

From: [Pustay, Melanie A \(OIP\)](#)
To: [Villanueva, Valeree A \(OIP\)](#); [Talebian, Bobak \(OIP\)](#); [Mallon, Carmen L \(OIP\)](#)
Cc: [Hibbard, Douglas \(OIP\)](#)
Subject: RE: Mueller Report -- add to agenda for monthly call
Date: Tuesday, March 26, 2019 3:27:42 PM

All – please include this point tomorrow as part of our Monthly Component call.

From: Villanueva, Valeree A (OIP) <vvillanueva@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 26, 2019 3:26 PM
To: Talebian, Bobak (OIP) <btalebian@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Mallon, Carmen L (OIP) <cmallon@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Pustay, Melanie A (OIP) <mpustay@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Hibbard, Douglas (OIP) <dhibbard@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: FW: Mueller Report
Importance: High
See below email from JMD.
I did advise JMD to forward OIP the request they received from ATF.

From: McFadden, Karen (JMD) <kmcfadden@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 26, 2019 3:12 PM
To: Villanueva, Valeree A (OIP) <vvillanueva@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Scofield, Megan L. (JMD) <MLScofield@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Tang, Evelyn (JMD) <etang@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Mueller Report
Importance: High

Val –

Since the Special Counsel's report is now in the AG's office, should FOIAs asking for the report be sent to OIP? If that's right, could you please send out a blast e-mail to FOIA offices saying that? We just receive a referral from ATF from a requester asking for that report. I'd like to avoid a potential overload of these requests coming to JMD.

Can you help??

Karen

From: Villanueva, Valerie A (OIP)
To: Hotchkiss, Eric (OIP)
Subject: RE: Mueller Report
Date: Monday, April 1, 2019 1:13:00 PM

Great news I am working on the ones you sent me, I need to go through the other requests that seek just the Report and expedition. I think the next round of expedition is due Wed will begin all that later today or tomorrow. Thank you!

From: Hotchkiss, Eric (OIP) <ehotchkiss@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 01, 2019 1:10 PM
To: Villanueva, Valerie A (OIP) <villanueva@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Mueller Report

These are tasked to you with the exception of the Leopolds. R and I had a conversation and he seemed amenable to withdrawing these requests (they are dupes) but wanted me to send him an email which I am waiting for a response from him withdrawing those requests.

From: Villanueva, Valerie A (OIP) <villanueva@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 01, 2019 9:41 AM
To: Hotchkiss, Eric (OIP) <ehotchkiss@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Mueller Report
Importance: High

Please draft up ack ltrs for the requests below similar to Leopold 2019-003097 (VAV sent and bcc'd ERH on Friday 3/29 – processing on expedited basis).

For requests that seek the report and any records use to create it we are advising requesters that their request is being granted processing on an expedited basis. Should that change I will let you know. Any Qs let me know.

TO BE SENT OUT COB MONDAY APRIL 1ST

DOJ-2019-003117	Jared Rutecki [Better Government Association]	3/22/2019	Y - ii (expedited basis)	Copy of the Report of Special Counsel Robert S. Mueller III.	
DOJ-2019-003118	Jason Leopold [Buzzfeed News]	3/22/2019	Y - ii and iv (expedited basis)	Copy of the Report of Special Counsel Robert S. Mueller III.	Looks to be a DUP of 2019-003097 – Please look into before replying
DOJ-2019-003119	Jason Leopold [Buzzfeed News]	3/22/2019	Y - ii and iv (expedited basis)	Records re: the creation of the Report of Special Counsel Robert S. Mueller III.	Looks to be a DUP of 2019-003098 – Please look into before responding
DOJ-2019-003120	Charles R Barber [National Law Journal]	3/22/2019	Y - i (expedited basis)	Copy of the Report of Special Counsel Robert S. Mueller III.	
DOJ-2019-003158	Eric Stone [Rice Thresher]	3/22/2019	Y - iv (expedited basis)	Copy of the Report of Special Counsel Robert S. Mueller III.	
DOJ-2019-003161	(b) (6)	3/22/2019	Y - improper (expedited basis)	Copy of the Report of Special Counsel Robert S. Mueller III.	

From: [Villanueva, Valeree A \(OIP\)](#)
To: [Talebian, Bobak \(OIP\)](#)
Subject: SCO and Expeditions - Due This Week (April 1-6)
Date: Monday, April 1, 2019 9:28:00 AM
Attachments: [Leopold \(19-003132\) - Request.pdf](#)
[Leopold \(19-003137\) - Request.pdf](#)
[Leopold \(19-003142\) - Request.pdf](#)
[Walker \(19-003196\) - Request.pdf](#)
[\(b\) \(6\) \(19-003261\) - Request.pdf](#)
[Leopold \(19-003282\) - Request.pdf](#)
[Leopold \(19-003295\) - Request.pdf](#)
[Walker \(19-003294\) - Request.pdf](#)
[Leopold \(19-003135\) - Request.pdf](#)
[Leopold \(19-003140\) - Request.pdf](#)
[Leopold \(19-003143\) - Request.pdf](#)
[Walker \(19-003183\) - Request.pdf](#)
[\(b\) \(6\) \(19-003189\) - Request.pdf](#)
[Leopold \(19-003213\) - Request.pdf](#)
[Walker \(19-003296\) - Request.pdf](#)
[Walker \(19-003297\) - Request.pdf](#)
[Walker \(19-003299\) - Request.pdf](#)
[Walker \(19-003301\) - Request.pdf](#)
[Baird \(19-003290\) - Request.pdf](#)
Importance: High

The attached all seek expedition

Some of the attached touch on the subject for those we granted expedited or processing on expedited basis; however, I included all that were not completely similar to those request the report or records use to create the report, just in case.

If needed, we will need to send information that seeks iv up to PAO asap

Expedition Requested – Determination Due on Wednesday April 4th:

1. Leopold (19-003132) – *Standards ii and iv* – Due 4/4/19
2. Leopold (19-003137) – *Standard ii and iv* – Due 4/4/19
3. Leopold (19-003135) – *Standard ii and iv* – Due 4/4/19
4. Leopold (19-003142) – Improper Standard – Due 4/4/19
5. Leopold (19-003140) – *Standard ii and iv* – Due 4/4/19
6. Leopold (19-003143) – *Standard ii and iv* – Due 4/4/19
7. Walker (19-003183) – Standard ii – Due 4/4/19
8. (b) (6) (19-003189) – Standard ii – Due 4/4/19
9. (6) Walker (19-003196) – Improper Standard – Due 4/4/19

Expedition Requested – Determination Due on Thursday April 5th:

1. (b) (6) (19-003261) – Standard iv - MISC – Due 4/5/19
2. Leopold (19-003282) – *Standards ii and iv* – Due 4/5/19
3. Leopold (19-003213) – *Standards ii and iv* – Due 4/5/19

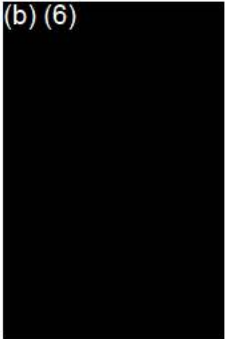
Expedition Requested – Determination Due on Friday April 6th

1. Leopold (19-003295) – *Standards ii and iv* – Due 4/6/19
2. Walker (19-003294) – Improper Standard – Due 4/6/19
3. Walker (19-003296) – Improper Standard – Due 4/6/19
4. Walker (19-003297) – Improper Standard – Due 4/6/19
5. Walker (19-003299) – Improper Standard – Due 4/6/19
6. Walker (19-003301) – Improper Standard – Due 4/6/19
7. Baird (19-003290) – Standard ii – Due 4/6/19

I am going to go ahead and draft PAO memos for the cases that are seeking Standard iv so that I can send to PAO asap, if we should we not grant expedition under ii or give processing on expedited basis

Due Date: 04/22/2019 Clock Days: 5

Requester Information

Requester	Mr. Jason Leopold	Tracking Number	DOJ-2019-003132
Organization	Investigative Reporter	Submitted Date	03/23/2019
Requester Has Account	Yes	Received Date	03/25/2019
Email Address	(b) (6)	Perfected Date	03/25/2019
Phone Number		Last Assigned Date	03/23/2019
Fax Number		Assigned To	Department of Justice - Office of Information Policy
Address		Last Assigned By	
City		Request Track	Complex
State/Province		Fee Limit	\$25.00
Zip Code/Postal Code			

Request Handling

Requester Info Available to the Public?	No	Request Type	FOIA
Request Track	Complex	Request Perfected	Yes
Fee Category	N/A	Perfected Date	03/25/2019
Fee Waiver Requested	Yes	Acknowledgement Sent Date	
Fee Waiver Status	Pending	Unusual Circumstances	No
Expedited Processing Requested	Yes	Litigation	No
Expedited Processing Status	Pending	Court Docket Number	
		5 Day Notifications?	No

Description

Long Description

I request disclosure from the Office of the Special Counsel, the Office of the Attorney General and the Office of the Deputy Attorney General the following records: The last page of the Special Counsel Robert Mueller's report submitted on March 22 2019 to the Attorney General William Barr containing only the page number. Reasonably Foreseeable Harm. The FOIA Improvement Act of 2016 amended the FOIA as follows (5 USC 552(a)(8)): (A) An agency shall— (i) withhold information under this section only if— (I) the agency reasonably foresees that disclosure would harm an interest protected by an exemption described in subsection (b); or (II) disclosure is prohibited by law; and (ii) (I) consider whether partial disclosure of information is possible whenever the agency determines that a full disclosure of a requested record is not possible; and (II) take reasonable steps necessary to segregate and release nonexempt information. . . . The Department of Justice and its components should not fail to meet the requirements of Section 552(a)(8) when processing my request and release responsive records to me in full or at least in part.

Has Description Been Modified?

No

Description Available to the Public?

No

Short Description

Mueller Report (Last page)

Additional Information

Litigation Counsel Name

N/A

Litigation Case Number

N/A

Litigation Contact Information

N/A

Sub-Office - IR

Office of Information Policy

Clearwell Number

N/A

Subject to Litigation?

N/A

Processing Queue

N/A

Acknowledged?

N/A

Attached Supporting Files

Attachments Available to the Public?

No

Attached File Name

Size (MB)

File Type

No supporting files have been uploaded.

Assigned Tasks

Outcome	Task Type	Assigned To	Assigned By	Submitted Date	Due Date	Closed Date	Notification	Justification
Pending	Expedited Processing	DOJ	Mr. Jason Leopold	03/23/2019	04/02/2019		No	

Requester
Justification

This request seeks expedited processing as there is both an urgency to inform the public and it relates to a matter of widespread public interest and actual government activity. For nearly two years, the Office of Special Counsel Robert Mueller has been conducting an investigation into any ties between the Russian government and individuals associated with the campaign of President Donald Trump. This investigation has already resulted in the guilty pleas of more than three dozen individuals and charges and leveled against other people. The investigation, Mr. Mueller and his team, have been the subject of harsh criticism by President Trump on a near daily basis over Twitter and by numerous other people working for the president and who retain an official role in his cabinet. They have referred to this investigation as a “witch hunt” and President Trump has referred to the Office of Special Counsel prosecutors as “angry Democrats.” In other words, President Trump has said the investigation is purely partisan. It is crucial that this report be released expeditiously as it would provide the public with insight into whether they can have confidence that the president can satisfactorily execute the duties of his office and would set the record straight as to whether the Trump Campaign had colluded with the Russian government during the presidential campaign.

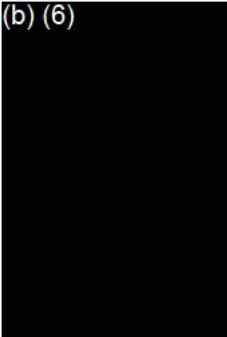
Thanks

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Due Date: 04/22/2019 Clock Days: 5

Requester Information

Requester	Mr. Jason Leopold	Tracking Number	DOJ-2019-003137
Organization	Investigative Reporter	Submitted Date	03/24/2019
Requester Has Account	Yes	Received Date	03/25/2019
Email Address	(b) (6)	Perfected Date	03/25/2019
Phone Number		Last Assigned Date	03/24/2019
Fax Number		Assigned To	Department of Justice - Office of Information Policy
Address		Last Assigned By	Complex
City		Request Track	\$25.00
State/Province		Fee Limit	
Zip Code/Postal Code			

Request Handling

Requester Info Available to the Public?	No	Request Type	FOIA
Request Track	Complex	Request Perfected	Yes
Fee Category	N/A	Perfected Date	03/25/2019
Fee Waiver Requested	Yes	Acknowledgement Sent Date	
Fee Waiver Status	Pending	Unusual Circumstances	No
Expedited Processing Requested	Yes	Litigation	No
Expedited Processing Status	Pending	Court Docket Number	
		5 Day Notifications?	No

Description

Long Description

I request disclosure from the Office of the Attorney General, the Office of the Deputy Attorney General and the Office of the Special Counsel the following records: 1. A copy of the table of contents from the report submitted to Attorney General William Barr by Special Counsel Robert Mueller on March 22, 2019. Reasonably Foreseeable Harm. The FOIA Improvement Act of 2016 amended the FOIA as follows (5 USC 552(a)(8)): (A) An agency shall— (i) withhold information under this section only if— (I) the agency reasonably foresees that disclosure would harm an interest protected by an exemption described in subsection (b); or (II) disclosure is prohibited by law; and (ii) (I) consider whether partial disclosure of information is possible whenever the agency determines that a full disclosure of a requested record is not possible; and (II) take reasonable steps necessary to segregate and release nonexempt information. . . . The Department of Justice and its components should not fail to meet the requirements of Section 552(a)(8) when processing my request and release responsive records to me in full or at least in part.

Has Description Been Modified?

No

Description Available to the Public?

No

Short Description

Mueller report

Additional Information

Litigation Counsel Name	N/A
Litigation Case Number	N/A
Litigation Contact Information	N/A
Sub-Office - IR	Office of Information Policy
Clearwell Number	N/A
Subject to Litigation?	N/A
Processing Queue	N/A
Acknowledged?	N/A

Attached Supporting Files

Attachments Available to the Public?
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File Type

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Assigned Tasks

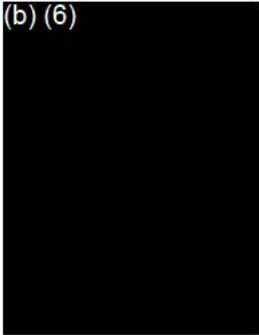
Outcome	Task Type	Assigned To	Assigned By	Submitted Date	Due Date	Closed Date	Notification	Justification
Pending	Expedited Processing	DOJ	Mr. Jason Leopold	03/24/2019	04/03/2019		No	
Requester Justification		This request seeks expedited processing as there is both an urgency to inform the public and it relates to a matter of widespread public interest and actual government activity. For nearly two years, the Office of Special Counsel Robert Mueller has been conducting an investigation into any ties between the Russian government and individuals associated with the campaign of President Donald Trump. This investigation has already resulted in the guilty pleas of more than three dozen individuals and charges and leveled against other people. The investigation, Mr. Mueller and his team, have been the subject of harsh criticism by President Trump on a near daily basis over Twitter and by numerous other people working for the president and who retain an official role in his cabinet. They have referred to this investigation as a "witch hunt" and President Trump has referred to the Office of Special Counsel prosecutors as "angry Democrats." In other words, President Trump has said the investigation is purely partisan. It is crucial that this report be released expeditiously as it would provide the public with insight into whether they can have confidence that the president can satisfactorily execute the duties of his office and would set the record straight as to whether the Trump Campaign had colluded with the Russian government during the presidential campaign.						

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Due Date: 04/22/2019 Clock Days: 5

Requester Information

Requester	Mr. Jason Leopold	Tracking Number	DOJ-2019-003142
Organization	Investigative Reporter	Submitted Date	03/24/2019
Requester Has Account	Yes	Received Date	03/25/2019
Email Address	(b) (6)	Perfected Date	03/25/2019
Phone Number		Last Assigned Date	03/24/2019
Fax Number		Assigned To	Department of Justice - Office of Information Policy
Address		Last Assigned By	
City		Request Track	Complex
State/Province		Fee Limit	\$25.00
Zip Code/Postal Code			

Request Handling

Requester Info Available to the Public?	No	Request Type	FOIA
Request Track	Complex	Request Perfected	Yes
Fee Category	N/A	Perfected Date	03/25/2019
Fee Waiver Requested	Yes	Acknowledgement Sent Date	
Fee Waiver Status	Pending	Unusual Circumstances	No
Expedited Processing Requested	Yes	Litigation	No
Expedited Processing Status	Pending	Court Docket Number	
		5 Day Notifications?	No

Description

Long Description	I request disclosure from the Office of the Attorney General, the Office of the Deputy Attorney General and the Office of Special Counsel the following records: 1. Any and all emails, memos, letters, between Attorney General William Barr, Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein and the Office of Legal Counsel mentioning or referring to Robert Mueller, the Mueller Report, Donald Trump, Trump, and obstruction.
Has Description Been Modified?	No
Description Available to the Public?	No
Short Description	comms between AG or DAG and OLC re the Mueller report (and various)

Additional Information

Litigation Counsel Name	N/A
Litigation Case Number	N/A
Litigation Contact Information	N/A
Sub-Office - IR	Office of the Attorney General, Office of the Deputy Attorney General
Clearwell Number	N/A
Subject to Litigation?	N/A
Processing Queue	N/A
Acknowledged?	N/A

Attached Supporting Files

Attachments Available to the Public?
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Assigned Tasks

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Pending	Fee Waiver	DOJ	Mr. Jason Leopold	03/24/2019	03/24/2019		No	
Requester Justification		I am the senior investigative reporter for BuzzFeed News and formerly senior investigative reporter and on-air correspondent for VICE News. Additionally, my reporting has been published in The Guardian, The Wall Street Journal, Financial Times, Salon, CBS Marketwatch, The Los Angeles Times, The Nation, Truthout, Al Jazeera English and Al Jazeera America. I request a complete waiver of all search and duplication fees. If my request for a waiver is denied, I request that I be considered a member of the news media for fee purposes.						

EXPEDITION JUSTIFICATION:

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(I) the agency reasonably foresees that disclosure would harm an interest protected by an exemption described in subsection (b); or

(II) disclosure is prohibited by law; and

(ii) (I) consider whether partial disclosure of information is possible whenever the agency determines that a full disclosure of a requested record is not possible; and

(II) take reasonable steps necessary to segregate and release nonexempt information. . . .

The Department of Justice and its components should not fail to meet the requirements of Section 552(a)(8) when processing my request and release responsive records to me in full or at least in part.

Requester
Justification

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Walker (19-003196)

Expedition under ii and iv

Due Thurs April 4th

Reclarified only wants OAG/ODAG/SCO searched

The New York Times requests records of the following type in the possession, custody, or control of The Department of Justice for the time period starting from January 1, 2019, through the date of your search for, the following records:

A. All emails containing the following keywords or phrases:

- Obstruction
- Obstruction of Justice
- Democrats
- Attorney General
- AG
- William P. Barr
- Barr
- Mueller
- Mueller report
- Special counsel
- Investigation
- Witch hunt

FORMAT OF REQUESTED RECORDS

Under FOIA, you are obligated to provide records in the format requested. *See, e.g.*, 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(3)(B) ("In making any record available to a person under this paragraph, an agency shall provide the record in any form or format requested by the person if the record is readily reproducible by the agency in that form or format.").

We request all records in an electronic .pdf format that is text searchable and OCR formatted. Additionally, please provide the records either in (1) load-ready format with a CSV file index or excel spreadsheet, or, if that is not possible; (2) in .pdf format, without any "portfolios" or "embedded files." Portfolios and embedded files within files are not readily-accessible. Please do not provide the records in a single, or "batched," .pdf file. We appreciate the inclusion of an index.

Please provide all records on a rolling basis.

RESPONSE TIME

We appreciate your help in expeditiously obtaining a determination on the requested records. As mandated in FOIA, we anticipate a reply within the statutory timeframe of 20 business days. 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(A)(i).

ESTIMATED DATE OF COMPLETION

I respectfully request that you provide me with a reasonably estimated date of completion. See 5 U.S.C.

§ 552(a)(7)(B)(ii). If the estimated date of completion is being significantly delayed because of a portion of the request needs to be processed by another agency, please inform me which agency that is and whether it has provided you with an estimated date of completion.

FEE WAIVER

I respectfully request that you waive all fees in connection with this request as provided by 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(iii). FOIA was designed to provide citizens a broad right to access government records. FOIA's basic purpose is to "open agency action to the light of public scrutiny," with a focus on the public's "right to be informed about what their government is up to." *U.S. Dep't of Justice v. Reporters Comm. For Freedom of Press*, 489 U.S. 749, 773–74 (1989) (internal quotation and citations omitted). In order to provide public access to this information, FOIA's fee waiver provision requires "[d]ocuments shall be furnished without any charge or at a [reduced] charge . . . disclosure of the information is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or ac

tivities of the government and is not primarily in the commercial interest of the requester." 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(iii).

Disclosure of the records request is in the public interest because disclosure is likely to contribute significantly to the understanding of the operations or activities of the government. In addition, as one of the largest circulation newspapers in the United States, *The New York Times* plays an important role in sharing information with the public and helping the public understand how the federal government works. Disclosure of the records is not primarily in the commercial interest of myself or *The New York Times* but is intended to facilitate reporting on the operations of government.

You may email copies of the requested records to:

Mark Walker

mark.walker@nytimes.com

If you are unable to deliver the documents through electronic means, please deliver the documents to:

Mark Walker

The New York Times

1627 I Street NW Suite 700

Washington DC 20006

From: [redacted]
To: [redacted]
Subject: W New CIA report leaked to Office of the Attorney General
Date: Wednesday, May 27, 2015 9:10:22 AM
Attachments: [redacted]

Mail

Received: 3/26

expedited

From: National FOIA Requester <[redacted]>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2015 11:40 PM
To: OIP.FOIArequest.1@jnd.usdoj.gov
Subject: New FOIA request received to Office of the Attorney General

Hi,

A new FOIA request was submitted to your agency component.

The following list contains the request submission and is formatted for ease of viewing and printing.

Contact information

First name
Last name
Mailing Address
City
State/Province
Postal Code
Country
Phone
Email

(b) (6)

Request

Request ID: 53181
Confirmation ID: 52656

Request description: I am seeking the following information: How many pages is the full unredacted and unedited Special Counsel Report (authored by Robert Mueller)? The scope of this request is limited to the specific page count only.

Supporting documentation

Fees

Request category ID: other

Fee waiver: yes

Explanation: I have no commercial interest in the requested information. I am seeking this information for the purpose of better understanding the public's understanding of the comprehensiveness of the Special Counsel's Report.

Expedited processing

Expedited processing: yes

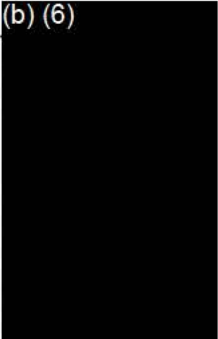
28 C.F.R. § 16.5(a)(4) Material of widespread and exceptional media interest in which the existence of possible questions about the government's integrity that affect public confidence.

The following table contains the entire submission and is formatted for ease of copying/pasting into a spreadsheet.

request_id	confirmation_id	address_city	address_country	address_line1	address_state_province	address_zip_postal_code	email	expedited_processing	expedited_processing_explanation	fee_waiver	fee_waiver_explanation	name_first_name	last_name	phone_number	request_category	request_description
53181	52656	(b) (6)	us	28 C.F.R. § 16.5(a)(4) Material of widespread and exceptional media interest in which the existence of possible questions about the government's integrity that affect public confidence.	yes	I have no commercial interest in the requested information. I am seeking this information for the purpose of better understanding the public's understanding of the comprehensiveness of the Special Counsel's Report.	(b) (6)	other	I am seeking the following information: How many pages is the full unredacted and unedited Special Counsel Report (authored by Robert Mueller)? The scope of this request is limited to the specific page count only.							

Due Date: 04/24/2019 Clock Days: 3

Requester Information

Requester	Mr. Jason Leopold	Tracking Number	DOJ-2019-003282
Organization	Investigative Reporter	Submitted Date	03/27/2019
Requester Has Account	Yes	Received Date	03/27/2019
Email Address	(b) (6)	Perfected Date	03/27/2019
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Address		Last Assigned By	
City		Request Track	Simple
State/Province		Fee Limit	\$25.00
Zip Code/Postal Code			

Request Handling

Requester Info Available to the Public?	No	Request Type	FOIA
Request Track	Simple	Request Perfected	Yes
Fee Category	N/A	Perfected Date	03/27/2019
Fee Waiver Requested	Yes	Acknowledgement Sent Date	
Fee Waiver Status	Pending	Unusual Circumstances	No
Expedited Processing Requested	Yes	Litigation	No
Expedited Processing Status	Pending	Court Docket Number	
		5 Day Notifications?	No

Description

Long Description

I request disclosure from the Office of Attorney General, the Deputy Attorney General, and the Office of Special Counsel Robert Mueller the following records: 1. All email and letter correspondence to and from the Office of Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs and any Congressional Offices, Congressional Committees or individual members of the House and Senate between March 22, 2019 and the date the search for responsive records is conducted relating or referring to Special Counsel Robert Mueller's final report FINAL REPORT into: any links and/or coordination between the Russian government and individuals associated with the campaign of President Donald Trump; and (ii) any matters that arose or may arise directly from the investigation; and (iii) any other matters within the scope of 28 C.F.R. § 600.4(a). Reasonably Foreseeable Harm. The FOIA Improvement Act of 2016 amended the FOIA as follows (5 USC 552(a)(8)): (A) An agency shall— (i) withhold information under this section only if— (I) the agency reasonably foresees that disclosure would harm an interest protected by an exemption described in subsection (b); or (II) disclosure is prohibited by law; and (ii) (I) consider whether partial disclosure of information is possible whenever the agency determines that a full disclosure of a requested record is not possible; and (II) take reasonable steps necessary to segregate and release nonexempt information. . . . The Department of Justice and its components should not fail to meet the requirements of Section 552(a) (8) when processing my request and release responsive records to me in full or at least in part.

Has Description Been Modified?

No

Description Available to the Public?

No

Short Description

EXPEDITION - OAG/ODAG/OLA emails/correspondence re: SCO Reprot, since 3/22/19

Additional Information

Litigation Counsel Name

N/A

Litigation Case Number

N/A

Litigation Contact Information

N/A

Sub-Office - IR

Office of the Attorney General, Office of the Deputy Attorney General, Office of

Legislative Affairs

Clearwell Number

N/A

Subject to Litigation?

N/A

Processing Queue

N/A

Acknowledged?

N/A

Attached Supporting Files

Assigned Tasks

Outcome	Task Type	Assigned To	Assigned By	Submitted Date	Due Date	Closed Date	Notification	Justification
Pending	Expedited Processing	DOJ	Mr. Jason Leopold	03/27/2019	04/06/2019		No	

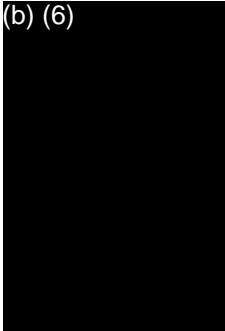
Requester
Justification

This request seeks expedited processing as there is both an urgency to inform the public and it relates to a matter of widespread public interest and actual government activity. For nearly two years, the Office of Special Counsel Robert Mueller has been conducting an investigation into any ties between the Russian government and individuals associated with the campaign of President Donald Trump. This investigation has already resulted in the guilty pleas of more than three dozen individuals and charges and leveled against other people. The investigation, Mr. Mueller and his team, have been the subject of harsh criticism by President Trump on a near daily basis over Twitter and by numerous other people working for the president and who retain an official role in his cabinet. They have referred to this investigation as a “witch hunt” and President Trump has referred to the Office of Special Counsel prosecutors as “angry Democrats.” In other words, President Trump has said the investigation is purely partisan. It is crucial that this report be released expeditiously as it would provide the public with insight into whether they can have confidence that the president can satisfactorily execute the duties of his office and would set the record straight as to whether the Trump Campaign had colluded with the Russian government during the presidential campaign.

EXPEDITION JUSTIFICATION:

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Requester Information

Requester	Mr. Jason Leopold	Tracking Number	DOJ-2019-003295
Organization	Investigative Reporter	Submitted Date	03/27/2019
Requester Has Account	Yes	Received Date	03/27/2019
Email Address	(b) (6)	Perfected Date	03/27/2019
Phone Number		Last Assigned Date	03/27/2019
Fax Number		Assigned To	Department of Justice - Office of Information Policy
Address		Last Assigned By	
City		Request Track	Simple
State/Province		Fee Limit	\$25.00
Zip Code/Postal Code			

Request Handling

Requester Info Available to the Public?	No	Request Type	FOIA
Request Track	Simple	Request Perfected	Yes
Fee Category	N/A	Perfected Date	03/27/2019
Fee Waiver Requested	Yes	Acknowledgement Sent Date	
Fee Waiver Status	Pending	Unusual Circumstances	No
Expedited Processing Requested	Yes	Litigation	No
Expedited Processing Status	Pending	Court Docket Number	
		5 Day Notifications?	No

Description

Long Description

I request disclosure from the Department of Justice senior leadership/senior personnel in the Office of Attorney General, the Office of Deputy Attorney General, the Associate Attorney General, the Office of Legal Policy, the Office of Legislative Affairs and the Office of Public Affairs the following records: 1. Any and all emails that mentions or refers to Robert Mueller, the Mueller report, Donald Trump, President Trump, obstruction, collusion, Russia, William Barr, Attorney General Barr, Rod Rosenstein. The timeframe for this part of my request is March 20 through the date the search for responsive records is conducted. 2. Any and all reports, letters, talking points, legal guidance, mentioning or referring to the handling of Special Counsel Robert Mueller's final report on any links and/or coordination between the Russian government and individuals associated with the campaign of President Donald Trump, and the classification of the report. The timeframe for this part of my request is March 15 through the date the search for responsive records is conducted. 3. All records, which includes emails, memos, letters, directives, legal guidance relating or referring to Attorney General William Barr's March 24, 2019 four page summary of Robert Mueller's final report and any documents separate from the final Mueller report that Mr. Barr used to prepare his summary

Has Description Been Modified?

No

Description Available to the Public?

No

Short Description

EXPEDITION - Records Pertaining to Mueller and Report

Additional Information

Litigation Counsel Name

N/A

Litigation Case Number

N/A

Litigation Contact Information

N/A

Sub-Office - IR

Office of the Attorney General, Office of the Deputy Attorney General, Office of the

Associate Attorney General, Office of Legal Policy, Office of Legislative Affairs, Office of Public Affairs

Clearwell Number

N/A

Subject to Litigation?

N/A

Processing Queue

N/A

Acknowledged?

N/A

Attached Supporting Files

Attachments Available to the Public?

No

Attached File Name

Size (MB)

File Type

Assigned Tasks

Outcome	Task Type	Assigned To	Assigned By	Submitted Date	Due Date	Closed Date	Notification	Justification
Pending	Expedited Processing	DOJ	Mr. Jason Leopold	03/27/2019	04/06/2019		No	

EXPEDITED PROCESSING

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Pending	Fee Waiver	DOJ	Mr. Jason Leopold	03/27/2019	03/27/2019	No
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Requester Justification

I am the senior investigative reporter for BuzzFeed News and formerly senior investigative reporter and on-air correspondent for VICE News. Additionally, my reporting has been published in The Guardian, The Wall Street Journal, Financial Times, Salon, CBS Marketwatch, The Los Angeles Times, The Nation, Truthout, Al Jazeera English and Al Jazeera.

I request a complete waiver of all search and duplication fees. If my request for a waiver is denied, I request that I be considered a member of the news media for fee purposes.

Under 5 U.S.C. §552(a)(4)(A)(iii), “Documents shall be furnished without any charge ... if disclosure of the information is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government and is not primarily in the commercial interest of the requester.” Disclosure in this case meets the s

criteria, as the records sought detail the operations and activities of government. This request is also not primarily in commercial request, as I am seeking the records as a journalist to analyze and freely release to members of the public.

If I am not granted a complete fee waiver, I request to be considered a member of the news media for fee purposes and willing to pay all reasonable duplication expenses incurred in processing this FOIA request.

I will appeal any denial of my request for a waiver administratively and to the courts if necessary.

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act. I request that a copy of the following documents:

All documents, emails or other records from The Attorney General's Office, Deputy Attorney General's Office and Special Counsel Office attorneys regarding obstruction statutes and the application of those statutes to the presidency more specially to the Presidency of Donald Trump.

Specific names could include:

- For the Department of Justice: Rod Rosenstein, Edward O'Callaghan, Steven Engel, William Barr, Matthew Whitaker, Jeff Sessions, Sarah Isgur Flores (or Sarah Isgur), Valerie Hall Yancey, Dyone Mitchell, Curtis Gannon.
- Special Counsel Office: Robert Mueller, III, Andrew Weissman, James Quarles, III, Andrew Goldstein, Michael Dreeben, Jeannie Rhee, Aaron Zelinsky.

FORMAT OF REQUESTED RECORDS

Under FOIA, you are obligated to provide records in the format requested. See, e.g., 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(3)(B) ("In making any record available to a person under this paragraph, an agency shall provide the record in any form or format requested by the person if the record is readily reproducible by the agency in that form or format.").

We request all records in an electronic .pdf format that is text searchable and OCR formatted. Additionally, please provide the records either in (1) load-ready format with a CSV file index or excel spreadsheet, or, if that is not possible; (2) in .pdf format, without any "portfolios" or "embedded files." Portfolios and embedded files within files are not readily-accessible. Please do not provide the records in a single, or "batched," .pdf file. We appreciate the inclusion of an index.

Please provide all records on a rolling basis.

RESPONSE TIME

We appreciate your help in expeditiously obtaining a determination on the requested records. As mandated in FOIA, we anticipate a reply within the statutory timeframe of 20 business days. 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(A)(i).

ESTIMATED DATE OF COMPLETION

I respectfully request that you provide me with a reasonably estimated date of completion. See 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(7)(B)(ii). If the estimated date of completion is being significantly delayed

because of a portion of the request needs to be processed by another agency, please inform me which agency that is and whether it has provided you with an estimated date of completion.

FEE WAIVER

I respectfully request that you waive all fees in connection with this request as provided by 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(iii). FOIA was designed to provide citizens a broad right to access government records. FOIA's basic purpose is to "open agency action to the light of public scrutiny," with a focus on the public's "right to be informed about what their government is up to." U.S. Dep't of Justice v. Reporters Comm. For Freedom of Press, 489 U.S. 749, 773–74 (1989) (internal quotation and citations omitted). In order to provide public access to this information, FOIA's fee waiver provision requires "[d]ocuments shall be furnished without any charge or at a [reduced] charge . . . disclosure of the information is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government and is not primarily in the commercial interest of the requester." 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(iii).

Disclosure of the records request is in the public interest because disclosure is likely to contribute significantly to the understanding of the operations or activities of the government. In addition, as one of the largest circulation newspapers in the United States, The New York Times plays an important role in sharing information with the public and helping the public understand how the federal government works. Disclosure of the records is not primarily in the commercial interest of myself or The New York Times but is intended to facilitate reporting on the operations of government.

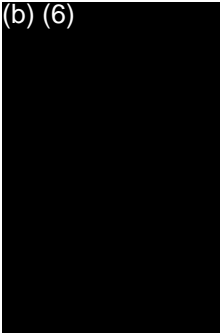
You may email copies of the requested records to:

Mark Walker
mark.walker@nytimes.com

If you are unable to deliver the documents through electronic means, please deliver the documents to:

Mark Walker
The New York Times
1627 I Street NW Suite 700
Washington DC 20006

Requester Information

Requester	Mr. Jason Leopold	Tracking Number	DOJ-2019-003135
Organization	Investigative Reporter	Submitted Date	03/23/2019
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Email Address	(b) (6)	Perfected Date	03/25/2019
Phone Number		Last Assigned Date	03/23/2019
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Address		Last Assigned By	
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State/Province		Fee Limit	\$25.00
Zip Code/Postal Code			

Request Handling

Requester Info Available to the Public?	No	Request Type	FOIA
Request Track	Complex	Request Perfected	Yes
Fee Category	N/A	Perfected Date	03/25/2019
Fee Waiver Requested	Yes	Acknowledgement Sent Date	
Fee Waiver Status	Pending	Unusual Circumstances	No
Expedited Processing Requested	Yes	Litigation	No
Expedited Processing Status	Pending	Court Docket Number	
		5 Day Notifications?	No

Description

Long Description

I request disclosure from the Office of the Attorney General, the Office of Deputy Attorney General, the Office of Legislative Affairs, the Office of Information Policy and the Office of Public Affairs all memos, instructions or emails describing the handling of Freedom of Information Act requests seeking a copy of Special Counsel Robert Mueller's Report from the Department of Justice. Reasonably Foreseeable Harm. The FOIA Improvement Act of 2016 amended the FOIA as follows (5 USC 552(a)(8)): (A) An agency shall — (i) withhold information under this section only if— (I) the agency reasonably foresees that disclosure would harm an interest protected by an exemption described in subsection (b); or (II) disclosure is prohibited by law; and (ii) (I) consider whether partial disclosure of information is possible whenever the agency determines that a full disclosure of a requested record is not possible; and (II) take reasonable steps necessary to segregate and release nonexempt information. . . . The Department of Justice and its components should not fail to meet the requirements of Section 552(a)(8) when processing my request and release responsive records to me in full or at least in part.

Has Description Been Modified?

No

Description Available to the Public?

No

Short Description

records re handling of Mueller Report FOIAs

Additional Information

Litigation Counsel Name	N/A
Litigation Case Number	N/A
Litigation Contact Information	N/A
Sub-Office - IR	Office of Information Policy
Clearwell Number	N/A
Subject to Litigation?	N/A
Processing Queue	N/A
Acknowledged?	N/A

Attached Supporting Files

Attachments Available to the Public?

No

Attached File Name

Size (MB)

File Type

No supporting files have been uploaded.

Assigned Tasks

Outcome	Task Type	Assigned To	Assigned By	Submitted Date	Due Date	Closed Date	Notification	Justification
Pending	Expedited Processing	DOJ	Mr. Jason Leopold	03/23/2019	04/02/2019		No	

Requester
Justification

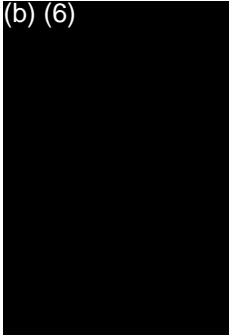
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Due Date: 04/22/2019 Clock Days: 5

Requester Information

Requester	Mr. Jason Leopold	Tracking Number	DOJ-2019-003140
Organization	Investigative Reporter	Submitted Date	03/24/2019
Requester Has Account	Yes	Received Date	03/25/2019
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Request Handling

Requester Info Available to the Public?	No	Request Type	FOIA
Request Track	Complex	Request Perfected	Yes
Fee Category	N/A	Perfected Date	03/25/2019
Fee Waiver Requested	Yes	Acknowledgement Sent Date	
Fee Waiver Status	Pending	Unusual Circumstances	No
Expedited Processing Requested	Yes	Litigation	No
Expedited Processing Status	Pending	Court Docket Number	
		5 Day Notifications?	No

Description

Long Description

I request disclosure from the Office of the Attorney General, the Deputy Attorney General and the Office of Special Counsel the following records: 1. Copies of the 2800 subpoenas issued/executed by Special Counsel Robert Mueller during his investigation into any links and/or coordination between the Russian government and individuals associated with the campaign of President Donald Trump; and (ii) any matters that arose or may arise directly from the investigation; and (iii) any other matters within the scope of 28 C.F.R. § 600.4(a). 2. Copies of the 500 search warrants issued/executed by Special Counsel Robert Mueller during his investigation into any links and/or coordination between the Russian government and individuals associated with the campaign of President Donald Trump; and (ii) any matters that arose or may arise directly from the investigation; and (iii) any other matters within the scope of 28 C.F.R. § 600.4(a). Reasonably Foreseeable Harm. The FOIA Improvement Act of 2016 amended the FOIA as follows (5 USC 552(a)(8)): (A) An agency shall— (i) withhold information under this section only if— (I) the agency reasonably foresees that disclosure would harm an interest protected by an exemption described in subsection (b); or (II) disclosure is prohibited by law; and (ii) (I) consider whether partial disclosure of information is possible whenever the agency determines that a full disclosure of a requested record is not possible; and (II) take reasonable steps necessary to segregate and release nonexempt information. . . . The Department of Justice and its components should not fail to meet the requirements of Section 552(a)(8) when processing my request and release responsive records to me in full or at least in part.

Has Description Been Modified?

No

Description Available to the Public?

No

Short Description

Copies of subpoenas and search warrants issued by SCO

Additional Information

Litigation Counsel Name

N/A

Litigation Case Number

N/A

Litigation Contact Information

N/A

Sub-Office - IR

Office of Information Policy

Clearwell Number

N/A

Subject to Litigation?

N/A

Processing Queue

N/A

Acknowledged?

N/A

Attached Supporting Files

Assigned Tasks

Outcome	Task Type	Assigned To	Assigned By	Submitted Date	Due Date	Closed Date	Notification	Justification
Pending	Expedited Processing	DOJ	Mr. Jason Leopold	03/24/2019	04/04/2019		No	

Requester
Justification

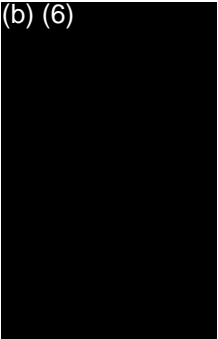
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EXPEDITION JUSTIFICATION:

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Due Date: 04/22/2019 Clock Days: 6

Requester Information

Requester	Mr. Jason Leopold	Tracking Number	DOJ-2019-003143
Organization	Investigative Reporter	Submitted Date	03/24/2019
Requester Has Account	Yes	Received Date	03/25/2019
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Request Handling

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Request Track	Complex	Request Perfected	Yes
Fee Category	N/A	Perfected Date	03/25/2019
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Fee Waiver Status	Pending	Unusual Circumstances	No
Expedited Processing Requested	Yes	Litigation	No
Expedited Processing Status	Pending	Court Docket Number	
		5 Day Notifications?	No

Description

Long Description

I request disclosure from the Office of Special Counsel Robert Mueller the following records: 1. All documents and records collected, maintained and stored by the Office of Special Counsel Robert Mueller since May 17, 2017 during the Office's investigation into: any links and/or coordination between the Russian government and individuals associated with the campaign of President Donald Trump; and (ii) any matters that arose or may arise directly from the investigation; and (iii) any other matters within the scope of 28 C.F.R. § 600.4(a). Reasonably Foreseeable Harm. The FOIA Improvement Act of 2016 amended the FOIA as follows (5 USC 552(a)(8)): (A) An agency shall— (i) withhold information under this section only if— (I) the agency reasonably foresees that disclosure would harm an interest protected by an exemption described in subsection (b); or (II) disclosure is prohibited by law; and (ii) (I) consider whether partial disclosure of information is possible whenever the agency determines that a full disclosure of a requested record is not possible; and (II) take reasonable steps necessary to segregate and release nonexempt information. . . . The Department of Justice and its components should not fail to meet the requirements of Section 552(a)(8) when processing my request and release responsive records to me in full or at least in part.

Has Description Been Modified?

No

Description Available to the Public?

No

Short Description

all SCO records

Additional Information

Litigation Counsel Name

N/A

Litigation Case Number

N/A

Litigation Contact Information

N/A

Sub-Office - IR

Office of Information Policy

Clearwell Number

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Subject to Litigation?

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Processing Queue

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Acknowledged?

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Attached Supporting Files

Attachments Available to the Public?

No

Attached File Name

Size (MB)

File Type

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Assigned Tasks

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Requester
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Requester Information

Requester	Mr. Mark Walker	Tracking Number	DOJ-2019-003183
Organization	The New York Times	Submitted Date	03/25/2019
Requester Has Account	Yes	Received Date	03/25/2019
Email Address	mark.walker@nytimes.com	Perfected Date	03/25/2019
Phone Number		Last Assigned Date	03/25/2019
Fax Number		Assigned To	Department of Justice - Office of Information Policy
Address	1627 I Street NW	Last Assigned By	
City	Washington DC	Request Track	Complex
State/Province	DC	Fee Limit	\$25.00
Zip Code/Postal Code	20006		

Request Handling

Requester Info Available to the Public?	No	Request Type	FOIA
Request Track	Complex	Request Perfected	Yes
Fee Category	N/A	Perfected Date	03/25/2019
Fee Waiver Requested	Yes	Acknowledgement Sent Date	
Fee Waiver Status	Pending	Unusual Circumstances	No
Expedited Processing Requested	Yes	Litigation	No
Expedited Processing Status	Pending	Court Docket Number	
		5 Day Notifications?	No

Description

Long Description	I'm seeking all investigative and non-investigative DOJ records relating to Paul Manafort dating from 2012-2015.
Has Description Been Modified?	No
Description Available to the Public?	No
Short Description	records related to Paul Manafort from 2012-2015

Additional Information

Litigation Counsel Name	N/A
Litigation Case Number	N/A
Litigation Contact Information	N/A
Sub-Office - IR	Office of Information Policy
Clearwell Number	N/A
Subject to Litigation?	N/A
Processing Queue	N/A
Acknowledged?	N/A

Attached Supporting Files

Attachments Available to the Public?
No

Attached File Name	Size (MB)	File Type
No supporting files have been uploaded.		

Assigned Tasks

Outcome	Task Type	Assigned To	Assigned By	Submitted Date	Due Date	Closed Date	Notification	Justification
Pending	Expedited Processing	DOJ	Mr. Mark Walker	03/25/2019	04/04/2019		No	
Requester Justification	The information requested is urgently needed to inform the public concerning some actual or alleged federal government activity. This request is being made by a member The New York Times, which primarily engages in disseminating information to the public.							
Pending	Fee Waiver	DOJ	Mr. Mark Walker	03/25/2019	03/25/2019		No	
Requester Justification	I respectfully request that you waive all fees in connection with this request as provided by 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A) (which was designed to provide citizens a broad right to access government records. FOIA's basic purpose is to "open government action to the light of public scrutiny," with a focus on the public's "right to be informed about what their government is doing." U.S. Dep't of Justice v. Reporters Comm. For Freedom of Press, 489 U.S. 749, 773-74 (1989) (internal quotation marks and citations omitted).							

Due Date: 04/22/2019 Clock Days: 6

Requester Information

Requester	(b) (6)	Tracking Number	DOJ-2019-003189
Organization		Submitted Date	03/25/2019
Requester Has Account	Yes	Received Date	03/25/2019
Email Address	(b) (6)	Perfected Date	03/25/2019
Phone Number		Last Assigned Date	03/25/2019
Fax Number		Assigned To	Department of Justice - Office of Information Policy
Address	(b) (6)	Last Assigned By	
City		Request Track	Complex
State/Province		Fee Limit	\$10.00
Zip Code/Postal Code			

Request Handling

Requester Info Available to the Public?	No	Request Type	FOIA
Request Track	Complex	Request Perfected	Yes
Fee Category	N/A	Perfected Date	03/25/2019
Fee Waiver Requested	No	Acknowledgement Sent Date	
Fee Waiver Status		Unusual Circumstances	No
Expedited Processing Requested	Yes	Litigation	No
Expedited Processing Status	Pending	Court Docket Number	
		5 Day Notifications?	No

Description

Long Description

I hereby request all email messages (including attachments) and all texts sent from all accounts that Special Counsel Robert Mueller uses for official business. The time frame for this request is March 21, 2019, to the present. This request will not be used commercially. Resulting documents will be made publicly available on my free, ad-free website. I agree to pay up to \$10 for this request. If it will be more than this, please let me know in advance.

Has Description Been Modified?

No

Description Available to the Public?

No

Short Description

Email and text messages of Robert Mueller since 3/21/19

Additional Information

Litigation Counsel Name	N/A
Litigation Case Number	N/A
Litigation Contact Information	N/A
Sub-Office - IR	Office of Information Policy
Clearwell Number	N/A
Subject to Litigation?	N/A
Processing Queue	N/A
Acknowledged?	N/A

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Attachments Available to the Public?

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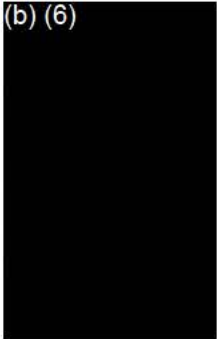
Outcome	Task Type	Assigned To	Assigned By	Submitted Date	Due Date	Closed Date	Notification	Justification
Pending	Expedited Processing	DOJ	(b) (6)	03/25/2019	04/04/2019		No	
Requester Justification		I am requesting expedited processing. It is hard to imagine government activity that has generated -- and continues to generate -- a higher degree of public interest that SC Mueller's investigation and resulting report(s). Besides the overwhelming, perhaps unprecedented level of interest in this activity, SC Mueller's emails and text will shed light on the government's workings, namely the hotly debated activities of SC Mueller as he and his team have investigated the sitting President and his associates, then created a report of those findings, which they sent to Attorney General Barr.						

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Due Date: 04/23/2019 Clock Days: 4

Requester Information

Requester	Mr. Jason Leopold	Tracking Number	DOJ-2019-003213
Organization	Investigative Reporter	Submitted Date	03/26/2019
Requester Has Account	Yes	Received Date	03/26/2019
Email Address	(b) (6)	Perfected Date	03/26/2019
Phone Number		Last Assigned Date	03/26/2019
Fax Number		Assigned To	Department of Justice - Office of Information Policy
Address		Last Assigned By	
City		Request Track	Complex
State/Province		Fee Limit	\$25.00
Zip Code/Postal Code			

Request Handling

Requester Info Available to the Public?	No	Request Type	FOIA
Request Track	Complex	Request Perfected	Yes
Fee Category	N/A	Perfected Date	03/26/2019
Fee Waiver Requested	Yes	Acknowledgement Sent Date	
Fee Waiver Status	Pending	Unusual Circumstances	No
Expedited Processing Requested	Yes	Litigation	No
Expedited Processing Status	Pending	Court Docket Number	
		5 Day Notifications?	No

Description

Long Description

I request disclosure from the Office of Public Affairs, the Office of Attorney General and the Office of Legislative Affairs, the following the records: 1. Any and all talking points prepared for Attorney General William Barr, DOJ's public relations staff, mentioning or referring to Special Counsel Robert Mueller's report submitted to Mr. Barr on March 22, 2019. Reasonably Foreseeable Harm. The FOIA Improvement Act of 2016 amended the FOIA as follows (5 USC 552(a)(8)): (A) An agency shall— (i) withhold information under this section only if— (I) the agency reasonably foresees that disclosure would harm an interest protected by an exemption described in subsection (b); or (II) disclosure is prohibited by law; and (ii) (I) consider whether partial disclosure of information is possible whenever the agency determines that a full disclosure of a requested record is not possible; and (II) take reasonable steps necessary to segregate and release nonexempt information. . . . The Department of Justice and its components should not fail to meet the requirements of Section 552(a) (8) when processing my request and release responsive records to me in full or at least in part.

Has Description Been Modified?

No

Description Available to the Public?

No

Short Description

Talking points prepared for AG re the Mueller Report

Additional Information

Litigation Counsel Name	N/A
Litigation Case Number	N/A
Litigation Contact Information	N/A
Sub-Office - IR	Office of the Attorney General
Clearwell Number	N/A
Subject to Litigation?	N/A
Processing Queue	N/A
Acknowledged?	N/A

Attached Supporting Files

Attachments Available to the Public?

No

Attached File Name

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Assigned Tasks

Outcome	Task Type	Assigned To	Assigned By	Submitted Date	Due Date	Closed Date	Notification	Justification
Pending	Expedited Processing	DOJ	Mr. Jason Leopold	03/26/2019	04/05/2019		No	

Requester
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This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act. I request that a copy of the following documents from January 2018, through the date of search for responsive records:

1. Any documents, records, correspondence in the Attorney General's Office, Deputy Attorney General's Office and Special Counsel's Office that show Justice Department leaders discussing state attorney general investigations into the Catholic church and sex abuse scandals.
2. Any records, emails or calendars pertaining to meetings between state attorneys general and Jeff Sessions, Rod Rosenstein, Brian Benczkowski, Doug Letter, Jody Hunt and Chad Readler.

FORMAT OF REQUESTED RECORDS

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We request all records in an electronic .pdf format that is text searchable and OCR formatted. Additionally, please provide the records either in (1) load-ready format with a CSV file index or excel spreadsheet, or, if that is not possible; (2) in .pdf format, without any "portfolios" or "embedded files." Portfolios and embedded files within files are not readily-accessible. Please do not provide the records in a single, or "batched," .pdf file. We appreciate the inclusion of an index.

Please provide all records on a rolling basis.

RESPONSE TIME

We appreciate your help in expeditiously obtaining a determination on the requested records. As mandated in FOIA, we anticipate a reply within the statutory timeframe of 20 business days. 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(A)(i).

ESTIMATED DATE OF COMPLETION

I respectfully request that you provide me with a reasonably estimated date of completion. See 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(7)(B)(ii). If the estimated date of completion is being significantly delayed because of a portion of the request needs to be processed by another agency, please inform me which agency that is and whether it has provided you with an estimated date of completion.

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All emails to, and from, the Deputy Attorney General's office, the Attorney General's office, and the Special Counsel's Office surrounding conversations about the department's position on the Affordable Care Act.

Specific names include:

Jeff Sessions, Chad Readler, Jody Hunt, Joel McElvain, Jennifer Ricketts, Douglas Letter, Eric Beckenhauer, Rebecca Kopplin, Brett Shumate and Brenna Jenny

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A. Former Acting Attorney General **Matt Whitaker**

1. All emails email pertaining to the report of Special Counsel Robert Mueller.

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Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein
Former DOJ spokesperson Sarah Isgur Flores
Acting Deputy Assistant Attorney General Stuart M. Goldberg
James A. Crowell IV ("Jim"), Director of the Executive Office for United States Attorneys
Former Deputy Director of the FBI Andrew McCabe
Former United States Attorney General Jeff Sessions

1. All emails pertaining the Russia investigation and the appointment of a special counsel

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Fax

March 27, 2019

From: Robert Baird

Email: (b) (6)

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To: FOIA Officer

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Fax: (202) 514-1009

Office of Information Policy

Comments:

Please see attached request under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552.

Robert Baird
Journalist
Freelance

(b) (6)

FOIA Officer
Department of Justice
Office of the Deputy Attorney General
1425 New York Avenue, NW
Suite 11050
Washington, DC 20530-0001
(202) 514-3642

March 27, 2019

FOIA REQUEST

Fee waiver requested

Dear FOIA Officer:

Pursuant to the federal Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, I request access to and copies of all communications to and from Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein concerning the drafting of the letter that Attorney General Barr sent to Sens. Graham and Feinstein and Reps. Nadler and Collins on March 24, 2019 summarizing the findings of the Special Counsel's Russia investigation. As you are aware, Congress declared, in the Government in the Sunshine Act, that "It is hereby declared to be the policy of the United States that the public is entitled to the fullest practicable information regarding the decisionmaking processes of the Federal Government." (Section 2 of Pub. L. 94-409, September 13, 1976, 5 U.S.C. §552b note.).

I would like to receive the information in electronic format--ideally in PDFs transmitted via email.

I agree to pay reasonable fees for the processing of this request up to \$. Please notify me before incurring any expenses in excess of that amount.

Fee Categorization

For fee categorization purposes, I am a representative of the news media. Through this request, I am gathering information for my journalistic work with Freelance. . Accordingly, I am only required to pay for the direct cost of duplication after the first 100 pages. 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(ii)(II); id. § 552(a)(4)(A)(iv)(II).

Request for Fee Waiver

Please waive any applicable fees. Release of the information is not primarily in my commercial interest and will contribute significantly to public understanding of government operations and activities. 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(iii). The communications of DAG Rosenstein would contribute significantly to public understanding of government operations and activities by helping to make clear the process by which the Barr letter took shape. It would also help the public understand the relationship of political appointees such as Rosenstein to the SCO.

Request for Expedited Processing

Please provide expedited processing of this request which concerns a matter of urgency. As a Freelance journalist, I am primarily engaged in disseminating information. The public has an urgent need for information about the drafting of the Barr letter because there is considerable confusion at the moment about

whether the Barr letter accurately reflects the contents and conclusions of SCO Mueller's final report. Given that those contents and conclusions are of utmost concern to the public, concerning as they do the question of whether the President and/or his associates committed any crimes, there is a pressing need to understand as fully as possible the process that led to the drafting of the Barr letter. I certify that my statements concerning the need for expedited processing are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Conclusion

If my request is denied in whole or part, please justify all withholdings by reference to specific exemptions and statutes, as applicable. For each withholding please also explain why your agency "reasonably foresees that disclosure would harm an interest protected by an exemption" or why "disclosure is prohibited by law[.]" 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(8)(A)(i).

I would appreciate your communicating with me by email or telephone, rather than by mail.

I look forward to your determination regarding my request for expedited processing within 10 calendar days, as the statute requires.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Robert Baird

From: [Villanueva, Valeree A \(OIP\)](#)
To: [Talebian, Bobak \(OIP\)](#)
Cc: [Hotchkiss, Eric \(OIP\)](#)
Subject: SCO and Duplicate Closings (due 4/4)
Date: Tuesday, April 2, 2019 4:05:00 PM
Attachments: [02. Final Response 003132.doc](#)
[02. Final Response 003137.doc](#)
[19-003097 Ack for Reference.pdf](#)

Bobby,

We discussed earlier requests that looked to be duplicate requests. (b) (5)

In DOJ-2019-003097 R requested a copy of the report Mueller submitted to the department. OIP granted processing on expedited basis.

For DOJ-2019-003132, R is seeking the "last page of the report."

For DOJ-2019-003137, R is seeking "the table of contents of the report."

(b) (5)

If you are in agreement with this plan of action, (b) (5)

I have attached the information for the requests for your reference.



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March 29, 2019

Jason Leopold
Senior Investigative Reporter/BuzzFeed News

(b) (6)

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Re: DOJ-2019-003097
DRH:VAV:ERH

Dear Jason Leopold:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated and received in this Office on March 21, 2019, in which you requested a copy of a report submitted to the Department by Special Counsel Robert S. Mueller, III.

You have asked for expedited processing of your request. Please be advised that we are currently processing other requests seeking records similar to those you have requested, which have already been granted expedited processing. As such, your request will also be processed on an expedited basis.

Although your request is being processed on an expedited basis, to the extent that your request requires a search in another Office, consultations with other Department components or another agency, and/or involves a voluminous amount of material, your request falls within "unusual circumstances." See 5 U.S.C. 552 § (a)(6)(B)(i)-(iii) (2012 & Supp. V 2017). Accordingly, we will need to extend the time limit to respond to your request beyond the ten additional days provided by the statute. For your information, we use multiple tracks to process requests, but within those tracks we work in an agile manner, and the time needed to complete our work on your request will necessarily depend on a variety of factors, including the complexity of our records search, the volume and complexity of any material located, and the order of receipt of your request. At this time we have assigned your request to the complex track. In an effort to speed up our process, you may wish to narrow the scope of your request to limit the number of potentially responsive records so that it can be placed in a different processing track. You can also agree to an alternative time frame for processing, should records be located, or you may wish to await the completion of our records search to discuss either of these options. Any decision with regard to the application of fees will be made only after we determine whether fees will be implicated for this request.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss reformulation or an alternative time frame for the processing of your request, you may contact the analyst handing your request, Eric Hotchkiss, by telephone at the above number or you may write to him at the above address. You may also contact our FOIA Public Liaison, Douglas Hibbard, for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request at: Office of Information Policy, United

States Department of Justice, Suite 11050, 1425 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20530-0001; telephone at 202-514-3642; or facsimile at 202-514-1009.

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, Room 2510, 8601 Adelphi Road, 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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Douglas R. Hibbard".

Douglas R. Hibbard
Chief, Initial Request Staff

From: [Hibbard, Douglas \(OIP\)](#)
To: [Villanueva, Valeree A \(OIP\)](#)
Subject: RE: IR intake
Date: Wednesday, April 3, 2019 9:39:44 AM

Sounds good. Priscilla has said that Davita and Mick are available if we need them.

From: Villanueva, Valeree A (OIP) <vvillanueva@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 03, 2019 9:38 AM
To: Hibbard, Douglas (OIP) <dhibbard@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: IR intake

You are correct; however, the cases have been divided among Eric/Nadege/Sara/Steffon. All of these expeditions are due tomorrow and Friday

Steffon has the most since he his workload is less than the others. I have made a note to remind him of this today and tomorrow since this is all new to him.

Eric has the expeditions where we are having to adjudicate pursuant to standards ii and iv, these are cases that do not fall within the scope of the Report or records used to create the Report (a good number are with PAO right now).

Nadege/Sara/Steffon are working on those cases that we are processing on expedited basis. I have already signed/cleared some cases.

Keep in mind that there workload on these SCO related cases is only up to what is due through the end of this week. I am still going through the incoming to figure out what is due next week.

If by tomorrow, we are not at a good spot for the this week's expeditions, I will ask for help from Mick and Davita.

Additionally, I think for next week we could have admin work on the cases that we are processing on expedited basis, allowing the others (except Steffon) to focus on items due next week. I may still need Eric to help.

From: Hibbard, Douglas (OIP) <dhibbard@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 03, 2019 8:46 AM
To: Villanueva, Valeree A (OIP) <vvillanueva@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: FW: IR intake

See below. Is my understanding correct? Or these acks straight forward enough that Mick and Davita can knock them out?

From: Hibbard, Douglas (OIP)
Sent: Wednesday, April 03, 2019 8:45 AM

To: Pustay, Melanie A (OIP) <mpustay@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Mallon, Carmen L (OIP) <cmallon@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: IR intake

We certainly could. From what she told me yesterday, she has split up those acks so that Eric/Sara/Nadege only have about 10-12 each they need to do (these are the SCO requests seeking expedition, not *all* of the SCO requests) and the ack letter is very boiler plate; all that needs to be changed is the address block, tracking number, and date of request/date received. So, these should be very easy and very quick.

I'll check with her to make sure I'm not missing anything about this process but I think it's that's simple.

From: Pustay, Melanie A (OIP) <mpustay@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 03, 2019 8:38 AM
To: Hibbard, Douglas (OIP) <dhibbard@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Mallon, Carmen L (OIP) <cmallon@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: IR intake

I understand that Val was using most of IR to manage the intake of all the SCO Report requests. Couldn't we have Mick & Davita pitch in for that so that we preserve IR staff to continue working on processing.

From: Villanueva, Valeree A (OIP)
 To: Delake, Nadege (OIP)
 Subject: FW: Mueller Report and Records - Expedition Due This Week
 Date: Thursday, April 4, 2019 1:04:00 PM
 Attachments: Legend (19-003097) - Correspondence.doc
 Importance: High

When you have the chance, please task to me the ack ltr for (b) (6) (DOJ-2019-003164), technically it is due today Thank you

From: Villanueva, Valeree A (OIP)
 Sent: Tuesday, April 02, 2019 11:43 AM
 To: Hotchkiss, Eric (OIP) <ehotchkiss@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Delake, Nadege (OIP) <NDelake@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Tennant, Sara (OIP) <stennant@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Edmonds, Steffon L (OIP) <sledmonds@jmd.usdoj.gov>
 Cc: Hibbard, Douglas (OIP) <dhibbard@jmd.usdoj.gov>
 Subject: Mueller Report and Records - Expedition Due This Week
 Importance: High

The below are SCO related cases, which I need your help with. I have broken down the #s that you are each working on that need ack ltrs advising we are processing on expedited basis (use the template attached).

Go into FOIAonline and assign yourself the case.
 Save a copy of the request and start case notes
 Draft the Expedition Ack Ltr (processing on expedited basis)
 Send to me for review and clearing

REQUESTS RECEIVED ON 3/25/19 - TO BE SENT OUT COB THURSDAY APRIL 4TH

REQUESTS RECEIVED ON 3/26, 27, 28, 29/19 - TO BE SENT OUT COB FRIDAY APRIL 5TH

Once acknowledged we will move the cases. Eric is working to streamline this process, but as of now we will go with the process I have outlined above

Any Qs let me know.

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DOJ-2019-003131	Matthew Mosk [ABC News]	3/25/2019	Y - ii (expedited basis)	a copy of the Report of Special Counsel Robert S. Mueller III, correspondence of AG/DAG/SC regarding the report, supplemental material regarding the report
DOJ-2019-003133	(b) (6)	3/25/2019	Y - ii and iv (expedited basis)	Copy of the Report of Special Counsel Robert S. Mueller III.
DOJ-2019-003150	(b) (6)	3/25/2019	Y (expedited basis)	Copy of the Report of Special Counsel Robert S. Mueller III.
DOJ-2019-003162	(b) (6)	3/25/2019	Y - improper (expedited basis)	Copy of the Report of Special Counsel Robert S. Mueller III.
DOJ-2019-003164	Michael Winter [San Francisco Public Press]	3/25/2019	Y - ii (expedited basis)	Copy of the Report of Special Counsel Robert S. Mueller III.
DOJ-2019-003219	(b) (6)	3/26/2019	Y - improper (expedited basis)	Copy of the Report of Special Counsel Robert S. Mueller III.
DOJ-2019-003229	(b) (6)	3/26/2019	Y-improper (expedited basis)	Copy of the Report of Special Counsel Robert S. Mueller III. and all supporting documents
DOJ-2019-003251	(b) (6)	3/26/2019	Y (expedited basis)	Copy of the Report of Special Counsel Robert S. Mueller III.
DOJ-2019-003258	(b) (6)	3/26/2019	Y (expedited basis)	Copy of the Report of Special Counsel Robert S. Mueller III.
DOJ-2019-003265	(b) (6)	3/26/2019	Y (expedited basis)	Copy of the Report of Special Counsel Robert S. Mueller III.
DOJ-2019-003278	(b) (6)	3/27/2019	Y (expedited basis)	Copy of the Report of Special Counsel Robert S. Mueller III.
SBT				
DOJ-2019-003166	(b) (6)	3/25/2019	Y (expedited basis)	Copy of the Report of Special Counsel Robert S. Mueller III.
DOJ-2019-003202	Lilly Jones (Jones Foundation)	3/25/2019	Y (expedited basis)	Copy of the Report of Special Counsel Robert S. Mueller III.
DOJ-2019-003206	(b) (6)	3/25/2019	Y (expedited basis)	Copy of the Report of Special Counsel Robert S. Mueller III.
			Y - improper	

DOJ-2019-003211	(b) (5)	3/25/2019	(expedited basis)	Copy of the Report of Special Counsel Robert S. Mueller III.
DOJ-2019-003215	Brad HeaTh (USA Today)	3/25/2019	Y - (expedited basis)	Copy of the Report of Special Counsel Robert S. Mueller III.
DOJ-2019-003221	Tony Rutherford (Huntingtonnews net)	3/26/19 (Fwded from EOUSA)	Y- improper (expedited basis)	Copy of the Report of Special Counsel Robert S. Mueller III.
DOJ-2019-003249	(b) (5)	3/26/2019	Y (expedited basis)	Copy of the Report of Special Counsel Robert S. Mueller III.
DOJ-2019-003253	(b) (5)	3/26/2019	Y (expedited basis)	Copy of the Report of Special Counsel Robert S. Mueller III.
DOJ-2019-003262	(b) (5)	3/27/2019	Y (expedited basis)	Copy of the Report of Special Counsel Robert S. Mueller III.
DOJ-2019-003266	(b) (5)	3/26/2019	Y (expedited basis)	Copy of the Report of Special Counsel Robert S. Mueller III.
DOJ-2019-003279	(b) (5)	3/27/2019	Y (expedited basis)	Copy of the Report of Special Counsel Robert S. Mueller III.
DOJ-2019-003280	(b) (5)	3/27/2019	Y (expedited basis)	Copy of the Report of Special Counsel Robert S. Mueller III.
ERH/VAV				
DOJ-2019-003132	Jason Leopold [Buzzfeed News]	3/25/2019	Y - ii and iv	The last page of the Report of Special Counsel Robert S. Mueller III. – ERH drafting up DUP
DOJ-2019-003135	Jason Leopold [Buzzfeed News]	3/25/2019	Y - ii and iv	OAG/ODAG/OLA/OIP/PAO records re handling of Mueller Report FOIA requests seeking Mueller Report – PAO memo VAV drafting
DOJ-2019-003137	Jason Leopold [Buzzfeed News]	3/25/2019	Y - iv	Table of Contents of the Report of Special Counsel Robert S. Mueller III. – ERH drafting up DUP
DOJ-2019-003140	Jason Leopold [Buzzfeed News]	3/25/2019	Y - ii and iv	Copies of subpoenas and search warrants issued by SCO – PAO Memo VAV drafting
DOJ-2019-003142	Jason Leopold [Buzzfeed News]	3/25/2019	Y – improper ?	Communications between AG/DAG/OLC re: Report of Special Counsel Robert S. Mueller III. (and other terms) – ERH review ASAP and let VAV know if need PAO memo
DOJ-2019-003143	Jason Leopold [Buzzfeed News]	3/25/2019	Y - ii and iv	All SCO records – PAO memo VAV drafting
DOJ-2019-003183	Mark Walker (NY Times)	3/25/2019	Y- ii?	all investigative and non-investigative DOJ records relating to Paul Manafort dating from 2012-2015 – ERH review ASAP and let VAV know if need PAO memo
DOJ-2019-003196	Mark Walker (NY Times)	3/25/2019	Y - ?	email from the Offices of the Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General, and Special Counsel pertaining to the report of Special Counsel Robert S. Mueller III. – ERH review ASAP and let VAV know if need PAO memo
DOJ-2019-003261	(b) (5)	3/26/2019	Y-iv	Asking for Page Count of the Report of Special Counsel Robert S. Mueller III. – MISC Response by COB 4/5
DOJ-2019-003282	Jason Leopold (BuzzFeed News)	3/27/2019	Y - ii and iv	Emails of OAG/ODAG/OLA and Congress re; the Report – VAV drafting PAO memo
DOJ-2019-003290	(b) (5)	3/27/2019	Y - ii	copies of all communications to and from Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein concerning the drafting of the letter that Attorney General Barr sent to Sens. Graham and Feinstein and Reps. Nadler and Collins on March 24, 2019 summarizing the findings of the Special Counsel's Russia investigation – ERH review ASAP and let VAV know if need PAO memo
DOJ-2019-003294	Mark Walker (NY Times)	3/27/2019	Y - (improper)	OAG/ODAG/SCO Officials – All documents, emails or other records regarding obstruction statutes and the application of those statutes to the presidency more specially to the Presidency of Donald Trump – ERH review ASAP and let VAV know if need PAO memo
DOJ-2019-003295	Jason Leopold (BuzzFeed News)	3/27/2019	Y - ii and iv	OAG/ODAG/OASG/OLP/OLA/PAO Records Pertaining to Mueller and Report, since 3/15/19 – VAV drafting PAO memo
DOJ-2019-003296	Mark Walker (NY Times)	3/27/2019	Y - (improper)	(various DOJ officials including SCO) for (1) certain emails pertaining state investigations into the Catholic church, and (2) emails/calendars pertaining to mtgs with State AGs, dating from January 2018 ERH review ASAP and let VAV know if need PAO memo
DOJ-2019-003297	Mark Walker (NY Times)	3/27/2019	Y - (improper)	Emails between OAG/ODAG/SCO re: Affordable Care Act, since 2/2018 ERH review ASAP and let VAV know if need PAO memo
DOJ-2019-003299	Mark Walker (NY Times)	3/27/2019	Y - (improper)	Whitaker emails pertaining to SC Mueller, 11/7/18 - 2/14/19 ERH review ASAP and let VAV know if need PAO memo
DOJ-2019-003300	Mark Walker (NY Times)	3/27/2019	Y - (improper)	O'Callaghan (ODAG) emails between named USA SDNY officials, since 4/8/18 ERH review ASAP and let VAV know if need PAO memo
DOJ-2019-003301	Mark Walker (NY Times)	3/27/2019	Y - (improper)	PARTIAL ROUTE FBI and EOUSA – OAG/ODAG/PAO emails pertaining the Russia investigation and the appointment of a special counsel (various DOJ officials), 5/9/17 - 5/17/17 - ERH review ASAP and let VAV know if need PAO memo
SLE				
DOJ-2019-003305	Noah Baron (California Civil Rights Law Group)	3/27/2019	Y - (expedited basis)	Mueller Report and records related to the creation of the report

DOJ-2019-003326	(b) (6)	3/27/2019	Y - improper (expedited basis)	Copy of the Report of Special Counsel Robert S. Mueller III.
DOJ-2019-003329	(b) (6) (University of Wisconsin)	3/27/2019	Y - improper (expedited basis)	Copy of the Report of Special Counsel Robert S. Mueller III
DOJ-2019-003333	(b) (6)	3/27/2019	Y - improper (expedited basis)	Copy of the Report of Special Counsel Robert S. Mueller III
DOJ-2019-003337	(b) (6)	3/28/2019	Y - improper (expedited basis)	Copy of the Report of Special Counsel Robert S. Mueller III
DOJ-2019-003340	(b) (6)	3/28/2019	Y - improper (expedited basis)	Copy of the Report of Special Counsel Robert S. Mueller III
DOJ-2019-003353	(b) (6)	3/28/2019	Y - improper (expedited basis)	Copy of the Report of Special Counsel Robert S. Mueller III
DOJ-2019-003356	(b) (6)	3/28/2019	Y - improper (expedited basis)	Copy of the Report of Special Counsel Robert S. Mueller III
DOJ-2019-003357	(b) (6)	3/28/2019	Y - improper (expedited basis)	Copy of the Report of Special Counsel Robert S. Mueller III
DOJ-2019-003385	Jeremiah Horigan (Ulster Publishing)	3/27/2019	Y (expedited basis)	Copy of the Report of Special Counsel Robert S. Mueller, III
DOJ-2019-003384	(b) (6)	3/29/2019	Y -improper (expedited basis)	Copy of the Report of Special Counsel Robert S. Mueller, III
DOJ-2019-003392	(b) (6)	3/29/2019	Y -improper (expedited basis)	Copy of the Report of Special Counsel Robert S. Mueller, III
DOJ-2019-003398	(b) (6)	3/29/2019	Y -improper (expedited basis)	Copy of the Report of Special Counsel Robert S. Mueller, III
DOJ-2019-003389	(b) (6)	3/29/2019	Y -improper (expedited basis)	Copy of the Report of Special Counsel Robert S. Mueller, III
DOJ-2019-003390	(b) (6)	3/29/2019	Y -improper (expedited basis)	Copy of the Report of Special Counsel Robert S. Mueller, III

From: [Villanueva, Valeree A \(OIP\)](#)
To: [Hotchkiss, Eric \(OIP\)](#)
Subject: FW: Remaining Expedited Basis Acks
Date: Wednesday, April 10, 2019 7:19:00 PM
Attachments: [Standard Acknowledgements.pdf](#)

Would you run the names and request against the SCO coordination spreadsheet. I see one request (b) (6) (19-003732) R seeks expedited processing, but it is in the attached PDF.

From: Hotchkiss, Eric (OIP) <ehotchkiss@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 09, 2019 1:36 PM
To: Villanueva, Valeree A (OIP) <vvillanueva@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Remaining Expedited Basis Acks

Here are all 179 of the standard acks that were unassigned as of this morning. I assume from what you said this morning that you're giving them to Admin, but let me know if we need to jump in also.

From: Hotchkiss, Eric (OIP)
Sent: Tuesday, April 09, 2019 11:13 AM
To: Villanueva, Valeree A (OIP) <vvillanueva@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Remaining Expedited Basis Acks

Here's my updated one with one addition to you list. 29 total in this one.

Addition:

DOJ-2019-003731 (b) (6)

From: Villanueva, Valeree A (OIP) <vvillanueva@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 09, 2019 10:29 AM
To: Hotchkiss, Eric (OIP) <ehotchkiss@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Remaining Expedited Basis Acks

DOJ-2019-003443	(b) (6)
DOJ-2019-003445	Charles Jaco
DOJ-2019-003446	(b) (6)
DOJ-2019-003451	(b) (6)
DOJ-2019-003466	(b) (6)
DOJ-2019-003482	(b) (6)
DOJ-2019-003485	(b) (6)
DOJ-2019-003489	(b) (6)
DOJ-2019-003499	(b) (6)
DOJ-2019-003503	(b) (6)
DOJ-2019-003512	(b) (6)
DOJ-2019-003520	(b) (6)

DOJ-2019-003521	Kay Murray
DOJ-2019-003545	(b) (6)
DOJ-2019-003551	(b) (6)
DOJ-2019-003552	Adam Klasfeld
DOJ-2019-003607	(b) (6)
DOJ-2019-003614	(b) (6)
DOJ-2019-003615	(b) (6)
DOJ-2019-003620	(b) (6)
DOJ-2019-003631	(b) (6)
DOJ-2019-003651	Katelyn Polantz
	(b) (6)
DOJ-2019-003652	(b) (6)
DOJ-2019-003658	(b) (6)
DOJ-2019-003664	(b) (6)
DOJ-2019-003666	(b) (6)
DOJ-2019-003696	(b) (6)
DOJ-2019-003697	(b) (6)

From: Hotchkiss, Eric (OIP) <ehotchkiss@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 09, 2019 10:24 AM
To: Villanueva, Valeree A (OIP) <vvillanueva@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Remaining Expedited Basis Acks

Hi Val,

The attachment is the ack for all remaining Expedited Basis requests for JUST the Mueller Report. I'll come talk about how you'd like to handle them.



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April 9, 2019

Chad Day
cday@ap.org

Re: DOJ-2019-003127

Dear Chad Day:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request received in this Office on March 22, 2019 in which you requested a copy of a report submitted to the Department by Special Counsel Robert S. Mueller, III.

The records you seek require a search in and/or consultation with another Office, and so your request falls within "unusual circumstances." See 5 U.S.C. 552 § (a)(6)(B)(i)-(iii) (2012 & Supp. V 2017). Because of these unusual circumstances, we need to extend the time limit to respond to your request beyond the ten additional days provided by the statute. For your information, we use multiple tracks to process requests, but within those tracks we work in an agile manner, and the time needed to complete our work on your request will necessarily depend on a variety of factors, including the complexity of our records search, the volume and complexity of any material located, and the order of receipt of your request. At this time we have assigned your request to the complex track. In an effort to speed up our process, you may wish to narrow the scope of your request to limit the number of potentially responsive records so that it can be placed in a different processing track. You can also agree to an alternative time frame for processing, should records be located, or you may wish to await the completion of our records search to discuss either of these options. Any decision with regard to the application of fees will be made only after we determine whether fees will be implicated for this request.

We regret the necessity of this delay, but we assure you that your request will be processed as soon as possible. If you have any questions or wish to discuss reformulation or an alternative time frame for the processing of your request, you may contact this Office by telephone at the above number or you may write to the Office of Information Policy, United States Department of Justice, Suite 11050, 1425 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20530-0001. Lastly, you may contact our FOIA Public Liaison, Douglas Hibbard, at the telephone number listed above to discuss any aspect of your request.

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, Room 2510, 8601

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Sincerely,
Initial Request Staff
Office of Information Policy
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April 9, 2019

Kevin Bogardus
kbogardus@eenews.net

Re: DOJ-2019-003144

Dear Kevin Bogardus:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request received in this Office on March 25, 2019 in which you requested a copy of a report submitted to the Department by Special Counsel Robert S. Mueller, III.

The records you seek require a search in and/or consultation with another Office, and so your request falls within "unusual circumstances." See 5 U.S.C. 552 § (a)(6)(B)(i)-(iii) (2012 & Supp. V 2017). Because of these unusual circumstances, we need to extend the time limit to respond to your request beyond the ten additional days provided by the statute. For your information, we use multiple tracks to process requests, but within those tracks we work in an agile manner, and the time needed to complete our work on your request will necessarily depend on a variety of factors, including the complexity of our records search, the volume and complexity of any material located, and the order of receipt of your request. At this time we have assigned your request to the complex track. In an effort to speed up our process, you may wish to narrow the scope of your request to limit the number of potentially responsive records so that it can be placed in a different processing track. You can also agree to an alternative time frame for processing, should records be located, or you may wish to await the completion of our records search to discuss either of these options. Any decision with regard to the application of fees will be made only after we determine whether fees will be implicated for this request.

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Sincerely,
Initial Request Staff
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U.S. Department of Justice



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April 9, 2019

Joshua Eaton
jeaton@thinkprogress.org

Re: DOJ-2019-003151

Dear Joshua Eaton:

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Re: DOJ-2019-003153

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Re: DOJ-2019-003175

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Re: DOJ-2019-003209

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