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Subject:	RE: INTERMEDIARY WHO FACILITATED CORRUPT PAYMENTS TO A RUSSIAN NUCLEAR ENERGY OFFICIAL SENTENCED FOR MONEY LAUNDERING CONSPIRACY

Yep. Oops.

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INTERMEDIARY WHO FACILITATED CORRUPT PAYMENTS TO A RUSSIAN NUCLEAR ENERGY OFFICIAL SENTENCED FOR MONEY LAUNDERING CONSPIRACY

WASHINGTON - A Honduran national was sentenced to more than 30 years in prison today for his role in a 2011 murder in Richmond, Virginia.

Yerwin Ivan Hernandez-Ordonez aka Probador, 21, was sentenced by the

Honorable Robert E. Payne to serve 365 months in prison, followed by five years of supervised release for use of a firearm in the commission of a crime of violence resulting in the death of another. The murder was part of a gang initiation for two recruits of La Mara Salvatrucha or MS-13. In October 2016, Hernandez-Ordonez was arrested in Panama and extradited to the United States and pleaded guilty on May 5.

Acting Assistant Attorney General Kenneth A. Blanco of the Justice Department's Criminal Division, U.S. Attorney Dana J. Boente of the Eastern District of Virginia, Special Agent in Charge Adam S. Lee of the FBI's Richmond Field Office, Special Agent in Charge Patrick J. Lechleitner of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) and Police Chief Alfred Durham of the Richmond Police Department made the announcement.

MS-13 is a national and international gang with its leadership primarily based in El Salvador. Branches or "cliques" of MS-13, one of the largest street gangs in the United States, operate throughout Virginia, Maryland, and Washington, D.C. MS-13 members are required to commit acts of violence within the gang and against rival gangs. One of the principal rules of MS-13 is that its members must attack and kill rivals, known as "chavalas," whenever possible.

According to his plea agreement, Hernandez-Ordonez admitted that he aided and abetted two MS-13 recruits to murder a victim so the recruits could gain entrance into MS-13. Specifically, Hernandez-Ordonez admitted that on July 23, 2011, he and members of the Richmond Sailors clique of MS-13 suspected the victim was a member of a rival gang. The leader of the clique decided the killing of the rival gang member would be the initiation rite for two MS-13 recruits. The leader chose Hernandez-Ordonez and another person to ensure the recruits carried out the murder. Later that night and into the early morning hours of July 24, 2011, the recruits drove the victim to an area near the 8200 block of Riverside Drive, Richmond, Virginia, for the purpose of murdering the victim. While at the location, one of the recruits attempted to shoot the victim, but the gun misfired. An MS-13 member then shot the victim with another gun, but did not kill him. The victim attempted to flee; however, Hernandez-Ordonez chased after the victim and brought him back to the group. The two recruits then shot the victim in the head and killed him. Later that same day, the two recruits were initiated into the gang MS-13.

The case was investigated by FBI Richmond, HSI Richmond, and the Richmond Police Department. The Criminal Division's Office of International Affairs provided significant support with the defendant's extradition. Trial Attorneys Matthew K. Hoff and Andrew Creighton of the Organized Crime and Gang Section and Assistant U.S. Attorney Stephen W. Miller of the Eastern District of Virginia are prosecuting the case.

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Subject: Politico - Moore trailing by 12 points

Just popped... I think.

Republican Roy Moore is trailing Democrat Doug Jones by 12 points in the Alabama special Senate election, according to a poll conducted by the National Republican Senatorial Committee after five women accused Moore of pursuing them as teenagers.
Jones led Moore 51 to 39 percent, according to the survey taken Sunday and Monday. The NRSC withdrew its support for Moore after the Washington Post published the first allegations against Moore on Thursday, and the group's chairman, Sen. Cory Gardner (R-Colo.) said Moore should be expelled from the Senate if he wins on Dec. 12.

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Herridge, Catherine

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Cc:	Gibson, Jake
Subject:	RE: frustrating

I am at my desk (b)(6) and Jake is copied.

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Subject: FW: frustrating

Jake isn't answering his phone—Who else should I be talking to?

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A total lack of understanding from the hosts about what was actually said and what was actually going on.

1. 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! We have had thousands and thousands of investigations over the years and only ever 2 special counsels in the history of DOj!!!
2. Gaetz exchange was totally mischaracterized and they just accepted it. His first question was do you have authority and the second question is are you recused. He answered the first and the second is the recusal issue which he addressed why he cant answer.
3. Why in the world would Mueller be investigating Uranium One??? Where did this assumption even come from?

Fox & Friends (FNC) – Rep. Jim Jordan (Russia Investigations, Tax Reform)
http://mms.tveyes.com/transcript.asp?StationID=130&DateTime=11/15/2017%208:16:33%20AM&playclip=true

STEVE DOOCY: so what we can expect, congressman jim jordan joins ushall in congress.

REP. JIM JORDAN: good questioning, he said he wasn't sure. what we do know is one was wandered. that's why three and a half months ago, we asked for one, and we didn't even get cass closest to an answer until yesterday's hearing when he said he's still considering and thinking about it. but, you know, we'll see. it needs to happen, though.

BRIAN KILMEADE: if you were to do this. would it just be on uranium one? or would it be about fusion gps and its role in this

whole investigation?

REP. JORDAN: no. great question. it needs to be about everything, including mr. comey's handling of the clinton investigation 2016. the inspector general is looking into that right now. we're going to look into it as a congressional many committee. but it needs to be the full gamut because frankly, it's all tied together, and we believe in mr. ways, rosenstein and mueller are related. what i do believe is the dossier. the fact that a major political party can finance this dossier at the same time it looks like christopher, the author of the dossier was paid by the fbi. so are they complicit in putting this together? if that happened in this great country, that is just so wrong, that's why it warrants a special examination of this whole issue.

AINSLEY EARHARDT: congressman, why won't they have this? why -- you sent the letter three and a half months ago, nothing's been done, all -- i mean, many people, we're on the road. many people tell us all the time that the republican -- i mean, the democratic party needs to be held accountable for this, they've gotten away with this time and time again. so what is the reason -- he's saying you've got to do our research, do our investigations, it's been three and a half months since he made the request, and probably looking into this even longer. there have been 27 leaks that he's looking into. so in your heart of hearts, what's the been a special council?

REP. JORDAN: i'm not sure, but i think it has to do with the career people at the justice department just don't want to go there. i really think that's the case.

EARHARDT: they'll go there for president trump, but they won't go there for hillary clinton and her team?

REP. JORDAN: yeah. and i think, unfortunately, the attorney general is a good man. i think he's compromised because he recused himself from some aspects of this, but he's not sure what other aspects he can get involved with. i think there's that confusion. i think there's all of that, which is why we said okay. name a special council. let's do it, and we should look at it as well. but you're exactly right. when you talk to folks back home, they're tired of double standard. a different set for the politically connected.

DOOCY: sure. and you made it very clear congress is going to investigate what the department of justice did in 2016 and 2017, so that's where it's coming. also, it looks like you could vote on tax reform very shortly. what do you make of the senate republicans throwing in yesterday a repeal of the individual mandate? so if you don't have it, you don't have to pay the penalty anymore?

REP. JORDAN: yeah. no, it's a great move. i mean, there's a couple things. one, it actually helps us keep our promise. we told the american people we're going to deal with obamacare, so we're actually doing what we said. and also, by the way, it frees up money the way cbo scores these things the way we can cut taxes more, let families keep more of their hard-earned income. this is a winner something that i'm 100% for, so let's get it in the final bill and tax relief and do some repeeing of obamacare at the same time.

KILMEADE: i know two things going to cross your desk at one point. how do you feel an expiration of 2025, that's what hatch is putting out there for individual tax rates. so we're going to have to do this again in 2025, and also how do you feel about waiting until 2019 for corporate tax reduction?

REP. JORDAN: no. it was corporate tax rates to go away to be permanent. the way scoring works around here it bo, if that were to happen, when time goes, like many of the bush tax cuts were the vast majority of them got renewed because once people get to keep more of their money, it's a thing called freedom. they like that, and it's tough to turn it back.

DOOCY: i think we all like freedom.

REP. JORDAN: yeah.

DOOCY: jim jordan, thank you very much for joining us today.

xxx

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LAWMAKERS PRESSED THE ATTORNEY GENERAL JEFF SESSIONS ON HIS contacts with russia during the presidential CAMPAIGN RUSSIA CONTACTS.

SESSIONS 10:36:07 But I will not accept and reject accusations that I have ever lied under oath. That is a lie. 10:36:16 Let me be clear: I have at all times conducted myself honorably and in a manner consistent with the high standards and responsibilities of the Office of Attorney General, which I revere. 10:36:29 I spent 15 years in that Department. I love that department. I honor that department. 10:36:36 I will do my dead level best to be worthy of your Attorney General. 10:36:40 As I said before, my story has never changed. I have always told the truth, and I have answered every question to the

AFTER READING MEDIA REPORTS, SESSIONS SAID HE COULD NOW RECALL THIS MARCH 2016 NATIONAL SECURITY MEETING. SESSIONS CHAIRED THE DISCUSSION - WHERE CAMPAIGN AIDE GEORGE PAPADOPOLOUS -- WHO RECENTLY PLED GUILTY TO LYING TO THE FBI - BROACHED THE IDEA OF A MEETING BETWEEN CANDIDATE TRUMP AND THE RUSSIAN PRESIDENT.

10:34:05 I do now recall that the March 2016 meeting at the Trump Hotel that Mr. Papadopoulos attended, but I have no clear recollection of the details of what he said during that meeting. 10:34:18 After reading his account, and to the best of my recollection, I believe that I wanted to make clear to him that he was not authorized to represent the campaign with the Russian government, or any other foreign government, for that matter. 10:34:33 But I did not recall this event, which occurred 18 months before my testimony of a few weeks ago, and would gladly have reported it. 10:34:42

10:57:28 NADLER: After the meeting did you take further steps to prevent Trump campaign officials, advisers, or employees from further outreach to the Russians after you stopped or pushed back at that meeting?
SESSIONS:10:57:38 I want to say to you is you allege there were some further contacts later. I don't believe I had any knowledge of any further contacts and I was not in regular contact with Mr. Papadopoulous. 10:57:50

(COVER TRUMP TWEETS) SESSIONS AVOIDED DIRECT COMMENT ON TWEETS TAKING AIM AT HILLARY CLINTON AND THE DNC

CONYERS: 10:45:48 Should the President of the United States make public comments that might

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SESSIONS: 10:46:00 Should take great care in those issues.
CONYERS: Could you respond yes or no? 10:46:08
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SESSIONS: 10:46:22 a president cannot improperly influence an investigation and I have not been improperly influenced and would not be improperly influenced. 10:46:32

(MAYBE WE DON'T NEED THIS LINE) ON THE QUESTION THE FORMER FBI DIRECTOR SAYS LEFT HIM UNCOMFORTABLE...

14:14:06 LIEU: Did Donald Trump ever ask you to pledge oath of loyalty to him? 14:14:11
SESSIONS: No.
LIEU: If Donald Trump were to ask you to pledge loyalty to him to take such an oath, would you do so? 14:14:20
SESSIONS: Well, I don't know what a pledge of loyalty oath is. We all owe loyalty to our supervisors. I have always done that to my bosses and supervisors so, you know, people are expected to be loyal to their executive branch head. 14;14:39

OTHER fellow-REPUBICLICANS asked PRESSED SESSIONS about ON FORMER FBI DIRECTOR JAMES COMEY, THE BUREAU'S ROLE REPORTEDLY FINANCING THE UNVERIFIED TRUMP DOSSIER, AND COMEY'S ADMISSION HE LEAKED PRIVILEDGED GOVERNMENT RECORDS TO THE MEDIA..

JORDAN/ SESSIONS ESXCHANGE ON SPECIAL COUNSEL
11:40:47 SESSIONS: Mr. Comey is no longer the Director of the FBI.
JORDAN: Thank goodness.
SESSIONS: We had an excellent man of integrity and ability in Chris Wray and I think he is going to do an outstanding job and I am very happy about him..
JORDAN: He is not here today Attorney General Sessions and you are and I am asking for a special counsel...(CROSSTALK)
SESSIONS: I would say looks like is not enough basis to appoint a special counsel. 11:41:07

ON THE POSSIBLE APPOINTMENT OF A SPECIAL COUNSEL TO INVESTIGATE THE CLINTON FOUNDATION AND URANIUM ONE, A DEAL THAT GAVE RUSSIA CONTROL OF A BROAD SECTOR OF THE US URANIUM MARKET, SESSIONS PLEDGED INDEPENDENCE.

GOODLATTE / SESSIONS EXCHANGE ON SPECIAL COUNSEL
10:39:38 GOODLATTE: Do I have your assurances that these matters will proceed fairly and expeditiously? 10:39:43
SESSIONS: Yes you can, Mr. Chairman. And you can be sure that they will be done without political influence and correctly and properly. 10:39:53

herridge/house intel

the Co-founder of fusion gps, the firm behind the unverified trump dossier -- is testifying -- behind closed doors - at the house intelligence committee -- inside the secure facility behind me. in previous congressional testimony, simpson refused to answer key questions and his lawyer is accused of running interference.

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I think we'll have to pass for now

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Hey Sarah! Any chance AG Sessions can join us on Hannity a day this week? Sean would really love him. Thanks!!

Francesca Nestande
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On Nov 3, 2017, at 2:22 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

> Thanks! Will be in touch.
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> Hi Sarah!
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> Any chance AG Sessions can join us on Hannity a day next week? We are live at 9P ET mon-thurs but will tape if that works better for him.
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> Best,
> Francesca
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Awesome thanks

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We will also make sure to include in any follow up coverage later on.
Kendall

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Following up on this as the AG just said it may involve classified info

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Important background – he was asked for classified information in an open hearing which is why he did not provide.

Would appreciate some clarification. You can source as an admin official

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Sure thing. Will do. Thanks.
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Replying to @KendallForward

Adds: "Why can't he tell us whether they paid Christopher Steele? Look at the pay roll!"

Kendall Forward @KendallForward · 3m

Replying to @KendallForward @Jim_Jordan

I asked .@Jim_Jordan if he's satisfied w Sessions' answers, he says not really, doesn't seem like he's going to assign special prosecutor.

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Kendall Forward @KendallForward · 12m

Replying to @KendallForward @Jim_Jordan

Jordan echoing frustrations of many GOP members from past few weeks over why investigation took so long to take place

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Kendall Forward @KendallForward · 15m

Replying to @KendallForward @Jim_Jordan

Says those questions should be directed to Mueller.

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Kendall Forward @KendallForward · 16m

Replying to @KendallForward

.@Jim_Jordan pressing Sessions on whether the FBI paid Christopher Steele re the Russian Dossier. Sessions says he's "unable to answer."

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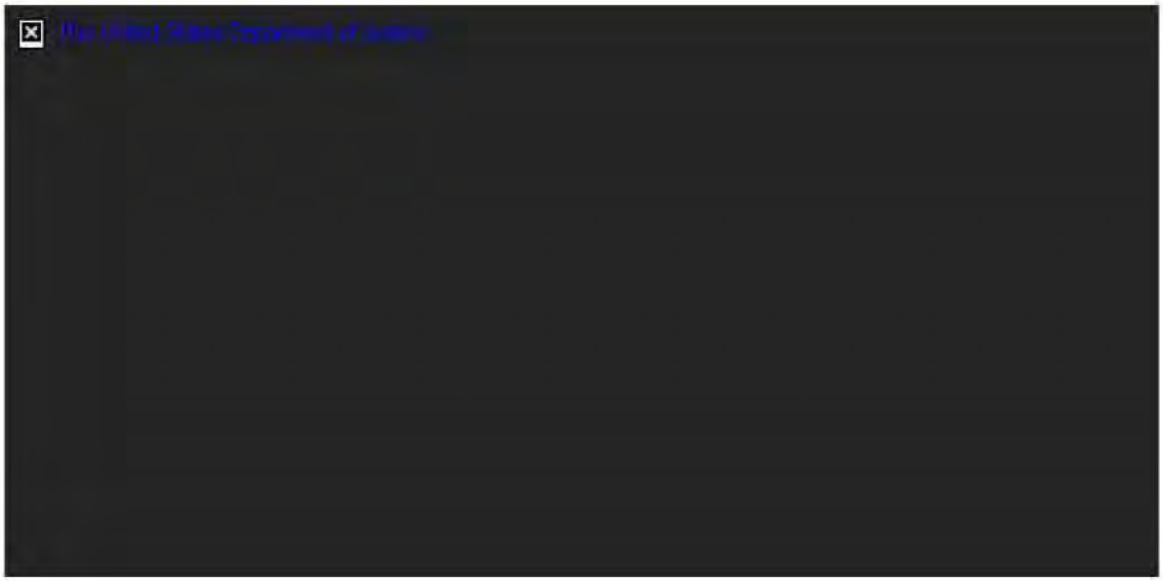

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WASHINGTON – A New Jersey businessman was sentenced to a year and one day in prison for Conspiracy to Commit Money Laundering in connection with his role in arranging corrupt payments to influence the awarding of contracts with the Russian state-owned nuclear energy corporation.

The sentence was announced by Acting Assistant Attorney General Kenneth A. Blanco, Acting U.S. Attorney Stephen M. Schenning for the District of Maryland; Special Agent in Charge Angela Sigler of the U.S. Department of Energy Office of Inspector General (DOE-OIG); and Assistant Director in Charge Andrew G. Vale of the FBI's Washington Field Office.

Boris Rubizhevsky, 67, of Closter, New Jersey was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Theodore D. Chuang to 12 months and one day in prison, followed by three years of supervised release. The defendant was also ordered to forfeit $26,500. Rubizhevsky pleaded guilty on June 15, 2015, to conspiracy to commit money laundering.

According to court documents, Rubizhevsky acted as an intermediary in connection with corrupt payments to co-conspirator Vadim Mikerin, the former director of the Pan American Department of JSC Techsnabexport (TENEX), a subsidiary of Russia's State Atomic Energy Corporation and the sole supplier and exporter of Russian Federation uranium and uranium enrichment services to nuclear power companies worldwide.

According to court documents, between October 2011 and February 2013, Rubizhevsky and Mikerin agreed to conceal corrupt payments being made from the United States to overseas bank accounts for the benefit of Mikerin, including a payment to a foreign bank account located in Latvia. Rubizhevsky admitted that

the conspirators used sham consulting agreements to disguise the corrupt payments.

Mikerin previously admitted that he conspired with Rubizhevsky and others to transmit more than $2 million from Maryland, and elsewhere in the United States, to offshore shell company bank accounts located in Cyprus, Latvia and Switzerland with the intent to promote violations of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act. Mikerin pleaded guilty to money laundering conspiracy in August 2015, and was sentenced in December 2015 to 48 months in prison for his role in the money laundering scheme.

The DOE-OIG and FBI investigated the case. Assistant Chiefs Christopher Cestaro and Ephraim Wernick and Trial Attorney Derek Ettinger of the Criminal Division's Fraud Section and Assistant U.S. Attorneys David I. Salem and Michael T. Packard of the District of Maryland prosecuted the case.

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Prior, Ian (OPA)

From: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Sent: Monday, November 13, 2017 6:51 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Cc: Gibson, Jake; Singman, Brooke
Subject: Re: HJC letter

Just heard it on air

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On Nov 13, 2017, at 6:50 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

> No prob.
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> On Nov 13, 2017, at 6:45 PM, Gibson, Jake <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:
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> > Trying to get it on air right now...
> > Give us a little time please.
> >
> > Thanks very much.
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> > **From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
> > **Sent:** Monday, November 13, 2017 5:41 PM
> > **To:** Gibson, Jake; Singman, Brooke
> > **Cc:** Prior, Ian (OPA)
> > **Subject:** FW: HJC letter
> >
> > Oops—meant to include jake too for awareness that you have this. I'll send to the rest of our reporters as soon as you post. Can you give me a heads up when you do?
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> > ***
> >
> > Sarah Isgur Flores
> > Director of Public Affairs
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> > **From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
> > **Sent:** Monday, November 13, 2017 5:40 PM

To: 'Singman, Brooke' <brooke.singman@FOXNEWS.COM>
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Subject: HJC letter

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Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: RE: HJC letter

Bret just did it on the air...
Martha will probably do more.

From: Gibson, Jake
Sent: Monday, November 13, 2017 6:42 PM
To: 'Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)'; Singman, Brooke
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: RE: HJC letter

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Singman, Brooke

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Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: RE: HJC letter

Absolutely. Thanks so much!

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Subject: FW: HJC letter

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The Honorable Robert W. Goodlatte
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

NOV 13 2017

Dear Chairman Goodlatte:

This responds to your letters dated July 27, 2017, and September 26, 2017, in which you and other Members request the appointment of a Special Counsel to investigate various matters, including the sale of Uranium One, alleged unlawful dealings related to the Clinton Foundation and other matters. We are sending identical responses to the other Members who joined your letter.

As noted during our prior meeting in response to your letters, the Department of Justice (Department) takes seriously its responsibility to provide timely and accurate information to Congress on issues of public interest, and seeks to do so in a non-political manner that is consistent with the Department's litigation, law enforcement, and national security responsibilities. Additionally, the Department's leadership has a duty to carefully evaluate the status of ongoing matters to ensure that justice is served and that the Department's communications with Congress are accurate and complete.

To further that goal, the Attorney General has directed senior federal prosecutors to evaluate certain issues raised in your letters. These senior prosecutors will report directly to the Attorney General and the Deputy Attorney General, as appropriate, and will make recommendations as to whether any matters not currently under investigation should be opened, whether any matters currently under investigation require further resources, or whether any matters merit the appointment of a Special Counsel. This will better enable the Attorney General and the Deputy Attorney General to more effectively evaluate and manage the caseload. In conducting this review, all allegations will be reviewed in light of the Principles of Federal Prosecution. (USAM 9-27.000)

As you know, consistent with longstanding policy, the Department does not ordinarily confirm or deny investigations, and this letter should not be construed to do so. While this policy can be frustrating, especially on matters of great public concern, it is necessary to ensure that the Department acts with fairness and thoughtfulness, and always in a manner consistent with the law and rules of the Department.

In addition, you must know the Department will never evaluate any matter except on the facts and the law. Professionalism, integrity, and public confidence in the Department's work is critical for us, and no priority is higher.

Your letter referenced various allegations related to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) handling of the investigation into former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's use of a personal email server. On January 12, 2017, the Department's Inspector General (IG) sent a letter to you and other Members advising that the IG's office was initiating a review of, among other things:

- Allegations that Department or FBI policies or procedures were not followed in connection with, or in actions leading up to or related to, the FBI Director's public announcement on July 5, 2016, and the Director's letters to Congress on October 28 and November 6, 2016, and that certain underlying investigative decisions were based on improper considerations;

- Allegations that the FBI Deputy Director should have been recused from participating in certain investigative matters;

- Allegations that Department and FBI employees improperly disclosed non-public information; and

- Allegations that decisions regarding the timing of the FBI's release of certain Freedom of Information Act documents on October 30 and November 1, 2016, and the use of a Twitter account to publicize the same, were influenced by improper considerations.

These investigations include issues raised in your letters. In addition, the Department has forwarded a copy of your letters to the IG so he can determine whether he should expand the scope of his investigation based on the information contained in those letters.

Once the IG's review is complete, the Department will assess what, if any, additional steps are necessary to address any issues identified by that review.

We will conduct this evaluation according to the highest standards of justice. We hope this information is helpful. Please do not hesitate to contact this office if we may provide additional assistance regarding this or any other matter.

Very truly yours,

Stephen E. Boyd
Assistant Attorney General

Dooley, Peggy

From: Dooley, Peggy
Sent: Monday, November 13, 2017 5:08 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA); Martin, Lynne Jordal
Subject: RE: Op-ed on FISA 702 renewal

Ian, this is set to go live at 4am ET – thank you!
Peggy

Ex-Homeland Security official: FISA checks on known terror suspects are a matter of life and death - http://www.foxnews.com/opinion/2017/11/14/ex-homeland-security-official-fisa-checks-on-known-terror-suspects-are-matter-life-and-death.html

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Subject: RE: Op-ed on FISA 702 renewal

Awesome thx

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Subject: RE: Op-ed on FISA 702 renewal

Planning to set Stewart Baker to go live first thing tomorrow. Will send a link when we have it.
Peggy

From: Prior, Ian (OPA) [mailto:Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Monday, November 13, 2017 3:49 PM
To: Martin, Lynne Jordal <Lynne.JordalMartin@FOXNEWS.COM>
Cc: Dooley, Peggy <peggy.dooley@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: RE: Op-ed on FISA 702 renewal

Just sent the AG one far and wide.

Any idea when the baker one will run?

Thx!!

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To: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Dooley, Peggy <peggy.dooley@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: RE: Op-ed on FISA 702 renewal

Dear Ian,
It looks like this fell through the cracks. My apologies. I would still like to run it.

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From: Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Monday, November 13, 2017 11:25:26 AM
To: Martin, Lynne Jordal
Subject: RE: Op-ed on FISA 702 renewal

Hi Lynne,

Did this ever run?

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To: Baker, Stewart <Sbaker@steptoe.com>

Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Op-ed on FISA 702 renewal

Thank you, Stewart!

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From: Baker, Stewart <Sbaker@steptoe.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 9, 2017 9:25:47 PM
To: Martin, Lynne Jordal
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA) (Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov)
Subject: RE: Op-ed on FISA 702 renewal

Here you go.

From: Martin, Lynne Jordal [mailto:Lynne.JordalMartin@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Thursday, November 09, 2017 8:56 PM
To: Baker, Stewart
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA) (Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov)
Subject: RE: Op-ed on FISA 702 renewal

Good evening Stewart,
It's nice to hear from you. I do not see an attachment. Could you please resend it?
Thanks very much.
Best,
Lynne

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From: Baker, Stewart <Sbaker@steptoe.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 9, 2017 7:06:06 PM
To: Martin, Lynne Jordal
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA) (Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov)
Subject: Op-ed on FISA 702 renewal

Lynne,

Ian Prior gave me your address. I've had several jobs in government, from NSA general counsel to DHS head of policy. I've also appeared frequently on Fox News. Attached is a draft op-ed in support of renewing section 702. I'm offering it first to you because of our past history. Please let me know if you're interested

section 702. I'm offering it first to you because of our past history. Please let me know if you're interested.

Stewart

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Cc:	sbaker@steptoe.com
Subject:	RE: Op-ed on FISA 702 renewal

Here is his bio from Firm website – he may have a headshot that is high res:
Stewart A. Baker is a partner in the Washington office of Steptoe & Johnson LLP. He returned to the firm following 3½ years at the Department of Homeland Security as its first Assistant Secretary for Policy.

At Homeland Security, Mr. Baker created and staffed the 250-person DHS Policy Directorate. He was responsible for policy analysis across the Department, as well as for the Department's international affairs, strategic planning and relationships with law enforcement and public advisory committees. This work required a broad understanding of all aspects of the Department's activities, including maritime regulation, customs enforcement, immigration, identity management, SAFETY Act implementation, money laundering enforcement, government contracts, and regulation of travel and air transportation, and its role in the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS).

While at DHS, Mr. Baker led successful negotiations with European and Middle Eastern governments over travel data, privacy, visa waiver and related issues. He devised a new approach to visa-free travel, forged a congressional and interagency consensus on the plan and negotiated acceptance with key governments.

He also managed the passage and implementation of the SAFE Ports Act, led the Department's policy effort to reform federal immigration laws, and transformed the Department's role in CFIUS, helping to drive the first rewrite of the CFIUS law and regulations in a generation.

https://www.steptoe.com/professionals-Stewart_Baker.html

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Cc: sbaker@steptoe.com
Subject: RE: Op-ed on FISA 702 renewal

Hello – do you have a headshot and short bio line for Stewart Baker?
Peggy

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Sent: Monday, November 13, 2017 10:57 AM
To: Martin, Lynne Jordal <Lynne.JordalMartin@FOXNEWS.COM>
Cc: Dooley, Peggy <peggy.dooley@FOXNEWS.COM>

Subject: RE: Op-ed on FISA 702 renewal

GREAT!! Let me know when its up!

Thank you!!

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Prior, Ian (OPA)

From: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Sent: Monday, November 13, 2017 4:53 PM
To: Jake Gibson
Subject: Rod

In the mid-1990s, Rosenstein landed in the middle of one of the most high-profile cases in years. Kenneth W. Starr named him to the team of prosecutors handling the Whitewater investigation into Bill and Hillary Rodham Clinton's Arkansas business dealings.

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Singman, Brooke

From: Singman, Brooke
Sent: Monday, November 13, 2017 4:22 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: RE: any guidance for timing on when i can expect the letter?

Is there any way you can give me a hint to what it will say? Or a draft? I am about to publish something on what we spoke about earlier, so just want to be sure we're on the same page

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From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Monday, November 13, 2017 4:12 PM
To: Singman, Brooke <brooke.singman@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: Re: any guidance for timing on when i can expect the letter?

I think we're still a couple hours off is my guess. Sorry.

On Nov 13, 2017, at 3:59 PM, Singman, Brooke <brooke.singman@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

> Any idea on timing?
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> **From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
> **Sent:** Monday, November 13, 2017 2:39 PM
> **To:** Singman, Brooke <brooke.singman@FOXNEWS.COM>
> **Subject:** Re: any guidance for timing on when i can expect the letter?
>
> Not yet
>
> On Nov 13, 2017, at 1:25 PM, Singman, Brooke <brooke.singman@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

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Not yet

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Spinato, Eric

From: Spinato, Eric
Sent: Monday, November 13, 2017 3:36 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Re: Good morning, Sarah

Okay

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 13, 2017, at 3:13 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

> Pass for now thanks
>
> On Nov 13, 2017, at 8:35 AM, Spinato, Eric <eric.spinato@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:
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> > If AG Sessions can join Maria Bartiromo this week, on her FBN morning show
> > Between 6a-9a, please let me know.
> >
> > Thank you
> > Eric
> >
> > **Eric Spinato**
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Subject:	AG Op-Ed
Attachments:	AG Rule of Law Op-Ed.docx
Importance:	High

High res headshot can be downloaded from his bio page: https://www.justice.gov/ag/staff-profile/meet-attorney-general

Op-Ed attached.

Thanks again!

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Attorney General Sessions Op-Ed on Restoring the Rule of Law
November 2017

The rule of law is the foundation of our system of government. In the vision of our Founders, we have "a government of laws and not of men."

Under President Trump's strong leadership, the Department of Justice has made restoring the rule of law our top priority. Everything we do is guided by this principle.

Under the previous administration, parties who had been sued by the government and then settled the lawsuit were sometimes required to pay community organizations that were not even involved in the case or harmed by the defendant. That was not only wrong, but contrary to longstanding legal principles, and we have put a stop to it. Lawsuit settlements with the government should not be used to bankroll third-party special interest groups or the friends of whomever is in power. They should help compensate victims or go to the taxpayer. Now that is what they will do.

We are also trusting our prosecutors again and letting them do their jobs. The previous administration forced them to leave out important facts in drug cases to achieve sentences lighter than were required by the law. Federal drug prosecutions and sentences went down dramatically. Meanwhile drug deaths rose to unprecedented levels.

We have removed this restriction on our prosecutors and told them to target the most violent criminals. They have already achieved significant results, with charges for federal gun crimes up nearly a quarter.

The rule of law means abiding by all of our laws. Restoring the rule of law therefore requires enforcing our immigration laws.

We are rewarding those jurisdictions that assist federal law enforcement not those who refuse to, like "sanctuary" jurisdictions. Our law enforcement grants now have conditions to encourage our state and local partners to help us remove criminal aliens from this country. Politicians have no right to protect criminals or promote lawlessness.

Neither do those entrusted with classified information. Leaks break the public trust and threaten public safety. That is why we tripled the number of active investigations into leaks. We have already charged four people with unlawfully disclosing classified material or concealing contacts with foreign intelligence officers.

When necessary, we go to court to keep the American people safe, such as when we defend the President's right to protect this country from security threats. We are defending the President's clear legal right to stop the entry of those who cannot be adequately vetted. Numerous judges and two district courts have upheld the President's travel ban, and we are confident that it will stand.

The Department cannot, however, defend illegal actions. That is why we advised the administration to end the previous administration's unlawful Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals policy, or DACA. This policy was contrary to our immigration laws and did not have Congressional approval indeed, Congress rejected similar legislative proposals numerous times.

For the same reason, the Department has agreed to settlement terms with 469 Tea Party and other conservative groups whose tax-exempt applications were delayed by the IRS based on inappropriate criteria including conservative names and policy positions, and civil cases with 90 plaintiffs regarding the previous administration's contraception mandate. These cases never should have been necessary.

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.

Gibson, Jake

From:	Gibson, Jake
Sent:	Monday, November 13, 2017 2:40 PM
To:	Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject:	FW: NYT - WH considering replacing Moore w/ Sessions?

From Emanuel:

I had someone close to the White House float to me the idea of Attorney General Jeff Sessions being the "write-in" candidate for Alabama Senate, which I just mentioned ON AIR with Dana Perino.

Subject: NYT - WH considering replacing Moore w/ Sessions?

Flagging this excerpt from the NYT article -

"One idea now being discussed under this scenario, brought up by two different White House officials who spoke on condition of anonymity, would be for Gov. Kay Ivey of Alabama to block Mr. Moore if he wins, and then immediately appoint Attorney General Jeff Sessions to what had been his seat when it becomes vacant again. Mr. Sessions remains highly popular among Alabama Republicans, but his relationship with President Trump has waned since he recused himself from the investigation of the role that Russia played in last year's campaign."

https://www.nytimes.com/2017/11/13/us/politics/roy-moore-alabama-senate.html?smprod=nytcore-iphone&smid=nytcore-iphone-share&_r=0

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Subject:	Re: U.S. ISSUED 30K VISAS THROUGH VISA LOTTERY PROGRAM TO FOREIGN NATIONALS FROM STATE SPONSORS OF TERRORISM

Also from AGs NYC speech:

The President has also laid out a set of principles for immigration reform that would make us safer. First of all, by building the border wall and requiring legal status to get a job, this plan would dramatically cut down on the illegality in our system. It would help us keep better track of who is in this country.

And just as importantly, the President's immigration plan would switch us to a merit-based immigration system. He would abolish the Diversity Visa Lottery and replace it with a points-based system like is used in Canada and Australia. This is the best way to ensure that the immigration system in America is benefitting America. We don't use random chance in college admissions and we don't roll a die to hire people. By the same token, a lottery tells us nothing about who would thrive in this country.

This merit-based system would be a boon to our economy and raise wages. But it is not just an issue of economic security; it is an issue of national security. A merit-based system, by definition, would be safer than a lottery or even extended family-based immigration. We want the best and the brightest in America. The President's plan is essential to protecting our national security, while also banning drunk drivers, fraudsters, gang members, and child abusers.

https://www.justice.gov/opa/speech/attorney-general-sessions-delivers-remarks-new-york-city-about-defending-our-national

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> WH said DOJ would have an on-the-record comment on this package of info re: visa lottery program.
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> Can you comment on these numbers?
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> Deadline is 2:30p EST.
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> Thank you!
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> Brooke Singman
> Politics Reporter, Fox News Channel

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In the last decade, the U.S. issued nearly 30,000 permanent residence visas through the Visa Lottery to randomly-selected nationals from countries designated as "State Sponsors of Terrorism" by the State Department. This does not include the additional tens of thousands of foreign nationals admitted from these countries through other immigration categories (such as family-based immigration, as well as asylee, refugee, and others).

Country	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	TOTAL
Iran	839	841	1,117	1,854	2,023	2,428	3,802	2,386	2,661	2,788	20,739
Sudan	279	502	592	557	569	308	436	965	1,191	1,833	7,232
Syria	16	40	53	37	67	72	91	138	134	164	812

GRAND TOTAL 28,783

IMPORTANT BACKGROUND FOR REPORTERS COVERING VISA LOTTERY AND CHAIN MIGRATION

- President Trump has called on Congress to eliminate the Visa Lottery and end Chain Migration. These reckless policies do not serve the national interest. Instead, these policies endanger national security, strain federal resources, and imperil the economic security of vulnerable American workers.
- The President wants Congress to enact a higher legal threshold for gaining permanent residence in the United States, including criteria that consider a potential immigrant's likelihood to economically contribute, succeed, and assimilate.

Background on the Visa Lottery Program and Chain Migration

- Every single year, through a computer-generated random drawing, the Visa Lottery selects 50,000 foreign nationals to apply for permanent residence in the United States and get Green Cards. Many of them have absolutely no ties to the United States, no special skills, and limited education.
- The Visa Lottery program was championed by Ted Kennedy in 1990 and co-sponsored by Chuck Schumer. In a May 2006 floor speech, Schumer praised what he called "an excellent program" and urged his colleagues to keep it in operation. "My city of New York has dramatically benefited from this program," Schumer said, "So I plead with my colleagues, keep the diversity visa program."
- While, in theory, the program is only supposed to allow for the resettlement of 50,000 foreign nationals each year, in reality, that number is much larger due to **Chain Migration**. A recent report estimates that Visa Lottery Chain Migration may have brought in as many as 5 million foreign nationals to the U.S. since 1994 (1.1 million Visa Lottery winners could have brought over 3.8 million foreign relatives).
    - **Chain Migration** is the process by which foreign nationals permanently resettle within the U.S. and subsequently bring over their foreign relatives, who then have the opportunity to bring over *their* foreign relatives, and so on, until entire extended families are resettled within the country. This unending process can continue without limit.

- Reports indicate that every new immigrants sponsor, on average, roughly 7 additional foreign relatives to move and resettle here as permanent residents. For some sending countries, this number is even larger.
- Family-based immigration has accounted for more than 60% of new immigration to the U.S. over the last 35 years—or roughly 20 million new foreign nationals.
- As Green Card holders, these foreign nationals have a pathway to U.S. citizenship, which allows them to vote in U.S. elections and access federal benefits paid for by U.S. taxpayers.

The Visa Lottery and Chain Migration Fail To Reflect the Needs of the U.S. Economy or Protect American Workers

- The Visa Lottery program's low qualifying standards (only a high school education or equivalent or two years of qualifying work experience) mean there is no guarantee that lottery winners can contribute to our economy and no guarantee they will not undercut or replace American workers.
- Similarly, Chain Migration, which has been the primary source of low-skilled legal immigration into the United States, has depressed wages and job opportunities for comparably skilled American workers. This has had a profoundly negative impact on African American and Hispanic workers in particular. It is for that reason that famed Civil Rights leader and late Democratic Congresswoman Barbara Jordan called for ending Chain Migration in the mid-1990s.

Widespread Fraud and Abuse within the Visa Lottery Program

- Since its inception, the Visa Lottery program has been highly susceptible to serious fraud and malfeasance because it cannot ensure applicant identities or qualifications.
- The screening process for the lottery is costly and time-intensive for the State Department to implement. According to data from the State Department, over 14 million individuals and their relatives registered to be randomly selected for the 50,000 annual slots in 2015.
- A 2007 Government Accountability Office report found: "At five of the 11 posts we reviewed, consular officers reported that the majority of DV applicants, lacking access to a computer or internet savvy, use `visa agents' to enter the lottery. Some agents take advantage of DV applicants; visa agents in Bangladesh have intercepted applicants' program documents and charged ransoms of up to $20,000 or coerced applicants into sham DV marriages. Consular officers at six posts reported that widespread use of fake documents, such as birth certificates, marriage certificates, and passports, presented challenges when verifying the identities of applicants and dependents."
- In 2003, the State Department's Office of the Inspector General (OIG) found, "[i]dentity fraud is endemic, and fraudulent documents are commonplace. Many countries exercise poor control over their vital records and identity documents, exacerbating the potential for program abuse. In some countries, this control is so poor that consular officers must assume that all travel, identity, and civil documents are unreliable.''
- Foreign nationals frequently file multiple applications for the lottery using different aliases. The aforementioned 2003 State Department report found 364,000 duplicate applications in the 2003 lottery alone.

Threats to National Security

- Randomly selecting foreign nationals from around the globe to resettle within the United States is inherently dangerous and incompatible with a security-based approach to immigration.
- In 2004, the State Department's Deputy Inspector General warned that the Visa Lottery "contains significant threats to national security as hostile intelligence officers, criminals, and terrorists attempt to use it to enter the United States as permanent residents."
- As the House Judiciary Committee noted in 2004, "One of the main national security weaknesses that experts have identified in the diversity visa program is the lack of restrictions on admissions. This plays out in two ways. First, there are few restrictions on the countries from which applicants may come... Second, under the program, successful applicants are chosen at random. Consequently, those

aliens who win the diversity visa lottery do not necessarily have any ties to the United States... Because diversity visa winners do not necessarily have such ties, the program could offer an opportunity for individuals or groups who want to harm the United States, its institutions, and its people to place terrorists in the United States... Any potential terrorist who did win the diversity visa lottery could live here freely, and come and go with little scrutiny."

- As Attorney General Jeff Sessions explained earlier this month, adopting a merit-based immigration system is not just an issue of economic security, it's an issue of national security.
    - Sessions: "The President has also laid out a set of principles for immigration reform that would make us safer... [I]mportantly, the President's immigration plan would switch us to a merit-based immigration system. He would abolish the Diversity Visa Lottery and replace it with a points-based system like is used in Canada and Australia. This is the best way to ensure that the immigration system in America is benefitting America. We don't use random chance in college admissions and we don't roll a die to hire people. By the same token, a lottery tells us nothing about who would thrive in this country. This merit-based system would be a boon to our economy and raise wages. But it is not just an issue of economic security; it is an issue of national security. A merit-based system, by definition, would be safer than a lottery or even extended family-based immigration... The President's plan is essential to protecting our national security, while also banning drunk drivers, fraudsters, gang members, and child abusers... It's time to end the Diversity Lottery in favor of a rational, merit-based system."

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Please see below re: diversity visas. This was from last week.

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DENATURALIZATION SOUGHT AGAINST FOUR SOMALIA-BORN INDIVIDUALS WHO FALSELY CLAIMED TO BE A FAMILY AND WERE ADMITTED TO THE UNITED STATES ON DIVERSITY IMMIGRANT VISAS

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Department of Justice, the U.S. Department of State, and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security announced today that the United States filed civil complaints in the District of Minnesota against four individuals who allegedly fraudulently obtained their naturalized U.S. citizenship. The complaints allege that the individuals—a purported husband, wife, and two sons—unlawfully, knowingly, and fraudulently represented to immigration officials that they were a family to gain admission to the United States through the Diversity Immigrant Visa Program. Each individual, the complaints allege, ultimately naturalized due to his or her fraudulent representations.

"For decades, the American people have begged and pleaded with their government for a lawful system of immigration that serves the national interest—a system that has as its foremost priorities their safety, their jobs, and their well-being," Attorney General Jeff Sessions said. "The current immigration system is easily abused by fraudsters and nefarious actors, and that's certainly true of the Diversity Immigrant Visa Program. If the fraud is not detected and swift enforcement actions are not taken, chain migration only multiplies the consequences of this abuse. Unfortunately, there are many instances of fraud across our immigration system. The American people deserve a better system that works for them, and the Department of Justice will continue its efforts to deliver one to them."

The four cases, *United States v. Fosia Abdi Adan*; *United States v. Ahmed Mohamed Warsame*; *United States v. Mustaf Abdi Adan*; and *United States v. Faysal Jama Mire* were referred to the Department of Justice by the U.S. Department of State's Diplomatic Security Service (DSS) and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), with investigative support from ICE's Homeland Security Investigations and U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services' (USCIS) Fraud Detection and National Security Directorate.

"I previously taught civics classes, and saw firsthand how hard people work to come to the United States legally and honestly," Acting Secretary Elaine Duke said. "They were so proud of their accomplishments. It is out of respect for those people that we cannot tolerate fraud, deception, and abuse of our legal immigration system. Fraudulently obtained citizenship is an affront to our American values, the rule of law, and all those who honestly attained their immigration status."

"We are pleased at the outcome of the Justice Department's investigation," Assistant Secretary of State for Consular Affairs Carl Risch said. "The Department of State values the partnership with the Justice Department in our efforts to vigorously prevent and jointly combat U.S. passport and visa fraud. Deterring, detecting, and investigating U.S. passport and U.S. visa fraud are

essential to protecting the integrity of consular processes and safeguarding our national security."

A description of each of the four cases and the allegations of the United States are as follows:

Fosia Abdi Adan

Fosia Abdi Adan, 51, a native of Somalia, applied for and received a diversity visa from the U.S. Embassy in Sanaa, Yemen, under the Diversity Visa (DV) Program on Jan. 10, 2001, and used her visa to unlawfully obtain beneficiary visas for the below individuals who were ineligible to be beneficiaries. Adan arrived and was admitted to the United States on Jan. 29, 2001, on her diversity immigrant visa as a permanent resident. Throughout the diversity visa application process, Adan fraudulently claimed that she was married to Jama Solob Kayre, the fictitious identity used by Ahmed Mohamed Warsame, and that she and Kayre had three children together. Such children included Mohamed Jama Solob, the fictitious identity used by Mustaf Abdi Adan, and Mobarak Jama Solob, the fictitious identity used by Faysal Jama Mire. Adan and Warsame, who used the fictitious identity of Jama Solob Kayre, obtained a divorce in Minnesota for their fictitious marriage after Adan was admitted as a permanent resident. Adan continued to fraudulently represent her previous fictitious marriage and fraudulently represent her fictitious parentage of Mohamed Jama Solob and Mobarak Jama Solob, throughout the naturalization process. Adan naturalized on Aug.16, 2006. Adan has been residing in Eden Prairie, Minnesota. Among other counts contained in the complaint filed against Adan, the United States alleges that she was not lawfully admitted for permanent residence because she engaged in alien smuggling as defined by the Immigration and Nationality Act, and thus was never eligible to naturalize.

Ahmed Mohamed Warsame

Ahmed Mohamed Warsame aka Jama Solob Kayre, 54, a native of Somalia, using the fictitious identity of Jama Solob Kayre, applied for and received a beneficiary diversity visa as the fictitious spouse of Fosia Abdi Adan, the principal diversity visa immigrant of the fictitious family. Warsame unlawfully obtained his visa as the spouse of a diversity visa immigrant from the U.S. Embassy in Sanaa, Yemen, under the DV Program on Jan. 10, 2001. Warsame arrived and was admitted to the United States on May 30, 2001, on his diversity immigrant visa as a permanent resident. Throughout the diversity visa application process, Warsame fraudulently claimed that he was married to Adan and that he and Adan had three children together. Such children included Mohamed Jama Solob, the fictitious identity used by Mustaf Abdi Adan, and Mobarak Jama Solob, the fictitious identity used by Faysal Jama Mire. Adan and Warsame, who used the fictitious identity of Jama Solob Kayre, obtained a divorce in Minnesota for their fictitious marriage after Warsame was admitted as a permanent resident. Warsame continued to fraudulently represent his previous fictitious marriage and fraudulently represent his fictitious parentage of Mohamed Jama Solob and Mobarak Jama Solob, throughout the naturalization process. Warsame, using the fictitious name of Jama Solob Kayre, naturalized on Sept. 13, 2006. During his naturalization, he changed his name to Ahmed Mohamed Warsame. Warsame has been residing in St. Cloud, Minnesota.

Mustaf Abdi Adan

Mustaf Abdi Adan aka Mohamed Jama Solob, 33, a native of Somalia, using the

fictitious identity of Mohamed Jama Solob, applied for and received a beneficiary diversity visa as the fictitious child of Fosia Abdi Adan, the primary diversity visa immigrant of the fictitious family. Adan unlawfully obtained his visa as the child of a diversity visa immigrant from the U.S. Embassy in Sanaa, Yemen, under the DV Program on Sept. 30, 2001. He arrived and was admitted to the United States on Dec. 9, 2001, on his beneficiary diversity immigrant visa as a permanent resident. Throughout the diversity visa application process, he fraudulently claimed that Fosia Abdi Adan was his mother and that Warsame, under the identity of Jama Solob Kayre, was his father. Mustaf Abdi Adan, using the fictitious name of Mohamed Jama Solob, naturalized on July 24, 2013, and at that time changed his name to Mustaf Abdi Adan. He has been residing in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Faysal Jama Mire

Faysal Jama Mire aka Mobarak Jama Solob, 31, a native of Somalia, using the fictitious identity of Mobarak Jama Solob, applied for a beneficiary diversity visa as the fictitious child of Fosia Abdi Adan, the primary diversity visa immigrant. Mire unlawfully obtained his beneficiary visa as the child of a diversity visa immigrant from the U.S. Embassy in Sanaa, Yemen, under the DV Program on Sept. 30, 2001. He arrived and was admitted to the United States on Dec. 9, 2001, on his beneficiary diversity immigrant visa as a permanent resident. Throughout the diversity visa application process, he fraudulently claimed that Fosia Abdi Adan was his mother and that Warsame, under the identity of Jama Solob Kayre, was his father. Faysal Jama Mire, using the fictitious name of Mobarak Jama Solob, naturalized on April 14, 2010, and at that time changed his name to Faysal Jama Mire. He has been residing in Hennepin County, Minnesota.

Under the Immigration and Nationality Act, the citizenship of a naturalized U.S. citizen may be revoked, and his or her certificate of naturalization canceled, if such naturalization was illegally procured or procured by concealment of a material fact or by willful misrepresentation.

These cases were investigated by DSS, ICE, USCIS, and the Civil Division's Office of Immigration Litigation, District Court Section (OIL-DCS). These cases are being prosecuted by Trial Attorney Anthony D. Bianco of OIL-DCS's National Security and Affirmative Litigation Unit (NS/A Unit) and Trial Attorney Kathryne Gray of OIL-DCS, with support from Senior Attorney Lucia A. Fiorentino of ICE's Office of the Principal Legal Advisor.

The claims made in the complaints are allegations only, and there has been no determination of liability.

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October 25, 2017

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510-1501

Dear Chairman Grassley:

You recently inquired about a criminal case prosecuted during my tenure as United States Attorney for Maryland, and the ability of a confidential informant ("CI") to speak with members of the Committee. The FBI has identified a nondisclosure agreement signed by the CI on January 23, 2008. We have authorized the CI to disclose to you and the Ranking Member—as well as to the Chairmen and Ranking Members of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform and the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence—any information or documents he has concerning alleged corruption or bribery involving uranium.

By way of background, in November 2013, the Maryland U.S. Attorney's Office received a request from FBI and Department of Energy agents to open a criminal investigation into allegations that Americans were paying kickbacks for contracts from a Russian subsidiary to ship Russian uranium to the United States for use in American nuclear plants. The U.S. Attorney's Office played no role in the 2010 approval of the transfer of rights to mine American uranium involving a different Russian subsidiary.

The U.S. Attorney's Office issued three press releases about significant public developments in the case. The Department of Justice distributed at least two of them to national media outlets. The press releases carry the following captions:

Oct. 31, 2014	**Russian National and Three Others Charged in Kickback Scheme to Obtain Contracts to Transport Russian Nuclear Fuel to the U.S.**: *American Defendants Allegedly Paid Over $1.6 Million in Bribes to Russian National to Obtain Over $33 Million in Non-compete Contracts*
Aug. 31, 2015	**Russian Nuclear Energy Official Pleads Guilty to Money Laundering Conspiracy Involving Violations of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act**: *U.S. Conspirators Paid Over $2 Million to Influence Russian Nuclear Energy Official and to Secure Business with State-Owned Russian Nuclear Energy Company*
Dec. 15, 2015	**Former Russian Nuclear Energy Official Sentenced to 48 Months in Prison for Money Laundering Conspiracy Involving Foreign Corrupt Practices Act Violations**: *U.S. Conspirators Paid More Than $2 Million to Influence Russian Nuclear Energy Official and to Secure Business with State-Owned Russian Nuclear Energy Company*

Many of the charging documents, plea agreements, and press releases were posted on the Department's website.[1] Press releases also are available on the websites of the U.S. Attorney's Office,[2] the FBI,[3] and the Department of Energy.[4]

Major media publications have published numerous articles on this matter. For example, in 2015, the *Wall Street Journal* published three articles about the investigation. One published on April 30, 2015, carries the headline, "FBI Probes Suspected Bribery in Russian Uranium Sales to U.S."[5] The article states:

> *The FBI began investigating Mr. Mikerin in 2007 as part of a classified intelligence investigation of Russian officials, according to court testimony by a special agent of the Energy Department*, as well as other people familiar with the matter. In 2009, a lobbyist and government informant alleged to the FBI that Mr. Mikerin, who had hired him to work on uranium trade policy, and a senior Russian official had pressured him to pay kickbacks to them and other Russian officials for getting the job. The informant continued to help the FBI monitor Mr. Mikerin for years as part of an investigation into officials in Russia's nuclear industry that continues to broaden, according to court records and people familiar with the matter.
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> Last year, after initially considering arresting Mr. Mikerin, authorities in Maryland decided to confront him with evidence of the alleged kickback scheme and pressure him into "undercover cooperation" against unspecified "high ranking government officials" in Russia, according to a court motion....
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> Mr. Mikerin persisted in his refusal to cooperate, according to court records, and so was arrested and charged.[6]

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[1] justice.gov/criminal-fraud/fcpa/cases/vadim-mikerin.
[2] justice.gov/usao-md/pr?keys=mikerin&items_per_page=25.
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[4] energy.gov/sites/prod/files/2015/12/f27/FOR%20IMMEDIATE%20RELEASE-121715-1.pdf.
[5] wsj.com/articles/fbi-probes-suspected-bribery-in-russian-uranium-sales-to-u-s-1430427559.
[6] *Id.* (emphasis added). *See also, e.g.*, "Russia's Corruption in Nuclear Industry a U.S. Concern and 'Threat' to National Security; FBI Still Investigates," *Int'l Bus. Times* (May 2, 2015), *available at* ibtimes.com.au/russias-corruption-nuclear-industry-us-concern-threat-national-security-fbi-still-investigates; "Russian Nuclear-Energy Official Receives 4 Year Prison Sentence in U.S.; Vadim Mikerin also ordered to pay $2.1 million in uranium sales bribery case," *Wall St. J.* (Dec. 15, 2015), *available at* wsj.com/articles/russian-nuclear-energy-official-receives-4-year-prison-sentence-in-u-s-1450215607; "U.S. sentences Russian nuclear official to four years for bribe scheme," Reuters News Service (Dec. 15, 2015), *available at* reuters.com/article/us-usa-crime-russia/u-s-sentences-russian-nuclear-official-to-four-years-for-bribe-scheme-idUSKBN0TY2V420151215; "Russian Nuclear Energy Exec Gets 4 Years for Bribery." *Law360* (Dec. 15, 2015), available at law360.com/articles/738175/russian-nuclear-energy-exec-gets-4-years-for-bribery.
See also numerous Internet postings about this case between 2014 and 2016, including smithpachter.com/files/FCPA_ComplianceAndEnforcement4_2016.pdf ("While not the first of its kind, *this case is notable because the DOJ charged not only the individuals involved in a bribery scheme, but also the foreign official who received the payments, which has occurred on very few occasions.* To do so, the DOJ utilized U.S. anti-money laundering laws. In this case, *the official was the Russian director and president of a nuclear service provider owned by the government-owned nuclear energy corporation of Russia*, Vadim Mikerin. Under the FCPA, such charges are not possible because the FCPA does not address the issue of bribe-taking, but U.S. anti-money laundering laws can provide a vehicle for the DOJ to charge foreign officials. For those in the corporate community who face corruption risk when doing business in many parts of the world, enforcement efforts against the corrupt

I also note that this case was the first issue raised in "questions for the record" submitted by a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee following my confirmation hearing.[7]

Please let me know if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Rod J. Rosenstein
Deputy Attorney General

cc: The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary

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officials who solicit such payments can only be welcome, as those officials and the governments of which they are a part are, to state the obvious, the ultimate source of the problem.") (emphasis added); buckleysandler.com/fcpa-scorecard/?field_blog_tags_tid[]=437; gibsondunn.com/publications/Documents/Warin-Chesley-Connor-Six-Trends-in-2015-FCPA-Enforcement-Wall-Street-Lawyer-Feb.-2016.pdf; fcpablog.com/blog/2015/12/15/ex-russia-nuke-official-jailed-four-years-for-laundering-bri.html; shearman.com/~/media/Files/NewsInsights/Publications/2016/01/FCPA-Digest.pdf; bakerlaw.com/webfiles/Litigation/2016/Alerts/FCPA-Prison-Sentence-Alert-Whitepaper.pdf; millerchevalier.com/publication/fcpa-autumn-review-2015; www.facorp.us/forensic-news-december-2015 jonesday.com/files/Publication/9a38cc48-0c4b-404d-8e0f-891f0a93d321/Presentation/PublicationAttachment/43ffd904-bef5-41ef-ab88- a6c26ed86da2/FCPA_2015_Year_in_Review.pdf; debevoise.com/~/media/files/insights/publications/2016/01/fcpa_update_january_2016.pdf; apks.com/~/media/files/perspectives/publications/2016/01/global-anticorruption-insights-2015-yearend-review.pdf; smithpachter.com/files/FCPA_ComplianceAndEnforcement4_2016.pdf; sidley.com/~/media/update-pdfs/2016/02/anticorruption-quarterly--4q-2015.pdf; jdsupra.com/legalnews/corporate-investigations-white-collar-10845/ ; www.akingump.com/images/content/3/8/v2/38208/Red-Notice-September-2015.pdf; wilmerhale.com/uploadedFiles/Shared_Content/Editorial/Publications/WH_Publications/Client_Alert_PDfs/2016-02-02-FCPA-Year-in-Review.pdf

[7] judiciary.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/Rosenstein%20Responses%20to%20Leahy%20QFRs.pdf

Singman, Brooke

From:	Singman, Brooke
Sent:	Monday, November 13, 2017 10:46 AM
To:	Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Cc:	Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject:	RE: Fox News request - House Judiciary

Perfect! Looking forward to chatting. Thank you! ☺

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Monday, November 13, 2017 10:20 AM
To: Singman, Brooke <brooke.singman@FOXNEWS.COM>
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: Fox News request - House Judiciary

Oh certainly. Will be within the hour.

On Nov 13, 2017, at 7:04 AM, Singman, Brooke <brooke.singman@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Hi Sarah and Ian,

Hope you had a great weekend.

Was hoping to get a comment on the following:

- The House Judiciary Committee sent a letter to the Justice Department on July 27 calling for the Attorney General to appoint a second special counsel to investigate matters connected to 2016, specifically Clinton, Uranium One, James Comey, and former AG Loretta Lynch.
    - Members of that committee say they received no response. Is that accurate? And why did the Justice Department not respond?

- I'm told a few members of that same committee came to the Justice Department in late September for a meeting with Attorney General Sessions and Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein. Can you confirm this?

- I'm also told that Attorney General Sessions told those members that he recused himself from any investigation involving the Clinton Foundation. Is that true? And why?

- Finally – who at Justice Department has the authority to appoint a second special counsel –if Sessions has recused himself, Rosenstein would have to recuse himself due to his involvement in the Uranium One/ Russian 'bribery' agreement? Who is next in line in the decision tree and would they have the authority to appoint this type of independent prosecutor?

I know Attorney General Sessions is testifying before House Judiciary tomorrow, but hoping to get confirmation and answers to a few of those questions.

My deadline will be 10:30 a.m. EST.

Thank you so much,

Brooke Singman
Politics Reporter, Fox News Channel
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Singman, Brooke

From: Singman, Brooke
Sent: Monday, November 13, 2017 10:44 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: RE: Fox News request - House Judiciary

Just tried you from an unknown – call whenever.
(b)(6) [redacted]

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Monday, November 13, 2017 10:42 AM
To: Singman, Brooke <brooke.singman@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: Re: Fox News request - House Judiciary

(b)(6) [redacted]

On Nov 13, 2017, at 10:19 AM, Singman, Brooke <brooke.singman@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

> I can be a little flexible – 12p would be firm.. I think. Does that work on your end?
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> ---
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> **From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
> **Sent:** Monday, November 13, 2017 10:17 AM
> **To:** Singman, Brooke <brooke.singman@FOXNEWS.COM>
> **Cc:** Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>
> **Subject:** Re: Fox News request - House Judiciary
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> About to give you a call. Is 1030 firm deadline?
>
> On Nov 13, 2017, at 7:04 AM, Singman, Brooke <brooke.singman@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Duplicative Material

Singman, Brooke

From:	Singman, Brooke
Sent:	Monday, November 13, 2017 10:33 AM
To:	Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Cc:	Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject:	RE: Fox News request - House Judiciary

Which number will you be calling?

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Monday, November 13, 2017 10:17 AM
To: Singman, Brooke <brooke.singman@FOXNEWS.COM>
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: Fox News request - House Judiciary

Duplicative Material

Murray, Andrew

From:	Murray, Andrew
Sent:	Monday, November 13, 2017 9:40 AM
To:	Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Cc:	Pettit, Mark T. (OPA)
Subject:	RE: ICYMI: NBC News - Trump's Victory — One Year Later: Sessions Remakes Justice Department

Thanks for the great articles, please let us know if Attorney General Sessions is available to appear on "Fox & Friends" about this topic. We can set up an interview tomorrow or later this week.

Best wishes,

Andrew Murray
Producer, Politics
"Fox & Friends"
Fox News Channel
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New York, NY 10036
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Cell # 2 (b)(6) [redacted]
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From: Pettit, Mark T. (OPA) [mailto:Mark.T.Pettit@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Monday, November 13, 2017 9:26 AM
To: Pettit, Mark T. (OPA) <Mark.T.Pettit@usdoj.gov>
Subject: ICYMI: NBC News - Trump's Victory — One Year Later: Sessions Remakes Justice Department

ICYMI…

Trump's Victory — One Year Later: Sessions Remakes Justice Department
NBC News
By: Pete Williams
November 12th, 2017
1:45 p.m. ET
https://www.nbcnews.com/storyline/trumps-victory-1-year-later/trump-s-victory-one-year-later-sessions-remakes-justice-department-n817551

President Donald Trump's legislative agenda faces tough going in Congress, but that hasn't stopped his administration from changing the way the federal government does business.

Few agencies have changed as much, one year since Trump's victory at the polls on November 8, 2016, as the Justice Department.

The effect of the Trump election is readily apparent at America's southern border. Illegal border crossings are down about 40 percent from a year ago, the result of stepped up enforcement and tougher rhetoric.

And no one has pushed harder for stricter controls on immigration than Attorney General Jeff Sessions.

He has cracked down on sanctuary cities, communities that fail to give the federal government 48 hours' notice before illegal immigrants are released once they've served their jail sentences, so they can be deported.

"Those people should be removed from these communities," Sessions said in an interview with NBC News. "It will make them safer. I don't think you have any objection overall from the immigrant community to remove dangerous criminals from America."

Sessions has also ordered federal prosecutors to pursue felony charges against immigrants who repeatedly try to enter the U.S. illegally. And in July, the Justice Department urged speedier action from the nation's immigration judges, who decide cases brought by people accused of entering the country illegally and who face deportation orders.

A Justice Department memo said the judges "must ensure that lower productivity and adjudicatory inefficiency do not further exacerbate" the rapidly rising caseload in immigration courts.

Under Sessions, the government also has energetically defended Trump's orders restricting travel from mostly Muslim countries. Though pared back by the courts in response to vigorous opposition, they nonetheless reduced travel by immigrants and refugees.

Reversing an Obama administration policy, Sessions has directed prosecutors to seek the most serious possible charges in drug cases, even involving low-level offenders.

"This change in charging and sentencing is especially needed to address some of the factors driving the increase in violent crimes, including the epidemic of opioid and heroin abuse in our country," Sessions said.

But Eric Holder, who was Barack Obama's attorney general, called that a mistake.

"I think we run the risk of igniting another drug war that will fill our jails but not necessarily make our streets safer," Holder said.

In another change, Sessions restored a government program that makes surplus military equipment available to local police. It was cut back under Obama after the Justice Department concluded two years ago that military-style equipment contributed to the unrest in Ferguson, Missouri, after police shot an unarmed black man.

On civil rights, Sessions withdrew an Obama declaration that said federal law barred the nation's schools from refusing to allow students to use bathrooms matching their gender identity.

The Justice Department also stepped back from aggressively fighting strict laws requiring photo ID's at the polls. And he signaled that the government would be less active in launching investigations of local police departments accused of racially discriminatory practices, arguing that the inquiries complicate the local crime-fighting mission.

Though Trump has publicly criticized Sessions for taking himself out of the Russia investigation, no Cabinet

Though Trump has publicly criticized Sessions for taking himself out of the Russia investigation, no Cabinet member has been more loyal to the president — or more determined to carry out the Trump agenda.

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Conti, Andrew

From: Conti, Andrew
Sent: Sunday, November 12, 2017 3:42 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Deputy ag tomorrow with Laura Ingraham?

Hello. Any updates on tomorrow?
Thanks

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From:	siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov
Sent:	Thursday, November 9, 2017 6:35 PM
To:	Fenton, Amy
Cc:	Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject:	Re: Dana Perino Request for Attorney General

I wonder if you'd consider having Rachel Brand our associate AG on to talk 702. She's truly an expert and very good on tv too.

On Nov 9, 2017, at 4:06 PM, Fenton, Amy <Amy.Fenton@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

> Hi Sarah,
>
> Happy almost Friday! Jake Gibson passed along your contact to me. I hope you enjoy working with him as much as I do. I just moved over to Dana Perino's show which air at 2pmET from NY. She is interested in having the Attorney General on soon – maybe next week or the week after-- to talk new of day and the soon-to-be-intense debate over renewing Section 702 surveillance. I heard what happened in the last interview, and I would never let that happen. If there are any major shifts in topic request, I would keep you posted. Let me know if you have any questions.
>
> *Amy Fenton*
> *The Daily Briefing w/ Dana Perino*
> (b)(6) [redacted]
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Spinato, Eric

From: Spinato, Eric
Sent: Thursday, November 9, 2017 2:41 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: RE: Hello, Sarah

Thank you

-----Original Message-----
From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Thursday, November 09, 2017 2:03 PM
To: Spinato, Eric <eric.spinato@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: RE: Hello, Sarah

Will let you know

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Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs
(b)(6) [redacted]

-----Original Message-----
From: Spinato, Eric [mailto:eric.spinato@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Thursday, November 9, 2017 1:30 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Recall: Hello, Sarah

Spinato, Eric would like to recall the message, "Hello, Sarah".

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Spinato, Eric

From:	Spinato, Eric
Sent:	Thursday, November 9, 2017 1:31 PM
To:	Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Cc:	Spinato, Eric
Subject:	Hello, Sarah

Can the AG join Maria this Sunday live, 10am hr... If not, on Wednesday after his Tuesday hearing Between 7a-9a.

Thank you,
Eric

Eric Spinato
Senior Story Editor, Fox Business Network
W (b)(6)
C (b)(6)

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Spinato, Eric

From: Spinato, Eric
Sent: Thursday, November 9, 2017 1:29 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Hello, Sarah

Can the AG join Maria this Sunday live? If not, on Wednesday, after his Tuesday hearing

Thank you,
Eric

Eric Spinato
Senior Story Editor, Fox Business Network
W (b)(6) [redacted]
C (b)(6) [redacted]

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Laco, Kelly (OPA)

From: Laco, Kelly (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, November 9, 2017 10:17 AM
To: Gibson, Jake
Subject: RE: Rsvp

Thanks!

Kelly Laco
Office of Public Affairs
Department of Justice
Office: 202-353-0173
Cell: (b)(6) [redacted]

-----Original Message-----
From: Gibson, Jake [mailto:Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Thursday, November 9, 2017 10:14 AM
To: Laco, Kelly (OPA) <klaco@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Rsvp

I'd like to attend AG Sessions speech in Alexandria today.

Thanks,

Jake Gibson
(b)(6) [redacted]

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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, November 9, 2017 9:10 AM
To: Rosen, James
Subject: Re: (b)(6) [redacted]

(b)(6) [redacted]

On Nov 9, 2017, at 8:57 AM, Rosen, James <James.Rosen@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

James Rosen
Chief Washington Correspondent
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(b)(6) [redacted] (mobile)
james.rosen@foxnews.com
Editor, *A Torch Kept Lit: Great Lives of the Twentieth Century*
(by William F. Buckley, Jr.; Oct. 2016)
www.atorchkeptlit.com

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Laco, Kelly (OPA)

From: Laco, Kelly (OPA)
Sent: Wednesday, November 8, 2017 6:52 PM
To: McDonough, Constance
Subject: Re: ATTORNEY GENERAL SESSIONS TO DELIVER REMARKS AT THE NATIONAL FUSION CENTER ASSOCIATION ANNUAL TRAINING EVENT

Great, thanks!

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 8, 2017, at 6:49 PM, McDonough, Constance <Constance.mcdonough@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Hi Kelly!
Yes I am pool chair until December 29th. The event did not go pool but I know networks are aware.

From: Laco, Kelly (OPA) <Kelly.Laco@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, November 8, 2017 5:29:47 PM
To: McDonough, Constance
Subject: FW: ATTORNEY GENERAL SESSIONS TO DELIVER REMARKS AT THE NATIONAL FUSION CENTER ASSOCIATION ANNUAL TRAINING EVENT

Hi Connie,

I am not sure who is pool chair this month, but since you were in Oct, I thought I'd pass the below advisory your way ICYMI.

The last event we had in VA went to a pool, so not sure if folks were planning on doing that again for tomorrow's speech.

Let me know and also if you could forward on the pool chair info for Nov, that would be great!

Thanks!

Kelly

Kelly Laco
Office of Public Affairs
Department of Justice
Office: 202-353-0173
Cell: (b)(6) [redacted]

From: USDOJ-Office of Public Affairs [mailto:USDOJ-OfficeofPublicAffairs@public.govdelivery.com]
Sent: Wednesday, November 8, 2017 3:23 PM
To: Laco, Kelly (OPA) <klaco@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: ATTORNEY GENERAL SESSIONS TO DELIVER REMARKS AT THE NATIONAL FUSION CENTER ASSOCIATION ANNUAL TRAINING EVENT

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2017

ATTORNEY GENERAL SESSIONS TO DELIVER REMARKS AT THE NATIONAL FUSION CENTER ASSOCIATION ANNUAL TRAINING EVENT

****** **MEDIA ADVISORY** ******

WASHINGTON – Attorney General Jeff Sessions will deliver remarks to the National Fusion Center Association Annual Training Event on **Thursday, November 9, 2017**.

WHO
Attorney General Jeff Sessions

WHAT
Attorney General Jeff Sessions will deliver remarks to the National Fusion Center Association Annual Training Event.

WHEN
1:00 p.m. EDT
Hilton Alexandria Mark Center
Plaza Ballroom
5000 Seminary Rd
Alexandria, VA 22311
OPEN PRESS
(Camera Preset by for K9 Sweep: 11:00 a.m. EDT // Press may begin to arrive at 10:30 a.m. EDT // Final access for print media: 12:45 p.m. EDT)

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Prior, Ian (OPA)

From:	Prior, Ian (OPA)
Sent:	Tuesday, November 7, 2017 9:20 AM
To:	Donovan.Grannum@FOXNEWS.COM
Subject:	FW: DENATURALIZATION SOUGHT AGAINST FOUR SOMALIA-BORN INDIVIDUALS WHO FALSELY CLAIMED TO BE A FAMILY AND WERE ADMITTED TO THE UNITED STATES ON DIVERSITY IMMIGRANT VISAS

Hey Don, just want to make sure you saw this

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

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

From: Ehrsam, Lauren (OPA)
Sent: Monday, November 6, 2017 4:42 PM
To: Ehrsam, Lauren (OPA) <lehrsam@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: FW: DENATURALIZATION SOUGHT AGAINST FOUR SOMALIA-BORN INDIVIDUALS WHO FALSELY CLAIMED TO BE A FAMILY AND WERE ADMITTED TO THE UNITED STATES ON DIVERSITY IMMIGRANT VISAS

Good afternoon! Wanted to make sure that you saw that DOJ is seeking to denaturalize four Somalia-born individuals after one obtained a Diversity Immigration Visa, and proceed to alien smuggle three others in a chain migration scheme.

Here's Attorney General Sessions comment:

"For decades, the American people have begged and pleaded with their government for a lawful system of immigration that serves the national interest—a system that has as its foremost priorities their safety, their jobs, and their well-being," Attorney General Jeff Sessions said. "The current immigration system is easily abused by fraudsters and nefarious actors, and that's certainly true of the Diversity Immigrant Visa Program. If the fraud is not detected and swift enforcement actions are not taken, chain migration only multiplies the consequences of this abuse. Unfortunately, there are many instances of fraud across our immigration system. The American people deserve a better system that works for them, and the Department of Justice will continue its efforts to deliver one to them."

As always, please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,
Lauren

From: USDOJ-Office of Public Affairs [mailto:USDOJ-OfficeofPublicAffairs@public.govdelivery.com]

Sent: Monday, November 6, 2017 3:18 PM
To: Ehrsam, Lauren (OPA) <lehrsam@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: DENATURALIZATION SOUGHT AGAINST FOUR SOMALIA-BORN INDIVIDUALS WHO FALSELY CLAIMED TO BE A FAMILY AND WERE ADMITTED TO THE UNITED STATES ON DIVERSITY IMMIGRANT VISAS

The United States Department of Justice

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2017

DENATURALIZATION SOUGHT AGAINST FOUR SOMALIA-BORN INDIVIDUALS WHO FALSELY CLAIMED TO BE A FAMILY AND WERE ADMITTED TO THE UNITED STATES ON DIVERSITY IMMIGRANT VISAS

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Department of Justice, the U.S. Department of State, and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security announced today that the United States filed civil complaints in the District of Minnesota against four individuals who allegedly fraudulently obtained their naturalized U.S. citizenship. The complaints allege that the individuals—a purported husband, wife, and two sons—unlawfully, knowingly, and fraudulently represented to immigration officials that they were a family to gain admission to the United States through the Diversity Immigrant Visa Program. Each individual, the complaints allege, ultimately naturalized due to his or her fraudulent representations.

"For decades, the American people have begged and pleaded with their government for a lawful system of immigration that serves the national interest—a system that has as its foremost priorities their safety, their jobs, and their well-being," Attorney General Jeff Sessions said. "The current immigration system is easily abused by fraudsters and nefarious actors, and that's certainly true of the Diversity Immigrant Visa Program. If the fraud is not detected and swift enforcement actions are not taken, chain migration only multiplies the consequences of this abuse. Unfortunately, there are many instances of fraud across our immigration system. The American people deserve a better system that works for them, and the Department of Justice will continue its efforts to deliver one to them."

The four cases, *United States v. Fosia Abdi Adan*; *United States v. Ahmed Mohamed Warsame*; *United States v. Mustaf Abdi Adan*; and *United States v. Faysal Jama Mire* were referred to the Department of Justice by the U.S. Department of State's Diplomatic Security Service (DSS) and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), with investigative support from ICE's Homeland Security Investigations and U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services' (USCIS) Fraud Detection and National Security Directorate.

"I previously taught civics classes, and saw firsthand how hard people work to come to the United States legally and honestly," Acting Secretary Elaine Duke said. "They were so proud of their accomplishments. It is out of respect for those people that we cannot tolerate fraud, deception, and abuse of our legal immigration system. Fraudulently obtained citizenship is an affront to our American values, the rule of law, and all those who honestly attained their

immigration status."

"We are pleased at the outcome of the Justice Department's investigation," Assistant Secretary of State for Consular Affairs Carl Risch said. "The Department of State values the partnership with the Justice Department in our efforts to vigorously prevent and jointly combat U.S. passport and visa fraud. Deterring, detecting, and investigating U.S. passport and U.S. visa fraud are essential to protecting the integrity of consular processes and safeguarding our national security."

A description of each of the four cases and the allegations of the United States are as follows:

Fosia Abdi Adan

Fosia Abdi Adan, 51, a native of Somalia, applied for and received a diversity visa from the U.S. Embassy in Sanaa, Yemen, under the Diversity Visa (DV) Program on Jan. 10, 2001, and used her visa to unlawfully obtain beneficiary visas for the below individuals who were ineligible to be beneficiaries. Adan arrived and was admitted to the United States on Jan. 29, 2001, on her diversity immigrant visa as a permanent resident. Throughout the diversity visa application process, Adan fraudulently claimed that she was married to Jama Solob Kayre, the fictitious identity used by Ahmed Mohamed Warsame, and that she and Kayre had three children together. Such children included Mohamed Jama Solob, the fictitious identity used by Mustaf Abdi Adan, and Mobarak Jama Solob, the fictitious identity used by Faysal Jama Mire. Adan and Warsame, who used the fictitious identity of Jama Solob Kayre, obtained a divorce in Minnesota for their fictitious marriage after Adan was admitted as a permanent resident. Adan continued to fraudulently represent her previous fictitious marriage and fraudulently represent her fictitious parentage of Mohamed Jama Solob and Mobarak Jama Solob, throughout the naturalization process. Adan naturalized on Aug.16, 2006. Adan has been residing in Eden Prairie, Minnesota. Among other counts contained in the complaint filed against Adan, the United States alleges that she was not lawfully admitted for permanent residence because she engaged in alien smuggling as defined by the Immigration and Nationality Act, and thus was never eligible to naturalize.

Ahmed Mohamed Warsame

Ahmed Mohamed Warsame aka Jama Solob Kayre, 54, a native of Somalia, using the fictitious identity of Jama Solob Kayre, applied for and received a beneficiary diversity visa as the fictitious spouse of Fosia Abdi Adan, the principal diversity visa immigrant of the fictitious family. Warsame unlawfully obtained his visa as the spouse of a diversity visa immigrant from the U.S. Embassy in Sanaa, Yemen, under the DV Program on Jan. 10, 2001. Warsame arrived and was admitted to the United States on May 30, 2001, on his diversity immigrant visa as a permanent resident. Throughout the diversity visa application process, Warsame fraudulently claimed that he was married to Adan and that he and Adan had three children together. Such children included Mohamed Jama Solob, the fictitious identity used by Mustaf Abdi Adan, and Mobarak Jama Solob, the fictitious identity used by Faysal Jama Mire. Adan and Warsame, who used the fictitious identity of Jama Solob Kayre, obtained a divorce in Minnesota for their fictitious marriage after Warsame was admitted as a permanent resident. Warsame continued to fraudulently represent his previous fictitious marriage and fraudulently represent his fictitious parentage of Mohamed Jama Solob and Mobarak Jama Solob, throughout the naturalization process. Warsame, using the fictitious name of Jama Solob Kayre, naturalized on Sept. 13, 2006. During his naturalization, he changed his name to Ahmed Mohamed Warsame. Warsame has been residing in St. Cloud, Minnesota.

Mustaf Abdi Adan

Mustaf Abdi Adan aka Mohamed Jama Solob, 33, a native of Somalia, using the fictitious identity of Mohamed Jama Solob, applied for and received a beneficiary diversity visa as the

fictitious child of Fosia Abdi Adan, the primary diversity visa immigrant of the fictitious family. Adan unlawfully obtained his visa as the child of a diversity visa immigrant from the U.S. Embassy in Sanaa, Yemen, under the DV Program on Sept. 30, 2001. He arrived and was admitted to the United States on Dec. 9, 2001, on his beneficiary diversity immigrant visa as a permanent resident. Throughout the diversity visa application process, he fraudulently claimed that Fosia Abdi Adan was his mother and that Warsame, under the identity of Jama Solob Kayre, was his father. Mustaf Abdi Adan, using the fictitious name of Mohamed Jama Solob, naturalized on July 24, 2013, and at that time changed his name to Mustaf Abdi Adan. He has been residing in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Faysal Jama Mire

Faysal Jama Mire aka Mobarak Jama Solob, 31, a native of Somalia, using the fictitious identity of Mobarak Jama Solob, applied for a beneficiary diversity visa as the fictitious child of Fosia Abdi Adan, the primary diversity visa immigrant. Mire unlawfully obtained his beneficiary visa as the child of a diversity visa immigrant from the U.S. Embassy in Sanaa, Yemen, under the DV Program on Sept. 30, 2001. He arrived and was admitted to the United States on Dec. 9, 2001, on his beneficiary diversity immigrant visa as a permanent resident. Throughout the diversity visa application process, he fraudulently claimed that Fosia Abdi Adan was his mother and that Warsame, under the identity of Jama Solob Kayre, was his father. Faysal Jama Mire, using the fictitious name of Mobarak Jama Solob, naturalized on April 14, 2010, and at that time changed his name to Faysal Jama Mire. He has been residing in Hennepin County, Minnesota.

Under the Immigration and Nationality Act, the citizenship of a naturalized U.S. citizen may be revoked, and his or her certificate of naturalization canceled, if such naturalization was illegally procured or procured by concealment of a material fact or by willful misrepresentation.

These cases were investigated by DSS, ICE, USCIS, and the Civil Division's Office of Immigration Litigation, District Court Section (OIL-DCS). These cases are being prosecuted by Trial Attorney Anthony D. Bianco of OIL-DCS's National Security and Affirmative Litigation Unit (NS/A Unit) and Trial Attorney Kathryne Gray of OIL-DCS, with support from Senior Attorney Lucia A. Fiorentino of ICE's Office of the Principal Legal Advisor.

The claims made in the complaints are allegations only, and there has been no determination of liability.

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Subject: FW: DENATURALIZATION SOUGHT AGAINST FOUR SOMALIA-BORN INDIVIDUALS WHO FALSELY CLAIMED TO BE A FAMILY AND WERE ADMITTED TO THE UNITED STATES ON DIVERSITY IMMIGRANT VISAS

Just want to make sure you saw this

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Hi Taylor – hope you're well! Saw Andrew's out of office message and wanted to make sure that you saw this. Thank you!

From: Ehrsam, Lauren (OPA)
Sent: Monday, November 6, 2017 4:42 PM
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Office of the Deputy Attorney General
Washington, D.C. 20530

October 25, 2017

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510-1501

Dear Chairman Grassley:

You recently inquired about a criminal case prosecuted during my tenure as United States Attorney for Maryland, and the ability of a confidential informant ("CI") to speak with members of the Committee. The FBI has identified a nondisclosure agreement signed by the CI on January 23, 2008. We have authorized the CI to disclose to you and the Ranking Member—as well as to the Chairmen and Ranking Members of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform and the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence—any information or documents he has concerning alleged corruption or bribery involving uranium.

By way of background, in November 2013, the Maryland U.S. Attorney's Office received a request from FBI and Department of Energy agents to open a criminal investigation into allegations that Americans were paying kickbacks for contracts from a Russian subsidiary to ship Russian uranium to the United States for use in American nuclear plants. The U.S. Attorney's Office played no role in the 2010 approval of the transfer of rights to mine American uranium involving a different Russian subsidiary.

The U.S. Attorney's Office issued three press releases about significant public developments in the case. The Department of Justice distributed at least two of them to national media outlets. The press releases carry the following captions:

Oct. 31, 2014	**Russian National and Three Others Charged in Kickback Scheme to Obtain Contracts to Transport Russian Nuclear Fuel to the U.S.**: *American Defendants Allegedly Paid Over $1.6 Million in Bribes to Russian National to Obtain Over $33 Million in Non-compete Contracts*
Aug. 31, 2015	**Russian Nuclear Energy Official Pleads Guilty to Money Laundering Conspiracy Involving Violations of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act**: *U.S. Conspirators Paid Over $2 Million to Influence Russian Nuclear Energy Official and to Secure Business with State-Owned Russian Nuclear Energy Company*
Dec. 15, 2015	**Former Russian Nuclear Energy Official Sentenced to 48 Months in Prison for Money Laundering Conspiracy Involving Foreign Corrupt Practices Act Violations**: *U.S. Conspirators Paid More Than $2 Million to Influence Russian Nuclear Energy Official and to Secure Business with State-Owned Russian Nuclear Energy Company*

Many of the charging documents, plea agreements, and press releases were posted on the Department's website.[1] Press releases also are available on the websites of the U.S. Attorney's Office,[2] the FBI,[3] and the Department of Energy.[4]

Major media publications have published numerous articles on this matter. For example, in 2015, the *Wall Street Journal* published three articles about the investigation. One published on April 30, 2015, carries the headline, "FBI Probes Suspected Bribery in Russian Uranium Sales to U.S."[5] The article states:

> *The FBI began investigating Mr. Mikerin in 2007 as part of a classified intelligence investigation of Russian officials, according to court testimony by a special agent of the Energy Department*, as well as other people familiar with the matter. In 2009, a lobbyist and government informant alleged to the FBI that Mr. Mikerin, who had hired him to work on uranium trade policy, and a senior Russian official had pressured him to pay kickbacks to them and other Russian officials for getting the job. The informant continued to help the FBI monitor Mr. Mikerin for years as part of an investigation into officials in Russia's nuclear industry that continues to broaden, according to court records and people familiar with the matter.
>
> Last year, after initially considering arresting Mr. Mikerin, authorities in Maryland decided to confront him with evidence of the alleged kickback scheme and pressure him into "undercover cooperation" against unspecified "high ranking government officials" in Russia, according to a court motion....
>
> Mr. Mikerin persisted in his refusal to cooperate, according to court records, and so was arrested and charged.[6]

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[1] justice.gov/criminal-fraud/fcpa/cases/vadim-mikerin.
[2] justice.gov/usao-md/pr?keys=mikerin&items_per_page=25.
[3] fbi.gov/@@search?SearchableText=mikerin&pageSize=20&page=1.
[4] energy.gov/sites/prod/files/2015/12/f27/FOR%20IMMEDIATE%20RELEASE-121715-1.pdf.
[5] wsj.com/articles/fbi-probes-suspected-bribery-in-russian-uranium-sales-to-u-s-1430427559.
[6] *Id.* (emphasis added). *See also, e.g.*, "Russia's Corruption in Nuclear Industry a U.S. Concern and 'Threat' to National Security; FBI Still Investigates," *Int'l Bus. Times* (May 2, 2015), *available at* ibtimes.com.au/russias-corruption-nuclear-industry-us-concern-threat-national-security-fbi-still-investigates; "Russian Nuclear-Energy Official Receives 4 Year Prison Sentence in U.S.; Vadim Mikerin also ordered to pay $2.1 million in uranium sales bribery case," *Wall St. J.* (Dec. 15, 2015), *available at* wsj.com/articles/russian-nuclear-energy-official-receives-4-year-prison-sentence-in-u-s-1450215607; "U.S. sentences Russian nuclear official to four years for bribe scheme," Reuters News Service (Dec. 15, 2015), *available at* reuters.com/article/us-usa-crime-russia/u-s-sentences-russian-nuclear-official-to-four-years-for-bribe-scheme-idUSKBN0TY2V420151215; "Russian Nuclear Energy Exec Gets 4 Years for Bribery." *Law360* (Dec. 15, 2015), available at law360.com/articles/738175/russian-nuclear-energy-exec-gets-4-years-for-bribery.
See also numerous Internet postings about this case between 2014 and 2016, including smithpachter.com/files/FCPA_ComplianceAndEnforcement4_2016.pdf ("While not the first of its kind, *this case is notable because the DOJ charged not only the individuals involved in a bribery scheme, but also the foreign official who received the payments, which has occurred on very few occasions.* To do so, the DOJ utilized U.S. anti-money laundering laws. In this case, *the official was the Russian director and president of a nuclear service provider owned by the government-owned nuclear energy corporation of Russia*, Vadim Mikerin. Under the FCPA, such charges are not possible because the FCPA does not address the issue of bribe-taking, but U.S. anti-money laundering laws can provide a vehicle for the DOJ to charge foreign officials. For those in the corporate community who face corruption risk when doing business in many parts of the world, enforcement efforts against the corrupt

I also note that this case was the first issue raised in "questions for the record" submitted by a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee following my confirmation hearing.[7]

Please let me know if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Rod J. Rosenstein
Deputy Attorney General

cc: The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary

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officials who solicit such payments can only be welcome, as those officials and the governments of which they are a part are, to state the obvious, the ultimate source of the problem.") (emphasis added); buckleysandler.com/fcpa-scorecard/?field_blog_tags_tid[]=437; gibsondunn.com/publications/Documents/Warin-Chesley-Connor-Six-Trends-in-2015-FCPA-Enforcement-Wall-Street-Lawyer-Feb.-2016.pdf; fcpablog.com/blog/2015/12/15/ex-russia-nuke-official-jailed-four-years-for-laundering-bri.html; shearman.com/~/media/Files/NewsInsights/Publications/2016/01/FCPA-Digest.pdf; bakerlaw.com/webfiles/Litigation/2016/Alerts/FCPA-Prison-Sentence-Alert-Whitepaper.pdf; millerchevalier.com/publication/fcpa-autumn-review-2015; www.facorp.us/forensic-news-december-2015 jonesday.com/files/Publication/9a38cc48-0c4b-404d-8e0f-891f0a93d321/Presentation/PublicationAttachment/43ffd904-bef5-41ef-ab88- a6c26ed86da2/FCPA_2015_Year_in_Review.pdf; debevoise.com/~/media/files/insights/publications/2016/01/fcpa_update_january_2016.pdf; apks.com/~/media/files/perspectives/publications/2016/01/global-anticorruption-insights-2015-yearend-review.pdf; smithpachter.com/files/FCPA_ComplianceAndEnforcement4_2016.pdf; sidley.com/~/media/update-pdfs/2016/02/anticorruption-quarterly--4q-2015.pdf; jdsupra.com/legalnews/corporate-investigations-white-collar-10845/ ; www.akingump.com/images/content/3/8/v2/38208/Red-Notice-September-2015.pdf; wilmerhale.com/uploadedFiles/Shared_Content/Editorial/Publications/WH_Publications/Client_Alert_PDfs/2016-02-02-FCPA-Year-in-Review.pdf

[7] judiciary.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/Rosenstein%20Responses%20to%20Leahy%20QFRs.pdf

Grannum, Donovan

From:	Grannum, Donovan
Sent:	Monday, November 6, 2017 12:03 PM
To:	Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject:	RE: Interview request
Importance:	High

Hi Ian, thank you for getting back to me promptly. Christina and I have long worked together on Happening Now but sadly she has moved on to the 1pm hour. Please feel free to reach out to me and I will most definitely continue to reach out to you. Again thank you so much for getting back to me and its a pleasure making your acquaintance.

Best,
Don Grannum
Producer, Happening Now
Fox News
(b)(6) [redacted] - OFFICE
(b)(6) [redacted] -- CELL

From: Prior, Ian (OPA) [mailto:Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Monday, November 06, 2017 11:50 AM
To: Grannum, Donovan
Subject: FW: Interview request

Hey Don, we'll pass this time but just wanted to say hi. Are you taking over for Christina?

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

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From: Grannum, Donovan [mailto:Donovan.Grannum@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Monday, November 6, 2017 10:03 AM
To: Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Interview request
Importance: High

Good morning, Fox News Channel's Happening Now is requesting a live interview with Attorney General Jeff Sessions tomorrow sometime during the 11am hour for 4-5 minutes. We would like to speak with AG Sessions about the horrific church shooting that topic in Sutherland, TX as well the news of the day. Please call me at (b)(6) [redacted] if you have any questions. I look forward to speaking with you soon.

Best,

Don Grannum
Fox News
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Conti, Andrew

From: Conti, Andrew
Sent: Saturday, November 4, 2017 12:40 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Re: Ingraham Angle: Deputy AG Rod Rosenstein interview

Will do. Thanks

On Nov 4, 2017, at 12:25 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

You bet—thanks. Let me know when you have a hit time.

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Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs
(b)(6) [redacted]

From: Conti, Andrew [mailto:Andrew.conti@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Saturday, November 4, 2017 12:02 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Ingraham Angle: Deputy AG Rod Rosenstein interview

Hello Sarah,

We very much appreciate the exclusive interview with Rod Rosenstein, Deputy AG, on the Ingraham Angle. Thank you.

As mentioned, we will conduct the interview live between 10p-11p ET this Wednesday, Nov 8, in studio with Laura Ingraham. It would be helpful please if Deputy AG Rosenstein can arrive by 9:30p over at our DC bureau /400 North Capitol on the night of the interview.

I let everyone know it's ok to begin promoting the interview. Let me know if there any preinterview thoughts that the Deputy AG wants to pass along for the show. I am available if you have any questions.

Thanks again,
Andrew

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Baier, Bret

From: Baier, Bret
Sent: Friday, November 3, 2017 8:17 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Re: Another great piece-- the Jane Doe filing

Sure. We're in Asia all next week but sure.

Bret Baier
Chief Political Anchor, Fox News Channel
Executive Editor, "Special Report w/ Bret Baier"

On Nov 3, 2017, at 8:12 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

> Glad it got coverage--it's a huge story that they lied to the us government to evade SCOTUS review!
>
> Appreciate what you're doing to give coverage to these issues. Would you ever want to have Rachel Brand on to talk 702?

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Bream, Shannon

From:	Bream, Shannon
Sent:	Friday, November 3, 2017 5:58 PM
To:	O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Cc:	Gibson, Jake
Subject:	RE: DOJ Files Cert Petition in Jane Doe Abortion Case

Many thanks!

From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) [mailto:Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Friday, November 03, 2017 3:22 PM
To: Bream, Shannon <shannon.bream@FOXNEWS.COM>
Cc: Gibson, Jake <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: FW: DOJ Files Cert Petition in Jane Doe Abortion Case
Importance: High

Hi Shannon-

FYI…let me know if you need anything else from me.

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

From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Sent: Friday, November 3, 2017 9:26 AM
To: 'devin.omalley@usdoj.gov' <devin.omalley@usdoj.gov>
Subject: DOJ Files Cert Petition in Jane Doe Abortion Case
Importance: High

The following statement can be attributed to Department of Justice spokesman Devin O'Malley:

"The ACLU misled the United States as to the timing of Jane Doe's abortion. After informing Justice Department attorneys that the procedure would occur on October 26th, Jane Doe's attorneys scheduled the abortion for the early morning hours of October 25th, thereby thwarting Supreme Court review. In light of that, the Justice Department believes the judgment under review should be vacated, and discipline may be warranted against Jane Doe's attorneys."

The following portions of the brief may be of significance to you (emphasis added):

- "When Ms. Doe could not receive counseling from a physician on the evening of October 24, her representatives informed the government that her appointment would be moved to the morning of October 25, pushing the abortion procedure to October 26. **The government asked to be kept informed of the timing of Ms. Doe's abortion procedure, and one of respondent's counsel agreed to do so.**"

- "Based on those representations, the government informed this Court's Clerk's Office and respondent's counsel that it would file a stay application the following morning, October 25. At that point, by their own account, Ms. Doe's representatives did three things: they secured the services of Ms. Doe's original physician (who had provided counseling the previous week), moved her appointment from 7:30 to 4:15 a.m. on the morning of October 25, and changed the appointment from counseling to an abortion. Although Ms. Doe's representatives informed the government of the change in timing, **they did not inform the government of the other two developments—which kept the government in the dark about when Ms. Doe was scheduled to have an abortion.**"

- "…**the judgment of the court of appeals should be vacated**, and the case should be remanded to the court of appeals with instructions to remand to the district court for dismissal of all claims for prospective relief regarding pregnant unaccompanied minors."

- "The government recognizes that respondent's counsel have a duty to zealously advocate on behalf of their client, but they also have duties to this Court and to the Bar. It appears under the circumstances that **those duties may have been violated, and that disciplinary action may therefore be warranted.** At the least, this Court may wish to seek an explanation from counsel regarding this highly unusual chain of events."

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Alex Pfeiffer

From: Alex Pfeiffer
Sent: Friday, November 3, 2017 4:30 PM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Subject: Re: To update story if you want

Thanks.

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 3, 2017, at 4:23 PM, O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov> wrote:

> "Many of the policies in recent years have contributed to a three-fold increase of the immigration courts' pending caseload. This massive increase necessitated the Justice Department's 'Strategic Caseload Reduction Plan,' a series of common-sense reforms that aim to reduce the so-called 'backlog' by realigning the agency towards completing cases, increasing both productivity and capacity, and changing policies that lead to inefficiencies and waste."
>
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> Office of Public Affairs
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> Cell: (b)(6) [redacted]

Prior, Ian (OPA)

From:	Prior, Ian (OPA)
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To:	Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM
Cc:	O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Subject:	Chicago
Attachments:	2017.11.02 [116] LR 78-5 Notice Requesting Decision on Motion for Recons....pdf; ATT00001.htm

Backgrounds points:

Chicago filed a lawsuit and got a preliminary injunction on conditions in grants requiring ice access to jails and 48 hrs notice before releasing illegal aliens. The court found however that it was legal for DOJ to require compliance with 1373 as a condition of grants.

Doj appeals to 7th Circuit. Chicago effectively delays 7th Circuit from hearing appeal by filing motion for reconsideration on the 1373 piece that it lost. So now we are still stuck at district court and can't get resolution on the legality of the grant language from seventh circuit until motion for reconsideration is resolved. All of this is delaying us from being able to distribute these law enforcement grants. So in short, Emmanuel engaging in litigation tactics to stall these grants:

On the record below:

"Violent crime is on the rise in America, especially in many of our major cities. We are prepared and eager to distribute the Byrne JAG grants to the many qualifying jurisdictions. Unfortunately, as a result of a lawsuit by the City of Chicago and their extreme sanctuary policies, there have been delays in getting these funds into the hands of our cooperating state and local crime fighting partners.

"Today we have moved for the District Court to expeditiously resolve Chicago's motion for reconsideration so that the appeals court can provide resolution and we can distribute funds to cooperating jurisdictions. The Department of Justice will continue to do everything possible to prevent unnecessary litigation tactics from delaying those grants."

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION

THE CITY OF CHICAGO, ***Plaintiff*,** ***v*.** **JEFF SESSIONS, Attorney General of the United States,** ***Defendant*.**	**Civil Action No. 1:17-cv-05720** **Hon. Harry D. Leinenweber**

DEFENDANT'S LOCAL RULE 78.5 NOTICE REQUESTING DECISION ON PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR PARTIAL RECONSIDERATION

Pursuant to Local Rule 78.5, Defendant calls to the Court's attention the City of Chicago's fully-briefed and pending Motion for Partial Reconsideration (Dkt. No. 99) and respectfully seeks the Court's prompt disposition of that motion, because that motion's pendency is preventing appellate review of the Court's preliminary injunction. In support of a prompt disposition, Defendant states as follows:

1. Local Rule 78.5 provides that "[a]ny party may on notice provided for by LR 5.3 call a motion to the attention of the court for decision."

2. The City's motion seeks reconsideration of this Court's denial of a preliminary injunction as to a Byrne JAG grant condition requiring compliance with 8 U.S.C. § 1373. The City filed the motion on October 13, 2017 (*see* Dkt. No. 99) and presented it on October 17 (*see* Dkt. No. 104). Defendant's opposition was filed on October 23 (*see* Dkt. No. 110) and the City's reply was filed on October 30 (*see* Dkt. No. 114). The motion is ripe for decision.

Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From:	Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent:	Thursday, November 2, 2017 8:24 PM
To:	Murray, Andrew
Cc:	Prior, Ian (OPA); O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Subject:	RE: Interview with "Fox & Friends" Tomorrow (Friday)?

Sorry we couldn't do this. Hope Devin reached out with a good scoop though!

xxx
Sarah Isgur Flores
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From: Murray, Andrew [mailto:Andrew.Murray@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Thursday, November 2, 2017 11:15 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Interview with "Fox & Friends" Tomorrow (Friday)?

Hi Sarah,

Please let us know if we can schedule Attorney General Sessions to appear on "Fox & Friends" tomorrow (Friday) for a LIVE 5-7 minute discussion between 6am -9am ET. The topic would be his speech today in New York on keeping America safe. Tomorrow former NAVY SEAL Rob O'Neill will be our special guest host and we thought it would make a great discussion topic.

Thanks in advance,

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Kristina Wong

From: Kristina Wong
Sent: Thursday, November 2, 2017 8:09 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Re: Urgent media query -- Breitbart

Thank you Sarah!!

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Kristina Wong
Pentagon reporter, Breitbart News
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On Nov 2, 2017, at 8:07 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

> I've talked to people who were in the room and they don't remember him saying anything like this. The subject was discussed so maybe someone misconstrued what he said. I cant comment on recusal issues though because to do so would confirm or deny the existence of an investigation.
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> ***
> Sarah Isgur Flores
> Director of Public Affairs
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> **From:** kwong@breitbart.com [mailto:kwong@breitbart.com]
> **Sent:** Thursday, November 2, 2017 3:04 PM
> **To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
> **Subject:** FW: RE: Urgent media query -- Breitbart
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> Hi Sarah!
>
> Forwarding to you incase Ian is not there today for whatever reason.
>
> Kristina
>
> -----Original Message-----
> From: "kwong@breitbart.com" <kwong@breitbart.com>
> Sent: Thursday, November 2, 2017 2:11pm
> To: "Prior, Ian (OPA)" <ian.prior@usdoj.gov>
> Subject: RE: Urgent media query -- Breitbart
>
> Specifically, we were told he personally told House lawmakers that he was recused from looking into the Uranium One deal, because it relates to the 2016 election and its candidates.

Please confirm when you can.

Kristina

-----Original Message-----
From: "kwong@breitbart.com" <kwong@breitbart.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 2, 2017 2:08pm
To: "Prior, Ian (OPA)" <ian.prior@usdoj.gov>
Subject: Urgent media query -- Breitbart

Hi Ian,

Is AG Sessions is recusing himself from any Uranium One matters? We are told he told is recusing himself from appointing a special counsel or matters related to Uranium One.

Please let me know as soon as you can.

Thank you,

Kristina

Prior, Ian (OPA)

From: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, November 2, 2017 4:09 PM
To: kwong@breitbart.com
Subject: Re: Urgent media query -- Breitbart

Checking

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On Nov 2, 2017, at 2:11 PM, "kwong@breitbart.com" <kwong@breitbart.com> wrote:

Duplicative Material

Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From:	Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
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To:	imason@breitbart.com
Cc:	Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject:	franken

On both CNN and MSNBC tonight, Franken keeps saying there were 3 meetings between Kisylak and Sessions. But, of course, there was only 1 meeting (in his senate office) and then the time Kislyak came up after a JBS speech and shook his hand—as the AG has said over and over again—but Franken keeps referring to the made up meeting at the Mayflower where Franken is relying on a supposedly leaked classified intercept. And he's accusing the AG of lying? He's literally lying about very basic facts while leaning on a potentially criminally leaked intercept that has been widely discredited including by Sen Burr himself!

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

From:	Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent:	Thursday, November 2, 2017 6:48 PM
To:	Gibson, Jake
Subject:	btw

As a source familiar:

March 31 meeting:
It seems clear that the people who remember the conversation believed that Papadopoulos was proposing a prospective idea of using his "Russian contacts" to try to set up a meeting between Trump and Putin, which was immediately rejected by then-Senator Sessions. At the time, of course, Papadopoulos was some 29-year old that nobody had ever heard of and who struck people in the room as someone who didn't have a lot of credibility. As far as Sessions seemed to be concerned, when he shut down this idea of Papadopoulos engaging with Russia, that was the end of it and he moved the meeting along to other issues.

Further contact
Papadopoulos was a face around a table at that meeting and the Attorney General has no clear recollection of this person. He may have been at future Trump events that Sessions attended—including a dinner at the Capitol Hill Club with some members of the foreign policy committee over the summer--but Sessions doesn't recall any further interactions with him, including any phone calls or emails.

Testimony
The Attorney General has been entirely truthful and consistent on this matter. He had no knowledge of any conversations by anyone connected to the Trump campaign with any Russian or any foreign officials concerning any type of interference with any campaign or election in the United States. He was not aware of any continuous exchange of information during the campaign between Trump surrogates and intermediaries for Russian government as Senator Franken suggested. He never heard of anybody on the campaign collaborating with the Russians. And he was unaware of any surrogates from the campaign communicating with the Russians. Not only did he not know of any such activities, but when even the idea of such a future meeting surfaced, he personally rejected it.

The March 31 comments by this Papadopoulos person did not leave a lasting impression. The Attorney General immediately dismissed it and moved on.

xxx
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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From:	Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent:	Thursday, November 2, 2017 6:47 PM
To:	Gibson, Jake
Subject:	RE: Congress wants Sessions to clarify remarks after Papadopoulos news

Decline comment for sure☺

xxx
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Sent: Thursday, November 2, 2017 5:03 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Congress wants Sessions to clarify remarks after Papadopoulos news

And Sen Leahy just released this statement, confirming Dem members want Sessions to reappear...

Leahy: Attorney General Sessions Must Return To The Senate Judiciary Committee For Under-Oath Testimony To Address New Revelations About Trump Campaign Contacts Involving Possible Collusion With Russians

[On Monday, unsealed court records revealed that George Papadopoulos – former foreign policy advisor to the Trump campaign – pleaded guilty to lying to the FBI about interactions with Russian agents during the 2016 campaign. Court documents show that there was a March 31, 2016, "national security meeting" in Washington, D.C., involving candidate Trump and other advisors, where Papadopoulos explained that he had connections to the Russian government and he offered to "help arrange a meeting between then-candidate Trump and [Russian] President Putin." Then-Senator Sessions, serving as chairman of the campaign's national security team, also attended this meeting, sitting just a few seats away from Papadopoulos. Sessions reportedly "shut down" Papadopoulos and asserted that the topic should not be discussed again. Senator Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.), a leading member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, has confronted the Attorney General in two hearings this year about his communications with individuals with connections to the Russian government in the context of concerns that members of the Trump campaign colluded with the Kremlin in its efforts to elect Donald Trump. Leahy's statement follows:]

"Attorney General Sessions needs to come back before the Senate Judiciary

Committee. The description of the March 2016 meeting contained in unsealed court documents is impossible to reconcile with the Attorney General's appearance before the Judiciary Committee just two weeks ago. In that hearing, he again testified under oath that he was not aware of any communications between individuals affiliated with the Trump campaign and Russian officials. The Attorney General was already given an opportunity to correct his earlier misleading answers to me and Senator Franken in January through written, supplemental testimony. Yet he only continued to mislead. He now needs to come back before the Committee, in person, under oath, to explain why he cannot seem to provide truthful, complete answers to these important and relevant questions."

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Subject: RE: Reports: Congress wants Sessions to clarify remarks after Papadopoulos news

NBC leads with Sessions blocks request on Russia at Trump Hotel meeting. Fox reported late September on Special Counsel probe focus on Trump hotel, and Sessions shutting down request.

http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2017/09/29/special-counsel-investigators-start-questioning-white-house-staffers.html

Two sources close to the issue said investigators are determining who attended, what was discussed and how then-candidate Donald Trump responded to an idea -- broached at the meeting by a junior staffer -- of setting up a session with senior Russian government officials to discuss repairing the U.S.-Russia relationship.

The Washington Post first reported that the junior staffer, George Papadopoulos, had sent an email in March 2016 offering to set up the meeting. The Daily Caller first reported that Papadopoulos, an energy consultant, then broached the idea in the Old Post Office meeting.

Sources told Fox News then-senator Jeff Sessions shut down the discussion, with others following up via email that such a meeting might violate the Logan Act -- a 200-year-old statute that bars American citizens from engaging with a foreign government without authorization from the current U.S. government.

From: Fenton, Amy
Sent: Thursday, November 02, 2017 4:22 PM
To: Herridge, Catherine <Catherine.Herridge@FOXNEWS.COM>

Subject: FW: Reports: Congress wants Sessions to clarify remarks after Papadopoulos news

Sessions on June 13—TRT: 23 (19 without red)
14:56:51 Let me state this clearly, colleagues. 14:56:55 I have never met with or had any conversation with any Russians or any foreign officials concerning any type of interference with any campaign or election in the United States 14:57:07 Further, I have no knowledge of any such conversations by anyone connected to the Trump campaign 14:57:14

From: Buchholz, Jenny
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Subject: Reports: Congress wants Sessions to clarify remarks after Papadopoulos news

Flagging multiple news outlets are reporting AG Sessions is facing new scrutiny by Congress following the Papadopoulos news, based on his testimony on June 13 before the Senate Intel Cmte where he said he had no knowledge of conversations between Russians and anyone from the Trump camp "concerning any type of interference..."

Sessions on June 13--
Let me state this clearly, colleagues. I have never met with or had any conversation with any Russians or any foreign officials concerning any type of interference with any campaign or election in the United States. Further, I have no knowledge of any such conversations by anyone connected to the Trump campaign.

News Reports--
http://www.cnn.com/2017/11/02/politics/jeff-sessions-congress-russia-trump-campaign/index.html
https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/sessions-rejected-russian-proposal-campaign-adviser-source-says-n817001?cid=sm_npd_nn_tw_ma
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Congressional investigators want to question Jeff Sessions about the new disclosures, according to multiple Congressional officials

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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From:	Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent:	Thursday, November 2, 2017 6:32 PM
To:	Baier, Bret
Subject:	RE: thanks for covering 702 speech tonight!

Off the record: This Russia stuff has truly left the tracks of reality. This is all about Franken et al wanting to take down an AG that is effectively dismantling all the Holder era nonsense like 3rd party payments to their left wing pet projects.

xxx
Sarah Isgur Flores
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From: Baier, Bret [mailto:bret.baier@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Thursday, November 2, 2017 6:17 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: thanks for covering 702 speech tonight!

Happy to .. it was a good speech – I wish we could have taken more of it.

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Thursday, November 02, 2017 6:13 PM
To: Baier, Bret
Subject: thanks for covering 702 speech tonight!

xxx
Sarah Isgur Flores
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Pettit, Mark T. (OPA)

From:	Pettit, Mark T. (OPA)
Sent:	Thursday, November 2, 2017 9:07 AM
To:	LeCroy, Lillian; Cameron, Christina
Subject:	RE: Good morning. Question about the Veterans Appreciation Day Ceremony

Lillian,

The event will be livestreamed here:

https://www.justice.gov/live

I have been told that the page will become more active when we get closer to the event. If you have anymore questions please let me know!

Best,
Mark Pettit

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Subject: Re: Good morning. Question about the Veterans Appreciation Day Ceremony

Thank you very much.

Lillian

From: Pettit, Mark T. (OPA) <Mark.T.Pettit@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Thursday, November 2, 2017 8:57:17 AM
To: LeCroy, Lillian; Cameron, Christina
Subject: RE: Good morning. Question about the Veterans Appreciation Day Ceremony

Hey Lilian,
We will be livestreaming it, I will send you the link shortly.
-Mark

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Subject: Good morning. Question about the Veterans Appreciation Day Ceremony

Good morning,

This is Lillian LeCroy from Fox News Channel. Can you tell us if you will have a livestream or webcast of the Veterans Appreciation Day Ceremony today at 1pm.
Fox News would like to roll on it. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,
Lillian
(b)(6) [redacted]

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE RECOGNIZES VETERANS DAY WITH APPRECIATION CEREMONY
****** MEDIA ADVISORY ******
WASHINGTON - All U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) employees are invited to attend a ceremony to recognize and thank our DOJ veterans at the Department's annual Veterans Appreciation Day Ceremony from 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m., Thursday, November 2, 2017, in The Great Hall of the RFK Main Justice Building.

WHO
Attorney General Jeff Sessions;
Director of National Intelligence Daniel R. Coats.

WHAT
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WHEN
1:00 p.m. EDT
The Great Hall
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20530
OPEN PRESS

NOTE: This program will also broadcast live via the Justice Television Network (JTN). All media must RSVP and present government-issued photo I.D. (such as a driver's license) as well as valid media credentials. The RSVP and any inquiries regarding logistics should be directed to Mark Pettit in the Office of Public Affairs at (202) 514-2007 or mark.t.pettit@usdoj.gov. Please include the email address

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Singman, Brooke

From: Singman, Brooke
Sent: Thursday, November 2, 2017 9:03 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA); Gibson, Jake
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: RE: EMBARGOED 930am ET

The best in the whole wide world!

Thank you!

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Thursday, November 02, 2017 9:02 AM
To: Singman, Brooke <brooke.singman@FOXNEWS.COM>; Gibson, Jake <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM>
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>
Subject: EMBARGOED 930am ET

Remarks of Attorney General Sessions in New York City
November 2, 2017

Thank you, Joon for that kind introduction. And thank you for your decade of service to the people of New York and to this country. In particular I want to commend you for your efforts that led to the conviction of Peter Gotti and other organized crime figures. That's outstanding work that has had a major impact on this community. When we planned this trip to talk about terrorism and national security, we were certainly not expecting the terrible events of Tuesday.

Before I say anything else, I want to offer my condolences to the people of this community. The President—a proud son of this city—sends his condolences as well. To the families and friends of those who were killed or injured, and to those suffering wounds: the people of the Department of Justice family are praying for you and thinking about you.

This latest tragedy, however, showed once again the bravery of our police officers and first responders. In particular, of course, I want to mention Officer Ryan Nash of the First Precinct. His quick response and his courageous action under pressure prevented this attack from getting even worse. He is rightly regarded as a hero today—not just in New York, but across America. He symbolizes the best of the best.

This morning I attended roll call with officers from the 13th precinct, some of whom responded to the 9/11 attacks. It was an honor for me to meet them. They embody the highest ideals of law enforcement and public service.

The people of New York should know that they have one of the finest law enforcement institutions in the country—and, indeed, the world. We know that 85 percent of law enforcement officers in America serve at the state and local level. This Administration cannot succeed in our goal of reducing crime without our state and local partners. We are all in this together.

On my visit to the precinct this morning, we discussed this city's use of crime data to channel their resources to where they are needed the most. That is a proven success, and I believe that it can work around the country. Indeed, cities all over the country are following your lead. And so I want to thank NYPD for their leadership and for making New York—and America safer.

This week's deadly incident—the deadliest attack on New York since 9/11—is one more reminder of the dangerous threats that we face as a nation.

New Yorkers know firsthand that terrorists want nothing more than to take away our most basic right: the right to be safe. They aim to diminish our freedom and constrict our lifestyles. And if it weren't for our troops, our intelligence community, and our law enforcement, the terrorists would succeed.

Since 9/11, the Department of Justice has made fighting terrorism its top priority. Our goal is not just to catch terrorists, but to prevent them from striking us. And in this fight against terror, we have gotten results. People in this room and around the country have been made safer.

Last month, a federal jury convicted Ahmad Khan Rahimi for his role in the September 2016 Chelsea, New York City bombing. To the Assistant U.S. Attorneys who worked on this case—Emil Bove, Andrew DeFilippis, and Shawn Crowley—and our federal and local law officers: outstanding work. This Department is proud of you.

Also in October, the Department of Justice unsealed charges against three men for plotting to carry out ISIS-inspired terrorist attacks in this city. These cases are also being prosecuted by attorneys in this office.

And just this week, Mustafa al-Imam, a Libyan national charged with participating in the 2012 Benghazi attacks, was apprehended overseas and is on his way to America to face justice.

Terrorists should know: this Administration will use all lawful tools at our disposal, including prosecution in Article III courts and at Guantanamo Bay. If anyone has any doubt about that, they can ask the more than 500 criminals whom the Department of Justice has convicted of terrorism-related offenses since 9/11. And they can ask the dozens of enemy combatants in Guantanamo Bay.

We are not slowing down. The FBI currently has ongoing terrorism-related investigations in all 50 states.

I assure you, President Trump has never forgotten 9/11. As a New Yorker, he knew people who lost their lives that day. He has made our national security his top priority. And he is exactly right to do that. As he put it, the battle with terrorism is "a battle between good and evil." "We need to be smart, vigilant and tough."

Over these next few minutes, I want to take this occasion to discuss some of the priority initiatives necessary if we are to be smart, vigilant, and tough. This is not an exhaustive list. But these are some of the most important. And this is not a political or an ideological matter—this is a safety matter – a national security matter. This is about what a great nation must do to protect itself.

First of all, we need to keep potentially dangerous people from getting into this country. Second, we need access to electronic evidence with court approval. And third, we need to lawfully, aggressively surveil non-citizen terrorists overseas.

The President is determined to keep terrorists and their sympathizers from infiltrating our country. And he knows that, since 9/11, most of those convicted in our courts for international terrorism-related crimes have been foreign-born.

The Department currently has ongoing terrorism-related investigations against hundreds of people who came here as refugees. As you all know, we expend enormous manpower and resources on these investigations, as well as on the hundreds of domestic cases inspired by foreign terrorists. The FBI and our officers do heroic work, but it is simply not reasonable to keep asking them for more and more without putting policies in place that make their jobs easier, and make us safer.

The President was right to issue his executive order, the travel ban, to ensure proper vetting. The countries covered by this order have failed—or are unable—to provide us the information necessary for proper vetting of their nationals. How do you vet people from North Korea? How do you vet people from Syria—where war and violence continues?

The President has the legal right to take this action. Congress has authorized the president to stop travel from certain countries if it would be detrimental to our interests not to. That's exactly what President Trump did—and he did it to keep us safe.

And not only was it authorized by law, it was the right thing to do. On Tuesday night, President Trump once again ordered his administration to implement more rigorous, more effective vetting processes—extreme vetting. President Trump made these decisions because he understands that we continue to face grave security threats from a number of groups and he is not afraid to talk openly and directly about it.

Further, the President's separate action to reduce the flow of refugees into this country will reduce the likelihood of potentially dangerous people getting here. It will also take some of the pressure off of the FBI and our local law enforcement by control and vetting more carefully those requesting entry before they are admitted.

The President has also laid out a set of principles for immigration reform that would make us safer. First of all, by building the border wall and requiring legal status to get a job, this plan would dramatically cut down on the illegality in our system. It would help us keep better track of who is in this country.

And just as importantly, the President's immigration plan would switch us to a merit-based immigration system. He would abolish the Diversity Visa Lottery and replace it with a points-based system like is used in Canada and Australia. This is the best way to ensure that the immigration system in America is benefitting America. We don't use random chance in college admissions and we don't roll a die to hire people. By the same token, a lottery tells us nothing about who would thrive in this country.

This merit-based system would be a boon to our economy and raise wages. But it is not just an issue of economic security; it is an issue of national security. A merit-based system, by definition, would be safer than a lottery or even extended family-based immigration. We want the best and the brightest in America. The President's plan is essential to protecting our national security, while also banning drunk drivers, fraudsters, gang members, and child abusers.

A bill to switch to a merit-based system has been introduced in Congress by Senators Tom Cotton and David Perdue. It's called the RAISE Act. It's time to end the Diversity Lottery in favor of a rational, merit-based system.

We need to be aware that some people who come here radicalize once they're here. Just yesterday, the Department unsealed an indictment of a Turkish man who was living as a legal permanent resident in New York City. He left the United States to join ISIS, and then used

social media to recruit people in the United States, Europe, and Australia to join their campaign of terror and hate. According to the indictment, the defendant urged on a suicide bomber in Iraq and he boasted that he had sent 20,000 jihadists to ISIS territory. Today he is facing a potential life sentence without parole.

The largest category of counterterrorism cases in the United States under investigation today are of people inspired by ISIS.

Since President Trump took office, ISIS has been on the run in Syria and Iraq. At one point ISIS controlled a land mass the size of Great Britain and a population the size of Michigan. But now their capital has fallen. The American people should celebrate these victories, but we must also recognize ISIS and other violent jihadist groups still pose a threat to our safety here in our homeland.

The number of Americans traveling to join ISIS has declined dramatically. But terrorist networks are becoming increasingly decentralized and harder to track. Terrorist groups increasingly use social networking sites to recruit new members and lone wolf attackers around the globe. They then can use encrypted communication channels to plan their crimes, some of which can be carried out within hours.

The Department of Justice recognizes that terrorist tactics are evolving, and we are adapting our own tactics to meet this challenge. We can never stand still.

Which brings me to my second point. To investigate terrorism, we will need access to electronic evidence in a lawful way. Too often, technology companies refuse to cooperate with law enforcement or even to comply with court orders. Over just the past year, the FBI was unable to open access to nearly 7,500 mobile devices submitted to its Computer Analysis and Response Team, even though there was court orders or legal authority to do so. We can only imagine what the consequences of not getting that information will be.

We know, for example, that the terrorist who targeted an event in Garland, Texas in 2015 sent more than 100 instant messages to a terrorist overseas—just on the morning of the attack. What we don't know, however, is what he said—because those messages are encrypted.

This failure to get encrypted information in a timely manner causes law enforcement to waste even more valuable time and resources. And it could have potentially deadly consequences.

The third item that our counterterrorism efforts need is a related matter. It is the ability to surveil overseas for intelligence purposes. The law that authorizes us to do this—section 702 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act—is scheduled to expire in just 59 days. Today I am

once again calling on Congress to reauthorize it.

Section 702 has proven to be effective. For example, in 2009, the FBI stopped Najibullah Zazi, an Afghan national, from executing his plans to bomb the New York City subway system—just a few miles from where we are right now. He made explosives and drove over the George Washington Bridge. But thanks to intelligence lawfully gathered under this law, he was prevented from carrying out the attack.

Today, with the international terrorist threat decentralized and increasingly online, it is more important than ever that we have this capability. Frequently, terrorists abroad plot against this country and are in contact with other terrorists in the United States. This is the key to prevention. We want to stop terrorist attacks before they occur.

I know that Section 702 has its critics. But I believe that if people understood how the system worked, and what is at stake, they would demand that their representatives reauthorize this law. So I want to be clear about this: section 702 does not permit the targeting of any American anywhere, or even a foreigner who is likely in the United States. Congress needs to make sure that well intentioned but misinformed amendments don't make it impossible to use the data we already have.

I was a Senator serving on the Judiciary Committee when this law was passed, and I can tell you that it was rigorously vetted and scrutinized. It passed with nearly 70 votes in the Senate and nearly 300 votes in the House. In 2012, Congress reauthorized it with even stronger support. Both times it was completely bipartisan, and every court that has examined it has found it to be lawful.

Terrorists continue to plot against us, and there is no sign that this threat is going away. The only question is whether we will be prepared.

At a time when our enemies are experimenting with new tools and tactics, we cannot unilaterally disarm ourselves. We cannot afford to let this law expire. And so I call upon Congress to once again reauthorize this law and ensure that the Intelligence Community does not lose this critical tool and insure we don't go backwards.

In law enforcement, we are always adapting to the challenges of the moment. We are always trying to hit a moving target. But we get results. People in this room have proven that.

I am confident that, if we take these steps I have outlined today, we will rise to meet whatever new challenges we will face—and we will keep the American people safe.

Thank you.

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Singman, Brooke

From: Singman, Brooke
Sent: Thursday, November 2, 2017 7:43 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA); Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: RE: ATTORNEY GENERAL SESSIONS TO TRAVEL TO NEW YORK CITY TO GIVE REMARKS ABOUT DEFENDING OUR NATIONAL SECURITY

Hi!

Any way I can get embargoed prepared remarks for the speech this AM?

Thank you !

Brooke

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, October 31, 2017 5:24 PM
To: Singman, Brooke <brooke.singman@FOXNEWS.COM>; Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: ATTORNEY GENERAL SESSIONS TO TRAVEL TO NEW YORK CITY TO GIVE REMARKS ABOUT DEFENDING OUR NATIONAL SECURITY

I will be! But sadly it's a super quick trip bc he has a speech in the afternoon back in DC!

***
Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs
(b)(6) [redacted]

From: Singman, Brooke [mailto:brooke.singman@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Tuesday, October 31, 2017 4:03 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: FW: ATTORNEY GENERAL SESSIONS TO TRAVEL TO NEW YORK CITY TO GIVE REMARKS ABOUT DEFENDING OUR NATIONAL SECURITY

Either of you going to be in NYC?!
Would love to meet.

Brooke

From: USDOJ-Office of Public Affairs [mailto:USDOJ-OfficeofPublicAffairs@public.govdelivery.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 31, 2017 4:02 PM
To: Singman, Brooke <brooke.singman@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: ATTORNEY GENERAL SESSIONS TO TRAVEL TO NEW YORK CITY TO GIVE REMARKS ABOUT DEFENDING OUR NATIONAL SECURITY

[redacted]

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2017

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****** **MEDIA ADVISORY** ******

WASHINGTON – Attorney General Jeff Sessions will travel to New York, New York, on **Thursday, November 2, 2017**, to deliver remarks about defending our national security.

WHO
Attorney General Jeff Sessions

WHAT
Attorney General Jeff Sessions will travel to New York, New York to deliver remarks about defending our national security.

WHEN
9:30 a.m. EDT
United States Attorney's Office - Southern District of New York
One St. Andrews Plaza
New York, NY 10007
OPEN PRESS
(Camera Preset: 8:45 a.m. // Final Access 9:15 a.m.)

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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From:	Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent:	Thursday, November 2, 2017 7:12 AM
To:	Singman, Brooke
Cc:	Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject:	Re: Prosecutors could bring charges to Russia?

Decline comment

> On Nov 2, 2017, at 6:43 AM, Singman, Brooke <brooke.singman@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:
>
> Hi Ian and Sarah?
>
> Any comment on the WSJ report this morning that six prosecutors could bring charges against Russia for the DNC hacking?
> Any guidance or further details you can provide? When could this happen?
> The report notes 6 Russian officials.
> Any way you can share which Russian officials those are?
>
> Thank you. Deadline is ASAP.
>
> Brooke Singman
> Politics Reporter, Fox News Channel
> (b)(6) [redacted]
> Brooke.singman@foxnews.com
>
> Sent from my iPhone
>
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Alex Pfeiffer

From: Alex Pfeiffer
Sent: Wednesday, November 1, 2017 11:09 PM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Cc: Sutton, Sarah E. (OPA)
Subject: Re: What's your schedule like Friday?

Great. See you then.

On Wed, Nov 1, 2017 at 11:07 PM, O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov> wrote:

> We'll take care of you.
>
> **Devin M. O'Malley**
>
> Department of Justice
>
> Office of Public Affairs
>
> Office: (202) 353-8763
>
> Cell: (b)(6) [redacted]
>
> **From:** Alex Pfeiffer [mailto:pfeiffer@dailycaller.com]
> **Sent:** Wednesday, November 1, 2017 11:02 PM
> **To:** O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov>
> **Cc:** Sutton, Sarah E. (OPA) <sesutton@jmd.usdoj.gov>
>
> **Subject:** Re: What's your schedule like Friday?
>
> I don't have a pass.
>
> On Wed, Nov 1, 2017 at 10:53 PM, O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov> wrote:
>
> > Let's lock it in. Do you have a pass to the building? If not, Sarah can send your info to the Visitors Center.

Devin M. O'Malley

Department of Justice

Office of Public Affairs

Office: (202) 353-8763

Cell: (b)(6) [redacted]

From: Alex Pfeiffer [mailto:pfeiffer@dailycaller.com]
Sent: Wednesday, November 1, 2017 5:38 PM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: What's your schedule like Friday?

Yeah I can make it work. That sounds good.

On Wed, Nov 1, 2017 at 5:31 PM, O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov> wrote:

> Can you make 10:30 work at all? I want to give you at least 30 minutes with EOIR acting director and another immigration SME here.
>
> **Devin M. O'Malley**
>
> Department of Justice
>
> Office of Public Affairs
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> Office: (202) 353-8763
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> Cell: (b)(6) [redacted]
>
> **From:** Alex Pfeiffer [mailto:pfeiffer@dailycaller.com]
> **Sent:** Wednesday, November 1, 2017 4:35 PM
> **To:** O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov>
> **Subject:** Re: What's your schedule like Friday?
>
> After 10:30 am or so I'm free.

On Wed, Nov 1, 2017 at 4:19 PM, O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Devin M. O'Malley

Department of Justice

Office of Public Affairs

Office: (202) 353-8763

Cell: (b)(6) [redacted]

Spinato, Eric

From: Spinato, Eric
Sent: Wednesday, November 1, 2017 2:10 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: RE: Hello, Sarah

Okay
Thank you

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, November 01, 2017 2:05 PM
To: Spinato, Eric <eric.spinato@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: RE: Hello, Sarah

At this point, I think that wont be possible—sorry!

xxx
Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs
(b)(6) [redacted]

From: Spinato, Eric [mailto:eric.spinato@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Wednesday, November 1, 2017 12:42 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Hello, Sarah

Can the AG join MB this Sunday?
Speak about the terror attack and other news of the day

Please let me know

Thank you,
Eric

Eric Spinato
Senior Story Editor, Fox Business Network
W (b)(6) [redacted]
C (b)(6) [redacted]

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Laco, Kelly (OPA)

From: Laco, Kelly (OPA)
Sent: Wednesday, November 1, 2017 12:07 PM
To: Foster, Kathleen
Cc: Oliva, Jennifer; (b)(6) [redacted]; Gastelu, Kendall
Subject: RE: ATTORNEY GENERAL SESSIONS TO TRAVEL TO NEW YORK CITY TO GIVE REMARKS ABOUT DEFENDING OUR NATIONAL SECURITY

Great, thank you.

Kelly Laco
Office of Public Affairs
Department of Justice
Office: 202-353-0173
Cell: (b)(6) [redacted]

From: Foster, Kathleen [mailto:Kathleen.Foster@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Wednesday, November 1, 2017 11:56 AM
To: Laco, Kelly (OPA) <klaco@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Oliva, Jennifer <jennifer.oliva@FOXNEWS.COM>; (b)(6) [redacted]
Gastelu, Kendall <Kendall.Gastelu@foxnews.com>
Subject: FW: ATTORNEY GENERAL SESSIONS TO TRAVEL TO NEW YORK CITY TO GIVE REMARKS ABOUT DEFENDING OUR NATIONAL SECURITY

Hi Kelly –

Producer Jennifer Oliva and videographer (b)(6) [redacted] will attend tmrw's event.
They are both CC'd here, but also here are their emails.

Jennifer.Oliva@foxnews.com
(b)(6) [redacted]

Thanks!
Kathleen Foster
Fox News Channel
(b)(6) [redacted]

From: USDOJ-Office of Public Affairs [mailto:USDOJ-OfficeofPublicAffairs@public.govdelivery.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 31, 2017 4:02 PM
To: Gitt, Tamara <tamara.gitt@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: ATTORNEY GENERAL SESSIONS TO TRAVEL TO NEW YORK CITY TO GIVE REMARKS ABOUT DEFENDING OUR NATIONAL SECURITY

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Gibson, Jake

From: Gibson, Jake
Sent: Wednesday, November 1, 2017 11:09 AM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Subject: RE: Potential Surrogates

Copy that!

From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) [mailto:Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, November 01, 2017 10:51 AM
To: Gibson, Jake
Subject: Re: Potential Surrogates

CA received $18,244,126.00 in FY16.

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 1, 2017, at 10:45 AM, O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

> Here are AG remarks from March 2017 as it relates to claw backs:
>
> The Department of Justice will also take all lawful steps to claw-back any funds awarded to a jurisdiction that willfully violates Section 1373.
>
> Meadows might be a good person to call on this. Andy Biggs is an Arizona congressman, so there's some proximity to California there. Cotton and Toomey on the Senate side.

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

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Gibson, Jake

From:	Gibson, Jake
Sent:	Tuesday, October 31, 2017 9:54 PM
To:	Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA); Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject:	Fwd: Mugshot: Sayfullo H Saipov

Is this him?

From St. Charles County Dept. of Corrections

Again, St. Charles County Police Department did not have contact with Mr. Saipov. Our initial research shows he was booked by Missouri State Highway Patrol on Oct. 20, 2016.

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Gibson, Jake

From: Gibson, Jake
Sent: Tuesday, October 31, 2017 7:40 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Re: drivers license from source of suspect Saipov

Supposedly that's him....

Also.
(b)(6)
[redacted]

And thanks!

On Oct 31, 2017, at 7:38 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

> Dunno
>
> On Oct 31, 2017, at 7:31 PM, Gibson, Jake <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:
>
> > ?
>
> <sayfullo H Saipov drivers license.jpg>

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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From:	Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent:	Tuesday, October 31, 2017 6:38 PM
To:	Derespina, Cody
Subject:	RE: Fox News question

Sorry--cant confirm

***
Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs
(b)(6) [redacted]

-----Original Message-----
From: Derespina, Cody [mailto:Cody.Derespina@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Tuesday, October 31, 2017 6:33 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Fox News question

Trying to confirm name of NYC terror suspect as Sayfullo Saipov. This doesn't have to be on record. Just need confirmation this is the correct name.

Regards,

Cody Derespina
Us/World Editor, Fox News

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Alex Pfeiffer

From: Alex Pfeiffer
Sent: Wednesday, December 20, 2017 3:01 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA); Lavinsky, John S. (OIG)
Subject: Re: Strzok investigation

Following up on this.

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 20, 2017, at 11:18 AM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

> The IG has their own press shop—so it looks like these would all be questions for them. Adding John here.
>
> ***
> Sarah Isgur Flores
> Director of Public Affairs
> (b)(6) [redacted]
>
> **From:** Alex Pfeiffer [mailto:pfeiffer@dailycaller.com]
> **Sent:** Wednesday, December 20, 2017 11:12 AM
> **To:** Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
> **Subject:** Strzok investigation
>
> Hi - Is this tweet from Paul Sperry accurate? "BREAKING: IG Horowitz investigating anti-Trump agent Strzok for possible Hatch Act breaches.The Hillary case supervisor joins FBI No. 2 McCabe as investigative target concerning improper "political activities."Complaint would be referred to Office of Special Counsel (not Mueller)"
>
> Thanks,
> Alex Pfeiffer
> White House Correspondent
> The Daily Caller

Alex Pfeiffer

From: Alex Pfeiffer
Sent: Wednesday, December 20, 2017 11:22 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA); Lavinsky, John S. (OIG)
Subject: Re: Strzok investigation

Okay. Thanks.

On Wed, Dec 20, 2017 at 11:18 AM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Duplicative Material

Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From:	Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent:	Friday, December 15, 2017 10:03 PM
To:	chuck@dailycaller.com
Subject:	Fwd: DOJ OIG Releases Statement

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Lavinsky, John S. (OIG)" (b)(6) [redacted]
Date: December 15, 2017 at 9:39:12 PM EST
To: "Lavinsky, John S. (OIG)" (b)(6) [redacted]
Subject: DOJ OIG Releases Statement

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Sent: Friday, December 15, 2017 10:05 PM
To: Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM
Subject: Fwd: DOJ OIG Releases Statement

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To:	chuck@dailycaller.com
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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From:	Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent:	Friday, December 15, 2017 8:16 PM
To:	jake.gibson@foxnews.com
Subject:	FW: OIG response to House
Attachments:	Nadler Raskin Response Letter.pdf

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Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs
(b) (6) [redacted]

U.S. Department of Justice

Office of the Inspector General

December 15, 2017

The Honorable Jarrold Nadler
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
U.S. House of Representatives
2109 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Jamie Raskin
Vice Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
U.S. House of Representatives
431 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries
U.S. House of Representatives
1607 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Ranking Member Nadler, Vice Ranking Member Raskin, and Congressman Jeffries:

Thank you for your letter dated December 14, 2017, requesting information regarding whether the Department of Justice (the Department) consulted with the Office of Inspector General (OIG) before sharing text messages between FBI employees Peter Strzok and Lisa Page with Congress and the media. Our responses to the questions presented in your letter are set forth below.

1. A spokeswoman for the Department suggested that "career Justice officials evaluated the messages...to be sure that they could be released 'under both ethical and legal standards.'" Did the Department consult with your office prior to producing these text messages to Congress?

   At a hearing on November 15, 2017, before the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, I testified that the OIG had no objection to the Department providing to Congress pre-existing Department records in its custody in response to a Congressional oversight request. I noted that the Department would need to determine whether there were any restrictions, such as those affecting grand jury information, that limited its ability to produce certain

records to Congress. I conveyed this position to the Department as well. The Department did not consult with the OIG in order to determine whether releasing the text messages met applicable ethical and legal standards before providing them to Congress.

2. Did the Department consult with your office prior to sharing these text messages with the press?

   The Department did not consult with the OIG before sharing the text messages with the press.

If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or Greg Sabina, my Advisor for Legislative Affairs, at (202) 514-3435.

Sincerely,

Michael E. Horowitz
Inspector General

cc: The Honorable Robert Goodlatte
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary

The Honorable Trey Gowdy
Chairman, House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

The Honorable Elijah Cummings
Ranking Member, House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

The Honorable John Culberson
Chairman, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, House Committee on Appropriations

The Honorable Jose Serrano
Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, House Committee on Appropriations

The Honorable Charles Grassley
Chairman, Senate Committee on the Judiciary

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
Ranking Member, Senate Committee on the Judiciary

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The Honorable Ron Johnson
Chairman, Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

The Honorable Claire McCaskill
Ranking Member, Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

The Honorable Richard Shelby
Chairman, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, Senate Committee on Appropriations

The Honorable Jeanne Shaheen
Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, Senate Committee on Appropriations

The Honorable Rod J. Rosenstein
Deputy Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice

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Chuck Ross

From: Chuck Ross
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2017 8:02 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Re: DOJ IG letter on Strzok texts

Thanks. I'll wait for the OIG statement

On Friday, December 15, 2017, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

> https://twitter.com/SarahFloresDOJ/status/941833219871096832
>
> off the record: I understand IG is putting out a statement soon too. But call me if you need me to walk yuou thought thisl
>
> xxx
>
> Sarah Isgur Flores
>
> Director of Public Affairs
>
> (b) (6) [redacted]
>
> **From:** Chuck Ross [mailto:chuck@dailycaller.com]
> **Sent:** Friday, December 15, 2017 6:50 PM
> **To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
> **Subject:** DOJ IG letter on Strzok texts
>
> Sarah,
>
> Do you guys have a response to the DOJ IG's letter saying they weren't consulted ahead of the release of the Strzok texts?
>
> Seeing some journos assert that your tweets from earlier were wrong, and I'm trying to figure out what's what.

Thanks for any help,

Chuck Ross

The Daily Caller

(b) (6) [redacted]

Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From:	Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent:	Friday, December 15, 2017 7:14 AM
To:	Katmer, Elvan
Cc:	Gibson, Jake; 531-DCDeskOps; Press
Subject:	Re: Statement on

I want to clarify something about my statement:

I learned that another news organization may have had the texts before I showed them to media at doj. Which means we didn't give it to them. Could mean congress did after we gave it to them for example. As I said in my statement, there was no limitation on congressional release to the public either legally or ethically.

On Dec 14, 2017, at 11:44 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

> The Chairman and Ranking Members of each of the congressional committees were provided the opportunity to have copies of the texts delivered to their offices. This was completed before any member of the media was given access to view the same copy of the texts by the Department's Office of Public Affairs. As we understand now, some members of the media had already received copies of the texts before that—but those disclosures were not authorized by the Department.
>
> As the Deputy Attorney General said in this testimony on Wednesday, when the initial inquiries came from committees and members of Congress, the Deputy Attorney General consulted with the Inspector General, and the Inspector General determined that he had no objection to the Department's providing the material to the Congressional committees that had requested it. After that consultation, senior career ethics advisors determined that there were no legal or ethical concerns, including under the Privacy Act, that prohibited the release of the information to the public either by members of congress or by the Department.

On Dec 14, 2017, at 11:43 PM, Katmer, Elvan <Elvan.Katmer@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

> Good evening Ms. Flores,
>
> I am a journalist with Fox News.
> I am reading a Business Insider report that refers to a POLITICO article **citing you** saying a Justice Department "statement" acknowledges "copies of private text messages exchanged between two former special counsel investigators were disclosed to certain members of the media before they were given to Congress, even though those disclosures 'were not authorized.'"

Can you confirm if there is a DoJ statement on this, or was this in response to a question you have provided to POLITICO. Could you please confirm if the release of these texts were not authorized.

Sincerely,

Elvan Katmer
Fox News Channel
Assignment Desk
(b) (6) [redacted]

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Katmer, Elvan

From: Katmer, Elvan
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 11:57 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: RE: Statement on

Thank you Ms. Flores!

Elvan

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 11:45 PM
To: Katmer, Elvan <Elvan.Katmer@FOXNEWS.COM>
Cc: Gibson, Jake <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM>; 531-DCDeskOps <DCdeskops@foxnews.com>; Press <Press@usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: Statement on

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O'Malley, Devin (OPA)

From:	O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Sent:	Thursday, December 14, 2017 3:49 PM
To:	Gibson, Jake (Fox News)
Subject:	FW: Harvard
Attachments:	Evers 17 425 Signed Excl UNC.PDF

U.S. Department of Justice
Civil Rights Division

Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts Branch - BICN
950 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20530

17-00425-F

September 29, 2017

Austin R. Evers
Executive Director
American Oversight
1030 15th Street, NW, Suite B-255
Washington, DC 20005

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:

950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20530
Ph: (202) 514-4210
Email: April.Freeman@usdoj.gov

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,

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

Gibson, Jake

From: Gibson, Jake
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 5:30 PM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Subject: Re: Sarah's original statement

Copy that.
Thanks.

On Dec 11, 2017, at 5:25 PM, O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov> wrote:

> On August 2:
>
> "Press reports regarding the personnel posting in the Civil Rights Division have been inaccurate. The posting sought volunteers to investigate one administrative complaint filed by a coalition of 64 Asian-American associations in May 2015 that the prior Administration left unresolved. The complaint alleges racial discrimination against Asian Americans in a university's admissions policy and practices. This Department of Justice has not received or issued any directive, memorandum, initiative, or policy related to university admissions in general. The Department of Justice is committed to protecting all Americans from all forms of illegal race-based discrimination."
>
> **Devin M. O'Malley**
> Department of Justice
> Office of Public Affairs
> Office: (202) 353-8763
> Cell: (b) (6) [redacted]

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From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 5:25 PM
To: Gibson, Jake (Fox News)
Subject: Actual paragraph from the posting

The Civil Rights Division (Division) seeks attorney detailees to work with the Office of the Assistant Attorney General (OAAG) on investigations and possible litigation related to intentional race-based discrimination in college and university admissions. This detail opportunity is limited to Division employees who currently serve in attorney positions.

Devin M. O'Malley
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Prior, Ian (OPA)

From: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2017 11:38 AM
To: Gibson, Jake
Subject: FW: Opioid story pitch

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

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From: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2017 11:37 AM
To: 'Carlson, Tucker' <Tucker.Carlson@FOXNEWS.COM>
Cc: Fanning, Elizabeth <Elizabeth.Fanning@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: RE: Opioid story pitch

Heres some more on this: http://thehill.com/policy/healthcare/364955-senator-presses-doj-on-opioid-campaign-criticized-for-scare-tactics

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From: Carlson, Tucker [mailto:Tucker.Carlson@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Thursday, December 7, 2017 12:33 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Fanning, Elizabeth <Elizabeth.Fanning@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: Re: Opioid story pitch

I love this. Thank you.

On Dec 7, 2017, at 12:22 PM, Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov> wrote:

> US Attys office in MA is doing an opioid prevention campaign. Pretty good stuff. Obviously there were 64,000 drug overdose deaths in 2016, with the overwhelming majority being from opioid or synthetic opioids. https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/health_policy/monthly-drug-

overdose-death-estimates.pdf

Here are the ads for the public awareness campaign – they're aggressive, but properly get the point across:

https://www.justice.gov/usao-ma/page/file/1010216/download
https://www.justice.gov/usao-ma/page/file/1010226/download
https://www.justice.gov/usao-ma/page/file/1010221/download
https://www.justice.gov/usao-ma/page/file/1010231/download

What I think makes this newsworthy is the attached letter from anti-Trump/anti-rule of law Massachusetts AG Maura Healey. She thinks that the ads are too harsh and risk stigmatizing addicts. So we're in the midst of the biggest drug crisis ever and the Mass AG appears more worried about stigmatizing addiction than she is preventing addiction in the first place.

No one has picked up on this letter just yet as far as I know, but this is the same AG that has been opposing any effort to crack down on sanctuary cities, taking quite the opposite stance:

http://www.mass.gov/ago/news-and-updates/press-releases/2017/2017-01-25-sanctuary-cities.html
http://www.masslive.com/news/index.ssf/2017/11/attorney_general_maura_healey_12.html
http://www.lowellsun.com/breakingnews/ci_30885880/ag-healey-blasts-sessions-over-sanctuary-cities

Seems to me this stance on opioids is exactly the kind of politically correct nonsense that we've seen over the past 8 years that has led us to this point.

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<USAO MBTA Resist the Risk Campaign 12.5.17.pdf>

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Sent: Thursday, December 7, 2017 12:34 PM
To: Carlson, Tucker
Cc: Fanning, Elizabeth
Subject: RE: Opioid story pitch

Nice! Keep me posted

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ONE ASHBURTON PLACE
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MAURA HEALEY
ATTORNEY GENERAL

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December 5, 2017

William D. Weinreb
Acting United States Attorney for the District of Massachusetts
United States Attorney's Office
John Joseph Moakley U.S. Courthouse
Cone Courthouse Way, Suite 9200
Boston, MA 02210

Luis Manuel Ramírez
General Manager & CEO
Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority
10 Park Plaza, Suite 3910
Boston, MA 02116

Dear Mr. Weinreb and Mr. Ramírez:

We have all seen the impact and devastation of the opioid epidemic in Massachusetts. Last year alone, there were over 2,100 deaths from opioid-related overdoses and thousands more families are overwhelmed by the devastating toll of this crisis. We all share the same objective of reducing the number of deaths from opioids, improving health outcomes and recovery rates, reducing demands on our first responders and public health system and, most importantly, ensuring that we protect and educate our most vulnerable residents, particularly our youth.

As Attorney General, I have made the opioid epidemic one of my top priorities, and my office has implemented a multi-faceted approach that includes expanding access to naloxone, using a $1 million federal grant to combat drug trafficking in our major drug corridors, passing new laws to address fentanyl trafficking, and implementing a public education program, Project Here, to ensure that every middle school student has access to prevention and education on substance use. I commend the United States Attorney's Office ("USAO") and the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority ("MBTA") for your commitment to raising public awareness about the opioid epidemic. A comprehensive response from multiple agencies to educate and protect the public is critical to addressing this epidemic.

However, I have serious concerns about the "Resist the Risk" public awareness campaign developed by the USAO and the related ads being run on MBTA lines. The overwhelming opinion of our partners in the public health and medical communities is that this campaign is stigmatizing, ineffective, and counterproductive to achieving our shared goal in addressing the epidemic.

My office works extensively with physicians specializing in youth substance use disorder treatment and neonatal abstinence syndrome, prevention experts, recovery and treatment advocates, and public health professionals. These experts have raised significant concerns that your campaign is counterproductive and could lead to negative outcomes. In more than a dozen conversations, they shared the opinion that the tombstone ads are stigma-enhancing and employ scare tactics that have proven to be ineffective for changing behaviors or preventing initiation of drug use by youth. They specifically found the image of a newborn to be medically inaccurate and one that could result in parents, including pregnant mothers, avoiding important treatment to improve health outcomes for newborn children.

To educate and empower our constituents to make healthy decisions, we need more than a public safety response; we must employ tactics and policies that treat this as a public health issue. To date, the Commonwealth has made significant investments in reducing stigma, training physicians on neonatal abstinence syndrome and educating youth about the risks of substance use disorder. To interject a campaign that impedes or potentially negates this progress has real implications for the public that we all serve. I ask you to heed the advice of medical and recovery experts and pull this harmful campaign off the MBTA until it can be reworked with meaningful input from public health professionals.

Very truly yours,

Maura Healey

O'Malley, Devin (OPA)

From:	O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Sent:	Friday, December 15, 2017 7:50 AM
To:	dc.desk@foxnews.com
Cc:	Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM
Subject:	Fwd: Press Call

Hi Elvan-

Responding to this inquiry. Let me know what it is you need clarification on.

Devin

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** "Sutton, Joyce M (JMD)" <jsutton@jmd.usdoj.gov>
> **Date:** December 14, 2017 at 11:36:02 PM EST
> **To:** "O'Malley, Devin (OPA)" <domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov>
> **Subject: Press Call**
>
> Good Evening, Mr. O'Malley,
>
> Press Duty Call came in from
> Elvan Katmer from Fox News
> (b) (6) [redacted]
> dc.desk@foxnews.com
> want to inquire about a statement the doj made that needs some clarification.
> I apologize for not getting the complete nature of the call.
>
> Respectfully,
>
> ***Joyce Sutton***
> *Breakforth Solutions, Inc.*
> *Service Delivery Staff*
> *Service Delivery Operations*
>
> Joyce.M.Sutton@usdoj.gov
> 202.616.6666

Sullivan, Beth

From: Sullivan, Beth
Sent: Friday, January 12, 2018 8:50 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Re: Fox News request - Sunday primetime

I had reached out regarding the live interview but never heard back. Should I reach out regarding the pre-tape request as well?

On Jan 12, 2018, at 3:46 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

> Did you connect w Alexa Henning?
>
> On Jan 12, 2018, at 2:24 PM, Sullivan, Beth <Beth.Sullivan@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:
>
> > Hi Sarah,
> > Thanks again for your reply last week! I wanted to check in regarding a pre-tape opportunity. Steve Hilton flies to DC once a month, and we love to set up one-on-one interview tapings while he is in town.
> >
> > He will be in DC on January 18 and is available most of the day for a taped piece. This would be a one-on-one interview, pre-taped at the location of your choice.
> >
> > Here are some examples of past tapings, so you can see his interview style:
> > • Sen. Perdue (R-GA) on the RAISE Act: http://video.foxnews.com/v/5622064544001/
> > • Reps. Ro Khanna (D-CA) and Mike Gallagher (R-WI) on their "drain the swamp" legislation: http://video.foxnews.com/v/5564012013001/?#sp=show-clips
> > And for your records, here are the bullet points of the show:
> > • SHOW NAME: "The Next Revolution"
> > • HOST: Steve Hilton
> > • NETWORK: Fox News
> > • TAPING DATE: available all day Thursday, January 18.
> > • AIR TIME: Sundays at 6pm Pacific (9pm Eastern)
> > • FORMAT: Taped, one-on-one interview
> >
> > I can be reached anytime on my cell at (b) (6) ((b) (6) [redacted]). Thanks!
> >
> > **Beth Sullivan**
> > Producer, Fox News Channel
> > 2044 Armacost Ave.
> > Los Angeles, CA 90025
> > Desk: (b) (6) [redacted]
> > Cell: (b) (6) [redacted]
> > Twitter: @FNCbooker

From: Sullivan, Beth
Sent: Thursday, January 04, 2018 12:49 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: Fox News request - Sunday primetime

Absolutely! Thank you so much for the reply.

On Jan 4, 2018, at 9:40 AM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

> I'm a big fan of Steve! Would you mind reaching out to Alexa at the WH so they can determine who they want on this issue since its really an admin priority? Henning, Alexa A. EOP/WHO <(b) (6) [redacted]>
>
> xxx
> Sarah Isgur Flores
> Director of Public Affairs
> (b) (6) [redacted]

From: Sullivan, Beth [mailto:Beth.Sullivan@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Thursday, January 4, 2018 11:56 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Fox News request - Sunday primetime

Good afternoon,
I'm a producer with Fox News in Los Angeles, working on "The Next Revolution," the primetime Sunday show hosted by Steve Hilton.

We'd like to request a one-on-one interview with you to discuss California's sanctuary state status. Steve focused on the issue in his opening monologue in past shows. Here's the link:
http://video.foxnews.com/v/5666606615001/

For your records, here are the bullet points of the show:

- SHOW NAME: "The Next Revolution with Steve Hilton"
- NETWORK: Fox News Channel

- NETWORK: Fox News Channel
- DATE: Sunday, January 7
- AIR TIME: Sundays at 9pm Eastern
- AUDIENCE: National

Steve is in LA but we could do this remotely from a location of your choosing.

Please let me know if this is a possibility.

Many thanks,

Beth Sullivan
Fox News Channel – Los Angeles Bureau
2044 Armacost Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90025
Desk: (b) (6)
Cell: (b) (6)

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Gibson, Jake

From: Gibson, Jake
Sent: Friday, January 5, 2018 4:45 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: this...

One source familiar with the discussions tells Fox News White House counsel Don McGahn did lobby Jeff Sessions, discouraging the Attorney General from recusing himself from the Russia inquiry. However, I am told this was during a number of phone calls that also covered many other subjects, in the hectic hours leading up to Mr. Sessions' recusal.

The same well-placed source also tells Fox News McGahn was only one of at least three senior WH officials who tried to convince Sessions not to recuse himself from the Russia investigation. The other officials included former Chief of Staff Reince Priebus and former Press Secretary Sean Spicer.

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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Friday, January 5, 2018 3:50 PM
To: Gibson, Jake
Subject: FW: Zeke Miller Tweet

WH background on the Camp David meetings this weekend

This weekend the President will host bi-cameral Congressional Leadership for a small-group discussion of 2018 legislative priorities and the successful passage of tax cuts and reform. These priorities will include: ensuring continued economic growth, national security, promoting responsible immigration reform, funding our troops, rebuilding our nation's crumbling infrastructure, the FY19 budget, welfare reform, the opioid crisis, healthcare, the 2018 elections and confirming the President's qualified nominees.

Participants:
President Donald J. Trump
Vice President Mike Pence

Senators/Members:
Senate Majority Leader McConnell
Senate Majority Whip Cornyn
Speaker Paul Ryan
House Majority Leader McCarthy
House Majority Whip Steve Scalise

Cabinet Arriving Saturday Morning:
Secretary Rex Tillerson, Department of State
Secretary Jim Mattis, Department of Defense
Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen, Department of Homeland Security
Secretary Betsy Devos, Department of Education
Director Mike Pompeo, Central Intelligence Agency
Director Mick Mulvaney, Office of Management and Budget
Administrator Scott Pruitt, Environmental Protection Agency
Dep Sec Jeffrey Rosen, Department of Transportation

Staff:
General John Kelly, Assistant to the President and Chief of Staff
Marc Short, Assistant to the President and Director of Legislative Affairs
Gary Cohn, Assistant to the President
Johnny DeStefano, Assistant to the President
Bill Stepien, Deputy Assistant to the President and Director of Political Affairs
Mercedes Schlapp, Assistant to the President
Sarah Sanders, Assistant to the President
Stephen Miller, Assistant to the President
Andrew Bremberg, Assistant to the President

https://twitter.com/ZekeJMiller/status/949344004960866304

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***
Sarah Isgur Flores
(b) (6) [redacted]
@whignewtons

O'Malley, Devin (OPA)

From:	O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Sent:	Thursday, January 4, 2018 5:43 PM
To:	Spagat, Elliot; Gibson, Jake
Cc:	Gurman, Sadie
Bcc:	Hamilton, Gene (OAG); McHenry, James (EOIR)
Subject:	Background Documents for BIA Review Story
Attachments:	Redacted AG Order.pdf

Hi guys-

Copying both of you on here so you all recognize you are getting the same info.

Thanks for jumping on the call and apologies for not having this to you guys before the call. All of this information is fact, so there should not any attribution. As a reminder, James and Gene spoke to you as "senior DOJ officials," and should be referenced as such. Embargo is lifted at 7:00 am EST tomorrow, January 5th.

Administrative Closure Stats

- Approximately 350,000 cases are currently administratively closed
- The previous administration closed more than 180,000 pending immigration court cases without a final decision in just four years—more than were closed in the previous 22 years combined.

Past AG Usage

All public here: https://www.justice.gov/eoir/ag-bia-decisions

Ashcroft

Matter of Y-L-, A-G- & R-S-R-, 23 I&N Dec. 270 (A.G. 2002)
Matter of JEAN, 23 I&N Dec. 373 (A.G. 2002)
Matter of D-J-, 23 I&N Dec. 572 (A.G. 2003)
Matter of C-Y-Z-, 23 I&N Dec. 693 (A.G. 2004)
Matter of R-A-, 23 I&N Dec. 694 (A.G. 2005)
Matter of E-L-H-, 23 I&N Dec. 700 (A.G. 2004)
Matter of MARROQUIN, 23 I&N Dec. 705 (A.G. 2005)
Matter of LUVIANO, 23 I&N Dec. 718 (A.G. 2005)
Matter of A-H-, 23 I&N Dec. 774 (A.G. 2005)

Gonzales

Matter of J-F-F-, 23 I&N Dec. 912 (A.G. 2006)
Matter of S-K-, 24 I&N Dec. 289 (A.G. 2007)

Mukasey

Matter of J-S-, 24 I&N Dec. 520 (A.G. 2008)
Matter of A-T-, 24 I&N Dec. 617 (A.G. 2008)
Matter of R-A-, 24 I&N Dec. 629 (A.G. 2008)
Matter of SILVA-TREVINO, 24 I&N Dec. 687 (A.G. 2008)
Matter of COMPEAN, BANGALY & J-E-C-, 24 I&N Dec. 710 (A.G. 2009)

Holder
Matter of COMPEAN, BANGALY & J-E-C-, 25 I&N Dec. 1 (A.G. 2009)
Matter of DORMAN, 25 I&N Dec. 485 (A.G. 2011)
Matter of SILVA-TREVINO, 26 I&N Dec. 550 (A.G. 2015)

Lynch
Matter of CHAIREZ and SAMA, 26 I&N Dec. 686 (A.G. 2015)
Matter of CHAIREZ and SAMA, 26 I&N Dec. 796 (A.G. 2016)

Other Items

- Redacted Order (Attached)
- Attorney General Sessions Issues Memo Outlining Principles to Ensure That the Adjudication of Immigration Cases Serves the National Interest
  - "I, too, anticipate clarifying certain legal matters in the near future that will remove recurring impediments to judicial economy and the timely administration of justice."
- Statute: https://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/8/1103
  - (a) Secretary of Homeland Security
    - (1) The Secretary of Homeland Security shall be charged with the administration and enforcement of this chapter and all other laws relating to the immigration and naturalization of aliens, except insofar as this chapter or such laws relate to the powers, functions, and duties conferred upon the President, Attorney General, the Secretary of State, the officers of the Department of State, or diplomatic or consular officers: **Provided, however, That determination and ruling by the Attorney General with respect to all questions of law shall be controlling.**
  - (g) Attorney General
  - (1) In general
    - The Attorney General shall have such authorities and functions under this chapter and all other laws relating to the immigration and naturalization of aliens as were exercised by the Executive Office for Immigration Review, or by the Attorney General with respect to the Executive Office for Immigration Review, on the day before the effective date of the Immigration Reform, Accountability and Security Enhancement Act of 2002.
  - (2) Powers
    - The Attorney General shall establish such regulations, prescribe such forms of bond, reports, entries, and other papers, issue such instructions, review such administrative determinations in immigration proceedings, delegate such authority, and perform such other acts as the Attorney General determines to be necessary for carrying out this section.
- Avetisyan Case BIA Decision
  - This decision provided the basis for Immigration Judges to administratively close cases

Potential Opions/Pundits

- Art Arthur (former Immigration Judge; Fellow at Center for Immigration Studies
  - (b)(6) [redacted]
  - (b)(6) [redacted]
  - Would be willing to do TV, too (n/a to AP)

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

Cell: (b) (6)

Office of the Attorney General

Washington, D.C. 20530

ORDER NO. 4078-2018

In re: Matter of Reynaldo Castro-Tum [redacted] (BIA Nov. 27, 2017)

IN REMOVAL PROCEEDINGS

Pursuant to 8 C.F.R. § 1003.1(h)(1)(i), I direct the Board of Immigration Appeals ("Board") to refer this case to me for review of its decision. The Board's decision in this matter is automatically stayed pending my review. *See Matter of Haddam*, A.G. Order No. 2380-2001 (Jan. 19, 2001). To assist me in my review, I invite the parties to these proceedings and interested amici to submit briefs on points relevant to the disposition of this case, including:

1. Do Immigration Judges and the Board have the authority, under any statute, regulation, or delegation of authority from the Attorney General, to order administrative closure in a case? If so, do the Board's decisions in *Matter of Avetisyan,* 25 I&N Dec. 688 (BIA 2012), and *Matter of W-Y-U-*, 27 I&N Dec. 17 (BIA 2017), articulate the appropriate standard for administrative closure?

2. If I determine that Immigration Judges and the Board currently lack the authority to order administrative closure, should I delegate such authority? Alternatively, if I determine that Immigration Judges and the Board currently possess the authority to order administrative closure, should I withdraw that authority?

3. The regulations governing removal proceedings were promulgated for "the expeditious, fair, and proper resolution of matters coming before Immigration Judges." 8 C.F.R. § 1003.12. Are there any circumstances where a docket management device other than administrative closure—including a continuance for good cause shown (8 C.F.R. § 1003.29), dismissal without prejudice (8 C.F.R. § 1239.2(c)), or termination without prejudice (8 C.F.R. § 1239.2(f))—would be inadequate to promote that objective? Should there be different legal consequences, such as eligibility to apply for a provisional waiver of certain grounds of inadmissibility under the immigration laws or for benefits under federal or state programs, where a case has been administratively closed rather than continued?

4. If I determine that Immigration Judges and the Board do not have the authority to order administrative closure, and that such a power is unwarranted or unavailable, what actions should be taken regarding cases that are already administratively closed?

The parties' briefs shall not exceed 15,000 words and shall be filed on or before February 2, 2018. Interested amici may submit briefs not exceeding 9,000 words on or before February 9, 2018. The parties may submit reply briefs not exceeding 6,000 words on or before February 20, 2018. All filings shall be accompanied by proof of service and shall be submitted electronically to AGCertification@usdoj.gov, and in triplicate to:

United States Department of Justice
Office of the Attorney General, Room 5114
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

All briefs must be both submitted electronically and postmarked on or before the pertinent deadlines. Requests for extensions are disfavored.

1-3-18
Date

Jefferson B. Sessions III
Attorney General

Document ID: 0.7.910.14519-000001 20200923-0000569

Spinato, Eric

From: Spinato, Eric
Sent: Thursday, February 15, 2018 4:47 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Re: sorry to bother you, but

Okay
Let me know
Thank you !
Eric

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 15, 2018, at 4:24 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

> Correcy!
>
> xxx
> Sarah Isgur Flores
> Director of Public Affairs
> (b)(6) [redacted]
>
> ---
>
> **From:** Spinato, Eric [mailto:eric.spinato@FOXNEWS.COM]
> **Sent:** Thursday, February 15, 2018 3:56 PM
> **To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
> **Subject:** Re: sorry to bother you, but
>
> To be clear ....
> The interview is still a go tomorrow 9:30a taping
>
> What is in flux, is if he is speaking elsewhere ...correct ?
>
> Sent from my iPhone
>
> On Feb 15, 2018, at 3:53 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:
>
>> I'm waiting to hear back from the WH on what they need from us. So can't promise at this point. A lot in flux bc of Florida.
>>
>> On Feb 15, 2018, at 2:49 PM, Spinato, Eric <eric.spinato@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:
>>
>>> Is this the only interview the AG is conducting, between today and Sunday morning
>>>
>>> Thank you
>>> Eric

Eric Spinato
Senior Story Editor, Fox Business Network
W (b)(6)
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Spinato, Eric

From: Spinato, Eric
Sent: Thursday, February 15, 2018 8:14 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Re: sorry to bother you, but

Thank you !

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 15, 2018, at 8:06 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

> We're all good. Just y'all.
>
> On Feb 15, 2018, at 7:54 PM, Spinato, Eric <eric.spinato@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:
>
> > Hi!
> > Checking back with you
> > Thank you
> > Eric
> >
> > Sent from my iPhone
> >
> > On Feb 15, 2018, at 4:24 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Duplicative Material

Brown, Kristin

From:	Brown, Kristin
Sent:	Thursday, February 15, 2018 4:43 PM
To:	Sutton, Sarah E. (OPA)
Cc:	Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject:	Re: For Fox News - Public Citizen/WH visitor logs suit?

Thank you!

From: Sutton, Sarah E. (OPA) <Sarah.E.Sutton@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 15, 2018 4:41 PM
To: Brown, Kristin
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: RE: For Fox News - Public Citizen/WH visitor logs suit?

Hi Kristin,

The Department of Justice declines to comment.

Best,

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

Office: (202) 616-0079
Cell: (b)(6) [redacted]
Email: sarah.e.sutton@usdoj.gov

From: Brown, Kristin [mailto:Kristin.brown@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Thursday, February 15, 2018 1:07 PM
To: CATHERINE MILHOAN (GPA) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) [redacted]
Subject: For Fox - statement on Public Citizen lawsuit?

Hi Cathy - will USSS have a statement on the settlement with Public Citizen over their lawsuit on the White House visitor logs?

Thanks very much!

Kristin Brown
White House Producer
Fox News Channel
(b)(6) [redacted]
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Brown, Kristin

From:	Brown, Kristin
Sent:	Thursday, February 15, 2018 4:08 PM
To:	Carr, Peter (OPA)
Subject:	For Fox News - Public Citizen/WH visitor logs suit?

Hi Peter! I'm one of the Fox White House producers - will you all have any response to the Public Citizen lawsuit over the WH visitor logs?

Thank you!

Kristin Brown
White House Producer
Fox News Channel
(b)(6)

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (GPA) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Sent: Thursday, February 15, 2018 3:14 PM
To: Brown, Kristin; USSSMediaInquiry
Subject: RE: For Fox - statement on Public Citizen lawsuit?

Good afternoon, Kristin.

We are referring questions about Public Citizen's lawsuit on White House visitor logs to the Department of Justice.

Thank you.

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Assistant Special Agent in Charge
United States Secret Service
Office of Government & Public Affairs
Main 202-406-5708
Cell (b)(6)
(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

From: Brown, Kristin [mailto:Kristin.brown@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Thursday, February 15, 2018 1:07 PM
To: CATHERINE MILHOAN (GPA) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Subject: For Fox - statement on Public Citizen lawsuit?

Duplicative Material

Murray, Andrew

From:	Murray, Andrew
Sent:	Thursday, February 15, 2018 2:57 PM
To:	Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject:	RE: Attorney General Sessions Available for "Fox & Friends"?

Checking back on this request, I see the AG is going to appear on Maria Bartiromo's show this weekend. Are you keeping him off the air tomorrow?

Andrew

From: Murray, Andrew
Sent: Thursday, February 15, 2018 12:28 PM
To: 'Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov' <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Attorney General Sessions Available for "Fox & Friends"?

Hi Sarah,

If the Attorney General isn't available to appear on "Fox & Friends" tomorrow, would you be available to appear instead for a LIVE 5-7 minute discussion between 6am – 9am ET?

Andrew

From: Murray, Andrew
Sent: Thursday, February 15, 2018 10:28 AM
To: 'Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov' <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>
Subject: Attorney General Sessions Available for "Fox & Friends"?

Hi Sarah,

Please let us know if we can schedule Attorney General Sessions to appear on "Fox & Friends" tomorrow (Friday) for a LIVE 5-7 minute discussion anytime between 6am – 9am ET.

Thanks in advance,

Andrew Murray
Producer, Politics
"Fox & Friends"
Fox News Channel
1211 Avenue of the Americas, 2nd Floor
New York, NY 10036
Office: (b)(6) [redacted]
Cell # 1 (b)(6) [redacted]
Cell # 2 (b)(6) [redacted]
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Murray, Andrew

From: Murray, Andrew
Sent: Thursday, February 15, 2018 1:03 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: RE: Attorney General Sessions Available for "Fox & Friends"?

OK, we are thinking 7:30am ET, please let me know if that works for your schedule.

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Thursday, February 15, 2018 12:30 PM
To: Murray, Andrew <Andrew.Murray@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: Re: Attorney General Sessions Available for "Fox & Friends"?

Checking w wh in case they have other people planned to go out.

On Feb 15, 2018, at 12:28 PM, Murray, Andrew <Andrew.Murray@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Duplicative Material

Abueg, Mark (OIG)

From:	Abueg, Mark (OIG)
Sent:	Wednesday, February 14, 2018 2:57 PM
To:	Schwartz, Brian
Cc:	Kupec, Kerri (JMD); Edwards, Jeremy M. (OPA)
Subject:	RE: charlie gasparino will be reporting this below... please let me know if you have a comment

Brian,

Connecting you with Kerri Kupec and Jeremy Edwards as I no longer with in DOJ's Office of Public Affairs.

Best,

Mark

From: Schwartz, Brian [mailto:Brian.schwartz@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2018 2:56 PM
To: Abueg, Mark (OIG) (b)(6) [redacted]
Subject: charlie gasparino will be reporting this below... please let me know if you have a comment

Gasparino: Disney 21st century Fox not on DOJ's witness list in AT&T-TimeWarner litigation—DOJ sources

Gasparino: DOJ weighed calling both Disney and 21st Century as witnesses amid 21st Century's sale of assets to Disney—sources

Gasparino: DOJ will have to approve 21st Century Fox sale of assets to Disney as government attempts to break up AT&T-TimeWarner—sources

Gasparino: DOJ had been in contact with attorneys for 21st Century Fox and Disney about appearing as government witnesses—sources

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Chakraborty, Barnini

From:	Chakraborty, Barnini
Sent:	Monday, February 12, 2018 12:11 PM
To:	Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject:	RE: Connection in PR

I don't but I can get it.

-----Original Message-----
From: Prior, Ian (OPA) [mailto:Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Monday, February 12, 2018 10:28 AM
To: Chakraborty, Barnini <Barnini.Chakraborty@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: RE: Connection in PR

Do you have a copy of the Rubio letter?

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

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-----Original Message-----
From: Chakraborty, Barnini [mailto:Barnini.Chakraborty@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Monday, February 12, 2018 9:12 AM
To: Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA) <whornbuckle@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Llovet, Lymarie V. (USAPR) (b)(6) [redacted]; Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: Connection in PR

Hello. Is there a good number I can reach you at Lymarie?

Sent from my iPhone

> On Feb 11, 2018, at 7:12 PM, Chakraborty, Barnini <Barnini.Chakraborty@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:
>
> Wonderful thank you!
> Ms. Llovet, I will be in San Juan Tuesday-Friday morning. I'd love to speak to you during that time. Does that work for you? Please advise.
> I can be reached via email at: Barnini.Chakraborty@foxnews.com

> I can be reached via email at: Barnini.Chakraborty@foxnews.com.
> Many thanks,
> Barnini
>
> Sent from my iPhone
>
>> On Feb 11, 2018, at 7:00 PM, Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA) <Wyn.Hornbuckle@usdoj.gov> wrote:
>>
>> Hi Barnini,
>> Ian Prior asked me to put you in touch w the PIO for the US Attorney's office in PR, Lymarie Llovet, who can update you on the latest significant federal law enforcement actions in PR.
>>
>> (b)(6) [redacted]
>>
>>
>> Sent from my iPhone

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Chakraborty, Barnini

From:	Chakraborty, Barnini
Sent:	Sunday, February 11, 2018 6:54 PM
To:	Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject:	Re: Fox News Puerto Rico request

That would be great. I leave Tuesday at 6 am.

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 11, 2018, at 5:37 PM, Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov> wrote:

> When are you leaving? Can we touch base in am?
>
> Ian D. Prior
> Principal Deputy Director of Public Affairs
> Office: 202.616.0911
> Cell: (b)(6) [redacted]
>
> *For information on office hours, access to media events, and standard ground rules for interviews, please click here.*
>
> On Feb 9, 2018, at 12:57 PM, Chakraborty, Barnini <Barnini.Chakraborty@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:
>
>> Hello Ian and Sarah,
>> Hope you're well. I am headed to Puerto Rico early next week to write a series of articles for Fox News about the area, corruption, crime, federal efforts and the push to make San Juan the capital of cryptocurrency.
>> I wanted to get the DOJ's response to the recent letter from Sens. Rubio and Nelson to Attorney General Sessions asking for more federal law enforcement help as crime rates soar, drug gangs dominate and a lawlessness grips the U.S. territory.
>> I also wanted to reach out and talk to U.S. Attorney Rosa Rodriguez-Velez about efforts on the ground but wanted to run it by you first.
>> I can be contacted via email: Barnini.Chakraborty@foxnews.com or at (b)(6) [redacted].
>> Many thanks,
>> Barnini Chakraborty
>>
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Cipollone, Elisa

From:	Cipollone, Elisa
Sent:	Wednesday, February 7, 2018 7:08 PM
To:	Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject:	RE: Ingraham Angle Tonight

Another night, no problem!

From: Prior, Ian (OPA) [mailto:Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, February 07, 2018 5:40 PM
To: Cipollone, Elisa <Elisa.cipollone@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: FW: Ingraham Angle Tonight

This came to us – we might have someone from NSD, but I think it would be too late for tonight – maybe another night would be possible?

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

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From: Cipollone, Elisa
Sent: Wednesday, February 07, 2018 2:55:37 PM
To: Media Inquiry
Subject: Ingraham Angle Tonight

Hello!

Would anyone from leadership be available to come on the Ingraham Angle tonight to discuss: Jihadis in America – An Oklahoma man has been arrested after he was accused of trying to join the terrorist organization Al Qaeda.

Thank you,

Elisa Cipollone
Booker, The Ingraham Angle
Elisa.Cipollone@FOXNEWS.COM
Work: (b)(6) [redacted]
Cell: (b)(6) [redacted]

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United States Attorney Josh J. Minkler

Southern District of Indiana

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE CONTACT: TIM HORTY

Tuesday, February 06, 2018 (317) 229-2409; Cell (b)(6)

http://www.usdoj.gov/usao/in/ tim.horty@usdoj.gov

MINKLER ANNOUNCES FEDERAL IMMIGRATION CHARGES AGAINST ILLEGAL ALIEN INVOLVED IN I-70 MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT

PRESS RELEASE

Indianapolis United States Attorney Josh Minkler today announced federal charges against an illegal alien from Guatemala. Manuel Orrego-Zavala 37, was charged by a criminal complaint with illegal re-entry of a previously deported alien.

"The defendant in this case allegedly re-entered the country illegally for the second time before he put the public safety of Indianapolis at risk and took the lives of two innocent men early Sunday morning," said Minkler. "In April, Attorney General Sessions directed all federal prosecutor to prioritize charging aliens that illegal re-enter the country, especially if they are a risk to public safety or there is a criminal history present. Following the rule of law is the foundation of our American democracy, and my office is committed to fulfilling the Attorney General's directive."

According to the criminal complaint, Orrego-Zavala was encountered by law enforcement in Indianapolis, Indiana, on February 4, 2018, when he was arrested after being involved in a fatal motor vehicle accident on Interstate 70. At the time of his arrest, Orrego-Zavala provided law enforcement authorities with the alias, "Alex G. Cabrera," but Homeland Security agents soon learned—through cooperation and information sharing with the Indianapolis Metro Police Department—his true identity was Manuel Orrego-Zavala, a citizen of Guatemala.

The complaint further states Orrego-Zavala was arrested by Immigration and Customs Enforcement and Removal Operations (ICE ERO) in October 2006, and removed from the United States to Guatemala in January 2007. At that time, Orrego-Zavala was prohibited from returning to the United States for 10 years. In March 2009, he was arrested by ICE ERO and in May 2009, removed to Guatemala and prohibited from returning for 20 years.

Orrego-Zavala will remain in custody while the case is investigated by the Indiana State Police and the Marion County Prosecutor's Office. The immigration charges will remain pending until the conclusion of all state matters.

A criminal complaint is only a charge and not evidence of guilt. All defendants are presumed innocent until proven otherwise in federal court.

According to Assistant United States Attorney William McCoskey who is prosecuting this case for the government, Orrego-Zavala faces up to 10 years of imprisonment if convicted.

In October 2017, United States Attorney Josh J. Minkler announced a Strategic Plan designed to shape and strengthen the District's response to its most significant public safety challenges. This prosecution demonstrates the office's firm commitment to utilize and partner with law enforcement agencies to prosecute illegal immigration cases. *See* United States Attorney's Office, Southern District of Indiana Strategic Plan Section 1.8

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Devin M. O'Malley

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Office of Public Affairs

Office: (202) 353-8763

Cell: (b)(6)

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

Southern District of Indiana

United States of America v. MANUEL ORREGO-ZAVALA a/k/a Manuel Orrego-Savala	)))))))	Case No. 1:18-mj-00113

Defendant(s)

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

I, the complainant in this case, state that the following is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

On or about the date(s) of February 4, 2018 in the county of Marion in the Southern District of Indiana, the defendant(s) violated:

Code Section	*Offense Description*
Title 8, United States Code, Section 1326(a)	Illegal reentry of a previously deported alien

This criminal complaint is based on these facts:

See attached affidavit.

☑ Continued on the attached sheet.

Complainant's signature

Jason Rodriguez, Special Agent, HSI

Printed name and title

Sworn to before me and signed in my presence.

Date: 02/06/2018

Judge's signature

City and state: Indianapolis, Indiana

Tim A. Baker, U.S. Magistrate Judge

Printed name and title

AFFIDAVIT

Your Affiant, Jason C. Rodriguez, is employed by the Homeland Security Investigations, United States Department of Homeland Security. I have been so employed for approximately (17) years. Prior to my employment as a Special Agent, I was employed as an Inspector with the Immigration and Naturalization Service on the International border at the San Luis, AZ port of entry.

1. I am a sworn Federal agent empowered under the laws of the United States to investigate violations of Federal firearm and Immigration laws and have focused attention on the detection and apprehension of individuals violating both Federal and State laws.

2. Your Affiant is currently involved in an investigation regarding illegal re-entry of a previously deported alien by Manuel ORREGO-Zavala ("ORREGO-Zavala") aka Manuel ORREGO-Savala, aka Manuel Savala Orrego, aka Alex G. Cabrera, who is an alien illegally or unlawfully in the United States. Based upon this investigation, your Affiant has probable cause to believe ORREGO-Zavala violated Title 8, United States Code, Section 1326(a), illegal re-entry of a previously deported alien.

3. Your Affiant's probable cause is based on the information set forth in the following paragraphs which is either known personally to your Affiant, or has been related to your Affiant by law enforcement personnel within the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department (IMPD) and Immigration and Customs Enforcement-Enforcement and Removal Operations (ICE-ERO).

4. On February 4, 2018, ORREGO-Zavala was encountered by law enforcement in Indianapolis, Indiana, when ORREGO-Zavala was arrested after being involved in a motor vehicle accident on Interstate 70.

5. ORREGO-Zavala was arrested under the name of Alex Cabrera.

6. On February 5, 2018, your Affiant reviewed ORREGO-Zavala's alien file, A098 263 807. ORREGO-Zavala is a citizen and national of Guatemala by birth in Guatemala City, Guatemala on July 25, 1980. On October 27, 2006, ORREGO-Zavala, was arrested by ICE-ERO, San Francisco, California and processed for removal proceedings. On December 20, 2006, ORREGO-Zavala was ordered removed from the United States to Guatemala at Eloy, Arizona. On January 17, 2007, ORREGO-Zavala was removed from the United States to Guatemala at Phoenix, Arizona. At the time of his removal to Guatemala, ORREGO-Zavala was served form I-296 (Notice to Alien Ordered Removed/Departure Verification). This form notified ORREGO-Zavala was prohibited from entering, attempting to enter, or being in the United States for a period of 10 years from the date of removal from the United States. On March 26, 2009, ORREGO-Zavala was arrested by ICE-ERO, San Francisco, California and processed for removal proceedings. On May 12, 2009, ORREGO-Zavala was removed from the United States to Guatemala at Phoenix, Arizona. At the time of his removal to Guatemala, ORREGO-Zavala was served form I-296 (Notice to Alien Ordered Removed/Departure Verification). This form notified ORREGO-Zavala was prohibited from entering, attempting to enter, or being in the United States for a period of 20 years from the date of removal from the United States.

7. On February 6, 2018, HSI Task Force Officer (TFO) Wilkerson obtained ORREGO-Zavala's fingerprints from the February 4, 2018 arrest in Indianapolis, Indiana from the IMPD identification and Records Branch. Your Affiant scanned and submitted ORREGO-Zavala's fingerprints in a Department of Homeland Security database.

8. The database search resulted in a fingerprint match to ORREGO-Zavala's January 17, 2007 and May 12, 2009 removals from the United States to Guatemala.

9. Department of Homeland Security records show that ORREGO-Zavala did not have permission from the Attorney General of the United States, or his successor, the Secretary of Homeland Security, or any designee, to renter the United States following his deportation.

Jason C. Rodriguez
Special Agent
United States Department of Homeland Security,
Homeland Security Investigations

Subscribed and sworn to me before this 6th day of February 2018, at Indianapolis, Indiana.

Tim A. Baker
United States Magistrate Judge
Southern District of Indiana

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

Southern District of Indiana

United States of America
v.

MANUEL ORREGO-ZAVALA
a/k/a Manuel Orrego-Savala

Defendant

Case No. 1:18-mj-00113

ARREST WARRANT

To: Any authorized law enforcement officer

YOU ARE COMMANDED to arrest and bring before a United States magistrate judge without unnecessary delay

(name of person to be arrested) Manuel Orrego-Zavala,

who is accused of an offense or violation based on the following document filed with the court:

☐ Indictment ☐ Superseding Indictment ☐ Information ☐ Superseding Information ☑ Complaint

☐ Probation Violation Petition ☐ Supervised Release Violation Petition ☐ Violation Notice ☐ Order of the Court

This offense is briefly described as follows:

Count 1: Illegal reentry of a previously deported alien in violation of Title 8, United States Code, Section 1326 (a).

Date: 2/6/18

Issuing officer's signature

City and state: Indianapolis, IN

Tim A. Baker, U.S. Magistrate Judge

Printed name and title

Return

This warrant was received on *(date)* _____, and the person was arrested on *(date)* _____ at *(city and state)* _____.

Date: _____

Arresting officer's signature

Printed name and title

Gibson, Jake

From: Gibson, Jake
Sent: Tuesday, January 30, 2018 10:15 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Re: Fox News: Despite promises to cut back, fed and state governments press asset forfeitures

Okay.
I will talk to her and figure out what happened here.

Do you want to have a comment in the piece?

On Jan 30, 2018, at 9:28 AM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

> This is always an absurd exercise. I don't have any interest in talking to this person after the fact. I want them to write an email before hand or work through you. I barely have time to talk to the reporters I actually need to work with.
>
> On Jan 30, 2018, at 9:24 AM, Gibson, Jake <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:
>
>> The writer of the piece said she would call you.
>>
>> Barnini.
>>
>>
>> On Jan 30, 2018, at 8:53 AM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:
>>
>>> Nope. I always complain to you first.
>>>
>>> On Jan 30, 2018, at 8:39 AM, Gibson, Jake <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:
>>>
>>>> Oh crap.
>>>> Did you send this to someone at Fox?
>>>>
>>>> I can get it to he right people.
>>>> This is the first I've heard of this story.
>>>>
>>>>
>>>> On Jan 30, 2018, at 8:06 AM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

"Calls to the justice department were not immediately returned"

really? I'd like to know who she called. Because y'all have a reporter who sits here and bothers me all day long. And an online reporter who texts me frequently.

I want to talk to someone about this. It makes me really angry that a story like this would go out without our comment.

Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** "Barnett, Gary E. (OAG)" <gebarnett@jmd.usdoj.gov>
> **Date:** January 30, 2018 at 8:00:29 AM EST
> **To:** "Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)" <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>, "Ellis, Corey (USANCW)" (b)(6) [redacted]
> **Cc:** "Whitaker, Matthew (OAG)" <mwhitaker@jmd.usdoj.gov>, "Cutrona, Danielle (OAG)" <dcutrona@jmd.usdoj.gov>, "Terwilliger, Zachary (ODAG)" <zterwilliger@jmd.usdoj.gov>
> **Subject: Fox News: Despite promises to cut back, fed and state governments press asset forfeitures**
>
> http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2018/01/29/despite-promises-to-cut-back-fed-and-state-governments-press-asset-forfeitures.html

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Gibson, Jake

From: Gibson, Jake
Sent: Tuesday, January 30, 2018 9:08 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Re: Fox News: Despite promises to cut back, fed and state governments press asset forfeitures

Gotcha...
Will send along.

Sorry

On Jan 30, 2018, at 8:53 AM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Duplicative Material

Laco, Kelly (OPA)

From:	Laco, Kelly (OPA)
Sent:	Sunday, January 28, 2018 6:50 PM
To:	kelly.laco@usdoj.gov
Cc:	Philbin, Margaret (USAPAW)
Bcc:	Joe.DeStio@entercom.com; ksrakocic@ap.org; kdavis@wesa.fm; (b)(6) [redacted]; kmalongowski@timesonline.com; lschaly@timesonline.com; tove@post-gazette.com; cbrennan@wpxi.com; dlewis@wpxi.com; dclark@wpxi.com; cshaffer@wpxi.com; bmausteller@wpxi.com; Michelle.Chavez@FOXNEWS.COM; rbobonis@hearst.com; Robert.Suhr@entercom.com; newsdesk@kdka.com
Subject:	Press logistics 1/29 AG Sessions Speech Pittsburgh tomorrow

Hi all-

You are receiving this email because you or a colleague RSVP'd for the Attorney General's remarks tomorrow, Monday January 29th, at the U.S. Courthouse in Pittsburgh at **3:05 p.m. EST.** The contents of this email are off the record and for planning purposes only (unless otherwise specified).

Location
U.S. Courthouse
Jury Assembly Room (Room 3300)
700 Grant Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Check-in/Security
All members of the press will be asked to present valid media credentials and government issued ID at a check-in desk in the courthouse lobby. You will have to go through a security screening before being escorted by a member of the US Attorney Office staff up the elevators to the third floor Jury Assembly Room.

Preset/Camera logistics
Cameras may begin arriving at 1:30pm and **camera pre-set time is 2:05pm for a K9 sweep.** All gear must be in place by 2:05pm. Print media will have final access at 3:45pm. Cameras will be located behind the attendees facing the podium centered in the front. There is a 30-40 foot throw max from the camera location to the stage. Cameras will have access to a mult box in the back of the room. AG remarks will last aprox. 20-25 mins.

We will be sending the AG's prepared remarks to you via email once he begins speaking.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me by my cell (b)(6) [redacted] or Margaret Philbin (USAO PIO/LEC) at (b)(6) [redacted]. I will be onsite tomorrow.

Thanks,

Kelly

Kelly Laco

Office of Public Affairs
Department of Justice
Office: 202-353-0173
Cell: (b)(6) [redacted]

O'Malley, Devin (OPA)

From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Sent: Wednesday, January 24, 2018 10:50 PM
To: Fanning, Elizabeth; Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: RE: QUESTION

Sorry we didn't get this to you sooner!

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From: Fanning, Elizabeth [mailto:Elizabeth.Fanning@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Wednesday, January 24, 2018 8:27 PM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: QUESTION

Thank you both!

From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) [mailto:Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, January 24, 2018 8:20 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>; Fanning, Elizabeth <Elizabeth.Fanning@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: RE: QUESTION

Hey Liz-

These 23 jurisdictions had previously been contacted by the DOJ about their laws, policies, or practices in April and November.

On deep background (not for attribution)- you can see that Santa Clara received a letter in November, but was not on today's list. That is because information received or research afterward allowed DOJ to determine that Santa Clara never drew down on a subgrant they previously accepted.

Off the record- you should ask Santa Clara folks if their sanctuary policies are part of a pattern and practice of an abandonment of the rule of law. Please see this story: https://www.thedailybeast.com/silicon-valley-ceo-pleads-no-contest-to-abusing-his-wifeand-is-offered-a-deal-for-less-than-30-days-in-jail. From the story:

The prosecutor in the case, Assistant District Attorney Steve Fein, described the plea deal to The Daily Beast as a fair outcome, noting that accessory after the fact is also a felony, though not a violent one that would place Gattani at risk of being deported back to his native India. Fein indicated that his boss, Santa Clara District Attorney Jeff Rosen, seeks to avoid such deportations. Fein noted that the plea calls for a six-month jail term, though only 30 days of actual incarceration, with the balance served in the weekend-work program, doing manual labor for eight-hour shifts but otherwise at liberty. Fein maintained that Rastogi offered no objection when he provided her with the details of the deal.

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From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Wednesday, January 24, 2018 8:14 PM
To: Fanning, Elizabeth <Elizabeth.Fanning@FOXNEWS.COM>
Cc: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: QUESTION

Adding devin

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Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs
(b)(6) [redacted]

From: Fanning, Elizabeth [mailto:Elizabeth.Fanning@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Wednesday, January 24, 2018 5:44 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: QUESTION

Hey!
Hope all is well. Question about the 23 jurisdictions that were picked to possibly be subpoenaed. Do you know why those 23 were picked were some sanctuary jurisdictions left off? We are doing a segment with someone from Santa Clara and they say they are a Sanctuary city but they aren't on the list.

Any guidance would be helpful and appreciated!!

Thanks!
Liz

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Pfeiffer, Alex

From: Pfeiffer, Alex
Sent: Wednesday, January 24, 2018 5:46 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: Re: you see this?

Thanks

On Jan 24, 2018, at 5:44 PM, Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Related, don't forget about California AG Becerra's threat last week to prosecute businesses (like, say, Uber?) if they assist ICE.

<image001.png>

Uber driver in US illegally charged with 4 California rapes

By CHRISTOPHER WEBER, ASSOCIATED PRESS | LOS ANGELES — Jan 23, 2018, 8:59 AM ET

A Mexican man living in the U.S. illegally used his job as an Uber driver to target intoxicated young women and was charged Monday with raping, assaulting and robbing four victims, California prosecutors said.

Alfonso Alarcon-Nunez drove women to their homes, assaulted them, and stole property including cellphones, computers and jewelry, officials said. He collected his fare payments through the smartphone app Venmo to disguise his identity and his Uber records.

DNA evidence helped lead detectives to Alarcon-Nunez, who was arrested at his Santa Maria home last week, San Luis Obispo County District Attorney Dan Dow said at a news conference.

The alleged crimes occurred over four weeks starting in mid-December in San Luis Obispo, a city of about 45,000 that is home to California Polytechnic State University. Alarcon-Nunez's victims are between 19 and 22 and three were drunk at the time of the crimes, Dow said.

Alarcon-Nunez, 39, faces 10 criminal charges, including rape of an intoxicated victim and first-degree burglary. He pleaded not guilty to all charges at his arraignment and remained held in the San Luis Obispo County Jail with bail set at $1.47 million. His next court date was set for Jan. 29.

Detectives are looking for potential witnesses and trying to determine if there are additional victims in San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara counties northwest of Los Angeles, where the Alarcon-Nunez had been driving for Uber since September, Dow said.

Alarcon-Nunez has also gone by the name "Bruno Diaz" and his Venmo username was "Brush Bat," prosecutors said.

Officials said Alarcon-Nunez was not always driving for Uber when he picked up women.

Sometimes, drivers in cars parked outside bars or restaurants "jump in front of the actual Uber driver and they will take someone unsuspecting to their home. And that's a way of putting someone at risk, and in this case that's exactly what's alleged to have happened," Dow said.

He said the alleged crimes show that the company should improve its driver screening process, Dow said. Dow urged Uber users to make sure they are getting in the car of the correct driver by verifying the license plate and other information provided to clients.

"What police have reported is absolutely horrifying, and something no person should ever have to experience. We have been working with law enforcement to provide them with information for their investigation, and the driver has been permanently removed from the app," Uber spokesman Andrew Hasbun said in a statement Monday.

Alarcon-Nunez returned to the U.S. illegally after a voluntary deportation from New Mexico in 2005, officials said. Dow did not have details about why he was deported or whether he has a criminal record in the U.S.

California issues driver's licenses to immigrants in the country illegally and Alarcon-Nunez had a valid license since 2015.

Alarcon-Nunez's immigration status will not have a bearing on the prosecution, Dow said. He could face life in prison if convicted on all charges.

http://abcnews.go.com/Technology/wireStory/mexican-uber-driver-us-illegally-charged-rapes-52532069

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Chuck Ross

From: Chuck Ross
Sent: Tuesday, January 23, 2018 1:06 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Re: Question about Strzok texts

Cool, thank you. Sorry for the confusion

On Tue, Jan 23, 2018 at 12:02 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

> Ah--yes so those were the ones the IG had produced. Then we went back and produced all that could be produced.
>
> On Jan 23, 2018, at 11:50 AM, Chuck Ross <chuck@dailycaller.com> wrote:
>
>> Thanks.
>> So the 375 were what IG gave you guys as part of an initial production?
>> I'm trying to figure out if there was a reason that those 375 were selected i.e. was it random or were they picked because they were the ones w/ most evidence of bias.
>>
>> On Tue, Jan 23, 2018 at 10:32 AM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:
>>> I'm not sure I totally understand. There are over 50,000 texts. The first batch were the ones pulled by the IGs office (as we said in that transmittal letter) and the ones from last week were all of the relevant texts of the 50,000 so they include the 375 from before. Is that answering your question? It should all be spelled out in last weeks transmittal letter to congress.
>>>
>>> > On Jan 23, 2018, at 11:21 AM, Chuck Ross <chuck@dailycaller.com> wrote:
>>> >
>>> > Sarah,
>>> > I have a question about a background detail on the Strzok texts.
>>> >
>>> > Can you provide any insight into why the 375 messages released last month were picked out of the 10,000 or so other texts? I'm curious if those had some sort of significance.
>>> >
>>> > One reason I ask is because some of the new texts given to Congress last week seem to have the same kind of commentary as the 375.
>>> >
>>> > Thanks for any guidance,
>>> > Chuck Ross
>>> > The Daily Caller
>>> > (b)(6) [redacted]