

Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Tuesday, December 12, 2017 9:13 AM
To: Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM
Subject: Fwd: draft for today

FPPO: not for embargo or publication. (Still making some edits--but nothing that would change chyrons or tv plans)

**Remarks of Attorney General
Sessions in Baltimore
December 12, 2017**

Thank you, Steve
(Schenning) for that kind
introduction and for
nearly a quarter century
of service to the
Department of Justice.
You've had some big
shoes to fill, following
Deputy Attorney General

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Rod Rosenstein, but
you're doing the difficult
work to keep your
hometown safe.

Thank you also to
Secretary Nielsen. I also
want to congratulate you
on your confirmation by
the Senate last week in a
strong, bipartisan vote.

I think that's a sign of
the confidence that you
have inspired in your
leadership at the
Department and at the
White House.

I appreciated our briefing earlier today, and I'm looking forward to working with you to protect the American people and implement the President's ambitious agenda.

I want to recognize Acting Director Homan of ICE, as well as our FBI, DEA, and ATF Special Agents in Charge who are here.

You all do terrific work

to protect the American people and I'm proud to stand with you.

But we know too well, violent crime is up in many places across the country. Last week, the Department released its annual National Crime Victimization Survey. It shows that the rate of Americans victimized by violent crime is up more than 13 percent.

Over the last two years, this city in particular has experienced violence like we haven't seen in nearly a quarter of a century. The violent crime rate is up nearly one-third. Rape is up by 22 percent. Murder is up by half. Baltimore has a higher murder rate and a higher violent crime rate than Chicago with less than a quarter of the population, if you can believe it.

The day I was sworn in as Attorney General, President Trump ordered me to reduce crime in America and to take on transnational criminal organizations, cartels, and gangs.

We embrace that agenda, and we are carrying it out aggressively.

This year alone, the Department has secured convictions against more

convictions against more than 1,000 gang members.

In particular, we have targeted MS-13.

With more than 10,000 members across 40 U.S. states, MS-13 is one of the most dangerous gangs in America. And make no mistake: this is a transnational organization based in El Salvador, and it is one of the most violent in our

the most violent in our
country.

The people of this
community know this
only too well.

In January, a 15-year
old girl from near here in
Gaithersburg was
stabbed 13 times with
knives and a wooden
stake by MS-13
members. Her killers
filmed the murder so
they could show their
leaders back in El

Salvador.

But under President Trump's strong leadership, we have already taken a number of important steps toward eradicating this threat.

First, our goal with the Department of Homeland Security is to end the illegality rampant in our immigration system.

As Attorney General, I have ordered our prosecutors to renew their focus on immigration offenses—specifically where those criminals have a gang nexus, targeting violent crime offenses, and charging the most serious, readily provable offense.

We have sent additional prosecutorial resources to the Southwest Border

and created Border Security Coordinators in each of our U.S. Attorney's Offices—to enforce immigration laws with a special emphasis on criminals, like MS-13, that have a nexus to the Southern Border.

I have designated MS-13 as a priority for our Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Forces. These task forces bring together a broad coalition of federal law

enforcement—from DEA, FBI, and ATF to ICE, the Coast Guard, Secret Service, and the IRS. I want to thank Secretary Nielsen and Department of Homeland Security personnel for making an incredible contribution to these task forces.

These are important steps, and we've already delivered results for the American people. Together with our partners in Central

America, we have filed criminal charges against more than 4,000 MS-13 members and seized many of their firearms, vehicles, and other assets.

But we must also recognize that transnational gangs like MS-13 have taken advantage of our porous Southern Border and previously lax immigration law enforcement.

If we accept

if we accept
lawlessness, then we
encourage lawlessness.

When people break our
laws without
consequences, we
shouldn't be surprised
when they continue
breaking our laws.

In recent years, our
immigration system has
been overwhelmed. The
caseload has tripled since
fiscal 2009 and doubled
since fiscal 2012.

As the backlog of immigration cases grew out of control, the previous administration simply closed nearly 200,000 pending immigration court cases without a final decision in just four years—more than were closed in the previous 22 years combined.

But under President Trump, we have already taken steps to bring down the backlog in cases.

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We are completing, not closing, immigration cases. Under President Trump, our immigration judges completed 20,000 more cases this last fiscal year than in the previous one.

We have hired 50 immigration judges since January, and we plan to hire another 60 over the next six months.

Last week, I issued a

memo to our Executive Office for Immigration Review on principles to reduce—and ultimately end—the immigration backlog.

The memo makes clear that cases are to be resolved either with a removal order or a grant of relief or protection. Appeals that are frivolous ought to be resolved quickly, and fraud ought to be documented, reported, and prosecuted

where possible.

And finally, we will implement objective performance measures to ensure that our judges are working efficiently and fairly.

The American people—as well as those who would come here and disrespect our laws—can be certain about this: we are enforcing our laws again.

Since President Trump took office, border crossings are now at their lowest level in 45 years. That is a big achievement. But that number can be zero. We can do it.

But it is also up to Congress to improve our laws. We cannot wait any longer. As yesterday's events showed us in the starkest terms: the failures of our immigration system are a

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national security issue.

Since 9/11, we have prosecuted more than 500 people for terrorism-related offenses, and preliminary figures suggest that nearly 75 percent of those defendants were foreign born.

The President is exactly right to call attention to these issues and to how they affect our security. In just the last two months, we've seen two

months, we've seen two terrorist attacks in New York City carried out by men who were here as a result of failed immigration policies—the diversity lottery and chain migration.

Between 2005 and 2015, we admitted 9.3 million people under this chain migration policy. And each of those people may be able to sponsor their relatives as well. It's not sustainable.

The President has also

THE PRESIDENT HAS ALSO proposed ending chain migration and switching to a merit-based system like they have in Canada and Australia. That means welcoming the best and the brightest and turning away not only terrorists, but gang members and criminals. That requires good vetting.

We should give priority to those who are likely to thrive here—such as those who speak English

or are highly skilled—not someone chosen at random or who happens to be somebody's relative.

In short, it means looking at factors that indicate the applicant's likelihood of assimilation and success in the United States.

Let me be clear: ending illegal immigration is not hopeless. Having a legal immigration that serves the national interest is not hopeless. We can do

it. The Department of Justice and Department of Homeland Security are partners in this effort.

If we follow the policies laid out by President Trump, I believe that we will finally have the immigration system the American people have asked for—and the system we deserve.

Thank you.

Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 9:23 PM
To: Henning, Alexa A. EOP/WHO
Cc: Murray, Andrew
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] DETAILS FOR SARAH ISGUR FLORES AT 7am tomorrow

No prob! Thanks all!

On Dec 11, 2017, at 9:22 PM, Henning, Alexa A. EOP/WHO (b)(6) wrote:

Plus Sarah

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 11, 2017, at 9:21 PM, Murray, Andrew <Andrew.Murray@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Hi Alexa,

Here are the details for Sarah.

"Fox & Friends"

DATE: Tuesday, December 12th

ARRIVAL: 6:30 am ET (for make-up)

LIVE INTERVIEW: 7:00am ET with Steve Doocy, Ainsley Earhardt, and Brian Kilmeade

TOPIC: Attempted Terrorist Attack in NYC & Chain Migration

ADDRESS: FNC DC Bureau: The Hall of the States Building; 400 North Capitol Street, NW, Suite 500

TUESDAY AM: GUEST GREETER: Erenia Michell Phone: (b)(6) (Main) or (b)(6) Bureau Main Number: (202) 824-6300 email: Erenia.Michell@FOXNEWS.COM

TUESDAY AM EMERGENCY CONTACT: Kyle Nolan CELL: (b)(6) Greenroom: (b)(6) email: kyle.nolan@foxnews.com

Instructions for tomorrow: Sign in at the guard desk in lobby and receive security pass. Then take the elevators on the left side of the lobby up to the 5th floor, suite is on the left side of the hall.

Thanks in advance.

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From: Murray, Andrew
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 8:56 PM
To: Henning, Alexa A. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] SARAH ISGUR FLORES AVAILABLE AT 7am tomorrow?

Any word?

From: Henning, Alexa A. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 8:14 PM
To: Murray, Andrew <Andrew.Murray@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] SARAH ISGUR FLORES AVAILABLE AT 7am tomorrow?

She'd be coming on to talk chain migration and the vetting component, the President's and AG's statements on the bombing today. Did space open up on the show or what changed? Just want to double check on topics.

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 11, 2017, at 8:01 PM, Henning, Alexa A. EOP/WHO (b)(6) wrote:

Checking

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On Dec 11, 2017, at 8:00 PM, Murray, Andrew <Andrew.Murray@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Actually, would you please let me know if Sarah Isgur Flores available at 7am ET tomorrow? I think we can now make that work on Tuesday.

Andrew

From: Henning, Alexa A. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 5:22 PM
To: Murray, Andrew <Andrew.Murray@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: RE: NO SARAH ISGUR FLORES

Subject: RE: Sarah Flores, EOP/WHO

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From: Murray, Andrew
[\[mailto:Andrew.Murray@FOXNEWS.COM\]](mailto:Andrew.Murray@FOXNEWS.COM)
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 5:21 PM
To: Henning, Alexa A. EOP/WHO
(b)(6)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] NO SARAH ISGUR FLORES

Sorry...disregard...we don't have room in the show after all!

From: Murray, Andrew
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 5:19 PM
To: 'Henning, Alexa A. EOP/WHO'
(b)(6)
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Re: Interview with "Fox & Friends" Tomorrow (Tuesday)?

Thanks, can you please check with Sarah if she is available tomorrow and can come to our DC bureau?

From: Henning, Alexa A. EOP/WHO
(b)(6)
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 4:57 PM
To: Murray, Andrew <Andrew.Murray@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: Interview with "Fox & Friends" Tomorrow (Tuesday)?

Stephen and Sarah both are not available tomorrow. What about Sarah Flores to speak to chain migration, extreme vetting?

Sent from my iPhone

Gibson, Jake

From: Gibson, Jake
Sent: Friday, December 8, 2017 3:54 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Fwd: CNN PR tweets correction/update to Wikileaks story

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CNN's initial reporting of the date on an email sent to members of the Trump campaign about Wikileaks documents, which was confirmed by two sources to CNN, was incorrect. We have updated our story to include the correct date, and present the proper context for the timing of email

<https://twitter.com/CNNPR/status/939234684004962305>

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Ehrsam, Lauren (OPA)

From: Ehrsam, Lauren (OPA)
Sent: Friday, December 8, 2017 3:42 PM
To: Fanning, Elizabeth
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: RE: Planned Parenthood investigation by DOJ over sale of fetal tissue

That's fantastic! Please let me know if there's anything you need for this. My cell is (b)(6).

From: Fanning, Elizabeth [mailto:Elizabeth.Fanning@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Friday, December 8, 2017 3:31 PM
To: Ehrsam, Lauren (OPA) <lehrsam@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Planned Parenthood investigation by DOJ over sale of fetal tissue

Thank you! Hope all is well on your end and happy Friday! We actually did a quick reader on this and might be doing something tonight depending on the timing of Trump's rally.

From: Ehrsam, Lauren (OPA) [mailto:Lauren.Ehrsam@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Friday, December 08, 2017 3:04 PM
To: Ehrsam, Lauren (OPA) <Lauren.Ehrsam@usdoj.gov>
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>
Subject: Planned Parenthood investigation by DOJ over sale of fetal tissue

Good afternoon! Hope you're safe and warm!

Heading into the weekend, I want to flag this [report](#) that Planned Parenthood is being investigated by the Department of Justice over the sale of fetal tissue. Article pasted below.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Lauren

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

Planned Parenthood under investigation by Justice Department over sale of

Department Over Sale of fetal tissue

By [Brooke Singman](#), Jake Gibson | Fox News

The Justice Department has launched a federal investigation into Planned Parenthood's practices and the sale of fetal tissue.

In a letter first obtained by Fox News, Justice Department Assistant Attorney General for Legislative Affairs Stephen Boyd formally requested unredacted documents from the Senate Judiciary Committee, the same panel that led the congressional probe into the women's health organization.

"The Department of Justice appreciates the offer of assistance in obtaining these materials, and would like to request the Committee provide unredacted copies of records contained in the report, in order to further the Department's ability to conduct a thorough and comprehensive assessment of that report based on the full range of information available," Boyd wrote.

Fox News has learned that [last month](#), the FBI first requested the unredacted documents from the committee.

Fox News is told that Committee Chairman Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, and Ranking Member Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., said they needed to receive a letter and be assured that the documents would be used for investigative purposes.

The letter, sent to Grassley and Feinstein on Thursday, is a rare confirmation by the Justice Department of a federal investigation.

"At this point, the records are intended for investigative use only—we understand that a resolution from the Senate may be required if the Department were to use any of the unredacted materials in a formal legal proceeding, such as a grand jury," Boyd also wrote.

A spokesman for the committee told Fox News on Friday that they received the

Department's "official request for unredacted copies of its [2016 report](#) and we will work to cooperate fully."

In that final report entitled "Human Fetal Tissue Research: Context and Controversy" published in December 2016, Grassley referred Planned Parenthood and other providers to the FBI for investigation.

Grassley said at the time that the committee has discovered enough evidence that shows how abortion providers had transferred fetal tissue and body parts from aborted fetuses for research by charging amounts higher than they actually cost.

"The report documents the failure of the Department of Justice, across multiple administrations, to enforce the law that bans the buying and selling of human fetal tissue," Grassley wrote last December urging the Justice Department and FBI to investigate. "It also documents substantial evidence suggesting that the specific entities involved in the recent controversy, and/or individuals employed by those entities, may have violated that law."

The now-federal investigation comes after a 2015 undercover investigation by activists David Daleiden, leader of the pro-life Center for Medical Progress, and Sandra Merritt, an employee of the group, who both posed as fetal researchers and made undercover videos of themselves trying to buy fetal tissue from Planned Parenthood.

The recorded conversations included officials from Planned Parenthood and StemExpress, a California company that provides blood, tissue and other biological material for medical research and has received fetal tissue from Planned Parenthood.

Planned Parenthood, at the time, strongly rejected accusations it violated any law or acted unethically. The group also "strongly" disagreed with Grassley's recommendations to refer the matter to the Justice Department "especially in light of the fact that the investigations by three other Congressional committees, and investigations in 13 states including a Grand Jury in Texas, have all shown that Planned Parenthood did nothing wrong."

"Over two years ago, citizen journalists at The Center for Medical Progress first caught Planned Parenthood's top abortion doctors in a series of undercover videos callously and flippantly negotiating the sale of tiny baby hearts, lungs, livers, and brains," Daleiden said Thursday. "This time, for public officials to finally hold Planned Parenthood and their

Thursday. It is time for public officials to finally hold Planned Parenthood and their criminal abortion enterprise accountable under the law.”

The federal investigation by the Trump administration will reopen the years-long debate on whether Planned Parenthood and other providers violated the law with the illegal sale of body parts.

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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Friday, December 8, 2017 2:46 PM
To: Brooke Singman
Subject: Sf86
Attachments: 12.7.2017 Final Sessions Request Response.pdf; ATT00001.htm



Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C. 20535

December 7, 2017

Ms. Miranda Keating
Right Wing Watch
Suite 600
1101 15th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20005

FOIPA Request No.: 1377061-000
Litigation No. 17-CV-001865
Subject: Instructions Provided to Jeff Sessions
Concerning Foreign Contacts on his
SF-86 (July 1, 2016-Present)

Dear Ms. Keating:

The enclosed documents were reviewed under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), Title 5, United States Code, Section 552. Below you will find check boxes under the appropriate statute headings which indicate the types of exemptions asserted to protect information which is exempt from disclosure. The appropriate exemptions are noted on the enclosed pages next to redacted information. The checked exemptions boxes used to withhold information are further explained in the enclosed Explanation of Exemptions.

Section 552		Section 552a	
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1 page was reviewed and 1 page is being released.

Below you will also find additional informational paragraphs about your request. Where applicable, check boxes are used to provide you with more information about the processing of your request. Please read each item carefully.

- Document(s) were located which originated with, or contained information concerning, other Government Agency (ies) [OGA].
- This information has been referred to the OGA(s) for review and direct response to you.
- We are consulting with another agency. The FBI will correspond with you regarding this information when the consultation is completed.



In accordance with standard FBI practice and pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(7)(E) and Privacy Act exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. § 552/552a (b)(7)(E)/(j)(2)], this response neither confirms nor denies the existence of your subject's name on any watch lists.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. See 5 U.S.C. § 552(c) (2006 & Supp. IV (2010)). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

Although your request is in litigation, we are required by 5 USC § 552 (a)(6)(A) to provide you the following information concerning your right to appeal. You may file an appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, Suite 11050, 1425 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20530-0001, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIAonline portal by creating an account on the following web site:

<https://foiaonline.regulations.gov/foia/action/public/home>. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within ninety (90) days from the date of this letter in order to be considered timely. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." Please cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so that it may be easily identified.

Enclosed for your information is a copy of the FBI Fact Sheet and Explanation of Exemptions.

Sincerely,

David M. Hardy
Section Chief
Record/Information
Dissemination Section
Records Management Division

Enclosures

EXPLANATION OF EXEMPTIONS

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552

- (b)(1) (A) specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (B) are in fact properly classified to such Executive order;
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- (b)(3) specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than section 552b of this title), provided that such statute (A) requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on issue, or (B) establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld;
- (b)(4) trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential;
- (b)(5) inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency;
- (b)(6) personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;
- (b)(7) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information (A) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, (B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, (C) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, (D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of confidential source, including a State, local, or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of record or information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source, (E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law, or (F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual;
- (b)(8) contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions; or
- (b)(9) geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552a

- (d)(5) information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action proceeding;
- (j)(2) material reporting investigative efforts pertaining to the enforcement of criminal law including efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or apprehend criminals;
- (k)(1) information which is currently and properly classified pursuant to an Executive order in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy, for example, information involving intelligence sources or methods;
- (k)(2) investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes, other than criminal, which did not result in loss of a right, benefit or privilege under Federal programs, or which would identify a source who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(3) material maintained in connection with providing protective services to the President of the United States or any other individual pursuant to the authority of Title 18, United States Code, Section 3056;
- (k)(4) required by statute to be maintained and used solely as statistical records;
- (k)(5) investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment or for access to classified information, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(6) testing or examination material used to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in Federal Government service the release of which would compromise the testing or examination process;
- (k)(7) material used to determine potential for promotion in the armed services, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished the material pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence.

FBI/DOJ

[redacted] (WF) (FBI)

From: [redacted] (WF) (FBI)
Sent: Tuesday, March 07, 2017 12:10 PM
To: [redacted] (WF) (FBI)
Subject: -- UNCLASSIFIED

SentinelCaseId: NON-RECORD

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

Hi [redacted]

As requested , I received a telephone call from Peggi Hanrahan, Confidential Assistant to the Attorney General, telephone number (202) 514-9755, at 10:17 am on March 6, 2017. Hanrahan inquired as to whether or not she previously asked me if Senator Sessions needed to list foreign contacts on his SF-86 while on official government business when his background investigation was being conducted in December 2016. Hanrahan advised that in past U.S. government backgrounds the senator was not required to list foreign contacts while on official government business. I advised Ms. Hanrahan that I did not recall a conversation I had with her in regards to this but that for purposes of the SF-86, he was not required to list foreign government contacts while on official government business unless he developed personal relationships from such contacts. I further advised her that I would refer this matter to my supervisor.

[redacted]

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Gibson, Jake

From: Gibson, Jake
Sent: Friday, December 8, 2017 2:46 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Re: Sf86

Got it.
Thanks.

On Dec 8, 2017, at 2:44 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

<12.7.2017 Final Sessions Request Response.pdf>

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Gibson, Jake

From: Gibson, Jake
Sent: Friday, December 8, 2017 1:04 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Re: Letter Requesting Unredacted Senate Fetal Tissue Report

Thanks much.

On Dec 8, 2017, at 12:59 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

<Letter Requesting Senate Fetal Tissue Report Unredacted Records (12-7-17).pdf>

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Washington, D.C. 20530

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

DEC 07 2017

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman and Senator Feinstein:

In December 2016, majority staff of the Senate Judiciary Committee prepared a report for the Committee entitled, "Human Fetal Tissue Research: Context and Controversy" (report). The Chairman provided a link to this report, which contained redactions of selected information, in a letter to the Attorney General and then-Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) dated April 24, 2017. In this letter, the Chairman asked that we contact the Committee in writing if we determine that we need to seek access to unredacted copies of any of these records in order to further investigate these matters.

The Department of Justice (Department) appreciates the offer of assistance in obtaining these materials, and would like to request that the Committee provide unredacted copies of records contained in the report in order to further the Department's ability to conduct a thorough and comprehensive assessment of that report based on the full range of information available. At this point, the records are intended for investigative use only—we understand that a resolution from the Senate may be required if the Department were to use any of the unredacted materials in a formal legal proceeding, such as a grand jury.

Thank you for your time and assistance in this matter. The Department looks forward to coordinating with the Committee to obtain the requested unredacted records. Please do not hesitate to contact this office if we may provide any additional information in furtherance of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Stephen E. Boyd", written over a blue circular stamp or seal.

Stephen E. Boyd
Assistant Attorney General

Gibson, Jake

From: Gibson, Jake
Sent: Wednesday, December 6, 2017 6:08 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Fwd: Rosenstein letter
Attachments: CHM ltr to DAG re Unauthorized Disclosures FINAL--6 Dec 17.pdf; ATT00001.htm

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Attached

Jack Langer

Director of Communications

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence

Office: (202) 225-(b)(6)

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December 6, 2017

The Honorable Rod Rosenstein
Deputy Attorney General
United States Department of Justice
1201 Pennsylvania Ave, NW
Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Mr. Rosenstein:

I am writing you as a follow-up to our recent conversation about the persistent problem of unauthorized leaks of information to the media from executive branch agencies.

In February 2017, I wrote a letter to then-Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Director James Comey expressing my concern regarding the “epidemic of unauthorized disclosures to the press”, many of which purported to contain classified information, particularly the alleged leak of Lt. Gen. Michael Flynn’s name regarding a conversation that he reportedly had with former Russian Ambassador Sergei Kislyak. In May 2017, I wrote another letter to the Intelligence Community Inspector General and you expressing a grave concern about a pending article based on an improper leak. Unfortunately, it is still not clear to the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence (HPSCI) whether the Department of Justice (DOJ) is investigating these matters.

In the past several months, numerous additional leaks, some comprising purportedly classified information, have appeared in the press in connection to the ongoing investigation of Russian interaction with the Trump campaign.

I am particularly concerned about the potential role of DOJ personnel in facilitating such leaks. HPSCI has learned that on or about April 11, 2017, at the behest of a current attorney assigned to Special Counsel Robert Mueller III, Andrew Weissmann, then head of DOJ’s Criminal Division’s Fraud Section, met, along with FBI agents, with a group of reporters from a major media organization to discuss the ongoing Russia investigation. In light of this information, I request that you provide HPSCI with answers to the following questions:

- Did this meeting between DOJ and/or FBI officials and reporters occur?
- If this meeting occurred:

- Why was it not briefed to HPSCI or other relevant oversight committees?
- Who from the DOJ and/or FBI approved this meeting?
- Which reporters and representatives from DOJ and/or FBI attended the meeting?
- Did the arranging and conduct of the meeting follow all relevant DOJ and/or FBI protocols?
- At the meeting, did any DOJ and/or FBI officials provide any information to the reporters about the FBI investigation or confirm any information provided by the reporters?
- Did anyone from DOJ and/or FBI file a complaint about this meeting?
- Did any DOJ and/or FBI representatives take notes during the meeting?
- Is this meeting the subject of a IG investigation?

Please provide answers to the Committee no later than 5:00 p.m. on December 13, 2017.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Devin Nunes". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D".

Devin Nunes
Chairman

Copy to: The Honorable Michael E. Horowitz, Inspector General, U.S. Department of Justice

O'Malley, Devin (OPA)

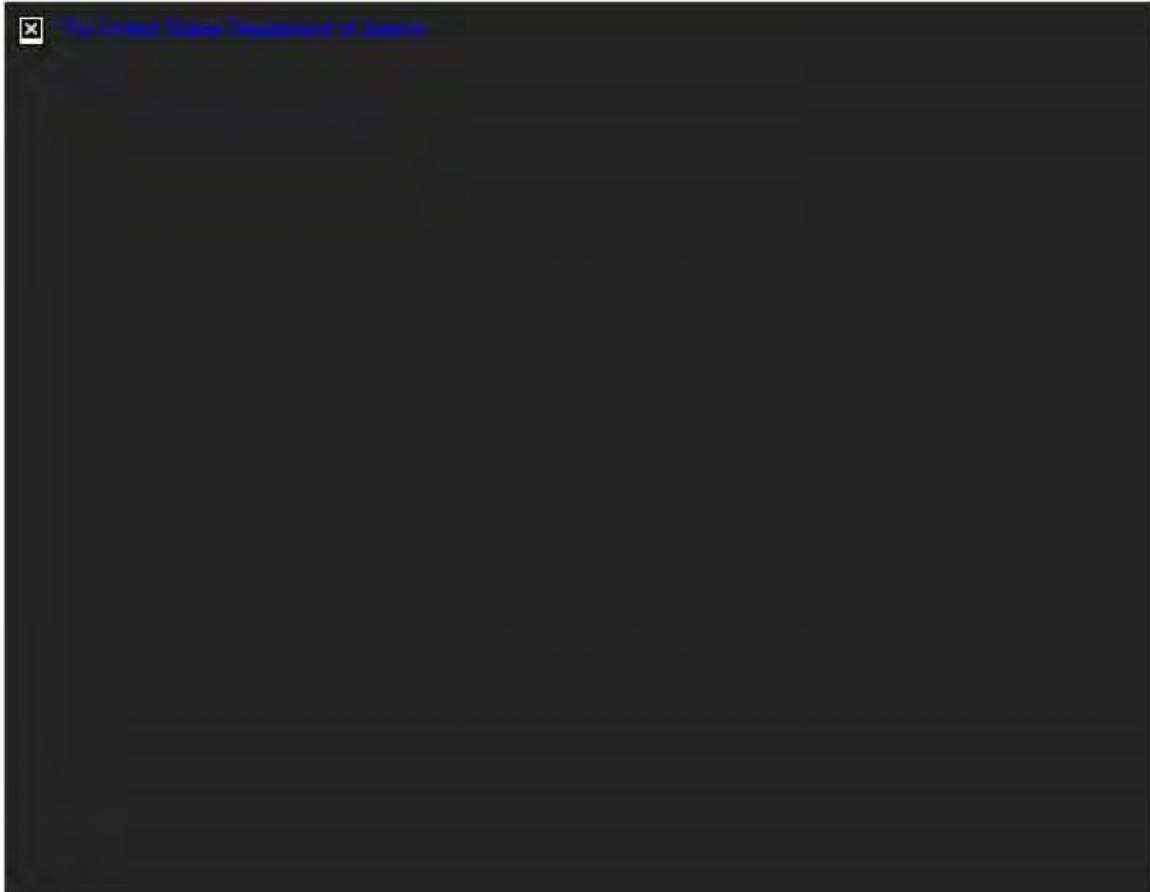
From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Sent: Tuesday, December 5, 2017 8:59 PM
To: Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM
Subject: Fwd: JOSE INEZ GARCIA-ZARATE TO FACE FEDERAL FIREARM CHARGES IN THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

Things moved very quickly on this

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Northern District of California

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PHONE: (415) 436-7264

Note: The indictment can be found [here](#).

**JOSE INEZ GARCIA-ZARATE TO FACE FEDERAL FIREARM
CHARGES IN THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

***Grand Jury Indicts Garcia-Zarate for Being a Felon in Possession of
a Firearm and Ammunition and for Being an Illegal Alien In
Possession of a Firearm and Ammunition***

SAN FRANCISCO – A federal grand jury indicted Jose Inez Garcia-Zarate today for being a felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition, and for being an illegally present alien in possession of a firearm and ammunition, announced United States Attorney General Jefferson B. Sessions; United States Attorney Brian J. Stretch from the Northern District of California; and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) Special Agent in Charge Jill Snyder.

According to the indictment, on July 1, 2015, Garcia-Zarate, a citizen of Mexico who reportedly is 47 years old, possessed a semi-automatic pistol and multiple rounds of ammunition in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(1) (felon in possession of a firearm) and 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(5) (unlawfully present alien in possession of a firearm).

An indictment merely alleges that a crime has been committed and Garcia-Zarate, like all defendants, is presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt. Garcia-Zarate currently is in state custody on other charges. If convicted of either violation of 18 U.S.C. § 922(g), Garcia-Zarate faces a maximum statutory penalty of 10 years in prison. However, any sentence will be imposed by the court only after consideration of the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and the federal statute governing the imposition of a sentence, 18 U.S.C. § 3553.

Assistant United States Attorneys Hallie Hoffman and Shiao Lee are prosecuting this case. This case is the result of an investigation by the ATF.

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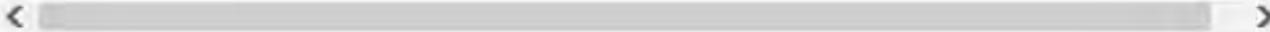
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Wells, Justin

From: Wells, Justin
Sent: Tuesday, December 5, 2017 4:23 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: RE: travel ban

Certainly worth noting. Thank you for this!

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, December 05, 2017 3:59 PM
To: Gibson, Jake <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM>; Berry, Porter <porter.berry@FOXNEWS.COM>; Wells, Justin <justin.wells@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: travel ban

Sally Yates on Travel Order: "My responsibility is to ensure that the position of the Department of Justice is not only legally defensible, but is informed by our best view of what the law is after consideration of all the facts. In addition, I am responsible for ensuring that the positions we take in court remain consistent with this institution's solemn obligation to always seek justice and stand for what is right. At present, I am not convinced that the defense of the Executive Order is consistent with these responsibilities nor am I convinced that the Executive Order is lawful."

And yet, 7 Justices on the US Supreme Court disagreed. Just thought that was worth noting.

xxx

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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O'Malley, Devin (OPA)

From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Sent: Sunday, December 3, 2017 8:13 PM
To: Boughton, Bryan
Cc: McDonough, Constance; Siegfriedt, Anita
Subject: RE: Hi Bryan & Anita - AG Sessions VIP pool opportunity 12/6 & 12/7

I would say it's the latter at this point.

Devin M. O'Malley
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From: Boughton, Bryan [mailto:Bryan.Boughton@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Sunday, December 3, 2017 8:10 PM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: McDonough, Constance <Constance.mcdonough@FOXNEWS.COM>; Siegfriedt, Anita <Anita.Siegfriedt@FOXNEWS.COM>
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I probably won't get an answer u til the morning.

The difference is if it is open then anyone who wants to cover it, is, wires or other international broadcasters can go. If that's not true and it is invite only then it will be imperative for us to find a way to get a crew there instead of relying on the wires services.

On Dec 3, 2017, at 8:02 PM, O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov> wrote:

I'm not sure I understand what the difference is in this particular scenario. To be honest, I haven't had the necessary conversation with the Colombians. I need to call tomorrow to pitch a fit, and if I can relay the message to them that the American press corps is (or is going to be) pissed about the situation and are ready to have a camera there then it will give me leverage.

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From: Boughton, Bryan [mailto:Bryan.Boughton@FOXNEWS.COM]
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To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov>

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Cc: McDonough, Constance <Constance.mcdonough@FOXNEWS.COM>; Siegfriedt, Anita <Anita.Siegfriedt@FOXNEWS.COM>

Subject: Re: Hi Bryan & Anita - AG Sessions VIP pool opportunity 12/6 & 12/7

I've sent a note around, but to be clear are these events designated as open press or invite only? It says open press below but I gather from you that it is limited to those invited by either side?

On Dec 3, 2017, at 7:43 PM, O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov> wrote:

I've contacted the TV pool first.

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From: Boughton, Bryan [<mailto:Bryan.Boughton@FOXNEWS.COM>]

Sent: Sunday, December 3, 2017 7:43 PM

To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov>

Cc: McDonough, Constance <Constance.mcdonough@FOXNEWS.COM>; Siegfriedt, Anita <Anita.Siegfriedt@FOXNEWS.COM>

Subject: Re: Hi Bryan & Anita - AG Sessions VIP pool opportunity 12/6 & 12/7

Do you know if AP or Reuters will be allowed in ?

On Dec 3, 2017, at 7:40 PM, O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov> wrote:

We were told by the Colombians multiple times leading up to this that it was closed Press. It wasn't until our advance guys did a walkthrough did they tell us they had invited 15 members of the Colombian press corps. To me it's not right to have Colombian Press but not American coverage.

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On Dec 3, 2017, at 6:59 PM, Boughton, Bryan <Bryan.Boughton@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

And it is open press?

On Dec 3, 2017, at 6:44 PM, O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Per Connie's email, we don't have room for people on the plane at this point. We are looking for someone who may have people in Colombia. If not, we'll just rely on print pool.

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 3, 2017, at 6:17 PM, Boughton, Bryan
<Bryan.Boughton@FOXNEWS.COM>
wrote:

Devin

How many seats can you offer the pool? We usually need 3 for the pool. Would there be additional seats for unilateral reporters or producers? If so how many?

When do you have to have names for Traveler's and what info do you need from them?

Bryan Boughton

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On Dec 3, 2017, at 4:51 PM, McDonough, Constance
<Constance.mcdonough@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Hi Bryan
& Anita,
I wanted
to loop
you both
in with
Devin
O'Malley
from DOJ
about a
possible
VIP pool
opportunit
y that is

above my
desk pool
level. Off
the
record, on
Wednesda
y Nov 6th,
AG
Sessions
will be
traveling
down to
Cartagena,
Columbia
for a
trilateral
summit
with
Columbia
and
Mexico
on
transnation
al criminal
organizatio
ns and
narcotics
trafficking.
There will
be an
open
press
briefing

and
declaration
on
Thursday,
Nov 7th.
Originally
these
meetings
were not
going to
be open
press but
the
Colombian
media is
now being
allowed
access so
DOJ
wanted to
give us
the
opportunit
y to
attend as
well. The
AG will
travel
back to
the US on
Nov 7th.
There will
not be

room on
the AG's
plane for
media to
travel.

Devin, if I
have left
anything
out or if
you have
additional
logistics/ed
itorial
guidance
you are
able to
provide,
please
send it
along.

Thank
you!

Sent from my
iPhone

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O'Malley, Devin (OPA)

From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2017 10:21 PM
To: Boughton, Bryan
Cc: McDonough, Constance; Siegfriedt, Anita
Subject: RE: Hi Bryan & Anita - AG Sessions VIP pool opportunity 12/6 & 12/7

I sincerely appreciate the effort y'all put in to trying. Thank you!

Devin M. O'Malley
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From: Boughton, Bryan [mailto:Bryan.Boughton@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2017 8:12 PM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: McDonough, Constance <Constance.mcdonough@FOXNEWS.COM>; Siegfriedt, Anita <Anita.Siegfriedt@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: Re: Hi Bryan & Anita - AG Sessions VIP pool opportunity 12/6 & 12/7

We don't have a crew down there. We will have to rely on any organization that does get in or the wires if you allow a AP or Reuters in. Thanks for reaching out I appreciate it sorry didn't work out this time.

On Dec 4, 2017, at 7:00 PM, O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Thanks

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Cell: (b)(6) [REDACTED]

From: Boughton, Bryan [mailto:Bryan.Boughton@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2017 4:45 PM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: McDonough, Constance <Constance.mcdonough@FOXNEWS.COM>; Siegfriedt, Anita <Anita.Siegfriedt@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: Re: Hi Bryan & Anita - AG Sessions VIP pool opportunity 12/6 & 12/7

I'm waiting to hear back shortly from last two nets.

On Dec 4, 2017, at 4:44 PM, O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Any update by chance?

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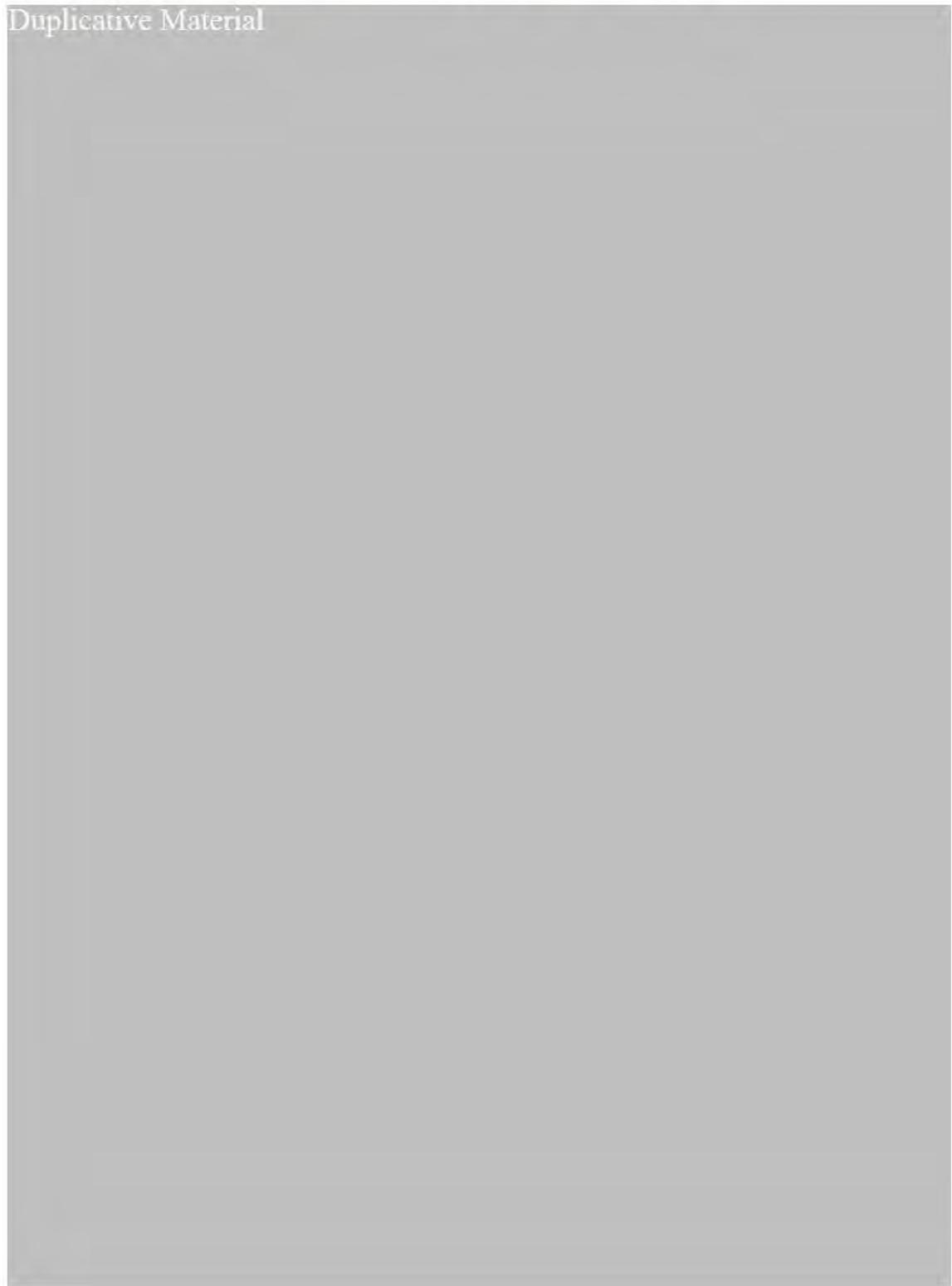
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Fitzgerald, Meghan

From: Fitzgerald, Meghan
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2017 12:08 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: RE: FOX INTERVIEW REQUEST- DANA PERINO

Much appreciated- thank you!

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Monday, December 04, 2017 12:06 PM
To: Fitzgerald, Meghan <MEGHAN.FITZGERALD@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: RE: FOX INTERVIEW REQUEST- DANA PERINO

I don't feel strongly. Either is fine.

For TPs

1. The President nominated Chris Wray as the new FBI director—he is there to ensure we have the most professional FBI in history
2. Last month, the AG has directed senior federal prosecutors to review some of these matters to ensure any investigations if they exist are getting the resources they need.
3. The AG has said repeatedly his job is to restore confidence at DOJ and that's what he is doing every day—which includes cooperating with Congress to get answers to the American people.
4. The Inspector General has publicly confirmed they are investigating several of these issues and we anticipate they will issue reports soon.
5. Last week, we unsealed charges against Kate Steinle's alleged killer and have said we will pursue this to the fullest extent available under the law—but even more importantly, these jurisdictions that refuse to allow federal immigration authorities to deport criminal aliens from their communities need to see these tragic consequences and change their policies.

xxx

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: Fitzgerald, Meghan [mailto:MEGHAN.FITZGERALD@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2017 11:57 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: FOX INTERVIEW REQUEST- DANA PERINO

Also, would you like to be referred to as "Sarah Flores" or "Sarah Isgur Flores?"

Thank you!

From: Fitzgerald, Meghan
Sent: Monday, December 04, 2017 10:35 AM
To: 'Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)' <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: FOX INTERVIEW REQUEST- DANA PERINO

Good morning,

Looking forward to having you on the show today. Please let me know if you need a car to and from 400N capitol NW. If so, please provide a pickup address and I'd be happy to arrange. The segment is scheduled in the first block of our show. We typically go to 2 reporters, and then the guest. Please arrive by 1:30 for hair and makeup.

Topics will be:

- 1) Trump says "Hillary Clinton lied many times to the FBI, nothing happened to her." This as new questions arise about Trump's possible obstruction of justice in Russia investigation. He tweets and FBI and Comey respond on twitter.
- 2) What does DOJ plan to do next in Kate Steinle case? This as one GOP lawmaker, Rep. Todd Rokita, introduces a bill that would threaten prison time for elected officials accused of sheltering illegal immigrant criminals.

If possible, please send over a few quick talking points on the topics.

Thank you very much,

Meghan

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [<mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>]
Sent: Friday, December 01, 2017 11:24 AM
To: Fitzgerald, Meghan <MEGHAN.FITZGERALD@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: RE: FOX INTERVIEW REQUEST- DANA PERINO

Yes—so 400 n cap works.

xxx

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: Fitzgerald, Meghan [<mailto:MEGHAN.FITZGERALD@FOXNEWS.COM>]
Sent: Friday, December 1, 2017 8:44 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: FOX INTERVIEW REQUEST- DANA PERINO

Awesome! Ill schedule you for Monday and reach out that morning with topics. Will you be in DC?

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [<mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>]
Sent: Friday, December 01, 2017 8:24 AM
To: Fitzgerald, Meghan
Subject: Re: FOX INTERVIEW REQUEST- DANA PERINO

Yes that'd be great. Thank!

It would be great. Thanks.

On Dec 1, 2017, at 8:20 AM, Fitzgerald, Meghan <MEGHAN.FITZGERALD@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Good morning,

Are you available on Monday between 2-3PM to speak on the Kate Steinle case for "The Daily Briefing with Dana Perino?"

Thank you,

Meghan

Booker/Associate Producer
"The Daily Briefing with Dana Perino"
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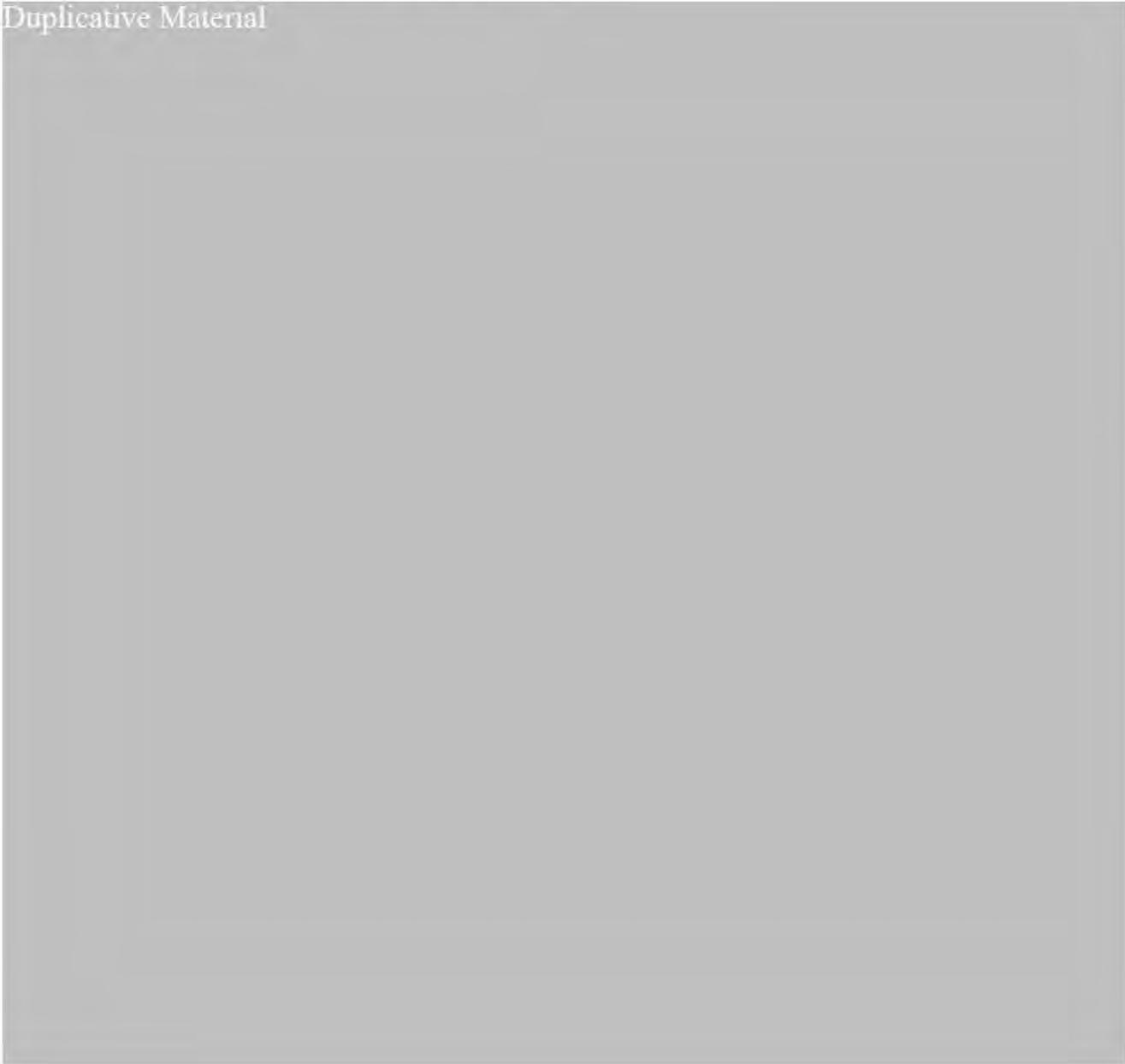
Fitzgerald, Meghan

From: Fitzgerald, Meghan
Sent: Friday, December 1, 2017 11:25 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: RE: FOX INTERVIEW REQUEST- DANA PERINO

Great! Happy weekend☺

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Friday, December 01, 2017 11:24 AM
To: Fitzgerald, Meghan
Subject: RE: FOX INTERVIEW REQUEST- DANA PERINO

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Robbins, Christina

From: Robbins, Christina
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2017 11:34 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA); OAGRSVP
Subject: RE: DOJ Holiday Reception

Thank you!

Christina Svolopoulos Robbins

Fox News Channel

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Email: Christina.Robbins@FoxNews.com

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Sent: Monday, December 04, 2017 11:23 AM
To: Robbins, Christina <Christina.Robbins@FOXNEWS.COM>
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>; OAGRSVP <OAGRSVP@usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: DOJ Holiday Reception

Yes we'd love to have you of course! I'll let our folks know here.

On Dec 4, 2017, at 11:01 AM, Robbins, Christina <Christina.Robbins@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Hi!

Quick question for you. Megan Brown Clarke is the VP of booking (in NY) and she received an invitation for the DOJ Holiday Reception in DC on Friday Dec. 15th. She is unable to attend but sent it to me.

I'm the DC Booking Unit Manager. I would be happy to attend on behalf of Fox Booking. But I believe these sort of invitations are not normally transferrable.

Just let me know either way. Thank you!

Christina Svolopoulos Robbins

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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2017 11:22 AM
To: Chuck Ross
Subject: Re: Guidance on Special Counsel's expense report

No update right now

> On Dec 4, 2017, at 11:02 AM, Chuck Ross <chuck@dailycaller.com> wrote:

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> Hi Sarah,

>

> I was wondering if you could provide any guidance on the release of the Mueller expense report.

>

> Thank you for any help,

> Chuck Ross

> The Daily Caller

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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2017 8:15 AM
To: kwong@breitbart.com
Subject: Re: Question re: HPSCI

From Justice spok:

We disagree with the Chairman's characterization and will continue to work with congressional committees to provide the information they request consistent with our national security responsibilities. The Department has already provided members of HPSCI and House leadership with several hundred pages of classified documents and multiple briefings—including for example clear answers as to whether any FBI payments were made to a source in question related to the dossier—and has more recently cleared key witnesses they have requested to testify, including Mr. McCabe, Mr. Strzok, and the alleged handler in question.

On Dec 4, 2017, at 12:06 AM, "kwong@breitbart.com" <kwong@breitbart.com> wrote:

Hi Sarah,

Hope you're well...wanted to check with you on DOJ's response to Chairman Nunes' threat to hold the DOJ, FBI in contempt of Congress. Saw the below tweet by Chad Pergram....is there a statement floating around?

Thank you,
Kristina

DoJ on Nunes saying DoJ didn't comply w/Hse Intel Cmte requests on Russia probe: We disagree with the Chairman's characterization and will continue to work with congressional committees to provide the information they request consistent with our national security responsibilities

<https://twitter.com/ChadPergram/status/937443087391035392>

Kristina Wong
Pentagon reporter, Breitbart News
(b)(6)
@kristina_wong

Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Sunday, December 3, 2017 5:46 PM
To: Gavin.Hadden@FOXNEWS.COM; sean.groman@FOXNEWS.COM
Subject: Y'all covering Nunes tomorrow?

If so, maybe we can hop on the phone either tonight or whatever horrible time y'all wake up in the am to walk through what he knows.

Short version (just as some examples)--Nunes knows:

Whether FBI paid for dossier

Whether dossier launched investigation

Whether the dossier was used as basis for FISA applications What steps FBI took to verify dossier upon receipt and since In addition, Doj has cleared every witness he asked for. Period. (including Stroz, the alleged handler, and McCabe)

McDonough, Constance

From: McDonough, Constance
Sent: Sunday, December 3, 2017 4:47 PM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Subject: Re: Quick Question

Thank you! Sending the mail now.

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 3, 2017, at 4:35 PM, O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Transnational criminal organizations and narco trafficking

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 3, 2017, at 4:33 PM, McDonough, Constance
<Constance.mcdonough@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Perfect. And are you able to tell me (should have asked on the phone) what the trilateral summit and the declaration/briefing will be on?

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 3, 2017, at 1:13 PM, O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
<Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Any time. Cell best.

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 3, 2017, at 12:54 PM, McDonough, Constance
<Constance.mcdonough@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Hi Devin, sorry I missed your mail yesterday. Is there a good time to chat today?

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 2, 2017, at 11:56 AM, O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
<Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Hi Connie-

Can you please call me when you have a moment? DOJ has a pretty unique circumstance that we are about to

encounter, and I'd like to talk through it with you.

Thanks

Devin

Devin M. O'Malley
Department of Justice
Office of Public Affairs
Office: (202) 353-8763
Cell: (b)(6)

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O'Malley, Devin (OPA)

From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Sent: Sunday, December 3, 2017 4:31 PM
To: McDonough, Constance
Subject: Re: Quick Question

Yup!

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 3, 2017, at 4:30 PM, McDonough, Constance <Constance.mcdonough@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

And just to clarify, when you said your boss, you do mean AG Sessions, right? Just want to make sure I'm listing the right VIP in my mail.

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 3, 2017, at 1:13 PM, O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Duplicative Material



Rosen, James

From: Rosen, James
Sent: Sunday, December 3, 2017 12:33 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: Re: Statement from Justice Spokeswoman

Got it and thank you.

James Rosen
Chief Washington Correspondent
Twitter: @JamesRosenTV
(b)(6) (office)
(b)(6) (mobile)
james.rosen@foxnews.com
Editor, *A Torch Kept Lit: Great Lives
of the Twentieth Century*
by William F. Buckley, Jr.

On Dec 3, 2017, at 12:27 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

We disagree with the Chairman's characterization and will continue to work with congressional committees to provide the information they request consistent with our national security responsibilities. The Department has already provided members of HPSCI and House leadership with several hundred pages of classified documents and multiple briefings—including for example clear answers as to whether any FBI payments were made to a source in question related to the dossier—and has more recently cleared key witnesses they have requested to testify, including Mr. McCabe, Mr. Strzok, and the alleged handler in question.

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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Saturday, December 2, 2017 11:37 PM
To: Groman, Sean
Subject: Re: Fox & Friends/Sunday AM

Here's our statement from the Attorney General:

The allegations that the Inspector General has confirmed are part of his ongoing investigation, if proven to be true, would raise serious questions of public trust. I look forward to receiving the Inspector General's report. We will ensure that anyone who works on any investigation in the Department of Justice does so objectively and free from bias or favoritism.

The Inspector General has been working diligently to complete his investigation for months, and I have requested he complete it as soon as possible. The American people deserve answers.

My job is to restore confidence in the Department of Justice in all aspects of our work and I intend to do so. As such, I have directed that the FBI Director review the information available on this and other matters and promptly make any necessary changes to his management and investigative teams consistent with the highest professional standards.

On Dec 2, 2017, at 11:32 PM, Groman, Sean <sean.groman@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Understood. Any responses key to the story?

Sean Groman
FOX News Channel

On Dec 2, 2017, at 11:22 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Thanks for invite--I'd better pass for tomorrow (is it shameful to say I'm very very sleepy and need a day off?)

On Dec 2, 2017, at 10:40 PM, Groman, Sean
<sean.groman@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Good Evening Sarah,

It's been reported tonight that Congressman Devin Nunes and his

It's been reported tonight that Congressman Devin Nunes and his committee are closer to drafting contempt citations for DOJ/FBI following press reports about Peter Stroz. I understand the DOJ has said the decision to release new documents today came hours before those reports.

Would you like to come on FOX & Friends weekend Sunday am to address this?

Sean Groman

FOX News Channel

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Singman, Brooke

From: Singman, Brooke
Sent: Saturday, December 2, 2017 9:41 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Re: Mueller story

This is being addressed. Reach out anytime. Sorry for delay!

Have a great weekend! Looking forward to meeting next week!

Brooke

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 2, 2017, at 9:07 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

No prob. You were just listed as a contributor so I figured it was easier to email you.

On Dec 2, 2017, at 8:55 PM, Singman, Brooke <brooke.singman@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Story on digital? Will reach out and make sure it's corrected. (Not there today)

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 2, 2017, at 7:38 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

It says AG recused amid accusations. But as we've said so many times AG recused bc of campaign involvement per doj reg.

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Singman, Brooke

From: Singman, Brooke
Sent: Saturday, December 2, 2017 9:31 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Cc: Gibson, Jake
Subject: Re: Mueller story

Absolutely! Always on email so reach out any time.

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 2, 2017, at 9:07 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Saturday, December 2, 2017 7:48 PM
To: Gibson, Jake
Subject: Re: Mueller story

Yes

On Dec 2, 2017, at 7:46 PM, Gibson, Jake <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Are we talking about a story Brooke filed?

On Dec 2, 2017, at 7:38 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

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Gibson, Jake

From: Gibson, Jake
Sent: Saturday, December 2, 2017 6:34 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Fwd: STRZOK CASE: Nunes orders drafting of contempt citations naming Rosenstein, Wray — promises vote by year's end if ultimatum on Fusion GPS evidence isn't met

Also... just in case you had not seen this.
Nunes latest...

Subject: STRZOK CASE: Nunes orders drafting of contempt citations naming Rosenstein, Wray — promises vote by year's end if ultimatum on Fusion GPS evidence isn't met

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence Chairman Devin Nunes issued the following statement today amid press reports that Peter Strzok, the top FBI official assigned to Special Counsel Robert Mueller's probe of collusion between Russia and Trump officials, had been removed from the probe after exchanging anti-Trump and pro-Hillary Clinton text messages with his mistress, who was an FBI lawyer working for Deputy Director Andrew McCabe:

"The FBI and Department of Justice have failed to sufficiently cooperate with the Committee's [August 24](#) subpoena, and have specifically refused repeated demands from the House Intelligence Committee for an explanation of Pete Strzok's dismissal from the Mueller probe. In light of today's press reports, we now know why Strzok was dismissed, why the FBI and DOJ refused to provide us this explanation, and at least one reason why they previously refused to make Deputy Director McCabe available to the Committee for an interview.

"By hiding from Congress, and from the American people, documented political bias by a key FBI head investigator for both the Russia collusion probe and the Clinton email investigation, the FBI and DOJ engaged in a willful attempt to thwart Congress' constitutional oversight responsibility. This is part of a months-long pattern by the DOJ and FBI of stonewalling and obstructing this Committee's oversight work, particularly oversight of their use of the Steele dossier. At this point, these agencies should be investigating themselves.

"The DOJ has now expressed—on a Saturday, just hours after the press reports on Strzok's dismissal appeared—a sudden willingness to comply with some of the Committee's long-standing demands. This attempted 11th-hour accommodation is neither credible nor believable, and in fact is yet another example of the DOJ's disingenuousness and obstruction. Therefore, I have instructed House Intelligence Committee staff to begin drawing up a contempt of Congress resolution for DOJ Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein and FBI Director Christopher Wray. Unless all our outstanding demands are

fully met by close of business [on Monday, December 4, 2017](#), the committee will have the opportunity to move this resolution before the end of the month.”

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Gibson, Jake

From: Gibson, Jake
Sent: Saturday, December 2, 2017 6:16 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Check it

Lemme know if you have any strenuous objections please.

EXCLUSIVE: FBI Official's Role in Clinton Email Investigation Under Review

By James Rosen and Jake Gibson

Two senior Justice Department officials have confirmed to Fox News that the department's Office of Inspector General is reviewing the role played in the Hillary Clinton email investigation by Peter Strzok, the former deputy director for counterintelligence at the FBI who was removed from the staff of Special Counsel Robert S. Mueller III earlier this year after Mueller learned that Strzok had exchanged anti-Trump texts with a colleague.

A source close to the matter said the OIG probe, which will examine Strzok's roles in a number of other politically sensitive cases, should be completed by "very early next year."

The task will be exceedingly complex, given Strzok's consequential portfolio. He participated in the FBI's fateful interview with Hillary Clinton [on July 2](#) of last year – just days before then-FBI Director James Comey announced he was declining to recommend prosecution of Mrs. Clinton in connection with her use, as secretary of state, of a private email server.

As deputy FBI director for counterintelligence, Strzok also enjoyed liaison with various agencies in the intelligence community, including the [Central Intelligence](#) agency, then led by Director John Brennan.

House investigators told Fox News they have long regarded Strzok as a key figure in the chain of events when the bureau, in the summer of 2016, received the infamous anti-Trump "deci-

events when the bureau, in the summer of 2016, received the infamous anti-Trump dossier and shortly thereafter launched a counterintelligence investigation into Russian meddling in the election that ultimately came to encompass FISA surveillance of a Trump campaign associate.

The "dossier" was a compendium of salacious and largely unverified allegations about then-Candidate Trump and others around him that was compiled by the opposition research firm Fusion GPS. The firm's bank records, obtained by House investigators, revealed that the project was funded by the Clinton campaign and the Democratic National Committee.

House Intelligence Committee chairman Devin Nunes (R-CA) has sought documents and witnesses from DOJ and FBI to determine what role the dossier played, if any, in the move to place a Trump campaign associate under foreign surveillance.

Strzok himself briefed the committee on December 5, 2016, the sources said, but within months of that session HPSCI investigators were contacted by an informant suggesting that there was "documentary evidence" that Strzok was purportedly obstructing the House probe into the dossier.

In early October, Nunes personally asked Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein – who has overseen the Trump-Russia probe since the recusal of Attorney General Jeff Sessions – to make Strzok available to the committee for questioning, sources said.

While Strzok's removal from the Mueller team had been publicly reported in August, the Justice Department never disclosed the anti-Trump texts to the House investigators. The denial of access to Strzok was instead predicated, sources said, on broad "personnel" grounds.

When a month had elapsed, House investigators – having issued three subpoenas for various witnesses and documents – formally recommended to Nunes that DOJ and FBI be held in contempt of Congress. Nunes continued pressing DOJ, including a conversation with Rosenstein as recently as last Wednesday.

That turned out to be twelve days after DOJ and FBI had made Strzok available to the Senate Intelligence Committee, which is conducting its own parallel investigation into the allegations of collusion between the Trump campaign and the Kremlin.

Responding to the revelations about Strzok's texts on Saturday, Nunes said he has now directed his

staff to draft contempt-of-Congress citations against Rosenstein and the new FBI director, Christopher Wray. Unless DOJ and FBI comply with all of his panel's outstanding requests for documents and witnesses by the close of business on Monday, Nunes said, he would seek a resolution on the contempt citations before year's end.

"We now know why Strzok was dismissed, why the FBI and DOJ refused to provide us this explanation, and at least one reason why they previously refused to make Deputy Director McCabe available to the Committee for an interview," Nunes said in a statement.

Early [Saturday afternoon](#), after Strzok's texts were cited in published reports by the New York Times and the Washington Post – and Fox News had followed up with inquiries about the department's refusal to make Strzok available to House investigators – the Justice Department contacted the office of House Speaker Paul Ryan to establish a date for Strzok's appearance before HPSCI staff, along with two other witnesses long sought by the Nunes team: FBI Deputy Director Andrew McCabe and the FBI officer who handled Christopher Steele, the British spy who used Russian sources to compile the dossier for Fusion GPS. Steele's FBI handler has also appeared already before the Senate panel.

The Justice Department maintained that the decision to clear Strzok for House interrogation had occurred a few hours prior to the appearance of the Times and Post stories.

In addition, Rosenstein is set to testify before the House Judiciary Committee [on December 13](#).

The Justice Department maintains that it has been very responsive to HPSCI's demands, including private briefings for panel staff by senior DOJ and FBI personnel and the production of several hundred pages of classified materials available in a secure reading room at Main Justice on October 31.

Sources said Speaker Ryan has worked quietly behind the scenes to try to resolve the clash over dossier-related evidence and witnesses between HPSCI on the one hand and DOJ and FBI on the other. In October, however, the speaker took the unusual step of saying publicly that the two agencies were "stonewalling" Congress.

All parties agree that some records being sought by the Nunes team belong to categories of documents that have historically never been shared with the committees that conduct oversight of the intelligence community.

Federal officials told Fox News the requested records include “highly sensitive raw intelligence,” so sensitive that officials from foreign governments have emphasized to the U.S. the “potential danger and chilling effect” it could place on foreign intelligence sources.

Justice Department officials have also criticized Nunes for skipping a document-review session that his committee’s ranking Democrat, Rep. Adam Schiff (D-CA) attended, and for once rejecting a briefing by an FBI official if the panel’s Democratic members were permitted to attend.

Sources close to the various investigations agreed the discovery of Strzok’s texts raised important questions about his work on the Clinton email case, the Trump-Russia probe, and the dossier matter. “That’s why the IG is looking into all of those things,” a Justice Department official told Fox News on Saturday.

A top House investigator asked: “If Mueller knew about the texts, what did he know about the dossier?”

Peter Carr, a spokesman for the special counsel, said: “Immediately upon learning of the allegations, the Special Counsel’s Office removed Peter Strzok from the [Russia] investigation.”

Carr declined to comment on the extent to which Mueller has examined the dossier and its relationship, if any, to the counterintelligence investigation that Strzok launched during the height of the campaign season.

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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Friday, December 1, 2017 11:43 PM
To: Spinato, Eric
Subject: Re: Hello, Sarah

And would this still be steinle? What other topics?

On Dec 1, 2017, at 9:34 PM, Spinato, Eric <eric.spinato@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Monday possible ?
If not, just let me know when

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 1, 2017, at 8:22 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Ag really wants to do her show but can't do Sunday. Can we look at the fbn one for next week?

On Dec 1, 2017, at 2:07 PM, Spinato, Eric <eric.spinato@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Sarah,
If this was to happen, would you possibly know soon?
Thank you
Eric

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
[\[mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov\]](mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov)
Sent: Friday, December 01, 2017 1:53 PM
To: Spinato, Eric <eric.spinato@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: RE: Hello, Sarah

What about potentially her show on Sunday? And would this be all steinle?

xxx
Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs
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From: Spinato, Eric [<mailto:eric.spinato@FOXNEWS.COM>]
Sent: Friday, December 1, 2017 1:39 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>

Subject: Hello, Sarah

Do you think the AG can join Maria on Monday?

Thank you

Eric

Eric Spinato

Senior Story Editor, Fox Business Network

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Spinato, Eric

From: Spinato, Eric
Sent: Friday, December 1, 2017 3:59 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Re: Hello, Sarah

Yes
Thank you !

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 1, 2017, at 3:52 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

I'll be able to talk to him later tonight. Does that work?

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs
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From: Spinato, Eric [<mailto:eric.spinato@FOXNEWS.COM>]
Sent: Friday, December 1, 2017 2:07 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Hello, Sarah

Duplicative Material



Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Friday, December 1, 2017 9:53 PM
To: Fanning, Elizabeth
Subject: Re: Tucker tomorrow?

Ditto!

> On Dec 1, 2017, at 9:24 PM, Fanning, Elizabeth <Elizabeth.Fanning@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

>
> Thank you for working that out! Much appreciated. Have a great weekend
>
> Sent from my iPhone

>
>> On Dec 1, 2017, at 13:17, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

>>
>> Just you

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>> ***

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

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>> -----Original Message-----

>> From: Fanning, Elizabeth [mailto:Elizabeth.Fanning@FOXNEWS.COM]
>> Sent: Friday, December 1, 2017 12:35 PM
>> To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
>> Subject: RE: Tucker tomorrow?

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>> Copy. ill get you the time ASAP. Also, is he doing any other tv today or can we call it exclusive?

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>> -----Original Message-----

>> From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
>> Sent: Friday, December 01, 2017 12:28 PM
>> To: Fanning, Elizabeth <Elizabeth.Fanning@FOXNEWS.COM>
>> Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>
>> Subject: Re: Tucker tomorrow?

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>> No but earlier is always better

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>>> On Dec 1, 2017, at 12:20 PM, Fanning, Elizabeth <Elizabeth.Fanning@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

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>>> Amazing! Do you have time constraints in the hour?

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>>> Sent from my iPhone

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>>>> On Dec 1, 2017, at 11:59, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

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>>>> Ok--we're good to do this. Thanks!!

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>>>> Sarah Isgur Flores

>>>> Director of Public Affairs

>>>> (b)(6)

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>>>> Sent: Friday, December 1, 2017 10:28 AM

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>>>> Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>

>>>> Subject: Re: Tucker tomorrow?

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>>>> Yes. We could bring up something else in addition if there is something you wanted to.

>>>>

>>>> Sent from my iPhone

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>>>>> On Dec 1, 2017, at 10:26, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

>>>>>

>>>>> Working on AG. We think this would still be steinle focused?

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>>>>> ***

>>>>> Sarah Isgur Flores

>>>>> Director of Public Affairs

>>>>> (b)(6)

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>>>>> -----Original Message-----

>>>>> From: Fanning, Elizabeth [mailto:Elizabeth.Fanning@FOXNEWS.COM]

>>>>> Sent: Friday, December 1, 2017 10:11 AM

>>>>> To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>

>>>>> Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>

>>>>> Subject: Re: Tucker tomorrow?

>>>>>

>>>>> Let me know! I'll ask if we could get you on if AG can't do it.

>>>>>

>>>>> Thanks!

>>>>>

>>>>> Sent from my iPhone

>>>>>

>>>>>> On Dec 1, 2017, at 08:34, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

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>>>>>> Hey can I circle back on this shortly? And would tucker consider having me instead if AG isn't available? We can talk Nunes too then.

>>>>>>

>>>>>>> On Nov 30, 2017, at 10:31 PM, Fanning, Elizabeth <Elizabeth.Fanning@FOXNEWS.COM>

wrote:

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>>>>>> Hey guy! Hope all is well. Checking in to see if the AG can join Tucker tomorrow to react to San Francisco. Tucker will be in NYC but we could do remote if he's available.

>>>>>>

>>>>>> Thanks!

>>>>>> Sent from my iPhone

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Fanning, Elizabeth

From: Fanning, Elizabeth
Sent: Friday, December 1, 2017 12:21 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: Re: Tucker tomorrow?

Great just a reminder TC is in NYC tonight

Sent from my iPhone

> On Dec 1, 2017, at 12:04, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:
>
> And he can do 400 n cap--forgot it I said that
>
>> On Dec 1, 2017, at 11:29 AM, Fanning, Elizabeth <Elizabeth.Fanning@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:
>>
>> Yes we could stick to those. That works for me. Where would be be? Thanks!
>>
>> Sent from my iPhone
>>
>>> On Dec 1, 2017, at 11:22, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:
>>>
>>> No, I think we'd want to stick to just steinle and sanctuary city grant conditions. I think this will work. Can I confirm in the next couple hours?
>>>
>>> ***
>>> Sarah Isgur Flores
>>> Director of Public Affairs
>>> (b)(6)
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>>>
>>> -----Original Message-----
>>> From: Fanning, Elizabeth [mailto:Elizabeth.Fanning@FOXNEWS.COM]
>>> Sent: Friday, December 1, 2017 10:28 AM
>>> To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
>>> Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
>>> Subject: Re: Tucker tomorrow?

Duplicative Material

O'Malley, Devin (OPA)

From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Sent: Friday, December 1, 2017 5:03 PM
To: Ian Mason
Cc: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA); Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: RE: FILED: Arrest Warrant for Jose Inez Garcia Zarate

US Marshals Service detainer

Devin M. O'Malley
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Office of Public Affairs
Office: (202) 353-8763
Cell: (b)(6)

From: Ian Mason [mailto:imason@breitbart.com]
Sent: Friday, December 1, 2017 5:02 PM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: FILED: Arrest Warrant for Jose Inez Garcia Zarate

On background, is this an ICE detainer or a different detainer?

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

From: "O'Malley, Devin (OPA)" <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Friday, December 1, 2017 3:56pm
To: "O'Malley, Devin (OPA)" <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov>
Cc: "Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)" <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>, "Prior, Ian (OPA)" <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>
Subject: FILED: Arrest Warrant for Jose Inez Garcia Zarate

Please find the attached arrest warrant that was just unsealed in the Western District of Texas. The warrant is for a supervised release violation.

On background (DOJ official)- there is an existing federal detainer that requires this defendant to be remanded into the custody of US Marshals Service to be transported to the Western District of Texas pursuant to the arrest warrant.

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Fanning, Elizabeth

From: Fanning, Elizabeth
Sent: Friday, December 1, 2017 5:01 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: RE: FILED: Arrest Warrant for Jose Inez Garcia Zarate

Thanks! hit time slid to 810.

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Friday, December 01, 2017 4:02 PM
To: Fanning, Elizabeth <Elizabeth.Fanning@FOXNEWS.COM>; tuckerscarlson@gmail.com
Subject: FW: FILED: Arrest Warrant for Jose Inez Garcia Zarate

Steinle update

xxxx
Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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Sent: Friday, December 1, 2017 3:56 PM
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WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
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WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

Amended Petition for Warrant or Summons for Offender Under Supervision

Name of Offender: Juan Jose Dominguez-De La Parra, AKA Juan Francisco Lopez-Sanchez, True Name: Jose Inez Garcia-Zarate Case Number: DR-09-CR-01278 (01)
 Name of Sentencing Judicial Officer: Alia Moses, United States District Judge
 Date of Original Sentence: May 12, 2011
 Original Offense: 8 U.S.C. § 1326 – Illegal Re Entry Into the United States
 Original Sentence: 46 months imprisonment and a 3 year term of supervised release (consecutive to the revocation sentence imposed under Docket Number DR-10-CR-01352, which was 21 months imprisonment)
 Type of Supervision: Supervised Release Date Supervision Commenced: March 26, 2015
 Assistant U.S. Attorney: Erica Benites Giese Defense Attorney: Gregory Torres

PREVIOUS COURT ACTION

None.

PETITIONING THE COURT

No Action, Petition amended to add violations related to the charges of Felon in Possession of a Firearm, Involuntary Manslaughter and Assault with a Deadly Weapon, all of which were filed after the defendant's initial arrest.

The probation officer believes that the offender has violated the following condition(s) of supervision:

<u>Violation Number</u>	<u>Nature of Noncompliance</u>
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1.	Mandatory Condition No. 1: The defendant shall not commit another federal, state, or local crime during the term of supervision.
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Mandatory Condition No. 4: If convicted of a felony, the defendant shall not possess a firearm, ammunition, destructive device, or any other dangerous weapon.

On March 26, 2015, Juan Jose Dominguez-De La Parra, AKA Juan Francisco Lopez-Sanchez, True Name: Jose Inez Garcia-Zarate, was released from the custody of the Federal Bureau of Prisons to the custody of the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement. On the same date, he was transferred to the custody of the San Francisco County Sheriff's Department for a then-pending charge of Transport/Sale of Controlled

Singman, Brooke

From: Singman, Brooke
Sent: Friday, December 1, 2017 4:01 PM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Subject: RE: FILED: Arrest Warrant for Jose Inez Garcia Zarate

Calling you --- Was he charged????

From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) [mailto:Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Friday, December 01, 2017 3:57 PM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov>
Subject: FILED: Arrest Warrant for Jose Inez Garcia Zarate

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O'Malley, Devin (OPA)

From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Sent: Friday, December 1, 2017 3:34 PM
To: mmoons@breitbart.com
Subject: RE: Sanctuary Cities -- Federal Funding

Hi Michelle-

On deep background (not for attribution)- So you can properly frame this for your readers: there is currently a nationwide injunction filed in the Chicago Byrne JAG that is keeping the DOJ from distributing the funds. Once that litigation is completed, then the DOJ can begin distributing funds.

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From: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Sent: Friday, December 1, 2017 11:58 AM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: FW: Sanctuary Cities -- Federal Funding
Importance: High

Ian D. Prior
Principal Deputy Director of Public Affairs
Department of Justice
Office: 202.616.0911
Cell: (b)(6)

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

From: Michelle D Moons [<mailto:mmoons@breitbart.com>]
Sent: Friday, December 1, 2017 11:45 AM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Sanctuary Cities -- Federal Funding
Importance: High

Hi Ian,

This is Michelle Moons with Breitbart News. Could you please help me with a story I've been following and now working on? It's about the federal funding for sanctuary cities. The Attorney General has repeatedly warned sanctuary cities that they will lose some federal funds if they continue to refuse to cooperate with immigration officials. My question, in particular in light of the Kate Steinle verdict, is when these cities/conditions will actually see those funds pulled? I know a lot of people want to know when this is going

cities/jurisdictions will actually see these funds pulled? I know a lot of people want to know when this is going to happen. If you would like to discuss via phone, feel free to call me at (b)(6) [REDACTED]. Primarily I'm looking for when the American people will see federal funds pulled from sanctuary cities as AG Sessions has stated they will?

Appreciate your time on this and eagerly anticipate your timely response.

Thank you,

Michelle

Michelle D Moons

Journalist

Breitbart News

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(b)(6) [REDACTED]

Fanning, Elizabeth

From: Fanning, Elizabeth
Sent: Friday, December 1, 2017 3:04 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: RE: Jennifer Griffin tweet

no, not a bait and switch. We have a generic promo running that he is on tonight and that's what she inferred. Trust me, it's a Steinle interview.

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

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Friday, December 01, 2017 2:38 PM
To: Fanning, Elizabeth <Elizabeth.Fanning@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: Jennifer Griffin tweet

One of your own correspondents just tweeted the AG is going on tucker and will talk about Flynn, Russia, etc. can you make clear this is about Steinle? Really a lot of people trusting this isn't a bait and switch.

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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Friday, December 1, 2017 1:52 PM
To: Doherty, Brian
Subject: RE: Hi Sarah, I met AG Sessions at the Schlapp party last night & he said he'd love to appear on Shannon's shoe-at least 3x in the conversation

Ugh youre totally correct. Tucker said he was doing a steinle only segment and I was thinking of yall as more news of the day and the compartments in my head let me down here. The AG very very very much wants to talk to Sharon—and has told me so many times. So yes—lets do next week. He cant do wed or thurs—otherwise you tell me what makes the most sense. Could still do steinle on Monday?

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: Doherty, Brian [mailto:Brian.Doherty@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Friday, December 1, 2017 1:45 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Hi Sarah, I met AG Sessions at the Schlapp party last night & he said he'd love to appear on Shannon's shoe-at least 3x in the conversation

...we'd really like to set up a pre tape w/ him asap for one day next week.
He's on tucker this evening, but i thought we were next in line after Bret.
Thanks & have a great wknd,
Brian

Brian Doherty

Coordinating Producer, *News @ Night w/ Sharon Bream*

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brian.doherty@foxnews.com

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From: "Wells, Justin" <justin.wells@FOXNEWS.COM>
Date: December 1, 2017 at 1:37:57 PM EST
To: 069 -Politics <politics3@FOXNEWS.COM>, "030 -Root (FoxNews.Com)" <root@FOXNEWS.COM>, 051 -Producers <producers@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: TONIGHT ON TUCKER: JEFF SESSIONS EXCLUSIVE

Attorney General Jeff Sessions will appear on Tucker Carlson Tonight to discuss today's big stories. Any help promoting this exclusive interview across all platforms is appreciated.

A promo bug will go out for TV shortly.

Thanks

Justin,
Justin



Justin Wells

Executive Producer, Tucker Carlson Tonight

t: (b)(6) | m: (b)(6) | e: justin.wells@foxnews.com | w: [Tucker Carlson Tonight](#)



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Emerald Robinson

From: Emerald Robinson
Sent: Friday, December 1, 2017 12:45 PM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Subject: Interview Request

Devin-

I am reaching out to see if your spokesperson Lauren Ehrsam could interview with One America News to talk about the DOJ's reaction to the verdict in the Kate Steinle case. We are looking for a quick turnaround sometime today.

Thank you for your help.

Best,

Emerald Robinson, *Political Correspondent*

One America News Network

Email: Emerald.Robinson@oann.com

Mobile: (b)(6)

Twitter: @emeraldrobinson

Instagram: @Emerald_OANN



Ross, Lee

From: Ross, Lee
Sent: Friday, December 1, 2017 12:37 PM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Subject: Re: Hello from SF

You're the best.

So as soon as I sent you that. I did some snooping and couldn't find it. asked my boss who saw it. And she now says she can't find it. Apparently Was a local station here who probably misinterpreted what Sarah said this morning. And then quickly deleted.

False alarm I guess.

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 1, 2017, at 9:34 AM, O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov> wrote:

I have not heard that; can you send a link to what you are seeing?

I'll keep pushing for answers here.

Devin M. O'Malley
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Cell: (b)(6)

From: Ross, Lee [<mailto:lee.ross@FOXNEWS.COM>]
Sent: Friday, December 1, 2017 11:56 AM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Hello from SF

I'm here doing post verdict on Steinle case. Zarate.

Sarah was on our air earlier today talking about possible charges. Now I'm seeing twitter traffic suggesting that has in fact happened. Can you pass along guidance? Thank you. Lee

Sent from my iPhone

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Robinson, Michael

From: Robinson, Michael
Sent: Friday, December 1, 2017 11:32 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: RE: Fox Business Interview Request

OK, thanks for considering!

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Friday, December 01, 2017 11:31 AM
To: Robinson, Michael
Subject: RE: Fox Business Interview Request

Unfortunately, I think I've got a meeting that hour. Sorry—but I'd love to try another time. (5pm hour is tough just bc of work schedule)

xxxx

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: Robinson, Michael [mailto:Michael.Robinson@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Friday, December 1, 2017 7:54 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Fox Business Interview Request
Importance: High

Saw you on F&F. Any time today for another interview during our 5 PM ET hour on Steinle?

Michael Robinson
Fox Business Network

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Michael.Robinson@FOXBUSINESS.COM

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Lajeunesse, William

From: Lajeunesse, William
Sent: Friday, December 1, 2017 10:06 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: RE: hey

Copy. I just saw some guidance from Jake. Sorry to bother. But thank you for responding. Nice job this morning on short notice. You got it in today's cycle!

W

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Friday, December 01, 2017 7:05 AM
To: Lajeunesse, William <william.lajeunesse@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: Re: hey

For example, if he was on supervised release from federal charges--this felon in possession conviction would be a violation of that. Illegal reentry is another option.

On Dec 1, 2017, at 9:31 AM, Lajeunesse, William <william.lajeunesse@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Know you are slammed. I have a hit coming up in the 11. Any *chance* you can give me a range / any more specificity in POSSIBLE charges against Zarate? Or any guidance...going forward.

Thx.

W

William La Jeunesse
Fox News Channel
National Correspondent
Los Angeles Bureau
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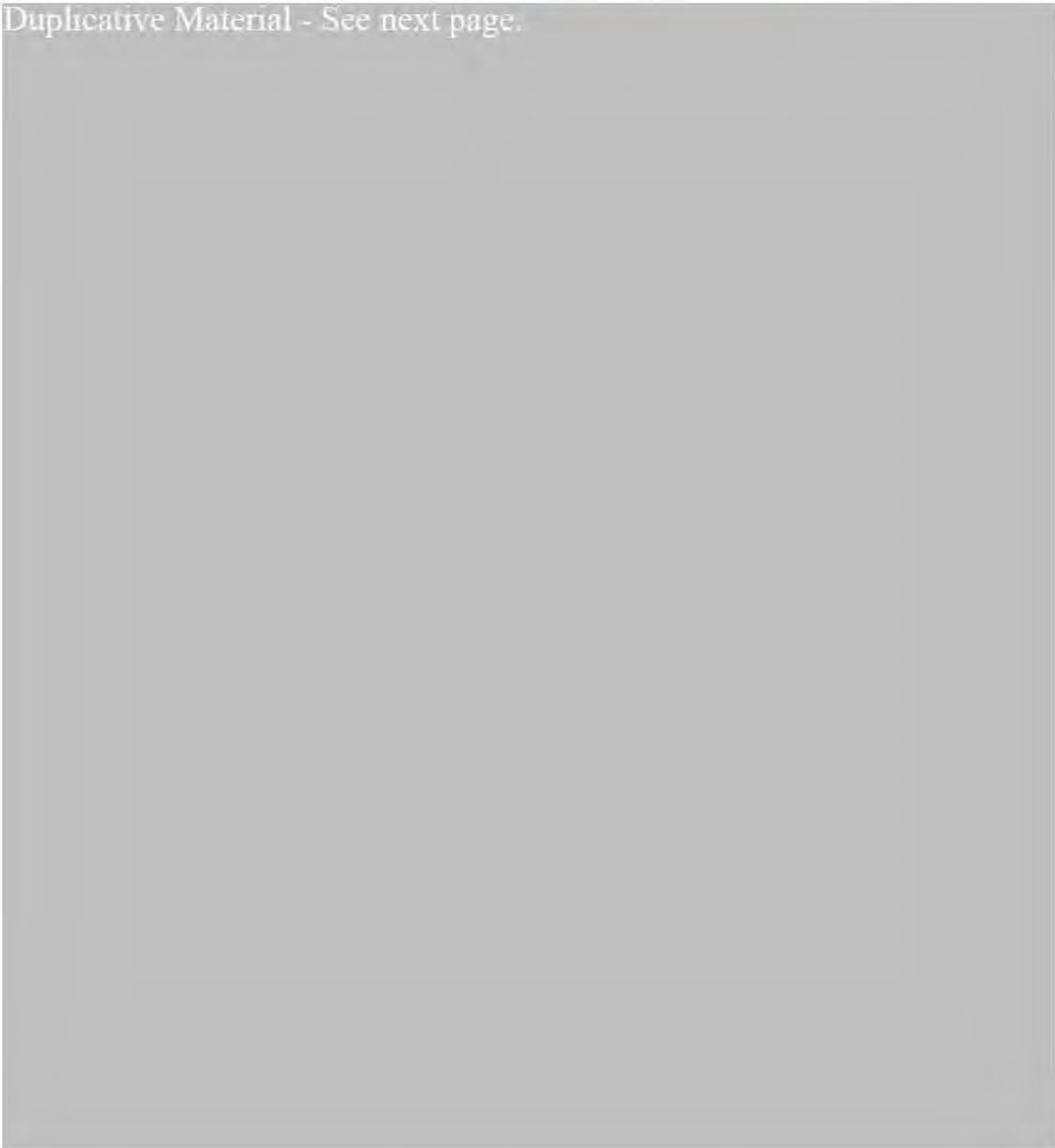
From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Sent: Friday, December 1, 2017 8:10 AM
To: Ehram, Lauren (OPA)
Cc: Gibson, Jake
Subject: Re: Attorney General Jeff Sessions Statement on Kate Steinle Verdict

Call if you need anything Jake

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 1, 2017, at 8:02 AM, Ehram, Lauren (OPA) <lehram@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

Duplicative Material - See next page.



Ehrsam, Lauren (OPA)

From: Ehrsam, Lauren (OPA)
Sent: Friday, December 1, 2017 8:03 AM
To: Gibson, Jake
Cc: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Subject: Re: Attorney General Jeff Sessions Statement on Kate Steinle Verdict

Hey Jake I'm driving but wanted to connect you with Devin in case you have other questions

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 1, 2017, at 7:36 AM, Gibson, Jake <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

7:40

On Dec 1, 2017, at 7:30 AM, Ehrsam, Lauren (OPA) <Lauren.Ehrsam@usdoj.gov> wrote:

I'll check. Sarah Flores is on F&F this morning, but I don't know what time or if she will elaborate.

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 1, 2017, at 7:14 AM, Gibson, Jake <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

So... what kind of charges could Fed gov be pursuing?

Any of these?

felony reentry, denial of civil rights or firearms violation charges

Thanks!

On Nov 30, 2017, at 11:06 PM, Ehrsam, Lauren (OPA) <Lauren.Ehrsam@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Anytime! Have a great night!

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 30, 2017, at 11:05 PM, Gibson, Jake <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Copy that.
And thanks!

On Nov 30, 2017, at 11:01 PM, Ehrsam,
Lauren (OPA) <Lauren.Ehrsam@usdoj.gov>
wrote:

I could totally be wrong...I clicked
before I screen shotted or read it
closely, but I sent it to the fox and
friends morning producers and
while I was sending to you an
alert pushed through and I think
that's what it said.

But yes, on background from a
DOJ official, DOJ is considering
federal charges against Zarate.

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 30, 2017, at 10:56 PM,
Gibson, Jake
<Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM>
wrote:

DOJ considering
federal charges
against Zarate?

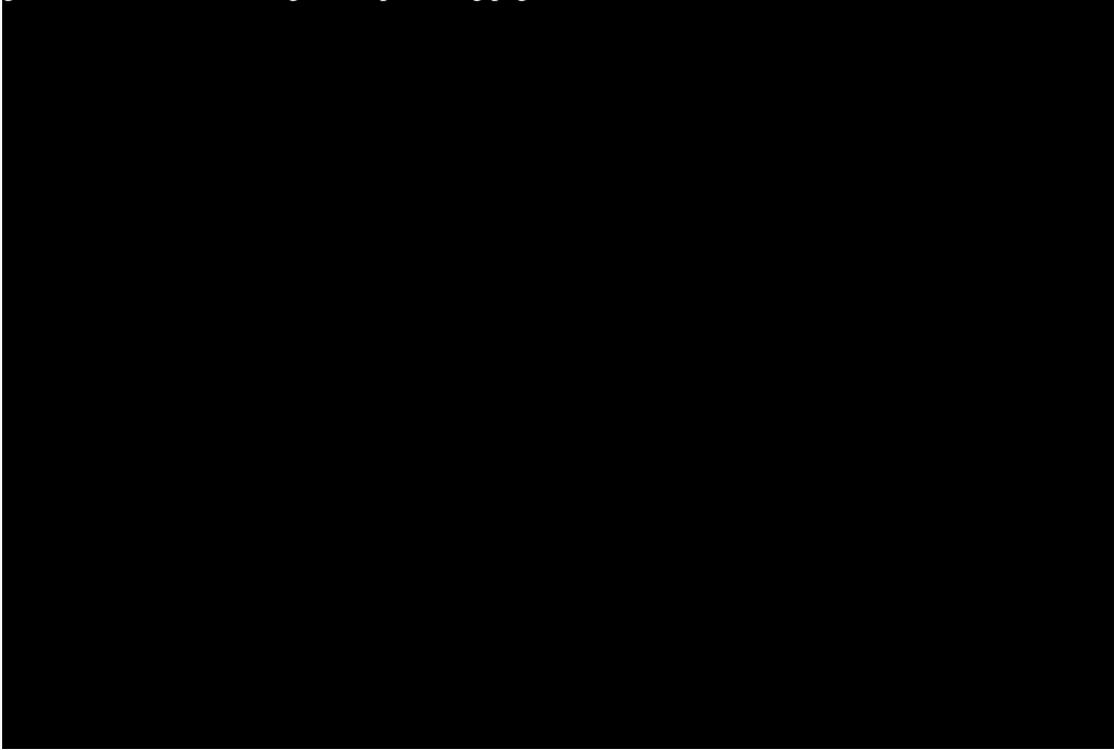
On Nov 30, 2017, at
10:45 PM, Ehrsam,
Lauren (OPA)
<Lauren.Ehrsam@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Hi Jake – I
think y'all
may have
just sent
out a
news
alert, but I

wanted to
make sure
that you
saw this
tonight,
and you
can report
on
backgroun
d from a
DOJ
official
that DOJ is
considerin
g federal
charges.
Have a
great
night!

See next page
for better
formatting.

Mass email blasts were scoped out, but the text of the below email is being included for ease of reading given the narrow formatting on the preceding page.



Subject: Attorney General Jeff Sessions Statement on Kate Steinle Verdict

Attorney General Jeff Sessions released the following statement on the verdict in People of the State of California vs. Jose Ines Garcia Zarate aka Juan Francisco Lopez Sanchez:

“When jurisdictions choose to return criminal aliens to the streets rather than turning them over to federal immigration authorities, they put the public’s safety at risk. San Francisco’s decision to protect criminal aliens led to the preventable and heartbreaking death of Kate Steinle. While the State of California sought a murder charge for the man who caused Ms. Steinle’s death—a man who would not have been on the streets of San Francisco if the city simply honored an ICE detainer—the people ultimately convicted him of felon in possession of a firearm. The Department of Justice will continue to ensure that all jurisdictions place the safety and security of their communities above the convenience of criminal aliens. I urge the leaders of the nation’s communities to reflect on the outcome of this case and consider carefully the harm they are doing to their citizens by refusing to cooperate with federal law enforcement officers.”

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Spinato, Eric

From: Spinato, Eric
Sent: Friday, December 1, 2017 6:44 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Can AG Sessions join Maria Bartiromo live Sunday?

If not, can he join us next week, on her FBN morning show?

Thank you
Eric

Eric Spinato
Senior Story Editor, Fox Business Network

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Valentine, Alexandria

From: Valentine, Alexandria
Sent: Friday, December 1, 2017 6:32 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Cc: Nicoletti, Christofer; Osmanski, Julie; May, Kelly; Stine, Jason
Subject: Fox & Friends Time Change - 745AM

Hi Ms. Isgur Flores,

I wanted to let you know that the time for your hit moved slightly later, but we're looking forward to having you join us at 745 am EST! We're still discussing the Steinle verdict including the Department of Justice looking at pursuing charges against the defendant, and Attorney General Sessions saying that the verdict should force rethink for Sanctuary Cities.

Please send your talking points/thoughts on the topics – your insight is greatly appreciated!

Thank you so much,
Alexandria Valentine

Fox & Friends

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From: Fleming, Taylor
Sent: Thursday, November 30, 2017 10:22 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>
Cc: Nicoletti, Christofer <Christofer.Nicoletti@FOXNEWS.COM>; Osmanski, Julie <julie.osmanski@FOXNEWS.COM>; May, Kelly <Kelly.May@FOXNEWS.COM>; Valentine, Alexandria <alexandria.valentine@FOXNEWS.COM>; Malavenda, Peter <peter.malavenda@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: RE: Flagging steinle verdict

Great, thank you! Please arrive at the DC bureau by 7A for the 7:30A EST hit. The overnight team (cc'ed) will be in touch in the AM for your talking points. If you need anything in the AM, the best contact is Peter Malavenda who will be in our NYC green room and can be reached at (b)(6). Thanks so much, and looking forward.

From: Hadden, Gavin
Sent: Thursday, November 30, 2017 10:19 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Cc: Groman, Sean; Fleming, Taylor
Subject: Re: Flagging steinle verdict

Great. I ccd Taylor our star booker. To handle our logistics see you tomm.

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 30, 2017, at 9:56 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Let's do it. I'll be at 400 n can by 7am--no car needed. I'm going to try to get some slee bc I'm

bonkers tired after this week. Let me know if there are any other topics:)

On Nov 30, 2017, at 9:41 PM, Hadden, Gavin <Gavin.Hadden@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

I can do 730 if you are avail

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 30, 2017, at 9:34 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
<Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Statement from Ag below. Background we are looking at federal charges to bring from doj.

Attorney General Jeff Sessions released the following statement on the verdict in People of the State of California vs. Jose Ines Garcia Zarate aka Juan Francisco Lopez Sanchez:

“When jurisdictions choose to return criminal aliens to the streets rather than turning them over to federal immigration authorities, they put the public’s safety at risk. San Francisco’s decision to protect criminal aliens led to the preventable and heartbreaking death of Kate Steinle. While the State of California sought a murder charge for the man who caused Ms. Steinle’s death—a man who would not have been on the streets of San Francisco if the city simply honored an ICE detainer—the people ultimately convicted him of felon in possession of a firearm. The Department of Justice will continue to ensure that all jurisdictions place the safety and security of their communities above the convenience of criminal aliens. I urge the leaders of the nation’s communities to reflect on the outcome of this case and consider carefully the harm they are doing to their citizens by refusing to cooperate with federal law enforcement officers.”

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Groman, Sean

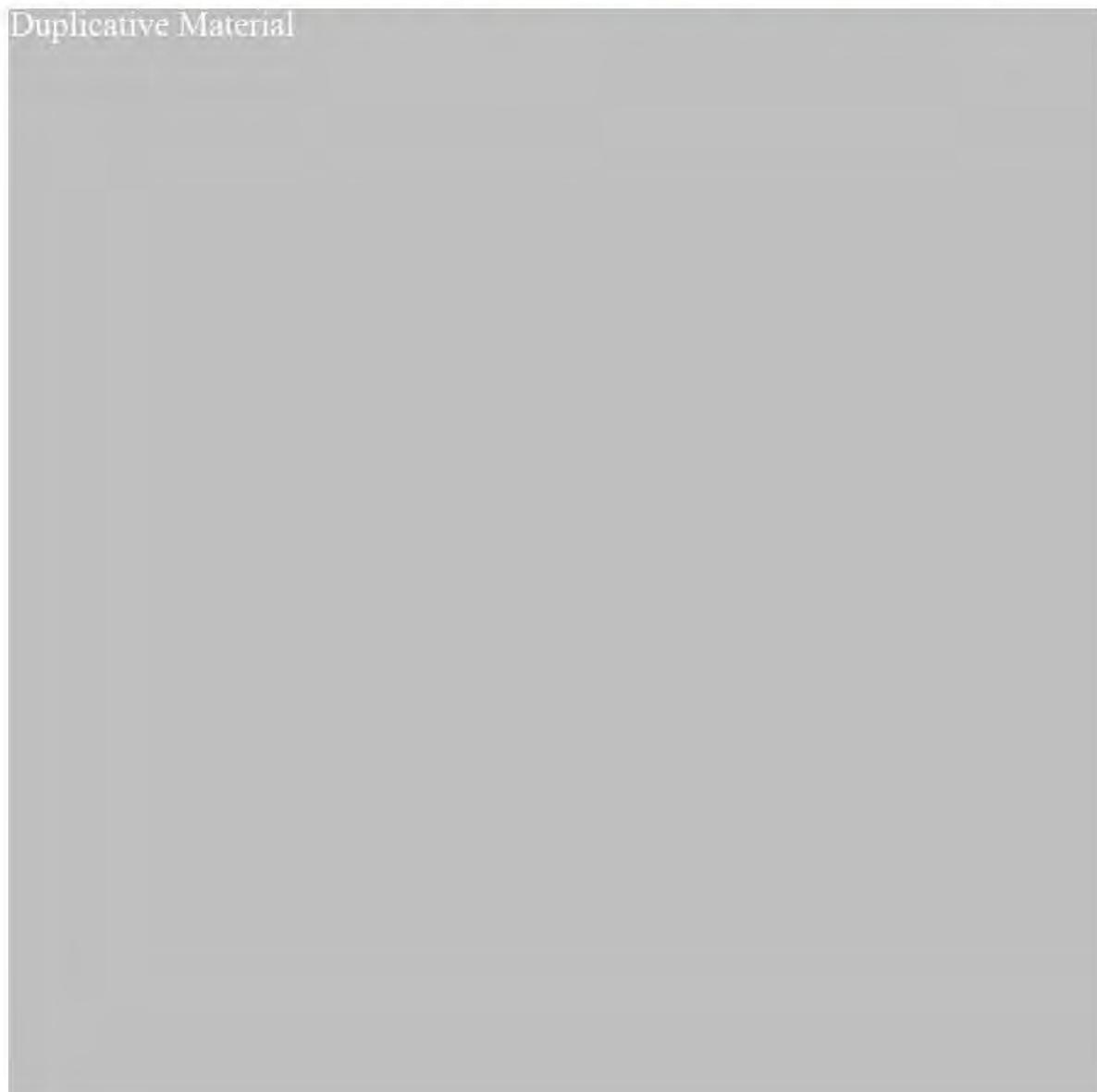
From: Groman, Sean
Sent: Thursday, November 30, 2017 10:13 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Cc: Hadden, Gavin
Subject: Re: Flagging steinle verdict

Okay Great. We will see you then.

Sean Groman
FOX News Channel

On Nov 30, 2017, at 9:56 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Duplicative Material



Rosenthal, Jessica

From: Rosenthal, Jessica
Sent: Thursday, November 30, 2017 9:11 PM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Subject: RE: Attorney General Jeff Sessions Statement on Kate Steinle Verdict

Ok yeah sounds like they're working on it. You rock, thanks.

From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) [mailto:Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Thursday, November 30, 2017 9:07 PM
To: Rosenthal, Jessica <jessica.rosenthal@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: RE: Attorney General Jeff Sessions Statement on Kate Steinle Verdict

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Cell: (b)(6)

From: Rosenthal, Jessica [mailto:jessica.rosenthal@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Thursday, November 30, 2017 9:06 PM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Attorney General Jeff Sessions Statement on Kate Steinle Verdict

Okay awesome, and no. Haven't tried her. Let me check file for her number

From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) [mailto:Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Thursday, November 30, 2017 9:05 PM
To: Rosenthal, Jessica <jessica.rosenthal@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: RE: Attorney General Jeff Sessions Statement on Kate Steinle Verdict

Did you call Liz Johnson?

I'm working on getting you an air tight answer on background.

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From: Rosenthal, Jessica [mailto:jessica.rosenthal@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Thursday, November 30, 2017 8:45 PM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Attorney General Jeff Sessions Statement on Kate Steinle Verdict

Do you know... if he gets released and doesn't serve any time for possession, would DOJ file any charges against him? Would he go straight to federal custody/ICE for deportation? Can't get a hold of anyone at ICE at this hour...

Jessica Rosenthal
Fox News Network LLC
West Coast Radio Correspondent

(b)(6) (office)

(b)(6) (cell)

From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) [mailto:Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Thursday, November 30, 2017 8:32 PM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov>
Subject: Attorney General Jeff Sessions Statement on Kate Steinle Verdict

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"When jurisdictions choose to return criminal aliens to the streets rather than turning them over to federal immigration authorities, they put the public's safety at risk. San Francisco's decision to protect criminal aliens led to the preventable and heartbreaking death of Kate Steinle. While the State of California sought a murder charge for the man who caused Ms. Steinle's death—a man who would not have been on the streets of San Francisco if the city simply honored an ICE detainer—the people ultimately convicted him of felon in possession of a firearm. The Department of Justice will continue to ensure that all jurisdictions place the safety and security of their communities above the convenience of criminal aliens. I urge the leaders of the nation's communities to reflect on the outcome of this case and consider carefully the harm they are doing to their citizens by refusing to cooperate with federal law enforcement officers."

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Robbins, Christina

From: Robbins, Christina
Sent: Thursday, November 30, 2017 7:27 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: AG Sessions tomorrow?

Hi!

How's it going? Hope you had a good Thanksgiving!

Would AG Sessions be able to join us tomorrow in the 1p hour to talk about the Steinle verdict? We can tie it into the immigration laws.

It would be for the 1p hour tomorrow.

Thanks!

Christina Robbins
Cell (b)(6)
Fox News Channel

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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, November 30, 2017 6:12 PM
To: Hadden, Gavin
Cc: Groman, Sean
Subject: RE: any doj stories for the morning?

If yall are covering Nunes/Dossier contempt (Rosen's piece) story tomorrow, give me a call!

xxx

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: Hadden, Gavin [mailto:Gavin.Hadden@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Wednesday, November 29, 2017 8:12 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Groman, Sean <sean.groman@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: Re: any doj stories for the morning?

Deal. Let us know when.

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 29, 2017, at 8:11 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

And I love coming on—might even come up to NYC in December if yall would beup for it. More fun to be there inperson!

xxx

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: Hadden, Gavin [<mailto:Gavin.Hadden@FOXNEWS.COM>]
Sent: Wednesday, November 29, 2017 7:59 PM
To: Groman, Sean <sean.groman@FOXNEWS.COM>
Cc: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: any doj stories for the morning?

And of course, we always love having you on as a guest!

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 29, 2017, at 7:44 PM, Groman, Sean <sean.groman@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Hi Sarah!

Nothing permeating currently to the top of our radar. Will surely reach out if that

changes.

Sean Groman
FOX News Channel

On Nov 29, 2017, at 7:42 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
<Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Just checking in! Let me know if we should chat.

xxx

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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Wednesday, November 29, 2017 8:54 PM
To: Groman, Sean
Cc: Hadden, Gavin
Subject: RE: any doj stories for the morning?

Want to be clear—this response is NOT to the president: (let me know if you want to talk on the phone)

The Department has provided members of HPSCI and House leadership with any number of documents and multiple briefings related to this matter—including the documents related to any FBI payments that may or may not have been made to the source in question—and has more recently cleared a key witness they have requested to testify. And the members who have chosen to attend those briefings should have a clear understanding of the facts surrounding this matter.

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From: Groman, Sean [mailto:sean.groman@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Wednesday, November 29, 2017 8:10 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Hadden, Gavin <Gavin.Hadden@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: Re: any doj stories for the morning?

Also this just crossed if you want to provide response

Donald J. Trum
@realDonaldTrump

The House of Representatives seeks contempt citations(?) against the JusticeDepartment and the FBI for withholding key documents and an FBI witness which could shed light on surveillance of associates of Donald Trump. Big stuff. Deep State. Give this information NOW! @FoxNews

Sean Groman
FOX News Channel

On Nov 29, 2017, at 7:58 PM, Hadden, Gavin <Gavin.Hadden@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Duplicative Material

Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, November 30, 2017 4:59 PM
To: Gibson, Jake
Cc: Boyd, Stephen E. (OLA)
Subject: other statement

As far as the release of highly sensitive raw intelligence the committee has demanded from DOJ, government officials tell Fox News those documents are so sensitive that officials from foreign governments have emphasized to the US the potential danger and chilling effect it could place on foreign intelligence sources.

xxx

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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O'Malley, Devin (OPA)

From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, November 30, 2017 1:35 PM
To: Gibson, Jake
Subject: Here you go

Press release is going out at 2:15 pm

**IMMIGRATION ATTORNEY PLEADS GUILTY TO FRAUD SCHEME AND IDENTITY THEFT
IN RELATION TO VISA APPLICATIONS**

WASHINGTON – An Indianapolis, Indiana immigration attorney pleaded guilty today for defrauding the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) and more than 250 of his clients by filing false visa applications and reaping approximately \$750,000 in fraudulent fees.

Acting Assistant Attorney General John P. Cronan of the Justice Department's Criminal Division and Special Agent in Charge James M. Gibbons of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Homeland Security Investigations (ICE-HSI) in Chicago made the announcement.

Indianapolis immigration attorney Joel Paul, 45, of Fishers, Indiana pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Jane E. Magnus-Stinson of the Southern District of Indiana to an information charging him with one count each of mail fraud, immigration document fraud, and aggravated identity theft in connection with a scheme to submit fraudulent U-visa applications. Sentencing will be scheduled before Judge Magnus-Stinson in early 2018.

"Individuals who commit immigration fraud undermine and abuse our generous immigration system—a system that lawfully admits more immigrants than any other country in the world—and put our public safety and national security at risk," said Attorney General Jeff Sessions. "President Trump promised voters he would return this country to a lawful system of immigration, and this Justice Department is committed to fulfilling that promise by rooting out fraud and abuse. We will not tolerate fraud at any level, and will bring those who engage in fraud to justice."

According to the plea agreement, Paul admitted that from 2013 to 2017, he submitted more than 250 false Applications for Advance Permission to Enter as a Nonimmigrant on behalf of his clients and without their knowledge. Those applications falsely asserted that Paul's clients had been victims of a crime and had provided substantial assistance to law enforcement in investigating the crime. With approximately 200 of the false applications, Paul submitted unauthorized copies of a certification he had obtained from the U.S. Attorney's Office (USAO) for the Southern District of Indiana in 2013, using the certification without the USAO's knowledge to falsely claim that the applicant had provided substantial assistance in a criminal prosecution. In total, Paul charged his clients approximately \$3,000 per application.

HSI investigated the case. Trial Attorneys Molly Gaston, Peter M. Nothstein, and Amanda Vaughn of the Criminal Division's Public Integrity Section are prosecuting the case.

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Gibson, Jake

From: Gibson, Jake
Sent: Thursday, November 30, 2017 11:34 AM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Subject: Re: You interested in a head start on something?

Cool.
Will do.

On Nov 30, 2017, at 11:27 AM, O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Give me a few, and I'll send over the release.

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From: Gibson, Jake [<mailto:Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM>]
Sent: Thursday, November 30, 2017 11:26 AM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: You interested in a head start on something?

Yes.
I'm interested.... Please and thank u.

On Nov 30, 2017, at 11:23 AM, O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Immigration lawyer pleading guilty to defrauding USCIS and 250 clients by filing false visa applications.

Not exclusive, just FYI. Will give to an immigration reporter at another network as well.

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Rosen, James

From: Rosen, James
Sent: Thursday, November 30, 2017 11:00 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA); Gibson, Jake
Subject: RE: Why isn't my statement I sent Jake in the online story?

I did just use almost the entire statement with accompanying text GFX in my 10a hit with Bill Hemmer.

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From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Thursday, November 30, 2017 10:58 AM
To: Gibson, Jake <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM>; Rosen, James <James.Rosen@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: Why isn't my statement I sent Jake in the online story?

http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2017/11/30/house-lawyer-urged-contempt-citations-against-doj-fbi-over-dossier-stonewalling_amp.html

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Rosen, James

From: Rosen, James
Sent: Thursday, November 30, 2017 10:59 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA); Gibson, Jake
Subject: RE: Why isn't my statement I sent Jake in the online story?

That's a good question. I'll make sure they insert. I wasn't really responsible for the online story. But we will update.

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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Wednesday, November 29, 2017 8:57 PM
To: thomas.firth@foxnews.com
Subject: FW: Statement on Rosen story tonight

Wanted to make sure yall had this for tonight. I'll try your headline to flag.

xxxx

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

(b)(6)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Wednesday, November 29, 2017 8:53 PM
To: 'Gibson, Jake' <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: Statement on Rosen story tonight

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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Wednesday, November 29, 2017 8:56 PM
To: christopher.wallace@foxnews.com
Subject: FW: Statement on Rosen story tonight

Just got off w Jake and wanted to make sure you had this

xxx

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
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Director of Public Affairs

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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Wednesday, November 29, 2017 8:53 PM
To: porter.berry@foxnews.com
Subject: call me re dossier/contempt story for tonight

Cell below. I have a statement. I tried Sean but he didn't pick up (understandably).

xxx

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

(b)(6)

Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Wednesday, November 29, 2017 7:38 PM
To: Baier, Bret
Subject: dossier panel

We told James before the show tonight that Nunes et al know about any FBI payments that could have been made to a source. They've known for weeks.

xxx

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

(b)(6)

Murray, Andrew

From: Murray, Andrew
Sent: Wednesday, November 29, 2017 2:50 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Cc: Ehram, Lauren (OPA); Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: RE: Attorney General Sessions Available for "Fox & Friends" tomorrow (Thursday) LIVE at 8:20am ET?

Sure, consider the 11th held!

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, November 29, 2017 2:49 PM
To: Murray, Andrew <Andrew.Murray@FOXNEWS.COM>
Cc: Ehram, Lauren (OPA) <Lauren.Ehram@usdoj.gov>; Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Attorney General Sessions Available for "Fox & Friends" tomorrow (Thursday) LIVE at 8:20am ET?

Cant do tomorrow bc the AG has his HPSCI interview in the am. But wanted to ping you about holding the 11th?

xxxx

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: Murray, Andrew [mailto:Andrew.Murray@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Wednesday, November 29, 2017 2:26 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Ehram, Lauren (OPA) <lehram@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Attorney General Sessions Available for "Fox & Friends" tomorrow (Thursday) LIVE at 8:20am ET?

Hi Sarah,

Please let us know if we can schedule Attorney General Sessions for a LIVE interview tomorrow (Thursday) at 8:20am ET about his announcement on *NEW TOOLS IN COMBATTING THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC*.
<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/ag-jeff-sessions-holds-press-conference-on-combatting-opioid-epidemic-live-stream/>

Thanks in advance,

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From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [<mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, November 16, 2017 5:57 PM
To: Murray, Andrew <Andrew.Murray@FOXNEWS.COM>
Cc: Ehsam, Lauren (OPA) <Lauren.Ehsam@usdoj.gov>; Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Details for "Fox & Friends" Tomorrow (Friday) LIVE at 6:30am ET

Actually! Can I get a car after all? My address is (b)(6) Maybe 540am so I'm there a little before 6?

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

From: Murray, Andrew [<mailto:Andrew.Murray@FOXNEWS.COM>]
Sent: Thursday, November 16, 2017 11:56 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Ehsam, Lauren (OPA) <lehsam@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Details for "Fox & Friends" Tomorrow (Friday) LIVE at 6:30am ET

Hi Sarah,

I understand that you have been in touch with our executive producers and are confirmed to appear on "Fox & Friends" tomorrow. That's wonderful news! We would like to start the interview LIVE at 6:30am ET in our DC bureau, details are below, please let me know if you have any questions.

"Fox & Friends"

DATE: Friday, November 17th

ARRIVAL: 6:00 am ET (for make-up)

LIVE INTERVIEW: 6:30am ET with Steve Doocy, Ainsley Earhardt, and Pete Hegseth

TOPIC: How the Department of Justice is serving the American people under the Trump administration

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Instructions for tomorrow: Sign in at the guard desk in lobby and receive security pass. Then take the elevators on the left side of the lobby up to the 5th floor, suite is on the left side of the hall.

Thanks in advance,

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Cc: Ehrsam, Lauren (OPA) <Lauren.Ehrsam@usdoj.gov>; Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>
Subject: Attorney General Sessions available for "Fox & Friends" Next Week?

Hi Sarah,

Please let us know if there are any opportunities next week before Thanksgiving.

Andrew

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [<mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>]
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Subject: RE: Attorney General Sessions available for "Fox & Friends" tomorrow (Wednesday)?

We'll pass—thanks!

xxx

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs
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Subject: Attorney General Sessions available for "Fox & Friends" tomorrow (Wednesday)?

Hi Sarah,

Please let us know if Attorney General Sessions is available to join us on "Fox & Friends" for a LIVE interview (tomorrow) Wednesday about his testimony to the House Judiciary Committee today.

Thanks in advance,

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To: Ehram, Lauren (OPA) <Lauren.Ehram@usdoj.gov>
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>
Subject: AG Sessions: Why we've made restoring the rule of law our top priority

Good afternoon! I hope you'll take a moment to read this op-ed out today by Attorney General Jeff Sessions highlighting how the Department of Justice is serving the American people under this administration, by following the laws they have duly enacted, including:

- Taking action to keep America safe.
- Settling with Tea Party groups for unfair treatment by the IRS.
- Ending the use of gov't to bankroll third-party special interest groups or the friends of whomever is in power.
- Trusting our prosecutors again and letting them do their jobs.
- Rewarding those jurisdictions that assist federal law enforcement.
- Protecting First Amendment rights to free speech and religious liberty.

And we are just getting started!

Thank you,
Lauren

Lauren Ehram
Spokeswoman and Media Affairs Specialist
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Attorney General Jeff Sessions: Why we've made restoring the rule of law our top priority
By Jeff Sessions
Fox News
<http://www.foxnews.com/opinion/2017/11/13/attorney-general-jeff-sessions-why-weve-made-restoring->

Religious liberty is an inalienable right, and at the president's direction, we issued legal guidance on how to properly interpret and apply legal protections for religious liberty. And it is not just freedom of worship: we do not give up our religious freedom when we are at work, when we interact with the federal government, or any other time we participate in society.

We do not give up our rights when we go to school, either. This Department is standing up for those whose rights have been violated on campus, including supporting a lawsuit by one young man who was punished for discussing his faith outside of his school's tiny "free speech zone." And we are examining a case where Asian-American students allege racial discrimination in one university's admissions.

In 1776, Thomas Paine wrote that "in free countries, the law ought to be king." Under this administration, the Department of Justice is serving the American people by following the laws they have duly enacted—and we are just getting started.

Jeff Sessions is the Attorney General of the United States.

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No problem. I'll take care of it.

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Thanks!

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Btw—the AG is speaking at the fed soc tomorrow. Here's an section that is embargoed:

Last month, the Department finally settled 22 civil cases with 90 plaintiffs regarding the previous administration's contraception mandate. We have also agreed to settlement terms with nearly 500 plaintiffs in cases brought by groups whose applications for tax-exempt status were selected for heightened scrutiny by the IRS based on inappropriate criteria. Wrongful government policies made these settlements necessary.

The Department has provided legal counsel to this administration in favor of ending subsidies to insurance companies that Congress had not appropriated under the Affordable Care Act. I am proud to say President Trump put an end to this unlawful practice. The Executive Branch has no power to spend money not appropriated by Congress.

Neither can a Cabinet Secretary wipe entire sections of immigration law off the books. But that's what the previous administration did with its Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, or DACA, policy. Under DACA, individuals here illegally were given certificates of lawful status, work permits, and the right to participate in Social Security. No matter what one thinks our immigration policy should be, DACA was simply unlawful. Once again, the Department advised the administration to put an end to it—and it is being ended.

The Department is also restoring the rule of law through litigation. Our Solicitor General has filed an amicus brief in support of a Colorado baker who was sued for refusing to bake a cake for a same-sex wedding. Although public-accommodations laws serve important purposes, they—like other laws—cannot be interpreted to undermine the individual freedoms that the First Amendment guarantees. That includes the freedom not to provide creative expression for ceremonies that violate one's religious beliefs.

Meanwhile, we have changed policies at the Department that support our mission of doing justice by executing the law.

For example, we are no longer allowing so-called "sanctuary" jurisdictions to nullify federal immigration law if they want to receive our law enforcement grants. Our law enforcement grants now have conditions to encourage our state and local partners to help us remove criminal aliens from this country.

In June, I ended the practice of third party settlements. Under the last Administration, the Justice Department often required settling parties to pay settlement funds to third party community organizations that were not directly involved in the litigation or harmed by the defendant's conduct. I believe that when the federal government settles a case against a corporate wrongdoer, any settlement funds should go first to recompense the

victims and then to the U. S. Treasury—not to bankroll third-party special interest groups or the political friends of whoever is in power. The Constitution nowhere gives unelected attorneys or their higher ups the right to effectively appropriate and distribute funds to their chosen few.

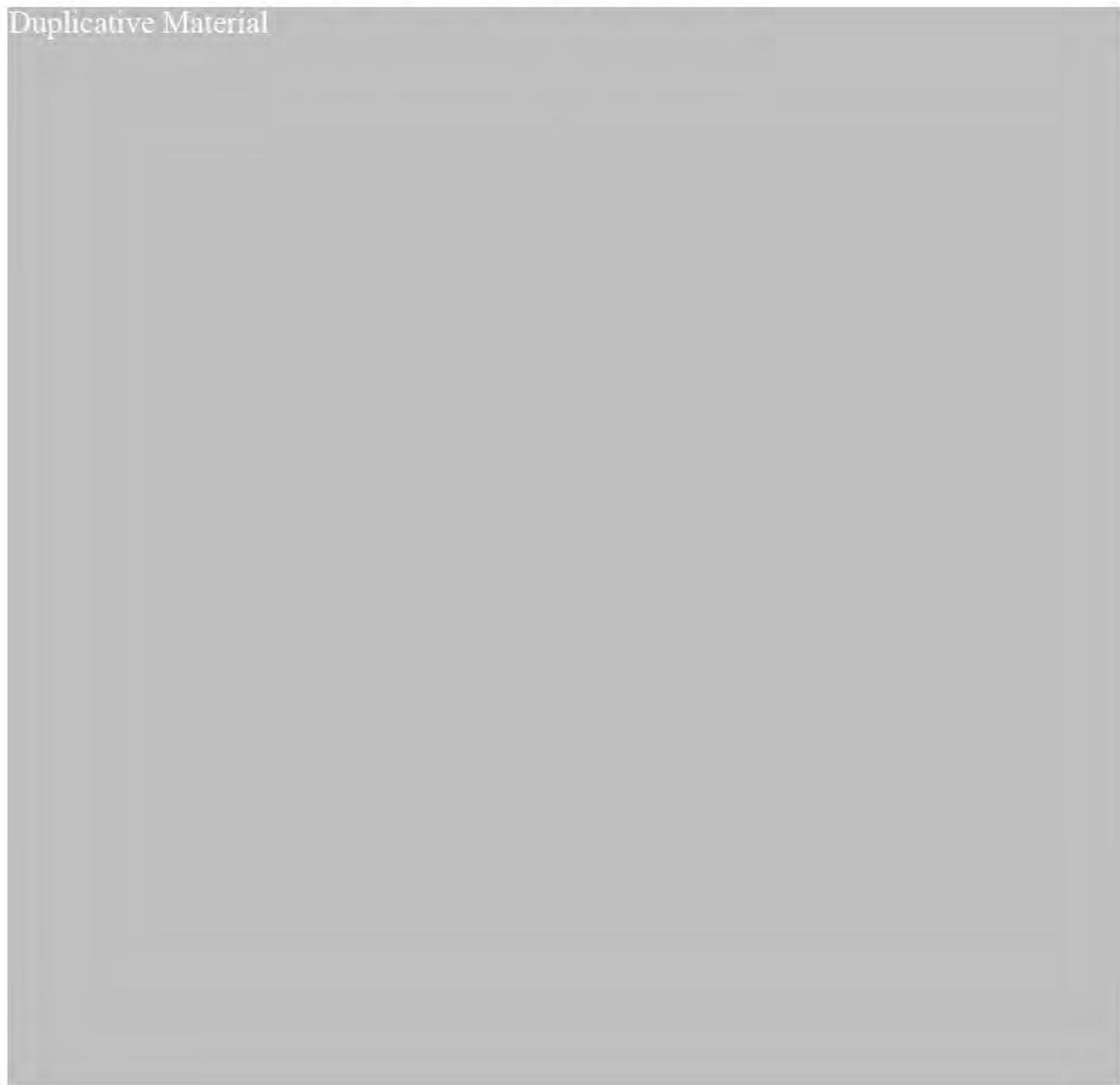
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Nope—I'm good. Thanks!

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Do you need any transportation to the studio tomorrow?

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
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Subject: Re: Details for "Fox & Friends" Tomorrow (Friday) LIVE at 6:30am ET

Great!

On Nov 16, 2017, at 11:56 AM, Murray, Andrew <Andrew.Murray@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

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Singman, Brooke

From: Singman, Brooke
Sent: Wednesday, November 29, 2017 8:52 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA); Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: RE: next Wednesday

Great! Let's plan for 12:30p Wednesday Dec. 6? Do I need to request a certain pass? Or will you put me in the system?

Thanks!

Brooke

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, November 28, 2017 11:18 PM
To: Singman, Brooke <brooke.singman@FOXNEWS.COM>; Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: next Wednesday

Would love to have you stop by—I'll be around from 1230-3ish.

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: Singman, Brooke [mailto:brooke.singman@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Tuesday, November 28, 2017 9:41 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: next Wednesday

Hi Sarah and Ian!

Hope you had a great Thanksgiving!

Making my way down to DC next week... Will be in town for the day on Wednesday. Have any availability for me to pop in and introduce myself in person?! Would love to meet.

Let me know.

Brooke Singman
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Beth Schular

From: Beth Schular
Sent: Monday, November 27, 2017 10:11 AM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: Re: CRTV Interview Inquiry: Christmas video

Good Morning Ian,

Hope you enjoyed a nice, restful Thanksgiving holiday!

I wanted to circle back on the request that was sent last week as I realize with the no-doubt busy days before the break, it might have gotten lost in the shuffle.

If the Attorney General would be available for this Christmas video idea in the next few weeks, please do let us know and we'll happily confirm the time/place. We wouldn't need longer than 10 minutes of his time.

Thanks again!

Beth
CRTV Video Producer
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From: Beth Schular <bschular@crtv.com>
Date: Wednesday, November 22, 2017 at 4:44 PM
To: "Prior, Ian (OPA)" <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>
Subject: CRTV Interview Inquiry: What is AG Sessions asking Santa for for Christmas?

Good Afternoon Mr. Prior,

Hope all is well! I wanted to let you in on a fun, Christmas-inspired video that CRTV has in the works. Over the next couple of weeks we're interviewing high-profile politicians who are going to tell our "Santa" (played by Creative Director Phil Wolf) what they want for Christmas. We would LOVE to include the Attorney General in what's sure to be a creative, festive, and share-worthy social media video.

We're filming the interviews over the first two weeks of December in our office space, which is located right down the street from the Capitol. Take some time to look at the Attorney General's schedule and consider it. If you find you can carve out about 15-minutes for us in December, I can make the interview happen. I know CRTV's viewers would love to see Attorney General Sessions included in this.

CRTV's viewership on various social media platforms rivals that of daytime cable and is a new center/right-of-center online digital media company hosting video programs such as: Levin TV, Michelle Malkin Investigates, Louder with Crowder, In the Woods with Phil Robertson, and more.

Looking forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

Beth Schular
Video Producer
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From: "Prior, Ian (OPA)" <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>
Date: Thursday, October 12, 2017 at 9:38 PM
To: Beth Schular <bschular@crtv.com>
Subject: Re: CRTV media inquiry: AG Sessions at Values Voter Summit

Will have to look into it. Next two weeks are packed but circle back end of October?

Ian D. Prior
Principal Deputy Director of Public Affairs
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For information on office hours, access to media events, and standard ground rules for interviews, please click [here](#).

On Oct 12, 2017, at 9:23 PM, Beth Schular <bschular@crtv.com> wrote:

Hi Ian,

Thank you for your response. Could we arrange another time for an interview with the Attorney General, at a location/time of his convenience?

Is there an opening in his schedule in the next few weeks?

Thank you!
Beth Schular
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From: Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Thursday, October 12, 2017 8:40:33 PM
To: Beth Schular
Cc: Pettit, Mark T. (OPA)
Subject: Fwd: CRTV media inquiry: AG Sessions at Values Voter Summit

Hi Beth, I think we will pass on this. He will not be at the summit.

Thanks.

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From: Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov>
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Cc: "Pettit, Mark T. (OPA)" <mtpettit@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: FW: CRTV media inquiry: AG Sessions at Values Voter Summit

CRTV following up.

Thank you - Kristen

From: Beth Schular [<mailto:bschular@crtv.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 12, 2017 5:45 PM
To: Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Alicia Hesse <ahesse@crtv.com>
Subject: Re: CRTV media inquiry: AG Sessions at Values Voter Summit

Good Evening,

Checking in on my media request for a quick interview with the Attorney General either before or after he speaks at the Values Voter Summit. We'd also like to ask him about his recent statement that the Asylum system is "subject to rampant abuse and fraud".

We'll be at the conference and would only need a few minutes of his time.

Thanking you in advance for your speedy reply.

Sincerely,

Beth Schular
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From: Beth Schular <bschular@crtv.com>
Date: Tuesday, October 10, 2017 at 10:00 PM
To: "Press@usdoj.gov" <Press@usdoj.gov>
Cc: Alicia Hesse <ahesse@crtv.com>
Subject: CRTV media inquiry: AG Sessions at Values Voter Summit

Good Evening,

I'm writing from CRTV on behalf of our White House Correspondent, Jon Miller, who's very eager to get a few minutes with Attorney General Jeff Sessions either before or after he speaks at the Values Voter Summit this weekend. Specifically, Jon would like to ask the Attorney General about The White House's new list of immigration priorities, and also how, as a former Senator, what he thinks is needed to get the immigration plan passed by Congress.

CRTV is an online digital media platform hosting programs by Mark Levin, Michelle Malkin, Steven Crowder, and more.

We plan to be at the conference and would love to get even just a few minutes of the Attorney General's time while he is there. Please let us know what time works best.

Thank you in advance for your consideration!

Sincerely,
Beth Schular

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O'Malley, Devin (OPA)

From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Sent: Wednesday, November 22, 2017 1:21 PM
To: Singman, Brooke
Subject: Re: JAG program

Ha you're telling me!

Happy thanksgiving! Talk when you get back into the office.

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 22, 2017, at 1:19 PM, Singman, Brooke <brooke.singman@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Devin,

So sorry! I am off today and the rest of the week.
Anticipated Monday and Tuesday being much quieter than they were!

Happy Thanksgiving!!

Brooke

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 21, 2017, at 7:04 PM, O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov> wrote:

This is probably dead with everything going on?

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 17, 2017, at 1:54 PM, Singman, Brooke
<brooke.singman@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Hi Devin!

Jake Gibson told me to reach out on the JAG program release.. Will try to pitch. Let me know if you want to discuss.

Thanks!

Brooke Singman
Politics Reporter, Fox News Channel

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Brooke.singman@foxnews.com

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Gibson, Jake

From: Gibson, Jake
Sent: Tuesday, November 21, 2017 12:57 PM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Subject: Re: Harvard Correspondence

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On Nov 21, 2017, at 12:45 PM, O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Yes widely reported. This was #2 WSJ story as of an hour ago.

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From: Gibson, Jake [<mailto:Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM>]
Sent: Tuesday, November 21, 2017 12:39 PM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: Harvard Correspondence

Awesome.,
Thanks!

I have to deal with Manafort for like an hour before I can get to this... Does anyone else have it yet.... besides WSJ?

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 21, 2017, at 12:35 PM, O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Attributable to me:

"The Department of Justice takes seriously any potential violation of an individual's civil and constitutional rights, but we will not comment at this time."

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From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Sent: Tuesday, November 21, 2017 12:34 PM
To: 'Jake Gibson' <jake.gibson@foxnews.com>
Subject: FW: Harvard Correspondence

Thanks, Jake.

Reported today by the WSJ: https://www.wsj.com/articles/harvard-faces-doj-probe-over-affirmative-action-policies-1511260380#comments_sector

Original New York Times story:
https://www.nytimes.com/2017/08/01/us/politics/trump-affirmative-action-universities.html?_r=0

American Oversight FOIA:
<https://www.americanoversight.org/document/foia-request-to-doj-regarding-affirmative-action>

I'm working on getting you an on the record quote for your story.

Thanks

Devin

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Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts Branch - BICN
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September 29, 2017

Austin R. Evers
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Kristen Clarke
President and Executive Director
Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law

Dear Mr. Evers and Ms. Clarke:

This is in further response to your Freedom of Information Act request dated August 30, 2017, in which you requested records related to any Department of Justice or Department of Education investigation of admissions policies, practices, procedures, or criteria at Harvard University or the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Regarding your request for records pertaining to the University of North Carolina, the Division has conducted a thorough search and I have determined that there are no records that are responsive to this portion of your request.

Please be advised that records you have requested related to investigations of admissions policies are exempt from disclosure pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(7)(A), which concerns records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes the release of which could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings. Additionally, certain information within these records is also exempt pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), which concerns certain inter- and intra-agency communications protected by the deliberative process privilege and the attorney work-product privilege.

You may contact our FOIA Public Liaison, April Freeman, for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request at:

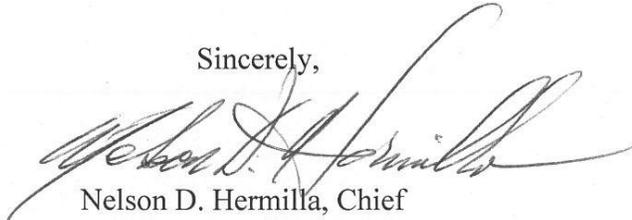
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Ph: (202) 514-4210
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Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information

Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

If you are not satisfied with the Civil Rights Division's determination in response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, Suite 11050, 1425 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20530-0001, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIA online portal by creating an account on the following website: <https://foiaonline.regulations.gov/foia/action/public/home> . Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within 90 days of the date of my response to your request. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nelson D. Hermilla". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Nelson D. Hermilla, Chief
Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts Branch
Civil Rights Division



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Assistant Attorney General
950 Pennsylvania Ave, NW - RFK
Washington, DC 20530

November 17, 2017

Via email

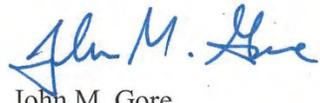
Seth P. Waxman
Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP
1875 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20006

Dear Mr. Waxman:

I write to notify you of the United States' determination that Harvard is not complying with its Title VI access requirements, and that Harvard's actions indicate that this noncompliance cannot be corrected by informal means. *See* 28 C.F.R. § 42.108(a). At Harvard's request, several Department of Justice attorneys met with you and other representatives of Harvard on September 11, 2017. At that meeting, Harvard's representatives offered to work collaboratively to provide the United States with access to materials to which it is entitled under Title VI, the implementing regulations, and the governing law. Harvard, however, subsequently responded to the Department's informal attempts to obtain documents with delays and challenges to the Department's authority. The Department therefore sent a formal document request on October 19, 2017, with a deadline for compliance of November 2. You sent a belated response on November 7 that again challenged our authority to investigate Harvard and proposed providing the United States only restricted access to limited documents in contravention of Harvard's Title VI obligations. We responded separately to that unacceptable proposal today.

More than two months have passed since our September meeting, and Harvard has not yet produced a single document. We sincerely hope that Harvard will quickly correct its noncompliance and return to its collaborative approach. In a further effort to secure voluntary compliance, the Department will give Harvard until December 1, 2017, to comply with its October 19 document request. As we indicated in our separate response letter today, Department lawyers are willing to travel to your law firm or Cambridge to copy and download all of the documents and information that the Department requested in the formats in which it requested them. Please be advised that if Harvard does not comply with the document request in full by that deadline, we may file a lawsuit to enforce Harvard's Title VI access obligations. 28 C.F.R. § 42.108(d).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John M. Gore". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a stylized "G".

John M. Gore
Acting Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

cc *via* email: Felicia H. Ellsworth
Robert N. Driscoll



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Dear Mr. Waxman:

I write in response to your November 7, 2017, letter that came five days after the November 2 deadline for Harvard to comply with the Department of Justice's first written document request. Rather than provide the documents and materials that the Department requested, your letter again erroneously challenges our authority to investigate Harvard under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and proposes an unacceptable plan to provide the United States restricted access to limited documents. *See* Letter from Seth P. Waxman, Harvard Counsel, to Matthew J. Donnelly, Civil Rights Division (Nov. 7, 2017) ("Waxman Nov. 7, 2017, Letter").

Nothing in your letter affects, much less eliminates, Harvard's obligation to provide the requested documents as a condition of its receipt of Title VI funding from the Department. Moreover, Harvard has these documents readily available because it already has produced them to the plaintiffs in *Students for Fair Admissions, Inc. v. President and Fellows of Harvard College (Harvard Corporation)*, No. 14cv14176 (D. Mass.) ("*SFFA*" suit). Indeed, at our September 11, 2017, meeting, Harvard suggested that the Department participate as *amicus curiae* in that case and offered to work collaboratively to provide the Department with access to those documents. Yet in the intervening two months, Harvard has pursued a strategy of delay and has not yet produced even a single document.

Accordingly, the Department is left with no choice but to conclude that Harvard is out of compliance with its Title VI access obligations. The Department therefore is simultaneously serving Harvard with a separate notice of this determination.

I. The Department Has Authority To Request the Documents, and Harvard Is Obligated To Comply with Those Requests

Your letter does not dispute that Harvard receives Title VI funding from the Department. Your letter also does not dispute that, as a condition of that funding, Harvard agreed to provide the Department with broad-ranging access to documents regarding Harvard's admissions policy

and practices. Your letter therefore makes no serious effort to dispute the dispositive point: that the Department has authority to request the documents it seeks and that Harvard is obliged to comply with those requests. In fact, your letter expresses that “Harvard is committed to meeting its responsibilities under Title VI, the relevant federal grants, and associated law.” Waxman Nov. 7, 2017, Letter at 2.

Your letter nonetheless attempts to side-step Harvard’s Title VI obligations. In particular, while your letter does not challenge the Department’s authority to conduct this investigation, it once again challenges the Civil Rights Division’s involvement in the investigation. This challenge again sails wide of the mark. First, your letter requests the date and source of the Department’s delegation of authority to the Civil Rights Division to conduct this investigation. *Id.* at 1-2. The authority to conduct this investigation was properly delegated to the Civil Rights Division before the investigation was opened. That delegation followed the Department’s longstanding internal delegation protocols that govern assignment of Title VI responsibilities. Your colleague Mr. Driscoll may be aware of the protocols in place when he worked for the Division.

Second, your letter again requests information on any complaints regarding Harvard’s admissions policy and practices that underlie the Department’s investigation. Waxman Nov. 7, 2017, Letter at 2. The subject matter of the *SFFA* suit captures the subject matter of any complaints the Department is investigating. Moreover, as the Department previously stated, beyond the publicly-available complaint that the Department already shared with you, the Department will not supply any other complaints it may be investigating because the release may interfere with an active investigation. *E.g.*, Letter from Mathew J. Donnelly, Civil Rights Division, to Seth P. Waxman, Harvard Counsel at 2 n.1 (Oct. 19, 2017) (“Donnelly Oct. 19, 2017, Letter”).

Third, your letter asks whether the “Title VI Investigation Procedures Manual” is current. Waxman Nov. 7, 2017, Letter at 2. As I previously explained, that Manual was written to aid other agencies conducting Title VI investigations and does not constrain the Civil Rights Division’s investigations or create any legal rights in any member of the public. Donnelly Oct. 19, 2017, Letter at 2. Your request thus misses the point: if you are looking for the current procedures governing the Division’s Title VI investigations, I direct you to the Department’s Title VI regulations.

Finally, your letter reiterates your previous irregular requests for the Department’s communications with outside groups and our “investigative case files.” Waxman Nov. 7, 2017, Letter at 2. For obvious reasons, the Department of Justice generally does not share its civil investigative case files with the targets of its investigations. The Department therefore will not respond to these irregular requests because a response could interfere with the investigation. My understanding is that the Department would give you the same response if you made your irregular requests under the Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”), 5 U.S.C. § 522, but you may make an official FOIA request through the normal Department procedures if you would like an official FOIA response.

II. Harvard's Proposed Access Plan Is Inconsistent with Harvard's Obligations and Improperly Limits the Department's Rightful Access to Documents

Your letter also proposes providing restricted access to a subset of the documents the Department has requested, but your proposal is inconsistent with Harvard's Title VI obligations and improperly limits the Department's rightful access to documents. First, Harvard improperly attempts to limit the scope of its production, indicating that it will not produce to the Department important database information that it already has produced to the private plaintiffs in the *SFFA* suit. Waxman Nov. 7, 2017, Letter at 3. Harvard, however, identifies no authority for limiting its Title VI obligations in this manner. Nor could it: this database already has been deemed relevant and subject to production in the private litigation. And expert reports describing that database, *see id.*, are no substitute for the database itself.

Second, your proposal also states that, despite the Department's request for unredacted copies, Harvard will produce only documents with the redactions for "relevance" and "privacy" that Harvard used for its production set to the private plaintiff in the *SFFA* suit. *Id.* The Department, however, is not subject to those redaction requirements, and nothing in Title VI, the implementing regulations, or the governing law restricts the Department's access to only portions of documents that the funding recipient deems appropriate. Quite to the contrary: for obvious reasons, Title VI does not allow entities under investigation to dictate what information qualifies as relevant to the investigation.

Third, Harvard suggests that it will not provide copies of documents to the Department unless the Department shows a "demonstrated need for copies of certain documents" and "explore[s]" entering into a confidentiality agreement acceptable to Harvard. *Id.* But Harvard has no right to demand, much less determine, a "demonstrated need" for the documents that Title VI already requires it to produce or a confidentiality agreement. Indeed, the Department is under no obligation to, and ordinarily does not, enter into confidentiality agreements with any entity subject to a Title VI investigation.

There is no need to do so here: as the Department already has explained, the Department routinely protects confidential information in its investigations, shares Harvard's interest in shielding private information from public disclosure, and will take all appropriate measures to do so here. Donnelly Oct. 19, 2017, Letter at 3. Indeed, several federal statutes that we previously provided you already protect from disclosure the information that Harvard seeks to safeguard. *Id.* (citing FOIA; Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552; Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, 20 U.S.C. § 1232g(b)(3)). Your letter, however, omits any mention of those statutes, and offers no explanation as to why they are inadequate to protect confidential information in this investigation.

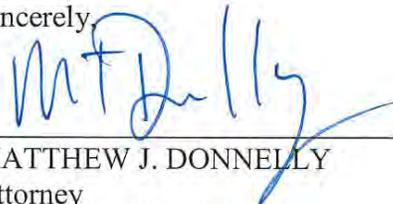
Finally, Harvard indicates that it will not provide copies of the requested documents, but will allow the Division to access the documents at your law firm "during normal business hours on mutually convenient dates." Waxman Nov. 7, 2017, Letter at 3. If your position is that our Title VI regulations do not require Harvard to allow us to make copies, we have consistently interpreted our own regulations differently and routinely require copies of documents in our investigations. Moreover, your proposal is impractical and unnecessary. Having to review

voluminous discovery materials on the defendant's schedule without the unrestricted ability to organize the information would substantially impair our analysis and delay the investigation. Indeed, you even concede, in denying any access to the database information, that review of voluminous information at the law firm "would be impractical." *Id.* And Harvard's proposal breaks with its past practice with the Department of Education; Harvard provided copies of documents for that Department's similar Title VI investigation in 1990.

In all events, the Department is willing to travel to your law firm or to Cambridge to copy and download all of the documents and information that the Department requested in the formats in which the Department requested them. Such an arrangement may reduce the cost in attorney's fees and time to Harvard. The Department, however, will not allow any such arrangement to justify further delays by you or your client.

The United States remains committed to conducting a full, complete, and fair investigation, and to working collaboratively with Harvard to achieve a just and appropriate resolution of this matter. To that end, the Department requested the existing *SFFA* suit discovery materials, which Harvard previously offered to provide, in an effort to alleviate the burden Harvard would encounter in responding to the Department's normal requests for information. Harvard has responded with delays, challenges to our authority to investigate, and a belated, unacceptable proposal to restrict our investigation. The Department hopes that Harvard will quickly return to its collaborative approach and voluntarily comply with the information requests and the investigation, which is in the best interest of all parties.

Sincerely,



MATTHEW J. DONNELLY
Attorney
Civil Rights Division

cc *via* email: Felicia H. Ellsworth
Robert N. Driscoll

Nunes, Michele

From: Nunes, Michele
Sent: Tuesday, November 21, 2017 10:03 AM
To: Pettit, Mark T. (OPA)
Subject: RE: TODAY: Neil Cavuto/Fox request for AG Sessions

Sounds good, we appreciate you looking into it and keeping Neil on your radar for his next interview availability.
Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

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

From: Pettit, Mark T. (OPA) [mailto:Mark.T.Pettit@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, November 21, 2017 10:01 AM
To: Nunes, Michele
Subject: RE: TODAY: Neil Cavuto/Fox request for AG Sessions

No problem at all! I don't think this week is going to work but we will take a look after Thanksgiving break.

- Mark

Mark T. Pettit
Confidential Assistant
Office of Public Affairs
U.S. Department of Justice
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Cell: (b)(6)

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

From: Nunes, Michele [mailto:Michele.Nunes@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Tuesday, November 21, 2017 9:50 AM
To: Pettit, Mark T. (OPA) <mtpettit@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: TODAY: Neil Cavuto/Fox request for AG Sessions

Hi Mark!

Thanks for the quick reply -- would tomorrow be possible in same timeslot?
Neil has been trying to catch up with the Attorney General and hoping to find a date he can join us soon.

If not, would you be able to check his first availability for an interview and we could set something up in advance if easier?

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

From: Pettit, Mark T. (OPA) [mailto:Mark.T.Pettit@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, November 21, 2017 9:48 AM
To: Nunes, Michele
Subject: RE: TODAY: Neil Cavuto/Fox request for AG Sessions

Good morning Michele,

Thank you so much for reaching out, unfortunately we will have to politely decline this request as we were unable to make this work today. But please feel free to reach out to me in the future with any requests!

Best,
Mark Pettit

Mark T. Pettit
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-----Original Message-----

From: Nunes, Michele [mailto:Michele.Nunes@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Tuesday, November 21, 2017 7:58 AM
To: Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: TODAY: Neil Cavuto/Fox request for AG Sessions

Good morning!

I'm reaching out on behalf of Neil Cavuto here at Fox News and Fox Business.

Neil would like to invite Attorney General Sessions to join us as a special guest today regarding last night's federal judge's ruling that blocks President Trump's executive order to deny certain federal funding to sanctuary cities.

I could make an interview work in either of Neil's shows:
12-2pm on Fox Business Network or
4-5pm on Fox News.

If the earlier time is better for you, we would rerun the interview in the Fox News show as well.

The AG could go to our Washington Bureau at 400 NAORTH Capitol Street or I could look into sending a cameraman and portable gear to your office.

Please let me know once you're able to review his request with the AG - we hope he can join us on this

development.

Best,

Michele Nunes
Senior Coordinating Producer
Fox News Channel

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Brown, Kristin

From: Brown, Kristin
Sent: Tuesday, November 21, 2017 7:45 AM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Subject: Re: For Fox - statement on sanctuary cities ruling?

Thank you!

From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, November 21, 2017 7:44 AM
To: Brown, Kristin
Subject: Re: For Fox - statement on sanctuary cities ruling?

Please find the following attributable to DOJ spokesman Devin O'Malley:

"The District Court exceeded its authority today when it barred the President from instructing his cabinet members to enforce existing law. The Justice Department will vindicate the President's lawful authority to direct the executive branch."

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 21, 2017, at 7:42 AM, Brown, Kristin <Kristin.brown@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Hi Devin - I'm a White House producer at Fox News. May we please have your statement about Judge Orrick's ruling to block the president's executive order to cut funding for sanctuary cities?

Thanks very much!

Kristin Brown
White House Producer
Fox News Channel

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Ian Mason

From: Ian Mason
Sent: Monday, November 20, 2017 4:02 PM
To: Ian Mason
Cc: O'Malley, Devin (OPA); Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: RE: AT&T Suit

Please disregard

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

From: "Ian Mason" <imason@breitbart.com>
Sent: Monday, November 20, 2017 4:00pm
To: "O'Malley, Devin (OPA)" <devin.o'malley@usdoj.gov>, "Prior, Ian (OPA)" <ian.prior@usdoj.gov>
Subject: AT&T Suit

What can we expect this afternoon? Will AAG Delrahim be making an announcement or will it just be a court filing?

Thanks so much,
Ian Mason
Breitbart News

Prior, Ian (OPA)

From: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Sent: Monday, November 20, 2017 4:02 PM
To: Ian Mason
Cc: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Subject: Re: AT&T Suit

We'll be sending something out shortly

Ian D. Prior
Principal Deputy Director of Public Affairs
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On Nov 20, 2017, at 4:00 PM, Ian Mason <imason@breitbart.com> wrote:

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Thanks so much,
Ian Mason
Breitbart News

Ehrsam, Lauren (OPA)

From: Ehrsam, Lauren (OPA)
Sent: Monday, November 20, 2017 2:26 PM
To: Singman, Brooke
Cc: Sutton, Sarah E. (OPA)
Subject: RE: ATTORNEY GENERAL JEFF SESSIONS ANNOUNCES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE HAS SETTLED WITH PLAINTIFF GROUPS IMPROPERLY TARGETED BY IRS
Attachments: 00388- Motion to Stay Pending Settlement.pdf; ECF 140-1 Proposed Consent Order.pdf; 00388-1 Proposed Order re_ Motion to Stay Pending Settlement.pdf; ECF 140-2 Proposed Order on Motion.pdf; ECF 140 Motion to Approve Consent Order.pdf

Good morning! It sounds like the attached docs are the only ones that I'm able to send, and I haven't seen if that's in there, or not, glancing over them just now, but I'm doubling checking to see if I can get an answer to your question.

From: Singman, Brooke [mailto:brooke.singman@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Monday, November 20, 2017 8:12 AM
To: Ehrsam, Lauren (OPA) <lehrsam@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: ATTORNEY GENERAL JEFF SESSIONS ANNOUNCES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE HAS SETTLED WITH PLAINTIFF GROUPS IMPROPERLY TARGETED BY IRS

Hi Lauren,

Hope you're well!

Wondering if you have court documents related to this article? It says Former IRS exec Lois Lerner & her deputy Holly Paz want to keep their testimonies sealed due to fear of death threats against them and their families after the Tea Party targeting scandal.

Do you have these?

Deadline is 9:45a EST.

Thank you!

Brooke Singman
Politics Reporter, Fox News Channel

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Brooke.singman@foxnews.com

From: Ehrsam, Lauren (OPA) [mailto:Lauren.Ehrsam@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Thursday, October 26, 2017 9:31 AM
To: Singman, Brooke <brooke.singman@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: RE: ATTORNEY GENERAL JEFF SESSIONS ANNOUNCES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE HAS SETTLED WITH

PLAINTIFF GROUPS IMPROPERLY TARGETED BY IRS

I'll check.

From: Singman, Brooke [<mailto:brooke.singman@FOXNEWS.COM>]
Sent: Thursday, October 26, 2017 9:22 AM
To: Ehram, Lauren (OPA) <lehram@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: ATTORNEY GENERAL JEFF SESSIONS ANNOUNCES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE HAS SETTLED WITH PLAINTIFF GROUPS IMPROPERLY TARGETED BY IRS

Amazing thank you!
Also – quick Q

I did this story this summer... did the IRS reveal the names of the people who took part in the tea party targeting? <http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2017/08/21/judge-orders-irs-to-reveal-who-took-part-in-tea-party-targeting.html>

From: Ehram, Lauren (OPA) [<mailto:Lauren.Ehram@usdoj.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, October 26, 2017 9:22 AM
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Subject: RE: ATTORNEY GENERAL JEFF SESSIONS ANNOUNCES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE HAS SETTLED WITH PLAINTIFF GROUPS IMPROPERLY TARGETED BY IRS

For the future so that you don't have to wait on me for docs, you can always sign up for a PACER account to access all of the public records <https://pacer.psc.uscourts.gov/pscof/registration.jsf>

From: Singman, Brooke [<mailto:brooke.singman@FOXNEWS.COM>]
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Subject: RE: ATTORNEY GENERAL JEFF SESSIONS ANNOUNCES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE HAS SETTLED WITH PLAINTIFF GROUPS IMPROPERLY TARGETED BY IRS

It does! Thank you 😊

From: Ehram, Lauren (OPA) [<mailto:Lauren.Ehram@usdoj.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, October 26, 2017 9:13 AM
To: Singman, Brooke <brooke.singman@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: RE: ATTORNEY GENERAL JEFF SESSIONS ANNOUNCES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE HAS SETTLED WITH PLAINTIFF GROUPS IMPROPERLY TARGETED BY IRS

Here are the docs.

From: Singman, Brooke [<mailto:brooke.singman@FOXNEWS.COM>]
Sent: Thursday, October 26, 2017 8:57 AM
To: Ehram, Lauren (OPA) <lehram@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: ATTORNEY GENERAL JEFF SESSIONS ANNOUNCES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE HAS SETTLED WITH PLAINTIFF GROUPS IMPROPERLY TARGETED BY IRS

Thanks, Lauren!

From: Ehram, Lauren (OPA) [<mailto:Lauren.Ehram@usdoj.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, October 26, 2017 8:56 AM
To: Singman, Brooke <brooke.singman@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: FW: ATTORNEY GENERAL JEFF SESSIONS ANNOUNCES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE HAS SETTLED WITH PLAINTIFF GROUPS IMPROPERLY TARGETED BY IRS

Hi Brook,

I'm sure that you already saw this, but here's the release.

Thank you,
Lauren

From: USDOJ-Office of Public Affairs [<mailto:USDOJ-OfficeofPublicAffairs@public.govdelivery.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 26, 2017 8:06 AM
To: Ehram, Lauren (OPA) <lehram@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: ATTORNEY GENERAL JEFF SESSIONS ANNOUNCES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE HAS SETTLED WITH PLAINTIFF GROUPS IMPROPERLY TARGETED BY IRS

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2017**

**ATTORNEY GENERAL JEFF SESSIONS ANNOUNCES
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE HAS SETTLED WITH PLAINTIFF
GROUPS IMPROPERLY TARGETED BY IRS**

WASHINGTON – Attorney General Jeff Sessions announced today that the Department of Justice has entered into settlements, pending approval by the district courts, in two cases brought by groups whose tax-exempt status was significantly delayed by the Internal Revenue Service based on inappropriate criteria. The first case, *Linchpins of Liberty v. United States*, comprised claims brought by 41 plaintiffs, and the second case, *NorCal Tea Party Patriots v. Internal Revenue Service*, was a class action suit that included 428 members. Attorney General Sessions released the following statement about the cases:

“Chief Justice John Marshall wrote ‘that the power to tax involves the power to destroy ... [is] not to be denied.’ And it should also be without question that our First Amendment prohibits the federal government from treating groups differently based solely on their viewpoint or ideology.”

“But it is now clear that during the last Administration, the IRS began using inappropriate criteria to screen applications for 501(c) status. These criteria included names such as “Tea Party,” “Patriots,” or “9/12” or policy positions concerning

government spending or taxes, education of the public to “make America a better place to live,” or statements criticizing how the country was being run. It is also clear these criteria disproportionately impacted conservative groups.”

“As a result of these criteria, the IRS transferred hundreds of applications to a specifically designated group of IRS agents for additional levels of review, questioning and delay. In many instances, the IRS then requested highly sensitive information from applicants, such as donor information, that was not needed to make a determination of tax-exempt status.”

“The IRS’s use of these criteria as a basis for heightened scrutiny was wrong and should never have occurred. It is improper for the IRS to single out groups for different treatment based on their names or ideological positions. Any entitlement to tax exemption should be based on the activities of the organization and whether they fulfill requirements of the law, not the policy positions adopted by members or the name chosen to reflect those views.”

“There is no excuse for this conduct. Hundreds of organizations were affected by these actions, and they deserve an apology from the IRS. We hope that today’s settlement makes clear that this abuse of power will not be tolerated.”

[Linchpins of Liberty, et al., v. United States of America, et al., No. 1:13-cv-00777-RBW in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia]

[NorCal Tea Party Patriots v. Internal Revenue Service, et al., No. 1:13-cv-00341 in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio]

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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO, WESTERN DIVISION**

NORCAL TEA PARTY PATRIOTS, et al.,)	
ON BEHALF OF THEMSELVES,)	
THEIR MEMBERS, and THE CLASS)	
THEY REPRESENT,)	
)	Case No. 1:13-cv-00341
Plaintiffs,)	
)	Judge Michael R. Barrett
v.)	
)	
THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, et al.,)	
)	
Defendants.)	
)	

**JOINT MOTION TO STAY ALL CASE DEADLINES
PENDING APPROVAL OF PROPOSED SETTLEMENT**

The parties hereby notify the Court that they have reached a settlement resolving all remaining claims, both individually and on behalf of all Rule 23 class members. A motion seeking approval of the settlement in accordance with Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(e) will be filed as soon as practicable.

Accordingly, the parties jointly request that this Court stay all current deadlines in this matter. This stay would allow the parties adequate time to brief the Court on the settlement. A proposed order is attached.

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO, WESTERN DIVISION**

NORCAL TEA PARTY PATRIOTS, et al.,)	
ON BEHALF OF THEMSELVES,)	
THEIR MEMBERS, and THE CLASS)	
THEY REPRESENT,)	
)	Case No. 1:13-cv-00341
Plaintiffs,)	
)	Judge Michael R. Barrett
v.)	
)	
THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, et al.,)	
)	
Defendants.)	
)	

PROPOSED ORDER

Before the Court is the parties' *Joint Motion to Stay all Case Deadlines Pending Approval of Proposed Settlement* (Doc.). The motion requests that the current case deadlines be stayed pending review of the parties' proposed settlement.

For good cause shown, the Motion is **GRANTED**. All current deadlines in this matter are STAYED pending this Court's decision on the parties' proposed settlement.

IT IS SO ORDERED

MICHAEL R. BARRETT
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

_____)	
LINCHPINS OF LIBERTY, <i>et al.</i> ,)	
)	
Plaintiffs,)	
)	
v.)	Civil Action No. 1:13-cv-00777-RBW
)	
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, <i>et al.</i> ,)	
)	
Defendants.)	
_____)	

JOINT MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF PROPOSED CONSENT ORDER

The parties in the above-captioned action have reached an agreement to settle this case upon entry of the attached proposed Consent Order. This settlement will resolve all remaining claims in this action. The parties therefore respectfully move the Court to approve the content of the attached proposed Consent Order.¹ A proposed order accompanies this motion.

DATED: October 25, 2017.

¹ The parties are not seeking entry of the Consent Order at this time. Upon the Court's approval, the parties will submit a copy of the order signed by the United States and the individual Plaintiffs to be entered by the Court.

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

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LINCHPINS OF LIBERTY, <i>et al.</i> ,)	
)	
Plaintiffs,)	
)	
-vs-)	Civil Action No. 1:13-cv-00777-RBW
)	
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, <i>et al.</i> ,)	
)	
Defendants.)	
_____)	

CONSENT ORDER

Plaintiffs, forty-one (41) applicants seeking tax-exempt status pursuant to 26 U.S.C. § 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) (hereinafter, “Plaintiffs” or “Plaintiff organizations”), filed their original Complaint in this matter on May 29, 2013, seeking: monetary damages from the named individual defendants pursuant to *Bivens v. Six Unknown Named Agents of Federal Bureau of Narcotics*, 403 U.S. 388 (1971), for alleged violations of their rights under the First and Fifth Amendments to the United States Constitution; equitable relief, both declaratory and injunctive, against the United States and the Internal Revenue Service (“Government Defendants”), for alleged violations of their rights under the First and Fifth Amendments to the United States Constitution, the Internal Revenue Code, and the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. § 702, *et seq.*); and monetary damages against the United States, pursuant to 26 U.S.C. § 7431, for alleged violations of 26 U.S.C. § 6103. Plaintiffs filed a First Amended Complaint on June 25, 2013, and the operative Second Amended Complaint on October 18, 2013, seeking the same relief.

Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Sunday, November 19, 2017 10:03 PM
To: Gibson, Jake
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: Re: Hi

Decline comment

> On Nov 19, 2017, at 8:55 PM, Gibson, Jake <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

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> ABC:

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> Special Counsel Robert Mueller's team investigating whether President Donald Trump sought to obstruct a federal inquiry into connections between his presidential campaign and Russian operatives has now directed the Justice Department to turn over a broad array of documents, ABC News has learned.

> In particular, Mueller's investigators are keen to obtain emails related to the firing of FBI Director James Comey and the earlier decision of Attorney General Jeff Sessions to recuse himself from the entire matter, according to a source who has not seen the specific request but was told about it.

> Issued within the past month, the directive marks the special counsel's first records request to the Justice Department, and it means Mueller is now demanding documents from the department overseeing his investigation.

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Singman, Brooke

From: Singman, Brooke
Sent: Friday, November 17, 2017 2:41 PM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Subject: this

<http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2017/11/17/dem-candidate-boasts-hayloft-romp-sex-with-50-women-in-bid-to-preempt-opo.html>

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O'Malley, Devin (OPA)

From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Sent: Friday, November 17, 2017 12:35 PM
To: Gibson, Jake
Subject: RE: Thoughts?

Just tried you.

Devin M. O'Malley
Department of Justice
Office of Public Affairs
Office: (202) 353-8763
Cell: (b)(6)

From: Gibson, Jake [mailto:Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Friday, November 17, 2017 12:31 PM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: Thoughts?

Call me back in same # when you have a sec.

On Nov 17, 2017, at 12:17 PM, O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Sorry, I forgot to include the beginning part, which (obviously) highlights our mistake I mentioned to you, but I needed to be transparent about this.

Also attached is the County's press release.

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From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Sent: Friday, November 17, 2017 12:13 PM
To: 'Jake Gibson' <jake.gibson@foxnews.com>
Subject: Thoughts?

In August 2016, the County of Santa Clara (CA) was notified that they would be awarded an FY2016 [Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant \(JAG\) Program](#) award.

The JAG Program provides states, tribes, and local governments with critical funding necessary to support a range of program areas including law enforcement, prosecution, indigent defense, courts, crime prevention and education, corrections and community corrections, drug treatment and enforcement, planning, evaluation, technology improvement, and crime victim and witness initiatives and mental health programs and related law

and crime victim and witness initiatives and mental health programs and related law enforcement and corrections programs, including behavioral programs and crisis intervention teams.

As a condition to their Byrne JAG award, Santa Clara had to certify compliance with 8 U.S.C. 1373.

[Section 1373](#) encourages and facilitates information sharing between local jurisdictions and federal law enforcement authorities. This information sharing is critical to ICE's efforts to find and deport dangerous criminal aliens in our communities. Importantly, this requirement does not force Santa Clara to detain anyone who they would not otherwise detain, or to act as immigration officers.

Santa Clara's award totaled more than \$70,000, and was issued with the intent to fight human trafficking.

According to Santa Clara's application, it planned to use its funds of \$72,612 to implement prevention and education activities to address human trafficking under the leadership of the County's Human Trafficking Commission and LEIHT Task Force (Law Enforcement Investigating Human Trafficking). These efforts would have focused on training for law enforcement to support investigation and improve the response to human trafficking.

In February 2017, Santa Clara filed a lawsuit against the President's [Executive Order: Enhancing Public Safety in the Interior of the United States](#).

The E.O. states, "...the Attorney General...shall ensure that jurisdictions that willfully refuse to comply with 8 U.S.C. 1373 (sanctuary jurisdictions) are not eligible to receive Federal grants..."

A month later Santa Clara declined to accept their Byrne JAG award designed to prevent human trafficking.

See attached letter.

According to the County's [court filings](#), they are unwilling to share information with federal immigration authorities, even if it means foregoing grant funds that will help prevent human trafficking and keep its community safe.

See paragraph 29 in the linked court documents.

This is not the first time Santa Clara has put politics ahead of the safety of their community.

Earlier this year, Santa Clara District Attorney authorized the plea deal of a man who [physically assaulted](#) his wife.

The deal? Santa Clara [reduced](#) the defendant's charge from felony assault.

The reason? According to [The Daily Beast](#), Santa Clara DA Jeff Rosen "*seeks to avoid such deportations.*" (Emphasis added).

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<County of Santa Clara Ltr to DOJ re Edward Byrne Memorial JAG 111617.pdf>

<County of Santa Clara Statement on DOJ JAG Letter FINAL 11.16.17.pdf>

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November 16, 2017

VIA U.S. MAIL AND E-MAIL

Alan Hanson
Acting Assistant Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs
810 Seventh Street NW
Washington, DC 20531

Re: Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant

Dear Mr. Hanson:

We are in receipt of your November 15, 2017 letter addressed to Dave Cortese, President of the County of Santa Clara (“County”) Board of Supervisors, concerning the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (“Byrne JAG”) program. In your letter, you erroneously assert that “[a]s a result of [the County’s] FY 2016 Byrne JAG subaward made as a part of the disparate jurisdiction award to the City of San Jose under federal award 2016-DJ-BX-0608, compliance with 8 U.S.C. § 1373 is required.” Your letter requests that the County submit a response addressing whether it “has laws, policies, or practices that violate section 1373.”

Your letter is based on a critical misunderstanding of the relevant facts. As the Office of Justice Programs’ records should reflect, *the County declined a Byrne JAG award for FY 2016.*

The County received Byrne JAG funding in prior years as a subrecipient of the City of San José.¹ On June 15, 2016, the County and the City of San José (“City”) entered into a Memorandum of Understanding delineating how they would apportion FY 2016 Byrne JAG grant funds between them in the event they received an award.² On July 7, 2016, however, the

¹ Pursuant to guidance issued by the Office of Justice Programs in October 2016, the requirement of compliance with 8 U.S.C. § 1373 does not impact these prior year awards. See Office of Justice Programs, *Additional Guidance Regarding Compliance with 8 U.S.C. § 1373*, https://www.bja.gov/funding/Additional_BJA_Guidance_on_Section_1373_October_6_2016.pdf (Oct. 6, 2016).

² The County and the City of San José are “disparate jurisdictions” for purposes of their Byrne JAG funding eligibility under the grant’s formula based calculations. Thus, for FY 2016, the County was required to partner with the City and “be a signatory on the required Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)” pursuant to which the County and the City were “responsible for determining individual amounts” to be allocated to each of them out of the total

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Re: Byrne JAG Program
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Office of Justice Programs announced that future Byrne JAG awards would be conditioned upon the recipient's certification of compliance with 8 U.S.C. § 1373. San José Chief of Police Edgardo Garcia sent a letter to County Executive Jeffrey V. Smith requesting that the County provide such a certification. At this point, *the County had received no FY 2016 Byrne JAG funding.*

On November 1, 2016, County Executive Smith responded to Chief Garcia stating that "the County is presently choosing to decline to accept 2016 JAG funding." The County did not, and does not, believe that the Office of Justice Programs could lawfully condition the grant on a certification of compliance with 8 U.S.C. § 1373, and the County had, and has, grave concerns about the federal government's illegally expansive reading of what 8 U.S.C. § 1373 requires. Rather than litigate the matter at that time, however, the County simply decided to decline the FY 2016 JAG funding.

Although the City later considered accepting the County's allocation of the FY 2016 JAG grant award, in the end, the City also decided to decline its portion of the FY 2016 JAG funding. Thus, *neither the County nor the City ever accepted any FY 2016 Byrne JAG funding.*

In light of these well-documented facts, the County can provide no substantive response to your erroneous letter. Because the County never accepted or received any FY 2016 JAG funds, it is *not* required to certify its compliance with 8 U.S.C. § 1373.

Your letter is particularly puzzling because the Department of Justice should be well aware that the County did not receive an FY 2016 Byrne JAG award. In *County of Santa Clara v. Trump, et al.*, No. 17-574 (N.D. Cal.), a lawsuit challenging the President's Executive Order purporting to withdraw all federal funding from so-called "sanctuary jurisdictions," the County's Chief Operating Officer submitted a sworn declaration explaining that, "[i]n view of [its] policies, the County has declined certain grants that require, as a condition of receipt, a certification of compliance with 8 U.S.C. § 1373. *For example, the County declined to accept funding from the 2016 [JAG] grant program.*"³ The court order granting the County's Motion for a Preliminary Injunction in that case specifically cited the County's "deci[sion] not to participate" in the Byrne JAG program.⁴ Indeed, we first learned of your letter because W. Scott Simpson, counsel of record for the Department of Justice in that lawsuit, shared it with my Office via email.

award from the federal government. See Office of Justice Programs, *2016 California Local JAG Allocations*, <https://www.bja.gov/Programs/JAG/jag16/16CA.pdf>; Office of Justice Programs, *Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program, 2014* at 5, <https://www.bja.gov/Publications/JAGTechRpt.pdf>.

³ See Decl. of Santa Clara County Chief Operating Officer Miguel Márquez at ¶ 29, <https://www.sccgov.org/sites/cco/Documents/Miguel%20Marquez%20Decl.pdf>.

⁴ See Order Granting the County of Santa Clara's and City and County of San Francisco's Motions to Enjoin Section 9(a) of Executive Order 13768 at 7, <https://www.sccgov.org/sites/cco/Documents/Order%20on%20Motion%20for%20Preliminary%20Injunction.pdf>.

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Based on these undisputed facts, please immediately rescind your letter and acknowledge the Office of Justice Programs' error. Furthermore, in light of the ongoing litigation involving our jurisdictions, please send that written rescission, as well as any future correspondence regarding this or related matters, to my Office.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,



JAMES R. WILLIAMS
County Counsel

Attachments:

1. October 5, 2016 Letter from Edgardo Garcia, San José Chief of Police, to Jeffrey V. Smith, Santa Clara County Executive
2. November 1, 2016 Letter from County Executive Smith to Chief Garcia
3. November 10, 2016 Letter from Chief Garcia to County Executive Smith
4. March 1, 2017 Letter from Julie Edmonds-Mares, Deputy City Manager, to Department of Justice

c: Honorable Board of Supervisors
Jeffrey V. Smith, County Executive

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San José Police Department
EDGARDO GARCIA, CHIEF OF POLICE

October 5, 2016

Jeffrey V. Smith, M.D., J.D.
County Executive Office
Santa Clara County
70 West Hedding Street 11th Floor
San Jose, CA 95110

Re: Compliance with United States Code section 1373.

The City of San Jose Police Department is in the process of accepting the 2016 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Grant (JAG) Grant. New to this year's award is the compliance with Title 8 United States Code section 1373. *Section 1373 address the exchange of information regarding citizenship and immigration status among federal, state, and local entities and officials.* This requirement passes through to sub-recipients that receive funds under this grant. Sub-recipients are required to assure and certify compliance with all applicable federal statutes, regulations, policies, guidelines, and requirements.

We are requesting County Counsel to certify the County of Santa Clara is in compliance with United States Code Section 1373. Please send certification to the address below by October 21, 2016. The certification will be kept in the grant file for the 2016 JAG grant.

Once we receive the certification, the 2016 JAG award will be accepted and funds can disbursed to your agency.

Should you have any questions or require additional assistance, please contact Jennifer Otani at (408) 537-1618.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edgardo Garcia", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Edgardo Garcia
Chief of Police

CC: Esther Peralez-Dieckmann, Office of Women's Policy



201 W. Mission St. San José, CA 95110 tel (408) 277 4212 fax (408) 277 5771 www.sjpd.org

Attachment 1

County of Santa Clara

Office of the County Executive

County Government Center, East Wing
70 West Hedding Street, 11th Floor
San Jose, California 95110
(408) 299 5102
jeff.smith@cco.sccgov.org



Jeffrey V. Smith, M.D., J.D.
County Executive

November 1, 2016

Edgardo Garcia, Chief of Police
City of San Jose Police Department
201 W. Mission Street
San Jose, CA 95110

RE: Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program for 2016

Dear Mr. Garcia:

This letter responds to your inquiry about whether the County of Santa Clara intends to accept funding from the 2016 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program. We wish to inform you that the County is presently choosing to decline to accept 2016 JAG funding.

This letter should not be construed as reflective of the position of the County with respect to any other grant, past grants, or future grants, and is limited solely to the 2016 JAG Program.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Esther Peralez-Dieckmann at (408) 299-5142.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Smith".

Jeffrey V. Smith, M.D., J.D.
County Executive

c: Miguel Márquez, Chief Operating Officer
James R. Williams, County Counsel
John P. Mills, Deputy County Executive
Esther Peralez-Dieckmann, Office of Women's Policy

Attachment 2



San José Police Department
EDGARDO GARCIA, CHIEF OF POLICE

November 10, 2016

Jeffrey V. Smith, M.D., J.D.
County Executive Office
Santa Clara County
70 West Hedding Street 11th Floor
San Jose, CA 95110

Re: Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program for 2016

I have received your November 1, 2016 letter informing the City that the County is declining to accept funding from the 2016 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program. Since the County has decided to decline to accept its funding allocation, the City wishes to accept the County's \$72,612 allocation of the grant award. Tahitia Barringer, the JAG Program Manager, U.S. Department of Justice, has advised the City that in order for the City to accept the County's \$72,612 allocation, an amendment to the original Memorandum of Understanding is required reflecting the County's agreement to allow the City to accept the County's allocation. The enclosed First Amendment authorizes the City to accept the entire grant award of \$284,921. Please review the enclosed First Amendment and return two signed originals to Jennifer Otani, the Senior Grant Analyst, at 201 West Mission Street, San Jose, CA 95110. Should you have any questions or concerns or need additional assistance, please contact Jennifer Otani at (408) 537-1618.

Sincerely,

Edgardo Garcia
Chief of Police

CC: Esther Peralez-Dieckmann, Office of Women's Policy

Enclosure



March 1, 2017

Ms. Tahitia Barringer
Program Manager
US Department of Justice
Office of Justice Programs
Bureau of Justice Assistance
810 7th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20531

Re: Award Number 2016-DX-BX-0608

Dear Ms. Barringer:

The City of San José was awarded the FY16 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program – Local Solicitation in the amount of \$284,921 on August 22, 2016. We wish to inform you that the City of San José is presently choosing to decline acceptance of the FY16 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program.

This letter should not be construed as reflective of the position of the City with respect to any other grant, past grants, or future grants, and is limited solely to award number 2016-DX-BX-0608.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Jennifer Otani at (408) 537 1618.

Sincerely,



Julie Edmonds- Mares
Deputy City Manager



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

November 16, 2017

Contact:

María Leticia Gómez/Laurel Anderson
County of Santa Clara Office of Public Affairs
(408) 299-5119

**Statement by County of Santa Clara on Federal DOJ Letter
regarding Compliance with FY 2016 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)
Condition**

SANTA CLARA COUNTY, CALIF. Late yesterday, the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) demanded that the County of Santa Clara explain how it complies with requirements of a federal grant it never accepted or received. In a letter sent to County Board of Supervisors President Dave Cortese, DOJ claims that the County's Fiscal Year 2016 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) requires it to comply with an immigration-related law, 8 U.S.C. § 1373, and asserts that a County policy may violate that grant requirement. But the County did not receive a FY 2016 JAG grant and therefore did not agree to comply with the requirements of the FY 2016 JAG grant program.

"Yet again, a swing and a miss from the Trump Administration. Apparently, the federal government can't keep track of who received taxpayer money," said Cortese. "The County did not receive any Fiscal Year 2016 Byrne JAG funds, as DOJ well knows. We demand that the federal government immediately rescind its erroneous letter."

"Yesterday's letter is only the latest attempt by the Trump Administration to coerce and harass state and local governments," said Santa Clara County Counsel James R. Williams. "Santa Clara County will continue to lead the fight to prevent this Administration from violating our Constitution."

The DOJ's letter was sent in the context of ongoing litigation between the County of Santa Clara and the Trump Administration over the legality of its attempts to force local jurisdictions to participate in the enforcement of federal immigration law. On April 25, 2017, the United States District Court for the Northern District of California granted the County's request for a nationwide injunction barring the Trump Administration from implementing its Executive Order withholding federal funds from "sanctuary jurisdictions" that decline to participate in immigration enforcement activities that are the responsibility of the federal government.

The DOJ sent similar letters to 28 other jurisdictions yesterday.

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About the Santa Clara County Counsel's Office

The County Counsel serves as legal counsel to the County, its Board of Supervisors and elected officials, every County department and agency, and the County's boards and commissions. With a staff of 170 employees, including 85 attorneys, the Office of the County Counsel is also responsible for all civil litigation involving the County and its officers. Through its Social Justice and Impact Litigation Section, the Office litigates high-impact cases, drafts innovative local ordinances, and develops policies and programs to advance social and economic justice.

About the County of Santa Clara, California

The County of Santa Clara government serves a diverse, multi-cultural population of 1.9 million residents. With a \$6.5 billion annual budget, dozens of offices/departments, and over 18,000 employees, the County provides essential services to its residents, including public health protection, environmental stewardship, medical services through Santa Clara Valley Medical Center, child and adult protection services, homelessness prevention and treatment, roads, park services, libraries, emergency response to disasters, protection of minority communities and those under threat, access to a fair criminal justice system, and many others, particularly for those in the greatest need. The County is the most populous in Northern California.

Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Friday, November 17, 2017 6:56 AM
To: Hadden, Gavin
Subject: RE: Release for Tomorrow

Thanks for having me! Great way to start the morning☺

xxx

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: Hadden, Gavin [mailto:Gavin.Hadden@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Friday, November 17, 2017 6:53 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: Release for Tomorrow

That was excellent this morning. Thank you so very much.

Sent from my iPhone

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Hadden, Gavin

From: Hadden, Gavin
Sent: Thursday, November 16, 2017 8:19 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Cc: Groman, Sean
Subject: Re: Release for Tomorrow

Great. Thank you Sarah. I CC'd sean who will be there in the morn.

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Draft Press Release

ATTORNEY GENERAL JEFF SESSIONS ENDS THE DEPARTMENT'S PRACTICE OF REGULATION BY GUIDANCE

WASHINGTON, D.C. –Today, in an action to further uphold the rule of law in the executive branch, Attorney General Jeff Sessions issued a memo prohibiting the Department of Justice from issuing guidance documents that have the effect of adopting new regulatory requirements or amending the law. The memo prevents the Department of Justice from evading required rulemaking processes by using guidance memos to create de facto regulations.

In the past, the Department of Justice and other agencies have blurred the distinction between regulations and guidance documents. Under the Attorney General's memo, the Department may no longer issue guidance documents that purport to create rights or obligations binding on persons or entities outside the Executive Branch.

The Attorney General's Regulatory Reform Task Force, led by Associate Attorney General Brand, will conduct a review of existing Department documents and will recommend candidates for repeal or modification in the light of this memo's principles.

“Guidance documents can be used to explain existing law,” Associate Attorney General Brand said. “But they should not be used to change the law or to impose new standards to determine compliance with the law. The notice-and-comment process that is ordinarily required for rulemaking can be cumbersome and slow, but it has the benefit of availing agencies of more complete information about a proposed rule’s effects than the agency could ascertain on its own. This Department of Justice will not use guidance documents to circumvent the rulemaking process, and we will proactively work to rescind existing guidance documents that go too far.”

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Background and Talking Points

- Under our Constitution and laws, federal agencies may only impose new regulations on private citizens or businesses if they go through the appropriate rulemaking process, usually involving notice and comment. This process allows for public input, and makes sure that agencies consider the benefits and drawbacks of regulations before they are issued. By contrast, if an agency merely wishes to *educate* the public about their legal rights and obligations, it can issue a guidance document explaining the law.
- In the past, the Department of Justice and other agencies repeatedly blurred the distinction between regulations and guidance documents. They issued guidance documents not merely to educate, but in effect to regulate the public, without going through the appropriate rulemaking process required by law for agency regulations.
- By skirting the rulemaking process, the federal government denies the public any chance at input into these pseudo-regulations, and bypasses the opportunity to more thoroughly consider their benefits and drawbacks. Worse yet, these guidance documents create a great deal of confusion about what the law actually obligates people to do.
- Going forward, the Department will no longer engage in this practice. Where the Department engages in regulatory activity, it will do so in a way that is transparent, accountable, and lawful.
- Furthermore, when the Department does issue guidance documents, it will adhere to certain principles to avoid circumventing the rulemaking process and creating a misimpression about their legal effect.
- As for existing guidance documents, the Attorney General's Regulatory Reform Task Force, led by Associate Attorney General Rachel Brand, will conduct an extensive review of Department documents and will recommend candidates for repeal or modification in the light of this memo's principles.

Responses to Queries (RTQs)

What does this memo do?

This memo prohibits Department of Justice components from using guidance documents (ranging from published compliance guides to “Dear Colleague” letters to blog posts) to regulate the American public. The memo explains that guidance documents are appropriate to *educate*, but never to *regulate*, the public.

What is a guidance document?

Guidance documents are official Department statements of general applicability and future effect that should only advise the public about legal rights or obligations falling within the Department’s authority. Regulations, by contrast, can change the public’s legal rights or obligations, but only when they go through the appropriate rulemaking process required by law. Crucially, guidance documents do **not** go through any regulatory process.

Why are you doing this?

Federal law permits agencies like the Department of Justice to issue regulations only after completing a thorough rulemaking process. Agencies are generally required to solicit public input and consider benefits and drawbacks of proposed regulations. In the past, the Department and other agencies have sometimes issued guidance documents that effectively acted as regulations, trying to regulate the American public while bypassing the legal requirements for doing so. That practice creates a great deal of confusion about what the law actually obligates people to do.

What kinds of guidance documents won’t be issued?

Under this policy, the Department will no longer issue guidance documents that purport to create law, that go beyond explaining pre-existing statutes and regulations.

What may be rescinded going forward?

As for existing guidance documents, the Attorney General’s Regulatory Reform Task Force, led by Associate Attorney General Rachel Brand, will conduct an extensive review of Department documents and will recommend candidates for repeal or modification in the light of this memo’s principles.

What does this apply to?

The Department has many components that issue guidance documents, all of whom now must comply with this policy.

What does it not apply to?

This policy does not apply to Department statements that are addressed to the Department’s own officers and employees. Similarly, the policy does not address documents informing the public of the Department’s enforcement priorities or factors the Department considers in exercising its prosecutorial discretion. For example, the memo does not purport to control the United States Attorneys’ Manual.



Office of the Attorney General
Washington, D. C. 20530

November 16, 2017

MEMORANDUM FOR ALL COMPONENTS

FROM: THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

SUBJECT: Prohibition on Improper Guidance Documents

The Department of Justice has the duty to uphold the laws of the United States and to ensure the fair and impartial administration of justice. Therefore, when the Department engages in regulatory activity, it should model the lawful exercise of regulatory power.

In promulgating regulations, the Department must abide by constitutional principles and follow the rules imposed by Congress and the President. These principles and rules include the fundamental requirement that agencies regulate only within the authority delegated to them by Congress. They also include the Administrative Procedure Act's requirement to use, in most cases, notice-and-comment rulemaking when purporting to create rights or obligations binding on members of the public or the agency. Not only is notice-and-comment rulemaking generally required by law, but it has the benefit of availing agencies of more complete information about a proposed rule's effects than the agency could ascertain on its own, and therefore results in better decision making by regulators.

Not every agency action is required to undergo notice-and-comment rulemaking. For example, agencies may use guidance and similar documents to educate regulated parties through plain-language restatements of existing legal requirements or provide non-binding advice on technical issues through examples or practices to guide the application or interpretation of statutes and regulations. But guidance may not be used as a substitute for rulemaking and may not be used to impose new requirements on entities outside the Executive Branch. Nor should guidance create binding standards by which the Department will determine compliance with existing regulatory or statutory requirements.

It has come to my attention that the Department has in the past published guidance documents—or similar instruments of future effect by other names, such as letters to regulated entities—that effectively bind private parties without undergoing the rulemaking process.

The Department will no longer engage in this practice. Effective immediately, Department components may not issue guidance documents that purport to create rights or obligations binding on persons or entities outside the Executive Branch (including state, local,

and tribal governments). To avoid circumventing the rulemaking process, Department components should adhere to the following principles when issuing guidance documents:

- Guidance documents should identify themselves as guidance, disclaim any force or effect of law, and avoid language suggesting that the public has obligations that go beyond those set forth in the applicable statutes or legislative rules.
- Guidance documents should clearly state that they are not final agency actions, have no legally binding effect on persons or entities outside the federal government, and may be rescinded or modified in the Department's complete discretion.
- Guidance documents should not be used for the purpose of coercing persons or entities outside the federal government into taking any action or refraining from taking any action beyond what is required by the terms of the applicable statute or regulation.
- Guidance documents should not use mandatory language such as "shall," "must," "required," or "requirement" to direct parties outside the federal government to take or refrain from taking action, except when restating—with citations to statutes, regulations, or binding judicial precedent—clear mandates contained in a statute or regulation. In all cases, guidance documents should clearly identify the underlying law that they are explaining.
- To the extent guidance documents set out voluntary standards (e.g., recommended practices), they should clearly state that compliance with those standards is voluntary and that noncompliance will not, in itself, result in any enforcement action.

All components shall implement these principles immediately with respect to all future guidance documents, in consultation with the Office of Legal Policy. Components should also implement these principles consistent with policies issued by the Office of Management and Budget, including its Final Bulletin for Agency Good Guidance Practices, 72 Fed. Reg. 3432 (Jan. 25, 2007). Furthermore, I direct the Associate Attorney General, as Chair of the Department's Regulatory Reform Task Force, to work with components to identify existing guidance documents that should be repealed, replaced, or modified in light of these principles.

For purposes of this memorandum, guidance documents include any Department statements of general applicability and future effect, whether styled as guidance or otherwise that are designed to advise parties outside the federal Executive Branch about legal rights and obligations falling within the Department's regulatory or enforcement authority. This memorandum does not apply to adjudicatory actions that do not have the aim or effect of binding anyone beyond the parties involved, and it does not address documents informing the public of the Department's enforcement priorities or factors the Department considers in exercising its prosecutorial discretion. Nor does it address internal directives, memoranda, or training materials for

Department personnel directing them on how to carry out their duties, positions taken by the Department in litigation, or advice provided by the Attorney General or the Office of Legal Counsel. This memorandum is an internal Department of Justice policy directed at Department components and employees. As such, it is not intended to, does not, and may not be relied upon to, create any rights, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law by any party in any matter civil or criminal.

Valentine, Alexandria

From: Valentine, Alexandria
Sent: Friday, November 17, 2017 6:31 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Cc: Nicoletti, Christofer; Perry, Paige; May, Kelly; Stine, Jason
Subject: RE: Fox & Friends topics

Thank you so much!

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Friday, November 17, 2017 6:30 AM
To: Valentine, Alexandria <alexandria.valentine@FOXNEWS.COM>
Cc: Nicoletti, Christofer <Christofer.Nicoletti@FOXNEWS.COM>; Perry, Paige <paige.perry@FOXNEWS.COM>; May, Kelly <Kelly.May@FOXNEWS.COM>; Stine, Jason <jason.stine@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: Re: Fox & Friends topics

Sorry I've been in the chair this whole time! But here's the short version:

1. We don't confirm or deny investigations
2. Deciding whether to retry
3. About restoring rule of law
4. End of the pen and the phone legislating--separation of powers important.

On Nov 17, 2017, at 6:01 AM, Valentine, Alexandria <alexandria.valentine@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Hi Ms. Isgur Flores,

We're looking forward to having you on for a 630am EST hit! We will be discussing:

1. Will the DOJ will appoint a Special Counsel in the Uranium One case?
2. What about the Bob Menendez investigation?
3. Chicago court rules against suspending the Justice Department's 'Sanctuary Cities' policy.
4. Attorney General Sessions ending the Department's practice of regulation by guidance.

Please send your talking points/thoughts on the topics – your insight is greatly appreciated!

Thank you so much,
Alexandria Valentine

Fox & Friends

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Murray, Andrew

From: Murray, Andrew
Sent: Thursday, November 16, 2017 6:41 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Cc: Ehrsam, Lauren (OPA); Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: F&F Fri. 5:40am Car Confirmation for FLORES, SARAH ISGUR Trip (b)(6)
11/17/2017

Hi Sarah,

Here are the details for tomorrow including the 5:40am car reservation.

"Fox & Friends"

DATE: Friday, November 17th

CAR PICK UP: 5:40am pick up: (b)(6)

CAR SERVICE: Regal Sedan: 703-450-0200 Resv. (b)(6)

ARRIVAL: 6:00 am ET (for make-up)

LIVE INTERVIEW: 6:30am ET with Steve Doocy, Ainsley Earhardt, and Pete Hegseth

TOPIC: How the Department of Justice is serving the American people under the Trump administration

ADDRESS: FNC DC Bureau: The Hall of the States Building: 400 North Capitol Street, NW, Suite 500

FRIDAY AM: GUEST GREETER: Erenia Michell Phone: (b)(6) (Main) or (b)(6) Bureau Main
Number: (202) 824-6300 email: Erenia.Michell@FOXNEWS.COM

FRIDAY AM EMERGENCY CONTACT: Kyle Nolan CELL: (b)(6) Greenroom: (b)(6) email:
kyle.nolan@foxnews.com

Instructions for tomorrow: Sign in at the guard desk in lobby and receive security pass. Then take the elevators on the left side of the lobby up to the 5th floor, suite is on the left side of the hall.

Thanks in advance,

Andrew Murray

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From: Regal Sedan (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, November 16, 2017 6:31 PM
To: Murray, Andrew <Andrew.Murray@FOXNEWS.COM>

Subject: Confirmation for FLORES, SARAH ISGUR Trip (b)(6) 11/17/2017

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Service Type: SEDAN	Trip Description: AS DIRECTED SEDAN
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From: mboyle
Sent: Thursday, November 16, 2017 1:14 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: Is doj going to retry Menendez case???

Sent from my iPhone

O'Malley, Devin (OPA)

From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, November 16, 2017 11:57 AM
To: Alex Pfeiffer
Subject: Re: Talley

Understand

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 16, 2017, at 11:50 AM, Alex Pfeiffer <pfeiffer@dailycaller.com> wrote:

This doesn't interest me that much. I have some things on my plate. I might be able to get a story up on this in the afternoon. But can't promise anything, although thanks for reaching out.

On Thu, Nov 16, 2017 at 10:53 AM, O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov> wrote:

<https://www.strange.senate.gov/content/strange-issues-statement-nomination-brett-talley>

<https://www.google.com/amp/s/www.wsj.com/amp/articles/the-aba-jumps-the-shark-1510615296>

<https://www.google.com/amp/s/www.wsj.com/amp/articles/ruling-out-the-aba-on-judges-1510703170>

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 16, 2017, at 10:50 AM, Alex Pfeiffer <pfeiffer@dailycaller.com> wrote:

What about the criticism that he has never tried a case and the ABA said he is unqualified?

On Wed, Nov 15, 2017 at 10:16 PM, O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Hi Alex-

The following is on deep background (not for attribution)-

Did you hear that one of the President's judicial nominees has a wife – and she has a job? She works in the White House Counsel's office. and

some have wondered if that poses a conflict.

Let me set the record straight: Brent Talley **fully and accurately completed the Senate Judiciary Questionnaire (SJQ)** and his wife **does not** pose a likely conflict of interest.

I took a look at his SJQ to double check - [you can too](#) - and it's important to note that the SJQ does not ask for the employer of one's spouse, although it does as if there's anyone who could *likely* pose a conflict-of-interest. The White House Counsel's Office doesn't litigate cases, so very *unlikely* to find a conflict-of-interest.

Most importantly, if Annie Donaldson Talley's employment does in the future create a conflict-of-interest, or an appearance of the same, Brett Talley **has already committed that he would recuse himself**.

BACKGROUND: Annie Donaldson Talley's employment in the Office of the White House Counsel is *not* likely to present a conflict-of-interest when Mr. Talley assumes his position as a district judge in the Middle District of Alabama. Neither Annie Donaldson Talley nor the Office of the White House Counsel litigates any cases on behalf of the government, and in any event, no lawsuits have even been filed against President Trump in the Middle District of Alabama.

For comparison, **during the entirety of the Obama Administration**, only 9 of 3,681 suits involving President Obama were filed in the Middle District of Alabama. That number represents less than one quarter of one percent of suits involving President Obama. Not one was a legitimate challenge to an Executive Order or presidential action, and all of those cases were frivolous, handwritten pro se suits dismissed on the pleadings.

HOW ABOUT PAST NOMINEES? Many other past nominees, now current seated judges, did not specifically identify attorney spouses in Question 24 when such spouses' employment did not create a likely conflict of interest, including:

- o Judge Nina Pillard on the D.C. Circuit did not disclose that

her husband, David Cole, is a Georgetown law faculty member and [ACLU Legal Director](#).

o Carolyn McHugh on the Tenth Circuit did not list her husband Scott F. Young, currently COO of Sentry Finance and a former litigation law firm partner.

o Robin L. Rosenberg on the Southern District of Florida did not list her husband, Michael McAuliffe, who was a former Palm Beach County State Attorney and later in-house counsel at a large energy company in the area.

Devin M. O'Malley

Department of Justice

Office of Public Affairs

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Cell: (b)(6)

Gibson, Jake

From: Gibson, Jake
Sent: Thursday, November 16, 2017 11:41 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Re: Contact info

Awesome.
Love it when a plan comes together.

On Nov 16, 2017, at 11:33 AM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

I am! Happy to join. Let me know what time is best and I can go to 400 n cap.

On Nov 16, 2017, at 10:51 AM, Hadden, Gavin <Gavin.Hadden@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Sarah - great talking to you. Thank you Jake.

Sarah are you avail or F&F tomorrow? There is certainly plenty to talk about and would love to get it right.

Best,
Gavin

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From: Gibson, Jake
Sent: Thursday, November 16, 2017 10:47 AM
To: Petterson, Lauren; Hadden, Gavin; Groman, Sean; Sarah Isgur Flores (OPA);
Gibson, Jake
Subject: Contact info

Thanks to everyone for doing the call.

Maybe each of us can reply all to this email with our cell and office phone numbers...?

Talk to you all soon,

Jake Gibson
Department of Justice Producer
Fox News Washington
Cell (b)(6)
Office (b)(6)

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Petterson, Lauren

From: Petterson, Lauren
Sent: Thursday, November 16, 2017 10:53 AM
To: Groman, Sean; Gibson, Jake; Hadden, Gavin; Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: RE: Contact info

Nice meeting you over the phone, Sarah.

My office is (b)(6).
My cell is (b)(6).

From: Groman, Sean
Sent: Thursday, November 16, 2017 10:51 AM
To: Gibson, Jake; Petterson, Lauren; Hadden, Gavin; Sarah Isgur Flores (OPA)
Subject: Re: Contact info

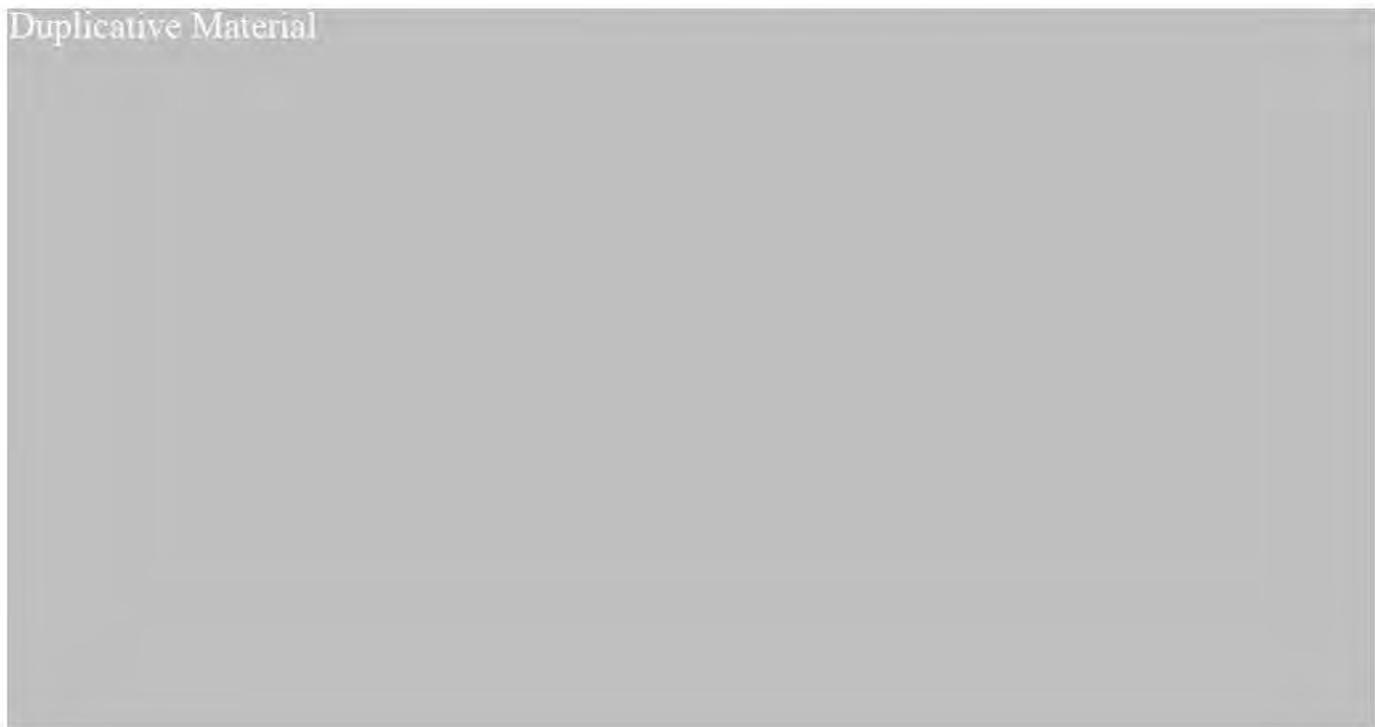
Sarah,

if there is something I can help you with on the weekends feel free to reach me at (b)(6).

Sean

From: Gibson, Jake
Sent: Thursday, November 16, 2017 10:46:41 AM
To: Petterson, Lauren; Hadden, Gavin; Groman, Sean; Sarah Isgur Flores (OPA); Gibson, Jake
Subject: Contact info

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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, November 16, 2017 10:50 AM
To: Gibson, Jake; Petterson, Lauren; Hadden, Gavin; Groman, Sean
Subject: RE: Contact info

Thank you all! Look forward to some early am calls! (b)(6).

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs
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From: Gibson, Jake [mailto:Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Thursday, November 16, 2017 10:47 AM
To: Petterson, Lauren <Lauren.Petterson@FOXNEWS.COM>; Hadden, Gavin <Gavin.Hadden@FOXNEWS.COM>; Groman, Sean <sean.groman@FOXNEWS.COM>; Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Gibson, Jake <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM>
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Groman, Sean

From: Groman, Sean
Sent: Thursday, November 16, 2017 10:47 AM
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Subject: Re: Contact info

thank you.

From: Gibson, Jake
Sent: Thursday, November 16, 2017 10:46:41 AM
To: Petterson, Lauren; Hadden, Gavin; Groman, Sean; Sarah Isgur Flores (OPA); Gibson, Jake
Subject: Contact info

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Gibson, Jake

From: Gibson, Jake
Sent: Wednesday, November 15, 2017 5:35 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Re: Urgent - DOJ Guidance on Special Counsel story

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Thanks

On Nov 15, 2017, at 5:33 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Can I reframe just a little. There are three options here but I'm only seeing discussion of the first two as an either/or without acknowledging the possibility of the 3rd: no investigation is ongoing, a special counsel is announced, or an investigation is ongoing in one of our 94 US Attorney offices which we would neither confirm nor deny as with all other DOJ investigations.

xxxx

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

From: Gibson, Jake [<mailto:Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM>]
Sent: Wednesday, November 15, 2017 3:51 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Urgent - DOJ Guidance on Special Counsel story

A Senior DOJ officials has made a point to remind us, "Just because there isn't a special counsel doesn't mean there couldn't be an investigation in any of the 94 US Attorney districts."

For a little history, this source also points out that the DOJ that has had "thousands and thousands and thousands" of investigations over the years and only two special counsels in the history of the Department of Justice.

I cannot report that there is an ingoing investigation into the Clintons and/or Uranium One. However, the point the DOJ is making is that a special counsel is not the only way to initiate an investigation... and multiple such investors could be ongoing right now.

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