

From: (b)(6) per NSD (NSD)
Subject: RE: Hill letter to Sessions re FARA/A Jazeera
To: Johnson, Joanne E. (OLA); NSD.Leg (NSD)
Cc: Lasseter, David F. (OLA); Bratt, Jay (NSD); (b)(6) per NSD (NSD); Hickey, Adam (NSD)
Sent: March 5, 2018 2:38 PM (UTC-05:00)
Attached: LawmakersAJLtr030518.pdf

Thanks, Joanne. Adding CES. I assume this letter will be assigned to NSD, once we received the final signed version?

(b)(6) per NSD

From: Johnson, Joanne E. (OLA)
Sent: Monday, March 05, 2018 1:44 PM
To: NSD.Leg (NSD) <(b)(6) per NSD >
Cc: Lasseter, David F. (OLA) <(b) (6) >
Subject: FW: Hill letter to Sessions re FARA/AI Jazeera
Importance: High

FYI See the attached.

From: McKay, Shirley A (OLA)
Sent: Monday, March 5, 2018 1:08 PM
To: Lasseter, David F. (OLA) <(b) (6) >; Johnson, Joanne E. (OLA) <(b) (6) >
Subject: FW: Hill letter to Sessions re FARA/AI Jazeera
Importance: High

Good afternoon

By any chance have either of you received the attached letter today from MCs Gottheimer/Zeldin. Pls advise. Thanks much.

From: Ehrsam, Lauren (OPA)
Sent: Monday, March 05, 2018 12:53 PM
To: Hankey, Mary Blanche (OLA) <(b) (6) >; McKay, Shirley A (OLA) <(b) (6) >; Mangum, Anela M. (OLA) <(b) (6) >; Tyson, Jill C. (OLA) <(b) (6) >
Subject: FW: Hill letter to Sessions re FARA/AI Jazeera

Good afternoon! Can you please check to see if this letter that was sent today has been received anywhere? Thank you!

February XX, 2018

The Honorable Jeff Sessions
Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20530-0001

Dear Attorney General Sessions:

We write regarding the Department of Justice's (DOJ) enforcement of the Foreign Agents Registration Act (FARA).

On August 17, 2017, the DOJ National Security Division determined that RTTV America, a state-sponsored media organization funded by the Russian government, is obligated to register under the FARA. While we welcome this determination, Congress needs clarification as to whether additional foreign principals should also be required to register under FARA, including Qatar's Al Jazeera, which the U.S. State Department has indicated is state-controlled.

Founded by state charter in 1996 and headquartered in Doha, the Al Jazeera Media Network maintains an estimated global reach of 310 million people in more than 160 countries, and a presence in U.S. cities including Washington, New York, Chicago, Miami, and Los Angeles. Its broadcasts are easily accessible, including via social media, and, as stated by the U.S. Ambassador to Qatar in 2009, Al Jazeera is "one of Qatar's most valuable political and diplomatic tools" and was "used as a chip" to shape Qatar's relations with other governments.

We find it troubling that the content produced by this network often directly undermines American interests with favorable coverage of U.S. State Department-designated Foreign Terrorist Organizations, including Hamas, Hezbollah, Palestinian Islamic Jihad, and Jabhat al-Nusra, al-Qaeda's branch in Syria. Furthermore, Al Jazeera's record of radical anti-American, anti-Semitic, and anti-Israel broadcasts warrants scrutiny from regulators to determine whether this network is in violation of U.S. law. Such an investigation should cover the full range of activities undertaken by Al Jazeera in the United States, including reports that it infiltrated American 501(c)(3) and (c)(4) nonprofit organizations.

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We urge you and the Department to ensure that this law is rigorously enforced and applied fairly and uniformly to protect U.S. national interests from the undue influence of foreign nations. As such, we respectfully request that you provide our offices with detailed information about the DOJ's investigative process, and whether additional entities, including Al Jazeera,

meet the legal definition of “foreign principal” and if so, whether they should be required to register under FARA.

American citizens deserve to know whether the information and news media they consume is impartial, or if it is deceptive propaganda pushed by foreign nations.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue. We look forward to your prompt response.

Sincerely,

Josh Gottheimer
MEMBER OF CONGRESS

Lee Zeldin
MEMBER OF CONGRESS

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Sent: March 7, 2018 11:27 AM (UTC-05:00)
Attached: 3.6 Gottheimer Ze din letter to DOJ Fina Signed Copy.pdf

All: Attached is the signed letter that we just received. It has been assigned to NSD. Thanks, Joanne (b) (6)

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Subject: RE: Hill letter to Sessions re FARA/AI Jazeera

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Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

March 6, 2018

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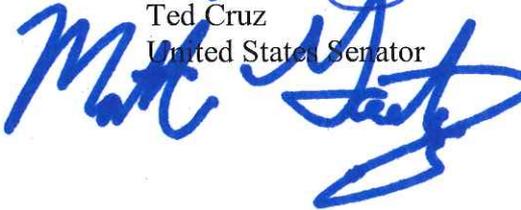
Josh Gottheimer
Member of Congress



Lee Zeldin
Member of Congress



Ted Cruz
United States Senator



Matt Gaetz
Member of Congress



Ron DeSantis
Member of Congress



Louie Gohmert
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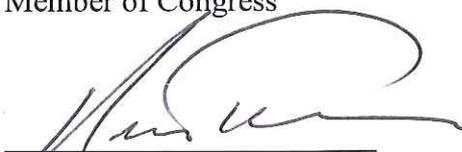
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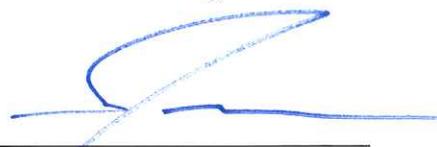
Mike Johnson
Member of Congress



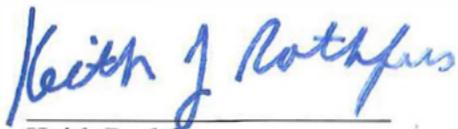
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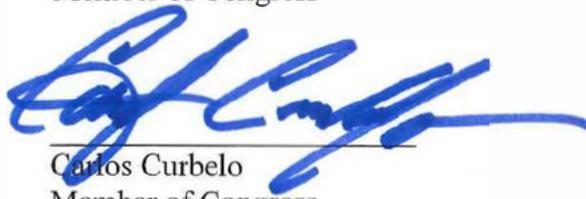
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Member of Congress



Steve Chabot
Member of Congress



John Ratcliffe
Member of Congress

From: (b)(6) per NSD (NSD)
Subject: A New Executive Secretariat Record has been created (3992102) and Assigned to you.
To: (b)(6) per NSD (NSD)
Cc: NSD.Leg (NSD)
Sent: Apr 4, 2018 12:07 PM (UTC-04:00)
Attached: WF 3992102 - Contro Sheet.rtf, WF 3992102 - Gottheimer Ze din Incoming.pdf

Good afternoon (b)(6) per NSD :

The attached Congressional inquiry is assigned to you to prepare component response for OLA Boyd's signature. Please notify me of any response and/or reassignment for Case Tracking quality control.

Warmest regards,

(b)(6) per NSD

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**Office of the Assistant Attorney General
National Security Division
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20530**

(b) (6) – Desk
(b) (6) - BB

A new ExecSec item has been created.

WorkflowID: 3992102

Subject: Writes in regards to DOJ's enforcement of the Foreign Agents Registration Act (FARA). On 08/17/2017, DOJ/NSD determined that RTTV America, a state-sponsored media organization funded by the Russian government, is obligated to register under the FARA. Requests the AG provide detailed information about DOJ's investigative process, and whether additional entities, including Al Jazeera, meet the legal definition of "foreign principal" and if so, whether its subsidiaries should be required to register as "foreign agents" under FARA. Ltr also signed by 18 other MCs.

Action Requested: NSD for prepare response for AAG/OLA signature
Request Source: Incoming
Due Date: 3/23/2018

The ExecSec item can be viewed [here](#).

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From: (b)(6) per NSD (NSD)
Subject: NSD proposed response: Exec sec # 3992102
To: Johnson, Joanne E. (OLA)
Cc: NSD.Leg (NSD); (b)(6) per NSD (NSD); Hickey, Adam (NSD); Bratt, Jay (NSD)
Sent: May 7, 2018 10:08 AM (UTC-04:00)
Attached: WF 3992102 - Gottheimer Ze din Incoming.pdf, Draft Response to Gottheimer et a .docx

Hi Joanne,
Attached for OLA's review is NSD's proposed response to exec sec # 3992102 regarding registration of Al Jazeera under FARA.

Thanks,

(b)(6) per NSD

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Chief of Staff and Senior Counsel
U.S. Department of Justice
National Security Division

(b) (6) (desk)
(b) (6) (cell)

[date]

Representative Josh Gottheimer
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20510

Senator Ted Cruz
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Cruz, Representative Gottheimer, *et al.*,

This responds to your letter to Attorney General Jeff Sessions, dated March 6, 2018, regarding the applicability of the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended, 22 U.S.C. § 611 *et seq.* (“FARA” or “the Act”) to the activities in the United States of Qatar’s Al Jazeera network. The Department of Justice (“the Department”) appreciates your interest in FARA, and we assure you that FARA is an active, integral part of the Department’s overall strategy to address threats to U.S. national security.

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We hope this information is helpful. Please do not hesitate to contact this office if we may provide additional assistance regarding this or any other matter.

From: Johnson, Joanne E. (OLA)
Subject: Checking in on status of response to the attached 4044916
To: NSD.Leg (NSD)
Cc: Brooks, Roshe e (OLA); Herbert, Jene e R. (OLA)
Sent: July 2, 2018 11:59 AM (UTC-04:00)
Attached: 2018-6-6 A Jazeera Media Network to register under FARA - Poe #4044916.pdf, 2018-6-19 Applicability of FARA re A Jazeera network - Gottheimer et apdf

Perhaps the same response provided to Gottheimer could be used? I have attached that.

Joanne E. Johnson
Attorney-Advisor
Office of Legislative Affairs
U.S. Department of Justice
(b) (6)



U.S. Department of Justice

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Office of the Assistant Attorney General

Washington, D.C. 20530

JUN 19 2018

The Honorable Josh Gottheimer
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Lee Zeldin
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Matty Gaetz
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Louie Gohmert
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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Washington, DC 20515

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JUN 19 2018

The Honorable Darrell Issa
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Issa:

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JUN 19 2018

The Honorable Mike Johnson
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Johnson:

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JUN 19 2018

The Honorable Peter King
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman King:

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JUN 19 2018

The Honorable Ted Poe
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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JUN 19 2018

The Honorable Tom Reed
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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JUN 19 2018

The Honorable Keith Rothfus
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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JUN 19 2018

The Honorable David Rouzer
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Rouzer:

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JUN 19 2018

The Honorable Steve Stivers
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Stivers:

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JUN 19 2018

The Honorable Tom Suozzi
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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JUN 19 2018

The Honorable Carlos Curbelo
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Steve Chabot
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable John Ratcliffe
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-4302

June 6, 2018

The Honorable Jeff Sessions
Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Attorney General Sessions,

On March 6, 2018, a bipartisan group of nineteen Members of Congress wrote to you requesting clarity as to Al Jazeera Media Network's (AJMN) status under the Foreign Agents Registration Act (FARA). We share similar concerns highlighted in the March 2018 letter and write to urge the Department of Justice to investigate requiring the Al Jazeera Media Network to register under FARA.

As you are aware, FARA requires any person who acts in the United States as an agent of a foreign principal in a political or quasi-political capacity to make periodic public disclosure of their relationship with the foreign principal as well as activities, receipts, and disbursements in support of those activities. In November 2017, the DOJ National Security Division saw it necessary for Russian state-controlled RT and Sputnik media services to register under FARA. We believe AJMN also meets the legal requirements for a FARA registration.

The Al Jazeera Media Network was founded by Qatari state charter in 1996 and is funded by the Government of Qatar. Unlike many other state-funded media networks, AJMN does not maintain a governing body that ensures editorial independence and accountability outside the Government of Qatar. Former employees have stated that Al Jazeera's multiple channels and online platforms lack autonomy and journalistic standards preventing the network from acting as mouth-piece for the Qatari government.

Al Jazeera has a long history of anti-American messaging and amplifying extremist ideologues around the globe. However, it is far beyond negative reporting on the United States and our allies which concerns us. Rather, we fear that Al Jazeera, as directed by the Qatari government, is targeting American audiences to influence political opinion. The network has made repeated attempts to break into the American market, most recently with an all-digital channel called AJ+

that expands its content across a wide range of internet platforms and applications, particularly those that appeal to young people.

Al Jazeera's attempt to break into the digital space has not gone unnoticed by social media platforms already sensitive to foreign governments' attempts to use their services to sway American opinion. YouTube has implemented its own policy of identifying all Al Jazeera content on its digital platform as being funded by the Qatari government. While it is encouraging that the private sector is acting where the government has not, most online platforms such as Facebook and Twitter do not have similar notices.

Given the increase of information operations by foreign governments and the ease of reaching mass audiences, it is crucial that the American people know if the information they are consuming is produced by objective journalists or state-run propaganda outlets. With a lack of transparency demonstrating how Al Jazeera's board of directors and editorial leadership are appointed and safeguards to preserve independent journalism, we believe DOJ should clarify if the Al Jazeera Media Network meets FARA requirements.

Thank you for your cooperation with this request and look forward to your response.

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Ted Poe
Member of Congress
Texas

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Ileana Ros-Lehtinen
Member of Congress
Florida

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Sent: July 3, 2018 10:58 AM (UTC-04:00)
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Hi Joanne,

Attached is NSD's proposed response to the letter from Reps. Poe and Ros-Lehtinen.

Thanks,

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Representative Ted Poe
Representative Ileana Ros-Lehtinen
United States House of Representatives
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Dear Representatives Poe and Ros-Lehtinen:

This responds to your letter to the Attorney General , dated June 6, 2018, regarding the applicability of the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended, 22 U.S.C. § 611 *et seq.* (“FARA” or “the Act”) to the activities in the United States of Qatar’s Al Jazeera Media Network (AJMN). As you note, the activities of AJMN were also the subject of a bipartisan letter to Attorney General Sessions dated March 6, 2018, and signed by 19 members of the House and Senate. The Department of Justice (Department) appreciates your interest in FARA, and we assure you that FARA is an active, integral part of the Department’s overall strategy to address threats to U.S. national security.

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We hope this information is helpful. In addition, the Department, through its National Security Division, would be happy to provide a briefing to you or your staffs concerning its administration and enforcement of FARA. Please do not hesitate to contact this office if we may provide additional assistance regarding this or any other matter.

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

June 21, 2019

Mr. Brandon L. Van Grack
Chief, Foreign Agents Registration Act (FARA) Unit
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Mr. Van Grack:

I am writing to ask you to investigate whether Al Jazeera should register as a foreign agent under the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended, 22 U.S.C. §§ 611—621 (1995). On March 6, 2019, a Department of Justice (DoJ) official announced the Department would be stepping up its prosecution of cases under FARA, and that you would be overseeing the investigations. In addition, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (NDAA) requires “certain U.S.-based foreign media outlets to submit reports every 6 months to the [Federal Communications] Commission regarding the outlets' relations to their foreign principals.”

As you may know, in the past some in Congress have called for DoJ to investigate whether Al Jazeera should register under FARA. I write to provide you with additional information that may inform a decision to investigate.

On August 17, 2017, DoJ required U.S. companies supporting the Russian state-owned media outlets, RT and Radio Sputnik, to disclose information under FARA.¹ In requiring those companies to register, DoJ cited U.S. intelligence officials' finding that the two outlets were “the backbone of the Russian government's propaganda apparatus.”² More specifically, DoJ's letter to RT quoted an official from its parent company as saying that content from RT America and other foreign bureaus “only becomes [RT] content after the corresponding editorial work is performed on it here, in the Russian office.”³

¹ See e.g. “Lawmakers seek ‘foreign agent’ status for Al Jazeera,” *Bloomberg News*, March 9, 2018, available at <https://minnlawyer.com/2018/03/09/lawmakers-seek-foreign-agent-status-for-al-jazeera/>; and [https://www.cruz.senate.gov/files/documents/Letters/20180306LettertoDOJOnAlJazeeraFARA\(Gottheimer-Cruz\).pdf](https://www.cruz.senate.gov/files/documents/Letters/20180306LettertoDOJOnAlJazeeraFARA(Gottheimer-Cruz).pdf); both retrieved April 6, 2019.

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Al Jazeera appears to meet both of these conditions. In 2009, a leaked confidential cable from the U.S. ambassador to Doha named Al Jazeera “an informal tool of [the Government of Qatar’s] foreign policy;” “an instrument of Qatari influence;” “an expression, however uncoordinated, of the nation’s foreign policy;” and “a bargaining tool to repair relationships with other countries, particularly those soured by Al Jazeera’s broadcasts, including the United States.”⁴

New evidence also indicates that Al Jazeera’s American content is dictated by Doha, just as RT America’s is determined in Moscow. On August 20, 2018, the Screen Actors Guild filed a National Labor Relations Board (“NLRB”) complaint against Al Jazeera International (USA), LLC, regarding an attempt to unionize the network’s American workforce, some portion of which is included under the entity Al Jazeera English (AJE).⁵ While the complaint is a labor law matter unrelated to FARA, the NLRB’s decision determined that all Al Jazeera employees in the United States are supervised by a single individual at the parent company’s HQ in Doha. The decision states:

“All news department employees have common supervision regardless of location. Salah Negm, AJE’s Director of News, is located at the Employer’s headquarters in Doha, Qatar, and has ultimate decision-making authority regarding the stories the news department covers, and how it covers those stories. Typically, Negm communicates his directions to either Owen Watson, AJE news Executive Producer located in Washington, D.C., or to producers and correspondents located in the Employer’s Washington, D.C. office or one of its bureaus. Watson reports directly to Negm and is responsible for directly supervising the news department employees to accomplish Negm’s directives.”⁶

Mr. Negm’s biography page on the Al Jazeera Media Network website states that he is “Director of News for the the (*sic.*) English channel.”⁷ The Al Jazeera Media Network is the overarching Doha-based Qatari entity, which in turn is controlled by the Al Thani family, the ruling family of Qatar. In fact, the Chairman of the Board of the Al Jazeera Media Network is Sheik Hamid bin Thamer bin Mohammed Al Thani, a member of the ruling family. Al Thani’s company

⁴ See e.g. Guy Adams, “US believes Al Jazeera is ‘propaganda tool of Qatar,’” *Independent (UK)*, December 6, 2010, available at <https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/politics/us-believes-al-jazeera-is-propaganda-tool-of-qatar-2152329.html>, retrieved April 6, 2019.

⁵ United States of America before the National Labor Relations Board, Region 5, Al Jazeera International (USA), LLC, Employer, and Screen Actors Guild - American Federation of Television and Radio Artists (SAG-AFTRA), Petitioner, Case 05-RC-225958, September 28, 2018, p. 3, available at <https://www.nlr.gov/case/05-RC-225958>, retrieved April 6, 2019.

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⁷ ALJAZEERA MEDIA NETWORK, “Management profile / Salah Negm,” available at <https://network.aljazeera.com/about-us/management-profiles/salah-negm>, retrieved April 6, 2019.

biography says, "his purview encompasses all of the channels under the Al Jazeera umbrella."⁸ Sheikh Hamad's biography further states that "leaders of the country decided to abolish" Qatar's Ministry of Information and Culture in the late 1980s and early 1990s, and replace it with Al Jazeera in order to reach a wider audience.

Thus, Al Jazeera's own testimony before the NLRB and its website indicates that the editorial decisions for the English channel come straight from Doha, and that all channels are overseen by the royal family in Qatar. Furthermore, by its own admission the Qatari royal family uses Al Jazeera to perform the functions previously done by the Ministry of Information and Culture.

Based on this new information, I respectfully request that you consider investigating Al Jazeera at the earliest possible moment, and that you provide my office with the maximum possible information under the law and applicable regulations about such investigation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brad Sherman", written in a cursive style.

Brad Sherman
Member of Congress

⁸ ALJAZEERA MEDIA NETWORK, "Chairman of Board of Directors: Sheikh Hamad bin Thamer Al Thani," available at <https://network.aljazeera.com/about-us/leadership>, retrieved April 6, 2019.

From: Fynn-Brown, Josh (Judiciary-Rep)
Subject: 2021-07-01 CEG Rubio Cotton Cruz Young to DOJ (A Jazeera FARA)
To: Gaeta, Joseph (OLA)
Cc: CEG (Judiciary-Rep); Sesek, Kristina (Judiciary-Rep); Tominson, Elliott (Rubio); Wig, Russel (Cotton); Flores, Kelsey (Judiciary-Rep); Davis, Andrew (Judiciary-Rep); Hemers, Jessica (Young)
Sent: July 1, 2021 9:07 AM (UTC-04:00)
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Joe, please see the attached letter from Sens. Grassley, Rubio, Cotton, Cruz and Young to AG Garland. Please confirm receipt thank you.

Josh

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

July 1, 2021

VIA ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION

The Honorable Merrick Garland
Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice

Dear Attorney General Garland:

For several years, in both the Obama and Trump administrations, Congress has conducted oversight of the Justice Department's lax and selective enforcement of the Foreign Agents Registration Act (FARA).¹ FARA is an important statute that was designed not to prohibit activity but rather to require individuals to register with the DOJ if they are acting as an agent of a foreign government or enterprise to influence U.S. policy or public opinion. This helps ensure transparency and accountability in the public policy arena. In that sense, FARA is a content-neutral regulatory scheme that would not require any entity or individual to refrain from certain types of speech.

Proper enforcement of, and compliance with, FARA remains a top priority of ours as foreign governments and enterprises continue to use agents within the United States as conduits to lobby for policy changes and engage in public relations activity for the benefit of foreign principals.² On June 18, 2019, consistent with our FARA oversight, we sent a letter to DOJ with respect to our concerns that Al Jazeera Media Network was engaged in activity that required it to register as a foreign agent under FARA.³ In that letter, we stated that:

[w]hen the available evidence is taken as a whole, it appears that Al Jazeera's broadcasts, including AJ+, mirror the policies and preferences of the Qatari government, which, together with the state funding and other indicia of agency, demonstrate that Al Jazeera and its media subsidiaries act as alter egos of the Qatari government in ensuring dissemination of the government's viewpoints.⁴

¹ The FARA requires individuals to register with the Department of Justice (DOJ) if they act, even through an intermediary, "as an agent, representative, employee, or servant" or "in any other capacity" at the behest of a foreign principal, including a foreign political party, government, or corporation, for purposes of engagement with a United States official to influence U.S. policy or the public. The registration applies to anyone who attempts to influence a U.S. government official on behalf of a foreign principal in an effort to "formulat[e], adopt[,], or chang[e] the domestic or foreign policies of the United States." Likewise, an individual whose activities are subject to registration under FARA and who sends informational material "for or in the interest of[a] foreign principal" with the intent or belief that such material will be circulated among at least two persons must transmit the material to the Attorney General no later than 48 hours after actual transmission. Notably, an ongoing failure to register with the DOJ is a continuing offense. 22 U.S.C. § 611 – Definitions: The term "foreign principal" includes - (1) a government of a foreign country and a foreign political party; (2) a person outside of the United States, unless it is established that such person is an individual and a citizen of and domiciled within the United States, or that such person is not an individual and is organized under or created by the laws of the United States or of any State or other place subject to the jurisdiction of the United States and has its principal place of business within the United States; and (3) a partnership, association, corporation, organization, or other combination of persons organized under the laws of or having its principal place of business in a foreign country.

² Dep't of Justice, Recent FARA cases, (Nov. 13, 2019), <https://www.justice.gov/nsd-fara/recent-cases>

³ Letter from Senator Grassley, Chairman, Senate Finance Committee, et al. to The Honorable William Barr, Attorney General, Department of Justice (June 18, 2019). <https://www.grassley.senate.gov/news/news-releases/lawmakers-see-fara-evaluation-qatari-owned-al-jazeera>

⁴ *Id.*

On September 14, 2020, according to reports, DOJ's National Security Division made the determination that AJ+, a subsidiary unit of Al Jazeera Media Network, must register under FARA because it engages in "political activities" on behalf of Qatar's government and is designed to "influence American perceptions" of "domestic policy," among other reasons.⁵ Based on reporting, it is unclear whether DOJ has required Al Jazeera Media Network to register as a foreign agent in addition to AJ+.

To date, AJ+ has willfully ignored DOJ's mandate and has failed to register as a foreign agent. With AJ+'s refusal to register under FARA, agents of the Qatari government continue to operate in the United States in violation of the law. We note that foreign agents of other countries have complied with DOJ letters of determination.⁶ Moreover, in addition to refusing to register under FARA, Al Jazeera Media Network created and launched a new media platform aimed at American audiences called "Rightly." The same factual and legal basis with respect to Al Jazeera's nexus to the Qatari government, for which DOJ determined AJ+ must register as a foreign agent, appears to apply equally to this new platform.⁷ Accordingly, the Department must explain what steps it has taken to require it, and its employees, to register under FARA.

In a press release that the Department issued regarding a Russian production company registering as a foreign agent, DOJ said the following:

Americans have a right to know who is acting in the United States to influence the U.S. government or public on behalf of foreign principals. The Department of Justice is committed to enforcing FARA and expects compliance with the law by all entities engaged in specified activities on behalf of any foreign principal, regardless of its nationality.⁸

Further, that same press release said:

Congress passed FARA in 1938, intending to ensure that the American public and our lawmakers know the source of information that is provided at the behest of a foreign principal, where that information may be intended to influence U.S. public opinion, policy and laws.⁹

Those statements apply equally to Al Jazeera Media Network and its related entities, which are controlled by a foreign government, receive financial support therefrom, and engage in activity to influence the U.S. Government and public on behalf of foreign principals.

Accordingly, it is imperative for DOJ to explain what, if any, steps it has taken to enforce the law and require Al Jazeera Media Network, AJ+ and Rightly to register under FARA. Please answer the following questions no later than July 16, 2021:

1. Since the Department of Justice has determined that AJ+ must register as a foreign agent under FARA, has the Department determined the same for Al Jazeera Media Network and Rightly? If so, what steps has the Department taken to enforce compliance? If not, why not?

⁵ Marc Tracy and Lara Jakes, *U.S. Order Al Jazeera Affiliate to Register as Foreign Agent*, The New York Times (Sept. 15, 2020; updated Oct. 30, 2020), <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/09/15/business/media/al-jazeera-fara.html>

⁶ Registered in accordance with FARA on March 12, 2020; see <https://efile.fara.gov/docs/6780-Exhibit-AB-20200312-1.pdf>. Registered in accordance with FARA on May 5, 2021; see <https://efile.fara.gov/docs/6958-Exhibit-AB-20210505-1.pdf>.

⁷ "Rightly" is a news organization launched by Al Jazeera, thereby making it an extension of the Qatari government. Bill Chappel, "Al Jazeera Is Launching A Right-Leaning News Outlet Called Rightly," NPR, Feb. 23, 2021, available at: <https://www.npr.org/2021/02/23/970654967/al-jazeera-is-launching-a-right-leaning-news-outlet-called-rightly>

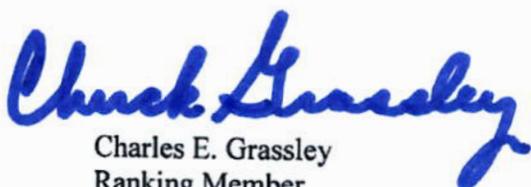
⁸ Department of Justice Press Release, *Production Company Registers Under the Foreign Agent Registration Act as Agent for the Russian Government Entity Responsible for Broadcasting RT* (November 13, 2017).

⁹ *Id.*

2. With respect to AJ+'s refusal to register under FARA, what steps has the Department taken to require them to do so? For example, has the Department begun enforcement proceedings against it? If not, why not?
3. Please provide all letters of inquiry and letters of determination the Department of Justice has sent to Al Jazeera Media Network, AJ+, Rightly and affiliated entities.
4. Under 28 C.F.R. § 5.2, any present or prospective agent of a foreign entity may request an advisory opinion from the Justice Department regarding the need to register. Has Al Jazeera, AJ+, Rightly or any of its entities or employees ever requested an opinion in relation to work done on behalf of Qatar? If so, please provide a copy of the request and opinion.

Please send all unclassified material directly to the signers. In keeping with the requirements of Executive Order 13526, if any of the responsive documents do contain classified information, please segregate all unclassified material within the classified documents, provide all unclassified information directly to the signers, and provide a classified addendum to the Office of Senate Security. The signers comply with all laws and regulations governing the handling of classified information. They are not bound, absent their prior agreement, by any handling restrictions or instructions on unclassified information unilaterally asserted by the Executive Branch.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.



Charles E. Grassley
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary



Marco Rubio
U.S. Senator



Tom Cotton
U.S. Senator



Ted Cruz
U.S. Senator



Todd Young
U.S. Senator

From: Gaeta, Joseph (OLA)
Subject: for exec sec -- FARA
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Cc: Ante, Kira M. (OLA)
Sent: July 1, 2021 11:05 AM (UTC-04:00)
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Please assign to NSD, but Joanne I'd like to discuss this with you today.

Joe Gaeta
Deputy Assistant Attorney General
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U.S. Department of Justice

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Subject: Grass ey et a . new FARA etter
To: Iverson, Dena (PAO); Co ey, Anthony D. (PAO); Loeb, Emi y M. (ODAG); Newman, David A. (ODAG)
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From: Wahdan, Rana S. (OLA)
Subject: RE: for exec sec -- FARA
To: Gaeta, Joseph (OLA); Calce, Christina M. (OLA)
Sent: July 1, 2021 11:29 AM (UTC-04:00)
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Attaching draft similar to request we sent in previous administration. I will vet through FARA unit after I discuss with you.

Thank you,

Rana Wahdan

Counsel
Office of Legislative Affairs
U.S. Department of Justice
Office: (b) (6) Cell: (b) (6)

From: Gaeta, Joseph (OLA) <(b) (6)>
Sent: Thursday, July 1, 2021 11:11 AM
To: Johnson, Joanne E. (OLA) <(b) (6)>; McKay, Shirley A (OLA) <(b) (6)>; Greenfeld, Helaine A. (OLA) <(b) (6)>; Calce, Christina M. (OLA) <(b) (6)>
Cc: Antell, Kira M. (OLA) <(b) (6)>; Wahdan, Rana S. (OLA) <(b) (6)>
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Someday I'll learn. Yes, let's discuss.

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Subject: RE: for exec sec -- FARA

Joe I would be glad to discuss with you today but wanted to flag that Rana has been handling the FARA portfolio. I have cc'd her on this email, too. Thanks, Joanne

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Subject: for exec sec -- FARA

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U.S. Department of Justice

Office of Legislative Affairs

Office of the Assistant Attorney General

Washington, D.C. 20530

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Grassley:

This responds to your letter to the Attorney General dated July 1, 2021, inquiring into any possible actions the Department of Justice (Department) has taken to investigate whether Al Jazeera Media Network, AJ+, and Rightly should register as a foreign agent under the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended, 22 U.S.C. § 611 *et seq.* (“FARA”).

The Department appreciates your interest in FARA, and we assure you that FARA is an active, integral part of the Department’s overall strategy to address threats to U.S. national security. For example, last year the Department doubled the number of new registrants and new foreign principals registering annually as of 2016. Moreover, this year a record number of individuals who work for registrants (known as “short-form registrants”) have registered, increasing transparency concerning the individuals engaged in foreign influence activities. Additionally, in 2019 the Department successfully utilized its civil enforcement authority for the first time since 1991 to obtain a court order that required the registration of a U.S. agent of a Russian state-owned media enterprise.

Although we appreciate having the benefit of your views on this matter, long-standing policy and practice of the Department prevents us from discussing this information with you further or confirming the existence of any investigation. As such, please do not interpret this acknowledgment as a confirmation or a denial of an investigation of any of the matters described in your letter.

We hope this information is helpful. Please do not hesitate to contact this office if we may provide additional assistance regarding this or any other matter.

Sincerely,

Joe Gaeta
Deputy Assistant Attorney General

Cc: The Honorable Marco Rubio
The Honorable Tom Cotton
The Honorable Ted Cruz

The Honorable Todd Young



U.S. Department of Justice

Office of Legislative Affairs

Office of the Assistant Attorney General

Washington, D.C. 20530

OCT 30 2020

Congressman Lee Zeldin
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Congressman Zeldin:

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Stephen E. Boyd
Assistant Attorney General

From: Lin, Frank (ODAG)
Subject: FW: Grassley et al. new FARA letter
To: Simms, Donna Y. (ODAG)
Cc: Suero, Maya A. (ODAG)
Sent: July 1, 2021 3:08 PM (UTC-04:00)
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Hi Donna! Can you please print this for JPC as well?

From: Loeb, Emily M. (ODAG) <(b) (6)>
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To: Suero, Maya A. (ODAG) <(b) (6)>; Lin, Frank (ODAG) <(b) (6)>
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Office of Legislative Affairs (OLA)
U.S. Department of Justice

From: McKay, Shirley A (OLA)
Subject: Congressional Priority letters received in OLA Correspondence email inbox on- 7/1/2021
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Cc: Gaeta, Joseph (OLA) <(b) (6)>; Calce, Christina M. (OLA) <(b) (6)>; Greenfeld, Helaine A. (OLA) <(b) (6)>
Subject: OLA Congressional Priority letters 7/1/2021
Importance: High

Good evening all,

Please find attached today's Congressional Priority incoming:

1. Castro/Veasey et al. letter to AG requesting investigation into restrictive TX voting practices
2. Weber letter to AG requesting constituent assistance
3. Gosar letter to FBI director regarding misuse of "Don't Fly" list
4. Newman et al. letter to AG and HHS regarding the Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act
5. Grassley et al. oversight request to AG regarding enforcement of Foreign Agents Registration Act
6. Mfume letter to AG expressing concern regarding continued detention of Gwen Levi, of Baltimore, and urging AG to undo prior admin's retaliatory approach to transitioning citizens
7. Warren/Casey letter to AG regarding conservatorship data collection & Britney Spears

Thank you,
Leah Schwartz

From: ODAG INFO COPIES
Subject: Action Subject Matter to Component - ODAG/OLA/NSD -- eCATS WF 2969 - Ltr from RMM Grassley and 4 other MCs to the AG dtd 07/01/2021.
To: Newman, David A. (ODAG); Loeb, Emily M. (ODAG)
Sent: July 2, 2021 12:24 PM (UTC-04:00)
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OBAMA/TRUMP Administration Oversight – Foreign Agents Registration Act (FARA) Al Jazeera Media

Angela M. Brown
Office of the Deputy Attorney General
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Importance: High

Miriam H. Wallace
Correspondence Management Analyst
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From: [McKay, Shirley A \(OLA\)](#)
To: [DOJExecSec \(JMD\)](#)
Cc: [Tolson, Kimberly G \(JMD\)](#); [Johnson, Joanne E. \(OLA\)](#); (b)(6) per NSD (NSD)
Subject: FW: for exec sec -- FARA - -TIME SENSITIVE - EXPEDITE
Date: Thursday, July 1, 2021 11:17:26 AM
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Pls log-expedite & per OLA (Gaeta) assign to NSD. **Note; response to questions requested by 7/16/2021.** Thanks.

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United States Senate
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TO: AG

MAIL TYPE: Congressional Priority

SUBJECT: (Rec'd from OLA via email) Ltr from Chmn Grassley, Finance Comte, stating both the Obama and Trump administrations have conducted oversight of DOJ's lax and selective enforcement of the Foreign Agents Registration Act (FARA). Advising recent news articles have reported activities in which Al Jazeera Media Network is engaged that raise legitimate questions about whether it should register as a foreign agent. Similarly, DOJ has required T&R Productions, LLC, Xinhua News Agency and China Global Television Network to register under FARA. The Comte is requesting answers to the enclosed questions NLT 07/02/2019. Ltr also signed by 7 other MCs. See WF 4044916 and related corres in ECMS.

DATE ASSIGNED
06/20/2019

ACTION COMPONENT & ACTION REQUESTED
NSD
Prepare response for AAG/OLA signature.

INFO COMPONENT: OAG, ODAG, OLA

COMMENTS: 10/09/2019: OLA replied by ltrs (8) dtd 10/03/19. cc: NSD, AG/Chmn files.
06/20/2019: Per OLA (Rubens), assign to NSD to draft response for OLA signature. (Note: The Comte has requested a response NLT 07/02/2019).

FILE CODE: AG FILE: CONGRESSIONAL Information Request :CHMN GRASSLEY

EXECSEC POC: BODGER Pricillia: (b) (6)

Department of Justice
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eCATS Summary Sheet

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From: The Honorable Charles Grassley
Senator
United States Senate
135 Hart Senate Office Building,
Washington, DC

To: AG, Garland, CC indicated for

Mail Type: Congressional Priority

Sub Mail Type:

3rd Mail Type:

Service Code: OLA AAG Signature

Description: (Rec'd from OLA via email) Ltr from RMM Grassley, Comte on the Judiciary, expressing concerns that for several years, both the Obama and Trump Administrations, Congress has conducted oversight of the Justice Department's lax and selective enforcement of the Foreign Agents Registration Act (FARA). Advises that FARA is an important statute that was designed not to prohibit activity but rather to require individuals to register with the Department of Justice (DOJ) if they are acting as an agent of a foreign government or enterprise to influence U.S. policy or public opinion. Mentions they sent a ltr to DOJ dtd 06/18/2019 with respect to their concerns that Al Jazeera Media Network was engaged in activity that required it to register as a foreign agent under FARA. Requesting DOJ to explain the steps taken to enforce the law and require Al Jazeera Media Network, AJ + and Rightly to register under FARA. Request DOJ provide answers to the enclosed questions NLT 07/16/2021. Ltr also from MCs Rubio, Cotton, Cruz, and Young. See WF 4278925.

Current Step: Action Component & Action Requested
NSD, Component for Action (Assignment)

Info Component: OAG, ODAG, OLA

Comments: Per OLA (Gaeta), assign to NSD

ExecSec POC: Miriam Wallace

ECATS-2021-002969

From: Calce, Christina M. (OLA)
Subject: FW: ECATS Congressional Priority Letters June 29, 2021-July 2, 2021
To: Schwartz, Leah F. (OLA)
Sent: July 6, 2021 9:08 AM (UTC-04:00)
Attached: 2021-06.30-IN-Luetkemeyer-AG-AML Act Subpoena Power-ECATS-2021-003080.pdf, 2021.06.29-IN-MaoneyDesautel-AG-Purdue Plan of Reorganization-ECATS-2021-002992.pdf, 2021.07.1-IN-CastroVeasey-AG-Voting Rights Legislation-ECATS-2021-003117.pdf, 2021.06.24-IN-McConne, et al.-AFT Proposed Rule 2021R-08 Firearms Stabilizing Braces-ECATS-2021-002853.pdf, 2021.06.2-IN-Tester-AG-Meat Packer JBS Victim Ransomware Attack-ECATS-2021-002879.pdf, 2021.06.24-IN-Grassley, et al.-Prelogar-New Swine Inspection System (NSIS) USG-ECATS-2021-002654.pdf, 2021.6.16-IN-FortenberryLeahy-AG-Reconnaissance Energy Africa(ReconAfrica, RECAF, OTC-ECATS-2021-002628.pdf, 2021.06.25-IN-NeguseCrow-AG-Two Amicus Curiae Briefs Withdraw North American Meat Institute v. Becerra and National Pork Council v. Ross-ECATS-2021-002579.pdf, 2021.06.24-IN-Mfume-AG-Korryn Gaines Death-ECATS-2021-003096.pdf, 2021.06.29-IN-Higgins-AG-Gun Violence and Violent Crime Western New York-ECATS-2021-003130.pdf, 2021.07.1-IN-Grassley, et al.-AG-A Jazeera Foreign Agents Registration Act (FARA)-ECATS-2021-002969.pdf

Hello! I hope you had a wonderful weekend. Would you mind going through and comparing these against what Shirley sent over last week to see if there is anything new?

Thanks,
Christina

From: Williams, Kim (OLA) <(b) (6)>
Sent: Friday, July 2, 2021 8:50 PM
To: Greenfeld, Helaine A. (OLA) <(b) (6)>; Calce, Christina M. (OLA) <(b) (6)>; Schwartz, Leah F. (OLA) <(b) (6)>
Subject: ECATS Congressional Priority Letters June 29, 2021-July 2, 2021

Good evening,

Eleven incoming letters from June 29, 2021 - July 2, 2021.

Apologize, Met with Jason today. He had to reset the Dashboard in eCATS, it should be working properly. Thank you.

From: Cress, Brian (OLA)
Subject: Weekly Report reminder
To: Ante , Kira M. (OLA); Appeton, Rache E. (OLA); Beechum, Venessa M. (OLA); Ca ce, Christina M. (OLA); Ca ier, Sandra M (OLA); Cress, Brian (OLA); Frank-Stempe , Sasha (OLA); Gaeta, Joseph (OLA); Greenfe d, He aine A. (OLA); Herbert, Jene e R. (OLA); Horton, Char es R. (OLA); Johnson, Joanne E. (OLA); Ke ner, Kenneth E. (OLA); Kueter, Dean (OLA); Lawrie, Heather (OLA); Linares, E va E. (OLA); McKay, Shir ey A (OLA); Norgren-Markey, Danie e (OLA); Payton, Rayshon J. (OLA); Pings, Anne (OLA); Prasanna, Sandeep A. (OLA); Schwartz, Leah F. (OLA); Si as, Adrien (OLA); Stamos, Theophani K. (OLA); Stoika, Dennis (OLA); Underwood, Ryan M. (OLA); Wahdan, Rana S. (OLA); Wi iams, Kim (OLA)
Sent: Ju y 6, 2021 11:24 AM (UTC-04:00)
Attached: OLA Weekly Report 7-2-21 FINAL.pdf

Good Morning:

If you have any updates for the weekly report, please send to me no later than **12 p.m. Thursday, 7/8/2021**. To streamline this process, please include the following: date; time; location; briefing subject matter; and names and titles of briefers. A copy of last week's report is attached for your reference.

Best,
Brian

Brian Cress

Office of Legislative Affairs

U.S. Department of Justice

Office: (b) (6) | Cell: (b) (6)

From: Schwartz, Leah F. (OLA)
Subject: FW: Congressional Priority letters received in OLA Correspondence email inbox on- 7/1/2021
To: Frank-Stempe, Sasha (OLA)
Sent: July 7, 2021 2:28 PM (UTC-04:00)
Attached: Castro.incoming.7.1.2021.pdf, Weber.incoming.7.1.2021.pdf, Gosar.incoming.7.1.2021.pdf, Newman.incoming.7.1.2021.pdf, Grassley.incoming.7.1.2021.pdf, Mfume.incoming.6.30.2021.pdf

From: McKay, Shirley A (OLA) <(b) (6)>
Sent: Thursday, July 1, 2021 5:46 PM
To: Antell, Kira M. (OLA) <(b) (6)>; Calce, Christina M. (OLA) <(b) (6)>; Gaeta, Joseph (OLA) <(b) (6)>; Greenfeld, Helaine A. (OLA) <(b) (6)>; Schwartz, Leah F. (OLA) <(b) (6)>
Subject: Congressional Priority letters received in OLA Correspondence email inbox on- 7/1/2021
Importance: High

Good afternoon

The attached congressional priority letters were received today in OLA correspondence inbox.

Shirley McKay
Correspondence Management Analyst
Office of Legislative Affairs
Work # (b) (6)

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From: McKay, Shirley A (OLA) <(b) (6)>
Sent: Thursday, July 1, 2021 6:02 PM
To: Antell, Kira M. (OLA) <(b) (6)>; Calce, Christina M. (OLA) <(b) (6)>; Gaeta, Joseph (OLA) <(b) (6)>; Greenfeld, Helaine A. (OLA) <(b) (6)>; Schwartz, Leah F. (OLA) <(b) (6)>
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Importance: High

Good afternoon

The attached congressional priority letters were received today in OLA correspondence inbox.

Shirley McKay
Correspondence Management Analyst
Office of Legislative Affairs
Work # (b) (6)

From: Flynn-Brown, Josh (Judiciary-Rep)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: 2021-07-01 CEG Rubio Cotton Cruz Young to DOJ (A Jazeera FARA)
To: Gaeta, Joseph (OLA)
Cc: CEG (Judiciary-Rep); Sesek, Kristina (Judiciary-Rep); Tomlinson, Elliott (Rubio); Willig, Russell (Cotton); Flores, Kelsey (Judiciary-Rep); Davis, Andrew (Judiciary-Rep); Helmers, Jessica (Young)
Sent: September 30, 2021 11:29 AM (UTC-04:00)
Attached: 2021-07-01 CEG Rubio Cotton Cruz Young to DOJ (A Jazeera FARA).pdf

Joe, any update on a response to the attached? We asked for one by July 16. Thanks.

From: Gaeta, Joseph (OLA) <(b) (6)>
Sent: Thursday, July 1, 2021 11:07 AM
To: Flynn-Brown, Josh (Judiciary-Rep) <(b) (6)>
Cc: CEG (Judiciary-Rep) <CEG@judiciary-rep.senate.gov>; Sesek, Kristina (Judiciary-Rep) <(b) (6)>; Tomlinson, Elliott (Rubio) <(b) (6)>; Willig, Russell (Cotton) <(b) (6)>; Flores, Kelsey (Judiciary-Rep) <(b) (6)>; Davis, Andrew (Judiciary-Rep) <(b) (6)>; Helmers, Jessica (Young) <(b) (6)>
Subject: RE: 2021-07-01 CEG Rubio Cotton Cruz Young to DOJ (Al Jazeera FARA)

Duplicative Information - See Document ID 0.7.1476.21548

From: Calce, Christina M. (OLA)
Subject: RE: Grassley Letter
To: Woldemariam, Wintta (OLA)
Sent: October 25, 2021 10:15 AM (UTC-04:00)

And this one sorry!

FARA

Questioning whether Al Jazeera's AJ+ has to register under FARA. (7/1/21 letter; response pending)

From: Calce, Christina M. (OLA)
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 10:15 AM
To: Woldemariam, Wintta (OLA) <(b) (6)>
Subject: RE: Grassley Letter

Same question with these. Thanks!

MS-13

Requesting information to help Congress and the American people better understand what the DOJ is doing to protect us all from the ever-present threat of MS-13, specifically about Joint Task Force Vulcan. (8/3/21 Letter. Response pending with NSD.)

Promoting Security and Justice for Victims of Terrorism Act of 2019

Urging DOJ not to argue against the statute. (7/14/21 letter; Response pending with NSD.)

From: Calce, Christina M. (OLA)
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 10:12 AM
To: Woldemariam, Wintta (OLA) <(b) (6)>
Subject: Grassley Letter

Do you happen to know the current status of this response? Thanks!

Afghanistan Withdrawal and Terrorism

Concerned now that the Taliban are back in power their leadership will quickly create a safe haven for terrorists. (9/27/21 letter; Response is pending with NSD.)

From: Cace, Christina M. (OLA)
Subject: Grassley Letters Pending w/NSD, CRIM
To: Woldemariam, Wintta (OLA)
Cc: Greenfield, Helaine A. (OLA); Gaeta, Joseph (OLA)
Sent: October 25, 2021 1:40 PM (UTC-04:00)

Hi Wintta Apologies, I know I sent you a bunch of piecemeal emails this morning asking about the status of various Grassley letters that fall under your umbrella. Helaine has asked that we try to pin down the status of these ASAP in preparation for the AG's hearing on Wednesday. A number of these were in Joanne's portfolio, and one was in Anne's. Are you able to help us run down the status on these?

Thanks,
Christina

1. **Afghanistan Withdrawal and Terrorism (9/27/21)**: Concerned that the Taliban's return to power will quickly create a safe haven for terrorists in Afghanistan. (Response is pending with NSD.)
2. **Money Laundering (8/25/21)**: Writing to request an update from the U.S. Department of Justice and its component agencies, including the Drug Enforcement Administration, about the status of domestic and international money laundering activity related to drug trafficking organizations (DTOs). In April 2013, the United States Senate Caucus on International Control issued a report, The Buck Stops Here: Improving U.S. Anti-Money Laundering Practices (the 2013 report). We are working to update the report and would appreciate your assistance in helping us to better understand the current nature and scope of money laundering. (Response pending with Crim.)
3. **MS-13 (8/3/21)**: Requesting information to help Congress and the American people better understand what the DOJ is doing to protect us all from the ever-present threat of MS-13, specifically about Joint Task Force Vulcan. (Response pending with NSD.)
4. **Promoting Security and Justice for Victims of Terrorism Act of 2019 (7/14/21)**: Urging DOJ not to argue against the statute. (Response pending with NSD's Office of Victim of Overseas Terrorism.)
5. **Al Jazeera / FARA Registration (7/1/21)**: Asking whether Al Jazeera's AJ+ should be required to register under FARA. (Response pending with NSD.)

From: Greenfeld, Helaine A. (OLA)
Subject: RE: Grassley Letters Pending w/NSD, CRIM
To: Calce, Christina M. (OLA); Woldemariam, Wintta (OLA)
Cc: Gaeta, Joseph (OLA)
Sent: October 25, 2021 1:44 PM (UTC-04:00)

Thanks. I know I'll be asked about these.

From: Calce, Christina M. (OLA) <(b) (6)>
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 1:40 PM
To: Woldemariam, Wintta (OLA) <(b) (6)>
Cc: Greenfeld, Helaine A. (OLA) <(b) (6)>; Gaeta, Joseph (OLA) <(b) (6)>
Subject: Grassley Letters Pending w/NSD, CRIM

Duplicative Information - See Document ID 0.7.1476.24750

From: Wodemariam, Wintta (OLA)
Subject: Grass ey Letters Pending w/NSD
To: (b)(6) per NSD (NSD)
Cc: Wahdan, Rana S. (OLA); Cace, Christina M. (OLA)
Sent: October 25, 2021 2:40 PM (UTC-04:00)

Hi (b)(6) per NSD

We are running down responses to these letters in preparation for the AG's Senate oversight hearing on Wednesday. Might you be able to advise on status asap? Thank you!

Sincerely,
Wintta

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From: Woldemariam, Wintta (OLA)
Subject: RE: Grassley Letters Pending w/NSD, CRIM
To: Calce, Christina M. (OLA)
Cc: Greenfield, Helaine A. (OLA); Gaeta, Joseph (OLA)
Sent: October 25, 2021 2:40 PM (UTC-04:00)

Thanks Christina for flagging these. Just sent emails to CRM and NSD on status updates and copied you on both threads.

From: Calce, Christina M. (OLA) <(b) (6)>
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 1:40 PM
To: Woldemariam, Wintta (OLA) <(b) (6)>
Cc: Greenfield, Helaine A. (OLA) <(b) (6)>; Gaeta, Joseph (OLA) <(b) (6)>
Subject: Grassley Letters Pending w/NSD, CRIM

Duplicative Information - See Document ID 0.7.1476.24750



From: Wahdan, Rana S. (OLA)
Subject: RE: Grassley Letters Pending w/NSD
To: Woldemariam, Wintta (OLA)
Sent: October 25, 2021 2:43 PM (UTC-04:00)
Attached: ECATS-2021-002969.incoming.pdf, ECATS-2021-002969.NSD.draft.resp.docx

I believe we have a draft of the Aljazeera letter. Ill get this moving but you may want to take this off the list.

Al Jazeera / FARA Registration (7/1/21): Asking whether Al Jazeera's AJ+ should be required to register under FARA. (Response pending with NSD.)

From: Woldemariam, Wintta (OLA) <(b) (6)>
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 2:40 PM
To: (b)(6) per NSD (NSD) <(b) (6)>
Cc: Wahdan, Rana S. (OLA) <(b) (6)>; Calce, Christina M. (OLA) <(b) (6)>
Subject: Grassley Letters Pending w/NSD
Importance: High

Duplicative Information - See Document ID 0.7.1476.24755

From: Wahdan, Rana S. (OLA)
Subject: RE: Grassey Letters Pending w/NSD
To: Woldemariam, Wintta (OLA); (b)(6) per NSD (NSD)
Cc: Calce, Christina M. (OLA)
Sent: October 25, 2021 2:45 PM (UTC-04:00)

Updating the list below. NSD has shared a draft of #4.

From: Woldemariam, Wintta (OLA) <(b)(6)>
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 2:40 PM
To: (b)(6) per NSD (NSD) <(b)(6)>
Cc: Wahdan, Rana S. (OLA) <(b)(6)>; Calce, Christina M. (OLA) <(b)(6)>
Subject: Grassey Letters Pending w/NSD
Importance: High

Hi (b)(6) per NSD

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Sincerely,
Wintta

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From: (b)(6) per NSD (NSD)
Subject: RE: Grassley Letters Pending w/NSD
To: Wahdan, Rana S. (OLA); Woldemariam, Wintta (OLA)
Cc: Calce, Christina M. (OLA)
Sent: October 25, 2021 2:53 PM (UTC-04:00)

Thanks Rana.

Wintta, I'll touch base with Patrick and get you a status update shortly.

From: Wahdan, Rana S. (OLA) <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 2:45 PM
To: Woldemariam, Wintta (OLA) <(b) (6)>; (b)(6) per NSD (NSD)
<(b) (6)>
Cc: Calce, Christina M. (OLA) <(b) (6)>
Subject: RE: Grassley Letters Pending w/NSD

Duplicative Information - See Document ID 0.7.1476.24758

From: Cace, Christina M. (OLA)
Subject: Re: Grass ey Letters Pending w/NSD, CRIM
To: Woldemariam, Wintta (OLA)
Cc: Greenfe d, He aine A. (OLA); Gaeta, Joseph (OLA)
Sent: October 25, 2021 4:12 PM (UTC-04:00)

Thank you!!

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 25, 2021, at 2:40 PM, Woldemariam, Wintta (OLA) <(b) (6)>
wrote:

Duplicative Information - See Document ID 0.7.1476.24756

From: Wahdan, Rana S. (OLA)
Subject: RE: Grassley Letters Pending w/NSD
To: Findlay, Patrick (NSD); (b)(6) per NSD (NSD)
Cc: Woldemariam, Wintta (OLA); Calce, Christina M. (OLA); (b)(6) per NSD (NSD); (b)(6) per NSD (NSD); (b)(6) per NSD (NSD); (b)(6) per NSD (NSD)
Sent: October 25, 2021 5:47 PM (UTC-04:00)

I defer to Wintta on reassignment, but will follow up with CRM/CIV on the ones identified below while we wait for her to weigh in.

From: Findlay, Patrick (NSD) <(b)(6)>
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 5:37 PM
To: Wahdan, Rana S. (OLA) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) per NSD (NSD) <(b)(6)>
Cc: Woldemariam, Wintta (OLA) <(b)(6)>; Calce, Christina M. (OLA) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) per NSD (NSD) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) per NSD (NSD) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) per NSD (NSD) <(b)(6)>
Subject: RE: Grassley Letters Pending w/NSD

OLA,

Thanks for sending these.

(b)(5) per NSD
[Redacted]

(b)(5) per NSD
[Redacted]

(b)(5) per NSD
[Redacted]

Thanks,
Patrick

From: Wahdan, Rana S. (OLA) <(b)(6)>
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 5:09 PM
To: (b)(6) per NSD (NSD) <(b)(6)>; Findlay, Patrick (NSD) <(b)(6)>
Cc: Woldemariam, Wintta (OLA) <(b)(6)>; Calce, Christina M. (OLA) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) per NSD (NSD) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) per NSD (NSD) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) per NSD (NSD) <(b)(6)>
Subject: RE: Grassley Letters Pending w/NSD

All,

Here are the incoming letters. I will circle back with Exec Sec to see if I can find out why there was a disconnect.

From: (b)(6) per NSD (NSD) <(b)(6)>
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 4:52 PM

To: Findlay, Patrick (NSD) <(b) (6)>
Cc: Wahdan, Rana S. (OLA) <(b) (6)>; Woldemariam, Wintta (OLA) <(b) (6)>; Calce, Christina M. (OLA) <(b) (6)>; (b)(6) per NSD (NSD) <(b) (6)>; (b)(6) per NSD (NSD) <(b) (6)>; (b)(6) per NSD (NSD) <(b) (6)>
Subject: Re: Grassley Letters Pending w/NSD

OVT has also confirmed that no one there received the letter that is marked pending with their office.

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 25, 2021, at 4:36 PM, Findlay, Patrick (NSD) <(b) (6)> wrote:

Hi OLA,

We are having trouble tracking down the three letters you all noted below. I can't find emails with them, though that doesn't mean they don't exist. And we also can't find ExecSec entries or assignments. Do you know how these were sent to NSD? Knowing that should help us track these down.

Thanks,
Patrick

From: Wahdan, Rana S. (OLA) <(b) (6)>
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 2:45 PM
To: Woldemariam, Wintta (OLA) <(b) (6)>; (b)(6) per NSD (NSD) <(b) (6)>
Cc: Calce, Christina M. (OLA) <(b) (6)>
Subject: RE: Grassley Letters Pending w/NSD

Duplicative Information - See Document ID 0.7.1476.24758

From: Wahdan, Rana S. (OLA)
Subject: RE: Grassley Letters Pending w/NSD
To: Woldemariam, Wintta (OLA)
Cc: (b)(6) per NSD (NSD)
Sent: October 25, 2021 5:58 PM (UTC-04:00)

Wintta,

Can you please make sure to add (b)(6) per NSD to these types of requests moving forward. He is our usual contact that helps track correspondence/briefings.

Thanks,
Rana

From: Woldemariam, Wintta (OLA) <(b) (6)>
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 2:40 PM
To: (b)(6) per NSD (NSD) <(b) (6)>
Cc: Wahdan, Rana S. (OLA) <(b) (6)>; Calce, Christina M. (OLA) <(b) (6)>
Subject: Grassley Letters Pending w/NSD
Importance: High

Duplicative Information - See Document ID 0.7.1476.24755

From: (b)(6) per NSD (NSD)
Subject: Re: Grass ey Letters Pending w/NSD
To: Wahdan, Rana S. (OLA)
Cc: Wo demariam, Wintta (OLA); Find ay, Patrick (NSD)
Sent: October 25, 2021 6:07 PM (UTC-04:00)

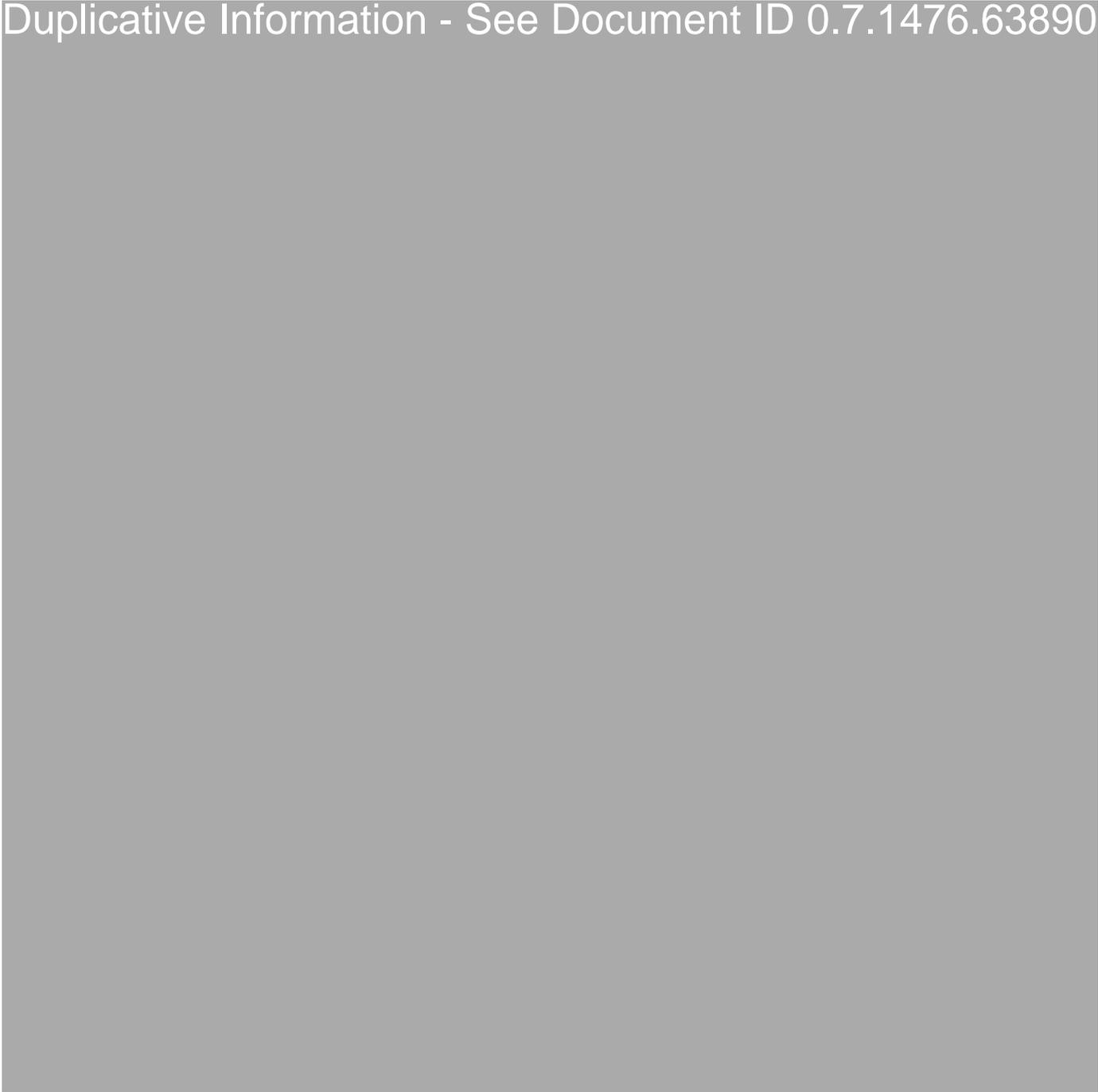
Thanks Rana.

For continuity, should I go anywhere when the new NSD management team arrives, please be sure to reach out to or copy NSD's General Counsel Patrick Findlay on all similar requests too. Thanks.

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 25, 2021, at 5:58 PM, Wahdan, Rana S. (OLA) <(b) (6)> wrote:

Duplicative Information - See Document ID 0.7.1476.63890



From: Woldemariam, Wintta (OLA)
Subject: RE: Grassley Letters Pending w/NSD
To: Wahdan, Rana S. (OLA)
Cc: (b)(6) per NSD (NSD)
Sent: October 25, 2021 6:22 PM (UTC-04:00)

No problem. Thank you for letting me know Rana.

Wintta

From: Wahdan, Rana S. (OLA) <(b) (6)>
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 5:58 PM
To: Woldemariam, Wintta (OLA) <(b) (6)>
Cc: (b)(6) per NSD (NSD) <(b) (6)>
Subject: RE: Grassley Letters Pending w/NSD

Duplicative Information - See Document ID 0.7.1476.63890

From: Calce, Christina M. (OLA)
Subject: RE: Grassley Letters Pending w/NSD
To: Wahdan, Rana S. (OLA)
Sent: December 14, 2021 12:01 PM (UTC-05:00)
Attached: 2021.07.12 Draft Resp. to Sen Grassley Rubio et al Ltr.docx.pdf

Rana: Any idea what the status is of the Al Jazeera letter (no. 4) below? It looks like a draft was sent over in Exec Sec and Shirley sent it back b/c of formatting problems. The draft that was uploaded (b) (5) [REDACTED]. Can you connect the dots on this and let's reformat and get this out if everyone is okay with it?

From: Wahdan, Rana S. (OLA) <(b) (6)>
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 5:09 PM
To: (b)(6) per NSD (NSD) <(b) (6)>; Findlay, Patrick (NSD) <(b) (6)>
Cc: Woldemariam, Wintta (OLA) <(b) (6)>; Calce, Christina M. (OLA) <(b) (6)>; (b)(6) per NSD (NSD) <(b) (6)>; (b)(6) per NSD (NSD) <(b) (6)>; (b)(6) per NSD (NSD) <(b) (6)>
Subject: RE: Grassley Letters Pending w/NSD

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From: Calce, Christina M. (OLA)
Subject: RE: Grassley Letters Pending w/NSD
To: Wahdan, Rana S. (OLA)
Sent: January 21, 2022 2:39 PM (UTC-05:00)

Hi Rana,

Circling back on this very old chain. Do you know the status of the Al Jazeera FARA response? Has it gone out yet? I don't recall seeing it but I may have missed it. Likewise, any updates on the Afghanistan response or the Promoting Security and Justice for Victims of Terrorism letter? I'm tracking the MS-13 letter separately.

Thanks,
Christina

From: Wahdan, Rana S. (OLA) <(b) (6)>
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 2:45 PM
To: Woldemariam, Wintta (OLA) <(b) (6)>; (b)(6) per NSD (NSD)
<(b) (6)>
Cc: Calce, Christina M. (OLA) <(b) (6)>
Subject: RE: Grassley Letters Pending w/NSD

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From: Wahdan, Rana S. (OLA)
Subject: FARA /Grassey etter
To: Cace, Christina M. (OLA)
Sent: January 21, 2022 3:45 PM (UTC-05:00)
Attached: ECATS-2021-002969.NSD.draft.resp.docx, ECATS-2021-002969.incoming.pdf

If this is the right letter you are referencing, it should have gone out.

From: Johnson, Joanne E. (OLA) <(b) (6)>
Sent: Wednesday, August 25, 2021 4:54 PM
To: Cress, Brian (OLA) <(b) (6)>
Cc: Wahdan, Rana S. (OLA) <(b) (6)>
Subject: *002969
Importance: High

Brian – Can you put the attached letter in final form? I will then forward the “formalized” letter to ODAG for clearance. Thank you, Joanne

From: Calce, Christina M. (OLA)
Subject: FW: FARA /Grassley letter
To: Johnson, Joanne E. (OLA)
Sent: January 21, 2022 5:49 PM (UTC-05:00)
Attached: ECATS-2021-002969.NSD.draft.resp.docx, ECATS-2021-002969.incoming.pdf

From: Wahdan, Rana S. (OLA) <(b) (6)>
Sent: Friday, January 21, 2022 3:45 PM
To: Calce, Christina M. (OLA) <(b) (6)>
Subject: FARA /Grassley letter
Importance: High

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From: Flynn-Brown, Josh (Judiciary-Rep)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: 2021-07-01 CEG Rubio Cotton Cruz Young to DOJ (A Jazeera FARA)
To: Gaeta, Joseph (OLA)
Cc: CEG (Judiciary-Rep); Sesek, Kristina (Judiciary-Rep); Willig, Russell (Cotton); Flores, Kelsey (Judiciary-Rep); Helmers, Jessica (Young)
Sent: January 28, 2022 11:41 AM (UTC-05:00)
Attached: 2021-07-01 CEG Rubio Cotton Cruz Young to DOJ (A Jazeera FARA).pdf

Flagging this again. Any update?

From: Flynn-Brown, Josh (Judiciary-Rep)
Sent: Thursday, September 30, 2021 11:29 AM
To: 'Gaeta, Joseph (OLA)' <(b) (6)>
Cc: CEG (Judiciary-Rep) <CEG@judiciary-rep.senate.gov>; Sesek, Kristina (Judiciary-Rep) <(b) (6)>; Tomlinson, Elliott (Rubio) <(b) (6)>; Willig, Russell (Cotton) <(b) (6)>; Flores, Kelsey (Judiciary-Rep) <(b) (6)>; Davis, Andrew (Judiciary-Rep) <(b) (6)>; Helmers, Jessica (Young) <(b) (6)>
Subject: RE: 2021-07-01 CEG Rubio Cotton Cruz Young to DOJ (Al Jazeera FARA)

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From: Calce, Christina M. (OLA)
Subject: FW: FARA /Grassley letter
To: Johnson, Joanne E. (OLA); Wahdan, Rana S. (OLA)
Sent: February 1, 2022 11:57 AM (UTC-05:00)
Attached: ECATS-2021-002969.NSD.draft.resp.docx, ECATS-2021-002969.incoming.pdf

Hi all less time sensitive than the email I just sent but we still need to resolve this sooner rather than later. Has anyone been able to run down the status of this? I can confirm that it did not get sent out by OLA. At this point I think we might just need to run it through the process again hopefully we can get quick sign-off. Thanks!

From: Wahdan, Rana S. (OLA) <(b) (6)>
Sent: Friday, January 21, 2022 3:45 PM
To: Calce, Christina M. (OLA) <(b) (6)>
Subject: FARA /Grassley letter
Importance: High

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From: Wahdan, Rana S. (OLA)
Subject: Re: FARA /Grass ey etter
To: Calce, Christina M. (OLA)
Cc: Johnson, Joanne E. (OLA)
Sent: February 1, 2022 12:00 PM (UTC-05:00)
Attached: ECATS-2021-002969.NSD.draft.resp.docx, ECATS-2021-002969.incoming.pdf

This is mine and I ran it by NSD again. Will get this moving.

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 1, 2022, at 11:56 AM, Calce, Christina M. (OLA) <(b) (6)> wrote:

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