Jun 6, 2025, at 7:23 PM, Derek Myers (b) (6) wrote:

Ed, what day next week could we meet to discuss 5 names? Savannah won't likely be able to come with me, but I have 5 names for a pardon/commutation, including the veteran. the AUSA is pulling shit already on day two of release, by trying to seize and freeze assets for restitution.

I'd like to meet with you for an hour next week at your office to present these cases to you so we can get them hopefully granted. I'm also meeting with Director Marshall at his office; would you want Alice to join the meeting with you and I?

Best,
DJM

On Tue, Jun 3, 2025 at 12:10 PM Derek Myers (b) (6) wrote:

Ed, thanks to Billy, we got this guy released today on home confinement. He should have been released on May 25. I'm in DC next week; let's meet to discuss?

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On Jun 3, 2025, at 9:02 AM, Derek Myers (b) (6) wrote:

Ed, thanks for your help last week on getting the Chrisleys out of prison when we had red tape at the last minute. I trust you enjoyed (b) (6) on your big day, as well.

Listen, I was on the phone this morning with Dir. Billy Marshall about a veteran in KY who is caught up in red tape and not being released on home confinement, despite what is supposed to have already happened.

I looked into this case of this veteran further and he is worthy of a pardon -- today. Can you chat on the phone today to discuss?

In brief: (b) (6)

The case is shit, Ed, and he deserves to be home and he deserves a pardon.

Let me know if you can chat today.

From: "McCabe, Neil (PARDON)" <(b) (6)>

To: "Wise, Jared (ODAG)" <(b) (6)>

Subject: RE: WWG Assignments

Date: Mon, 09 Jun 2025 16:36:48 -0400

Importance: Normal

Thank you.

From: Wise, Jared (ODAG) <(b) (6)>

Sent: Monday, June 9, 2025 4:16 PM

To: McCabe, Neil (PARDON) <(b) (6)>

Subject: WWG Assignments

Neil,

Here are the WWG team lead assignments.

Topic	ODAG Lead
Special Counsel and POTUS Associates	Chris DeLorenz
Federal Cooperation with Manhattan DA	Kendra Wharton
January 6th	Ed Martin
FBI Catholic Memo	Nick Davis
School Board Parents	Aakash Singh
FACE Act	Vance Day
Targeting of Whistleblowers	Jared Wise
Tina Peters	Paul Perkins
Elections	Mac Warner
Covid	N/A
Autopen	Ed Martin
October 7th	Chris DeLorenz

Thank you,

Jared Wise

Senior Advisor

Office of the Deputy Attorney General

United States Department of Justice

From: "McCabe, Neil (PARDON)" <(b) (6)>
To: "McDonald, Colin (ODAG)" <(b) (6)>, "Pestana, Diego (ODAG)" <(b) (6)>, "Perkins, Paul (ODAG)" <(b) (6)>, "Poplin, Cody (ODAG)" <(b) (6)>, "Davis, Nick (ODAG)" <(b) (6)>, "Day, Vance (ODAG)" <(b) (6)>, "Wharton, Kendra (ODAG)" <(b) (6)>, "Bhirud, Ketan (ODAG)" <(b) (6)>, "Henricks, Aaron (ODAG)" <(b) (6)>, "Singh, Aakash (ODAG)" <(b) (6)>, "Kapoor, Vetan (ODAG)" <(b) (6)>, "Warner, Mac (CRT)" <(b) (6)>, "Wise, Jared (ODAG)" <(b) (6)>
Cc: "Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON)" <(b) (6)>

Subject: Format for WWG Status Memos

Date: Mon, 09 Jun 2025 17:39:55 -0400

Importance: Normal

Attachments: 2025-06-08_Guidelines_for_Weaponization_Working_Group_Status_Memos.docx

Alcon:

Thank you for participating in this morning's meeting.

As discussed, team leaders need to send Mr. Martin a status memo using the attached format and instructions sheet by the COB Wednesday. Or have a conversation with Mr. Martin about moving the deadline.

As discussed in the guidelines, there is a premium on actionable ideas that can be accomplished in the building. However, the purpose of the memos are to chart out the territory and to establish a baseline for future actions.

Also: Please copy me, Jared Wise on your email to Mr. Martin.

This is the current list of WWG buckets with team leaders. We can adjust fire if this is not up-to-date.

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Very respectfully,

McCabe

Neil W. McCabe

Senior Advisor to the Weaponization Czar/DOJ Pardon Attorney

DOJ: (b) (6)

Personal: (b) (6)

“Please consider the environment before printing this email.”

From: "McCabe, Neil (PARDON)" <(b) (6)>

To: "Perkins, Paul (ODAG)" <(b) (6)>

Subject: Re: Format for WWG Status Memos

Date: Tue, 10 Jun 2025 10:00:34 -0400

Importance: Normal

I have no objection, obviously with the understanding that Mr. Martin reports WWG status and whatnot, so there are

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From: Perkins, Paul (ODAG) <(b) (6)>

Sent: Monday, June 9, 2025 5:42:19 PM

To: McCabe, Neil (PARDON) <(b) (6)>

Subject: RE: Format for WWG Status Memos

Unless you disagree, I think it probably makes sense for Cody and me to attend the WWG meetings.

From: McCabe, Neil (PARDON) <(b) (6)>

Sent: Monday, June 9, 2025 5:40 PM

To: McDonald, Colin (ODAG) <(b) (6)> Pestana, Diego (ODAG) <(b) (6)>

Perkins, Paul (ODAG) <(b) (6)> Poplin, Cody (ODAG) <(b) (6)> ; Davis, Nick (ODAG)

<(b) (6)> ; Day, Vance (ODAG) <(b) (6)> Wharton, Kendra (ODAG)

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<(b) (6)> Singh, Aakash (ODAG) <(b) (6)> Kapoor, Vetan (ODAG)

<(b) (6)> ; Warner, Mac (CRT) <(b) (6)> ; Wise, Jared (ODAG)

<(b) (6)>

Cc: Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON) <(b) (6)>

Subject: Format for WWG Status Memos

Duplicative Material

From: "Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON)" <(b) (6)>

To: "Warner, Mac (CRT)" <(b) (6)>

Cc: "McCabe, Neil (PARDON)" <(b) (6)>

Subject: Re: Leave plans

Date: Tue, 10 Jun 2025 10:03:49 -0400

Importance: Normal

Great. God bless.

Ed

Ed Martin

From: Warner, Mac (CRT) <(b) (6)>

Sent: Tuesday, June 10, 2025 10:00:06 AM

To: Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON) <(b) (6)>

Cc: McCabe, Neil (PARDON) <(b) (6)>

Subject: Leave plans

Ed,

If it's ok with you, I plan to take leave 30 June – 3 July to spend time back in WV. (b) (6)

(b) (6)

Thought I'd give you a heads up for planning purposes.

Mac Warner

Weaponization Working Group

U.S. Department of Justice

(b) (6)

From: "Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON)" <(b) (6)>

To: "Davis, Patrick (OLP)" <(b) (6)>

Subject: Re: WWG

Date: Tue, 10 Jun 2025 10:30:45 -0400

Importance: Normal

Yes. Great. 1:30pm?

Ed Martin

From: Davis, Patrick (OLP) <(b) (6)>

Sent: Tuesday, June 10, 2025 10:27:35 AM

To: Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON) <(b) (6)>

Subject: WWG

Ed,

We met briefly during your meeting with Senator Grassley. I'm the nominee for OLA AAG and I'm currently in OLP while I wait for a floor vote. Do you have a few minutes today for me to swing by to touch base on the WWG?

Thanks,
-Patrick

Patrick D. Davis
Deputy Assistant Attorney General
Office of Legal Policy
U.S. Department of Justice
(b) (6)

From: "McCabe, Neil (PARDON)" <(b) (6)>

To: "Perkins, Paul (ODAG)" <(b) (6)>

Subject: Re: Format for WWG Status Memos

Date: Tue, 10 Jun 2025 14:22:12 -0400

Importance: Normal

I can add you both.

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From: Perkins, Paul (ODAG) <(b) (6)>

Sent: Tuesday, June 10, 2025 1:28:20 PM

To: McCabe, Neil (PARDON) <(b) (6)>

Subject: RE: Format for WWG Status Memos

Can you forward the invite(s) to us?

From: McCabe, Neil (PARDON) <(b) (6)>

Sent: Tuesday, June 10, 2025 1:28 PM

To: Perkins, Paul (ODAG) <(b) (6)>

Subject: Re: Format for WWG Status Memos

Spoke to Mr. Martin. Not a problem. The more the merrier.

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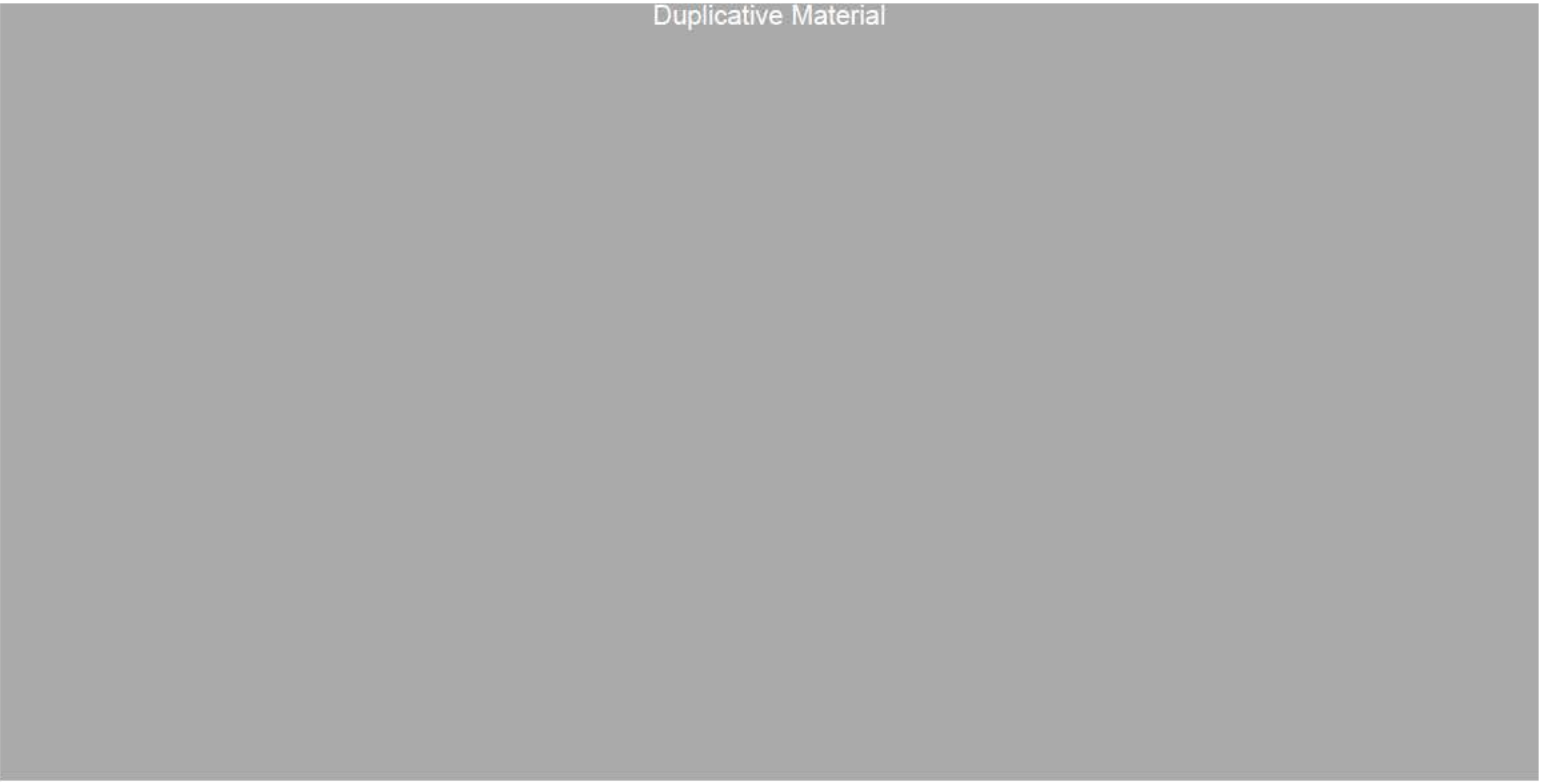
From: Perkins, Paul (ODAG) <(b) (6)>

Sent: Monday, June 9, 2025 5:42:19 PM

To: McCabe, Neil (PARDON) <(b) (6)>

Subject: RE: Format for WWG Status Memos

Duplicative Material



From: "Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON)" <(b) (6)>

To: "Hayes, Sean EOP/WHO" <(b) (6)>

Cc: "Benzine, Mitchell" <(b) (6)>

Subject: Re: Connect

Date: Tue, 10 Jun 2025 14:25:57 -0400

Importance: Normal

Great!

Ed Martin

From: Hayes, Sean EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>

Sent: Tuesday, June 10, 2025 2:25 PM

To: Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON) <(b) (6)>

Cc: Benzine, Mitchell <(b) (6)>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Connect

Ed – connecting you with Mitch Benzine over on Comer team. Could you two please sync up?

Sean Hayes

Desk <(b) (6)>

Mobile <(b) (6)>

From: "McCabe, Neil (PARDON)" <(b) (6)>

To: "Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON)" <(b) (6)>

Subject: Revised BBC Starter Text

Date: Tue, 10 Jun 2025 14:59:47 -0400

Importance: Normal

Attachments: 2025-06-10_Starter_Text_for_the_Big_Beautiful_Commission.docx

For your consideration.

Very respectfully,

McCabe

Neil W. McCabe

Senior Advisor to the Weaponization Czar/DOJ Pardon Attorney

DOJ: (b) (6)

Personal: (P) (P)

“Please consider the environment before printing this email.”

From: "Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON)" <(b) (6)>

To: "Shaina Harlig" (b) (6), "Sarah Schmukler" (b) (6)

Cc: "Fox, Jordan (ODAG)" <(b) (6)> "Nieves, Brian (ODAG)" <(b) (6)> "McCabe, Neil (PARDON)" <(b) (6)> "Zvi Boyarsky" (b) (6)

Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] DC meeting tomorrow

Date: Tue, 10 Jun 2025 15:39:30 -0400

Importance: Normal

Shaina

Yes, I think that works. Let me work on timing. Will get right back to you.

Ed

Ed Martin

From: Shaina Harlig (b) (6)

Sent: Tuesday, June 10, 2025 2:26 PM

To: Sarah Schmukler (b) (6); Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON)

<(b) (6)>

Cc: Fox, Jordan (ODAG) <(b) (6)> Nieves, Brian (ODAG) <(b) (6)> McCabe, Neil (PARDON) <(b) (6)> Zvi Boyarsky (b) (6)

Subject: [EXTERNAL] DC meeting tomorrow

Dear Pardon Attorney Martin:

I hope this message finds you well.

We were wondering if 1:30pm might work for your schedule tomorrow.

Many thanks.

Respectfully,

On Mon, Jun 9, 2025 at 2:01 PM Sarah Schmukler (b) (6) wrote:

Dear Mr. Martin,

I hope you're doing well. Just following up as we're finalizing the June 11 schedule - might 1:30pm on Wednesday work for you?

Thank you so much.

Best,

Sarah

On Sun, Jun 8, 2025 at 3:48 PM Zvi Boyarsky (b) (6) wrote:

Thank you Jordan for your very kind intro!

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Dear Pardon Attorney Martin:

It's an honor to connect! Thank you for your kind note and for your willingness to meet on such short notice. Immensely appreciated.

As we're looking to lock in the schedule, wondering if either of these 2 time slots work by any chance and if ok we'd loop right back once we know your availability as we just need to move some things around - we're really excited to meet G-d willing: Around 9:30/10am or sometime between 1245 and 330 by any chance). Thanks so much!

G-d bless you!

On Sat, Jun 7, 2025 at 5:35 PM Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON) (b) (6) wrote:

Duplicative Material

From: "Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON)" <(b) (6)>

To: "S-CIO-RFK-FLT04 (JMD)" <(b) (6)>

Cc: "McCabe, Neil (PARDON)" <(b) (6)>

Subject: Thx.

Date: Wed, 11 Jun 2025 09:17:11 -0400

Importance: Normal

Great.

Ed Martin

From: "Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON)" <(b) (6)>
To: "Davis, Nick (ODAG)" <(b) (6)>, "(b) (6) (ODAG)" <(b) (6)>
Cc: "Wise, Jared (ODAG)" <(b) (6)>, "Fox, Jordan (ODAG)" <(b) (6)>
"McCabe, Neil (PARDON)" <(b) (6)>

Subject: RE: storing digital records

Date: Wed, 11 Jun 2025 09:47:56 -0400

Importance: Normal

Inline-Images: image001.png

Good work, Nick.

From: Davis, Nick (ODAG) <(b) (6)>
Sent: Wednesday, June 11, 2025 9:23 AM
To: (b) (6) (ODAG) <(b) (6)>; (b) (6) (ODAG) <(b) (6)>
Cc: Wise, Jared (ODAG) <(b) (6)>, Fox, Jordan (ODAG) <(b) (6)>, (b) (6) (ODAG) <(b) (6)>
>; McCabe, Neil (PARDON) <(b) (6)>, Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON) <(b) (6)>
Subject: RE: storing digital records

For now, can we create: G Drive → WWG → Richmond Memo ? I anticipate receiving a couple thousand documents from FBI today to put there and I will cc you with the POC at FBI to facilitate that transfer

As for who can access, for now let's give everyone on the WWG team access to the WWG folder described above, but for the Richmond subfolder, it should be me, Jared, Ed, McCabe, Jordan, and Brian. We can add additional folks later if necessary.

Thank you!

From: (b) (6) (ODAG) <(b) (6)>
Sent: Tuesday, June 10, 2025 10:43 AM
To: Davis, Nick (ODAG) <(b) (6)>; (b) (6) (ODAG) <(b) (6)>
Cc: Wise, Jared (ODAG) <(b) (6)>, Fox, Jordan (ODAG) <(b) (6)>, (b) (6) (ODAG) <(b) (6)>
Subject: RE: storing digital records

Nick:

Per the highlighted e-mail below, IT can create a folder on the G Drive. Can you please give me a name for the folder and a list of personnel who needs access?

Good morning sir and also to the Team....We can build a folder for them on the G: Drive and provide access to the personnel that they want to have access to it....We need a name for the folder and a list of personnel that will have access to it.

Respectfully,

(b) (6)

U.S. Department of Justice
Office of the Deputy Attorney General

(b) (6)

From: (b) (6) (ODAG)

Sent: Monday, June 9, 2025 7:56 PM

To: Davis, Nick (ODAG) <(b) (6)>; (b) (6) (ODAG) <(b) (6)>

Cc: Wise, Jared (ODAG) <(b) (6)> Fox, Jordan (ODAG) <(b) (6)> (b) (6) (ODAG)
(b) (6)

Subject: RE: storing digital records

Good Evening, Nick:

I will check with IT and Records Management and have them to contact your team.

Respectfully,

(b) (6)

U.S. Department of Justice
Office of the Deputy Attorney General

(b) (6)

From: Davis, Nick (ODAG) <(b) (6)>

Sent: Monday, June 9, 2025 6:46 PM

To: (b) (6) (ODAG) <(b) (6)> (b) (6) (ODAG) <(b) (6)>

Cc: Wise, Jared (ODAG) <(b) (6)>

Subject: storing digital records

(b) (6) – I suspect that the weaponization group will be acquiring a substantial amount of records on various topics from various agencies. What's the protocol or IT point of contact about how to receive records and where to store them on our servers?

Thanks,
Nick

Nick Davis

Counsel

Office of the Deputy Attorney General
Department of Justice

(b) (6)



From: "Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON)" <(b) (6)>

To: "Benzine, Mitchell" (b) (6)

Subject: RE: Connect

Date: Wed, 11 Jun 2025 09:48:37 -0400

Importance: Normal

Yes, my cell is (b) (6). Later in afternoon is better for me

Ed

From: Benzine, Mitchell (b) (6) >

Sent: Wednesday, June 11, 2025 9:18 AM

To: Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON) <(b) (6)>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Connect

Hey Ed - it would be great to connect today. Call anytime - (b) (6)

On Jun 10, 2025, at 2:28 PM, Benzine, Mitchell (b) (6) > wrote:

Thanks, Sean. Ed - can I give you a call this afternoon? What's a good cell for you?

On Jun 10, 2025, at 2:26 PM, Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON) <(b) (6)> wrote:

Duplicative Material



From: "Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON)" <(b) (6)>

To: "Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON)" <(b) (6)>

Subject: Request please

Date: Wed, 11 Jun 2025 15:04:50 -0400

Importance: Normal

Attachments: FBI_Letter_-_Sedition_Hunters.pdf

Ed Martin

From: "McCabe, Neil (PARDON)" <(b) (6)>

To: "Warner, Mac (CRT)" (b) (6)

Subject: RE: WWG Elections Weekly Update, June 11, 2025

Date: Wed, 11 Jun 2025 17:10:49 -0400

Importance: Normal

Thank you, Sir.

From: Warner, Mac (CRT) (b) (6)

Sent: Wednesday, June 11, 2025 3:26 PM

To: Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON) <(b) (6)>

Cc: McCabe, Neil (PARDON) <(b) (6)>

Subject: WWG Elections Weekly Update, June 11, 2025

Here is my weekly report.

Mac Warner

Weaponization Working Group

U.S. Department of Justice

(b) (6)

From: "McCabe, Neil (PARDON)" <(b) (6)>

To: "Poplin, Cody (ODAG)" <(b) (6)>

Subject: RE: WWG Status Memo - Peters

Date: Wed, 11 Jun 2025 18:01:12 -0400

Importance: Normal

Got it.

From: Poplin, Cody (ODAG) <(b) (6)>

Sent: Wednesday, June 11, 2025 5:12 PM

To: Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON) <(b) (6)>

Cc: McCabe, Neil (PARDON) <(b) (6)> Wise, Jared (ODAG) <(b) (6)> Perkins, Paul (ODAG) <(b) (6)>

Subject: WWG Status Memo - Peters

Ed,

Please find attached a status memo regarding Tina Peters. Let us know if you have any questions or would like to discuss.

Thank you,
Cody

--

Cody M. Poplin

Counsel to the Deputy Attorney General

U.S. Department of Justice

(b) (6)

From: "Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON)" <(b) (6)>

To: "Gillespie, Kira (PARDON)" <(b) (6)>

Cc: "McCabe, Neil (PARDON)" <(b) (6)>

Subject: FW: Regulation Finalized at OMB

Date: Wed, 11 Jun 2025 18:05:16 -0400

Importance: Normal

Attachments: 925C_NPRM_2025.05.29_OLP.docx; 925(c)_NPRM_Action_Memo.6.12.25.docx

Kira

Sorry but where do I sign?

Ed

From: Gillespie, Kira (PARDON) <(b) (6)>

Sent: Wednesday, June 11, 2025 2:58 PM

To: Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON) <(b) (6)>

Cc: McCabe, Neil (PARDON) <(b) (6)>

Subject: Regulation Finalized at OMB

Ed,

I just got word that OMB has approved the regulation. The final version is attached. If you could please sign the attached document and return to me asap, I will get it loaded into Exec. Sec. to seek the AG's approval. We have been asked to do this as quickly as possible!

Thanks! !

Kira Gillespie
Deputy Pardon Attorney
Office of the Pardon Attorney
Department of Justice
2Con Building, 145 N Street NE
Rm. (b) (6)
Washington, DC 20530

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From: "Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON)" <(b) (6)>
To: "Wharton, Kendra (ODAG)" <(b) (6)> "DeLorenz, Chris (ODAG)"
<(b) (6)> "Day, Vance (ODAG)" <(b) (6)> "Davis, Nick
(ODAG)" <(b) (6)>, "McCabe, Neil (PARDON)"
<(b) (6)> "Singh, Aakash (ODAG)" <(b) (6)>
"Warner, Mac (CRT)" <(b) (6)>, "Wise, Jared (ODAG)"
<(b) (6)>

Subject: Re: Format for WWG Status Memos

Date: Wed, 11 Jun 2025 18:43:48 -0400

Importance: Normal

Thank you for this.

Ed

Ed Martin

From: Wharton, Kendra (ODAG) <(b) (6)>
Sent: Monday, June 9, 2025 7:51:17 PM
To: DeLorenz, Chris (ODAG) <(b) (6)> Day, Vance (ODAG) <(b) (6)> Davis, Nick
(ODAG) <(b) (6)>; McCabe, Neil (PARDON) <(b) (6)> Singh, Aakash (ODAG)
<(b) (6)> Warner, Mac (CRT) <(b) (6)>; Wise, Jared (ODAG)
<(b) (6)>
Cc: Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON) <(b) (6)>
Subject: RE: Format for WWG Status Memos

I am working on the (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(D) per CR tasking (which falls within the targeting of whistleblowers mandate), but I should also be recused from the Manhattan DA matter.

Thanks,

Kendra Wharton

Associate Deputy Attorney General

U.S. Department of Justice | ODAG

950 Pennsylvania Ave, Washington, D.C. 20530

(b) (6)

Cell: (b) (6)

From: DeLorenz, Chris (ODAG) <(b) (6)>
Sent: Monday, June 9, 2025 7:00 PM
To: Day, Vance (ODAG) <(b) (6)> Davis, Nick (ODAG) <(b) (6)>; McCabe, Neil (PARDON)
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<(b) (6)>
Cc: Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON) <(b) (6)>
Subject: RE: Format for WWG Status Memos

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I am currently working on the October 7 tasking. However, I am recused from the Special Counsel subject matter. Hopefully, someone else can take the lead on that. Thank you.

Chris DeLorenz
Counsel to the Deputy Attorney General
U.S. DOJ ODAG

(b) (6)

(b) (6)

From: Day, Vance (ODAG) <(b) (6)>
Sent: Monday, June 9, 2025 6:30 PM
To: Davis, Nick (ODAG) <(b) (6)>; McCabe, Neil (PARDON) <(b) (6)> Wharton, Kendra (ODAG) <(b) (6)> Singh, Aakash (ODAG) <(b) (6)> Warner, Mac (CRT) <(b) (6)>; Wise, Jared (ODAG) <(b) (6)> DeLorenz, Chris (ODAG) <(b) (6)>
Cc: Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON) <(b) (6)>
Subject: Re: Format for WWG Status Memos

Thank you, Nick. Please introduce me to the contact who has knowledge of the FACE Act weaponization

Vance

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From: Davis, Nick (ODAG) <(b) (6)>
Sent: Monday, June 9, 2025 6:18:44 PM
To: McCabe, Neil (PARDON) <(b) (6)> Day, Vance (ODAG) <(b) (6)> Wharton, Kendra (ODAG) <(b) (6)> Singh, Aakash (ODAG) <(b) (6)> Warner, Mac (CRT) <(b) (6)> Wise, Jared (ODAG) <(b) (6)> DeLorenz, Chris (ODAG) <(b) (6)>
Cc: Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON) <(b) (6)>
Subject: RE: Format for WWG Status Memos

If you are on this email its because the House and Senate Judiciary Committees have open investigations or produced work product on your topics. Happy to make individual introductions over email to their oversight counsels if that would be helpful to you.

From: McCabe, Neil (PARDON) <(b) (6)>
Sent: Monday, June 9, 2025 5:40 PM
To: McDonald, Colin (ODAG) <(b) (6)>; Pestana, Diego (ODAG) <(b) (6)>; Perkins, Paul (ODAG) <(b) (6)> Poplin, Cody (ODAG) <(b) (6)>; Davis, Nick (ODAG) <(b) (6)>; Day, Vance (ODAG) <(b) (6)> Wharton, Kendra (ODAG) <(b) (6)> Bhirud, Ketan (ODAG) <(b) (6)> Henricks, Aaron (ODAG) <(b) (6)> Singh, Aakash (ODAG) <(b) (6)> Kapoor, Vetan (ODAG) <(b) (6)>; Warner, Mac (CRT) <(b) (6)>; Wise, Jared (ODAG) <(b) (6)>
Cc: Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON) <(b) (6)>
Subject: Format for WWG Status Memos

From: "Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON)" <(b) (6)>

To: "Davis, Nick (ODAG)" <(b) (6)>

Subject: RE: Format for WWG Status Memos

Date: Wed, 11 Jun 2025 18:44:04 -0400

Importance: Normal

Thank you. Will review.

Ed

From: Davis, Nick (ODAG) <(b) (6)>

Sent: Wednesday, June 11, 2025 6:25 PM

To: McCabe, Neil (PARDON) <(b) (6)> Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON) <(b) (6)>

Cc: Wise, Jared (ODAG) <(b) (6)>

Subject: RE: Format for WWG Status Memos

See attached

From: McCabe, Neil (PARDON) <(b) (6)>

Sent: Monday, June 9, 2025 5:40 PM

To: McDonald, Colin (ODAG) <(b) (6)>; Pestana, Diego (ODAG) <(b) (6)>

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<(b) (6)>; Warner, Mac (CRT) <(b) (6)>; Wise, Jared (ODAG)

<(b) (6)>

Cc: Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON) <(b) (6)>

Subject: Format for WWG Status Memos

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From: "Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON)" <(b) (6)>
To: "Wharton, Kendra (ODAG)" <(b) (6)> "DeLorenz, Chris (ODAG)"
<(b) (6)> "Day, Vance (ODAG)" <(b) (6)> "Davis, Nick
(ODAG)" <(b) (6)>, "McCabe, Neil (PARDON)"
<(b) (6)> "Singh, Aakash (ODAG)" <(b) (6)>
"Warner, Mac (CRT)" <(b) (6)>, "Wise, Jared (ODAG)"
<(b) (6)>

Subject: Re: Format for WWG Status Memos

Date: Wed, 11 Jun 2025 22:05:00 -0400

Importance: Normal

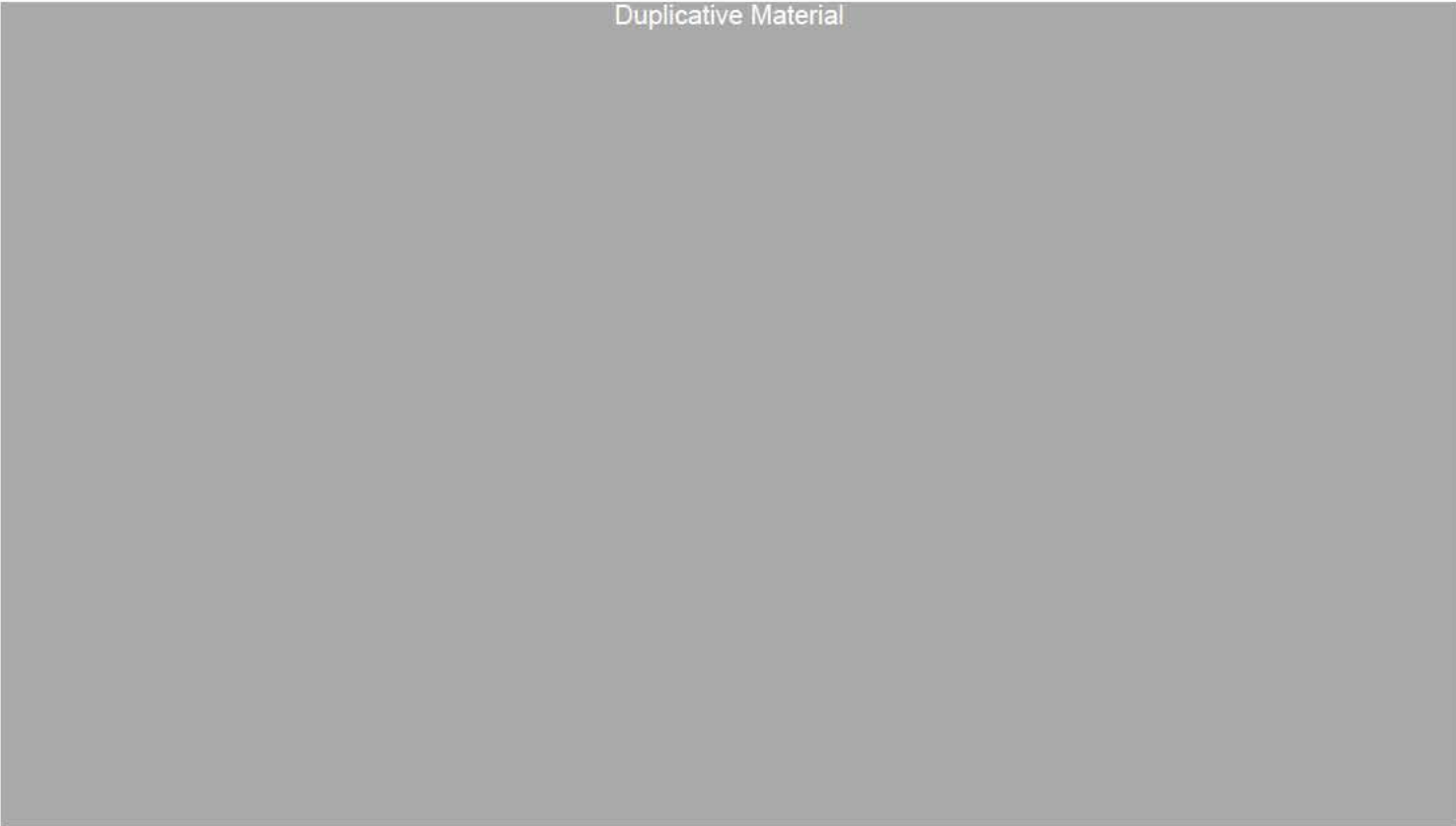
Thank you for this.

Ed

Ed Martin

From: Wharton, Kendra (ODAG) <(b) (6)>
Sent: Monday, June 9, 2025 7:51:17 PM
To: DeLorenz, Chris (ODAG) <(b) (6)> Day, Vance (ODAG) <(b) (6)> Davis, Nick
(ODAG) <(b) (6)>; McCabe, Neil (PARDON) <(b) (6)> Singh, Aakash (ODAG)
<(b) (6)> Warner, Mac (CRT) <(b) (6)>; Wise, Jared (ODAG)
<(b) (6)>
Cc: Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON) <(b) (6)>
Subject: RE: Format for WWG Status Memos

Duplicative Material



From: "Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON)" <(b) (6)>
To: "Poplin, Cody (ODAG)" <(b) (6)>
Cc: "McCabe, Neil (PARDON)" <(b) (6)> "Wise, Jared (ODAG)" <(b) (6)> "Perkins, Paul (ODAG)" <(b) (6)>

Subject: RE: WWG Status Memo - Peters

Date: Wed, 11 Jun 2025 22:10:00 -0400

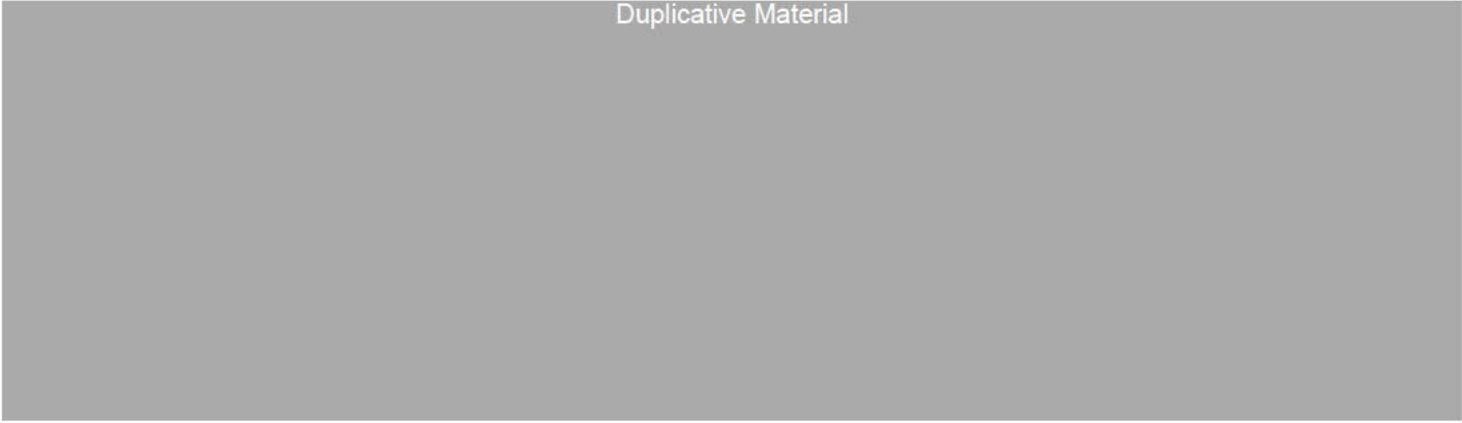
Importance: Normal

Thank you. Will review.

Ed

From: Poplin, Cody (ODAG) <(b) (6)>
Sent: Wednesday, June 11, 2025 5:12 PM
To: Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON) <(b) (6)>
Cc: McCabe, Neil (PARDON) <(b) (6)> Wise, Jared (ODAG) <(b) (6)> Perkins, Paul (ODAG) <(b) (6)>
Subject: WWG Status Memo - Peters

Duplicative Material



From: "Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON)" <(b) (6)>

To: "Warner, Mac (CRT)" <(b) (6)>

Cc: "McCabe, Neil (PARDON)" <(b) (6)>

Subject: RE: Possible meeting tomorrow or Friday

Date: Thu, 12 Jun 2025 08:11:03 -0400

Importance: Normal

Sounds good. See you then.

From: Warner, Mac (CRT) <(b) (6)>

Sent: Thursday, June 12, 2025 8:08 AM

To: Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON) <(b) (6)>

Cc: McCabe, Neil (PARDON) <(b) (6)>

Subject: RE: Possible meeting tomorrow or Friday

8:30 tomorrow morning will work if that is good for you.

From: Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON) <(b) (6)>

Sent: Wednesday, June 11, 2025 6:02 PM

To: Warner, Mac (CRT) <(b) (6)>

Cc: McCabe, Neil (PARDON) <(b) (6)>

Subject: RE: Possible meeting tomorrow or Friday

How about Friday morning? 9 am or even earlier?

Ed

From: Warner, Mac (CRT) <(b) (6)>

Sent: Wednesday, June 11, 2025 4:18 PM

To: Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON) <(b) (6)>

Cc: McCabe, Neil (PARDON) <(b) (6)>

Subject: Possible meeting tomorrow or Friday

Ed,

I've had successful meetings at ODNI the last couple days. I'd like to brief you on those, and bring with me an FBI agent. We'd like to get your thoughts on a couple courses of action we'd like take. We can keep it to 15-20 minutes.

If you have time tomorrow afternoon or Friday, please let me know.

Mac Warner

Weaponization Working Group

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From: "Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON)" <(b) (6)>

To: "Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON)" <(b) (6)>

Subject: Pardon Attorney Letterhead template

Date: Thu, 12 Jun 2025 08:17:30 -0400

Importance: Normal

Attachments: Pardon_Attorney_Template_letterhead.docx

From: "Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON)" <(b) (6)>

To: "(b)(6) - Ed Martin Personal Email" <(b)(6) - Ed Martin Personal Email>

Date: Thu, 12 Jun 2025 08:22:19 -0400

Importance: Normal

Attachments: IMG_0009.jpg

Ed Martin

From: "Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON)" <(b) (6)>

To: "Gillespie, Kira (PARDON)" <(b) (6)>

Cc: "McCabe, Neil (PARDON)" <(b) (6)>

Subject: RE: Regulation Finalized at OMB

Date: Thu, 12 Jun 2025 08:28:36 -0400

Importance: Normal

Attachments: 925_c_memo.docx

Kira

Does the attached have what we need?

Ed

From: Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON)

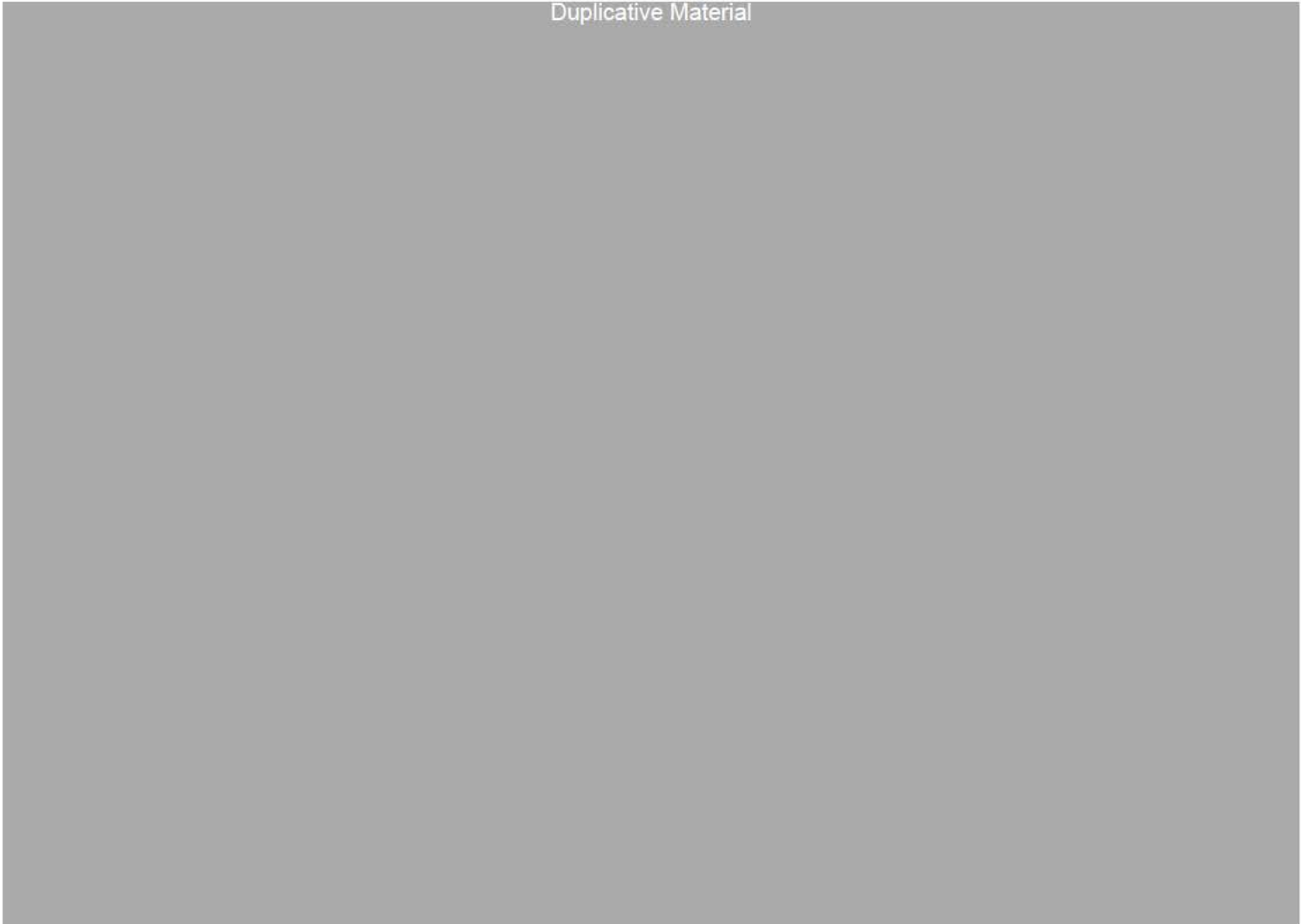
Sent: Wednesday, June 11, 2025 6:05 PM

To: Gillespie, Kira (PARDON) <(b) (6)>

Cc: McCabe, Neil (PARDON) <(b) (6)>

Subject: FW: Regulation Finalized at OMB

Duplicative Material



From: "Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON)" <(b) (6)>

To: "DAGSchedule40 (ODAG)" (b) (6)

Subject: Accepted: Weekly Weaponization Working Group Meeting

Date: Thu, 12 Jun 2025 11:30:44 -0400

Importance: Normal

Attachments: unnamed

Event: Accepted: Weekly Weaponization Working Group Meeting

Start Date: 2025-05-30 12:00:00 -0400

End Date: 2025-05-30 12:20:00 -0400

Location: DAG Conference Room 4111

Class: X-PERSONAL

Date Created: 2025-06-12 11:30:44 -0400

Date Modified: 2025-06-12 11:30:46 -0400

Priority: 5

DTSTAMP: 2025-06-12 11:30:44 -0400

Attendee: DAGSchedule40 (ODAG) (b) (6)

Recurs: Weekly on FR until 2025-08-29

From: "Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON)" <(b) (6)>

To: "Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON)" <(b) (6)>

Subject: Fw: Anosh Ahmed Matter - ND ILL 22-cr-232

Date: Thu, 12 Jun 2025 11:39:50 -0400

Importance: Normal

Attachments: 2024.10.10_Second_Superseding_Indictment.pdf; Dr._Ahmed_
_Presentation_re_Background_and_Indictment.pdf

Ed Martin

From: Reitz, Aaron (OLP) <(b) (6)>

Sent: Wednesday, June 11, 2025 1:27:02 PM

To: <(b) (6)> <(b) (6)> >; Singh, Aakash (ODAG) <(b) (6)> Martin, Edward Jr. (PARDON) <(b) (6)>

Cc: <(b) (6)> <(b) (6)> <(b) (6)> <(b) (6)> <(b) (6)>; Schilling, Nicholas (OLP) <(b) (6)>

Subject: FW: Anosh Ahmed Matter - ND ILL 22-cr-232

Matt, please meet Aakash and Ed. They're the best points of contact on this for now.

Aakash and Ed, see Matt's email below and attachment. I think it's worth looking into. Here's my very rough (and maybe factually inaccurate or at least incomplete) sketch of the situation:

Ahmed is a Doctor-Entrepreneur. He becomes COO of Chicago hospital in 2017, CFO in 2020. Improves hospital metrics significantly. Becomes ally of Trump Admin. Sponsors an off site vaccine event at Trump Tower in Chicago. Eric Trump shows up and receives vaccine. Event gets a lot of press, mostly negative, prompting Ahmed to resign from hospital in May 2021.

Feds start investigating Ahmed, but Ahmed doesn't realize it until early 2022. Ahmed lawyers up. Feds continue to insinuate a corrupt relationship with Trump family.

Feds indict Ahmed in July 2024 for money fraudulently received for services not rendered. Case is in the Northern District of Illinois.

Aaron F. Reitz

Assistant Attorney General

Office of Legal Policy

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Work: <(b) (6)>

Cell: <(b) (6)>

From: Carter, Matthew <(b) (6)>

Sent: Thursday, June 5, 2025 6:04 PM

To: Reitz, Aaron (OLP) <(b) (6)>

Cc: Webb, Dan <(b) (6)> >; Stephens James, Amanda <(b) (6)>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Anosh Ahmed Matter - ND ILL 22-cr-232

Hi Aaron,

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I understand that you have agreed to review materials related to a pending indictment against our client Dr. Anosh Ahmed. He has asked that we send along some materials related to the case.

The indictment against Dr. Ahmed is pending in the Northern District of Illinois, 22-cr-232. I have attached the indictment and a PowerPoint overview regarding Dr. Ahmed's background and the case. Please let us know if you have any questions or would like to discuss.

Thanks.

Matt

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