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Sent: Monday, February 27, 2017 11:25 AM
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Subject: AG drop by the press room today

Hi everyone,

I wanted to give you a heads up that the AG is currently planning to do a quick drop by the press room today at 4:30 for an on-the-record preview of his National Association of Attorneys General speech tomorrow. He doesn't have a lot of time but will be available for a few questions.

Best,
Peter

Carr, Peter (OPA)

From: Carr, Peter (OPA)
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2017 5:30 PM
To: Zapotosky, Matt; Creighton, Kelly M (OPA)
Subject: RE: FOR PLANNING PURPOSES ONLY - PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP MEDIA LOGISTICS FOR MARCH 1, 2017

Adding Kelly Creighton, who can help with the new credential. But as long as you have a Washington Post credential, that should work for the Secret Service.

From: Zapotosky, Matt [mailto:matt.zapotosky@washpost.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2017 5:24 PM
To: Carr, Peter (OPA) <Peter.Carr@usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: FOR PLANNING PURPOSES ONLY - PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP MEDIA LOGISTICS FOR MARCH 1, 2017

Hey Peter Me and Sari's badges seem to have expired. Is that going to be a problem, or can I get in just showing the old badge and getting this new credential? I'll also try to work out with the ID office tomorrow early a resolution.

From: Carr, Peter (OPA) [mailto:Peter.Carr@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2017 5:20 PM
To: Carr, Peter (OPA) <Peter.Carr@usdoj.gov>
Cc: Flores, Sarah Isgur. (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>
Subject: FOR PLANNING PURPOSES ONLY - PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP MEDIA LOGISTICS FOR MARCH 1, 2017

You are invited to join reporters covering the White House and the Department of Homeland Security to attend the event below. Additional information about the event will be provided tomorrow; we do not have anything further at this time.

Please note that the White House is coordinating TV and still cameras, so you do not need to coordinate TV crews. This is just to participate as a correspondent. The White House also asked that we de-conflict multiple invitations to the same news outlet, so not all of DOJ's beat reporters will be attending, as some of the outlets will be providing a DHS reporter.

Finally, U.S. Secret Service will be issuing a press credential to the reporter receiving this email. Please bring your press credential with you so they can check you off their list and give you the credential needed to participate. If you are unable to attend, please let me know as soon as possible the name of the person from your outlet who will take your place.

Thank you,
Peter

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PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP MEDIA LOGISTICS FOR MARCH 1, 2017

Who:

President Donald J. Trump

Where:

Department of Justice
Conference Center | 7th Floor
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530-0001

* Main Entrance on Constitution Ave. NW between 9th St. NW & 10th St. NW.*

Media Schedule:

11:00 AM 12:00 PM: Media must pre-set all equipment in the Conference Center on the 7th Floor. All media are encouraged to preset as much equipment as possible to speed up re-entry.

12:00 PM 2:00 PM: A security sweep will be conducted at this time. No media will be allowed on site.

2:00 PM 2:30 PM Media can re-enter the Conference Center on the 7th Floor through Elevator Bank #9. Credentials will be issued on site at this time. All approved media must enter by 2:30 PM. No exceptions.

3:00 PM: Event Begins.

Additional Information:

Camera throw
20 feet

Cable run
10-20 feet.

Provided on Site
Mult box, electricity, and pool transmission is hardwired.

Carr, Peter (OPA)

From: Carr, Peter (OPA)
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2017 10:01 PM
To: Zapotosky, Matt
Cc: Flores, Sarah Isgur. (OPA)
Subject: RE: terrorism data?

We're checking...

From: Zapotosky, Matt [mailto:matt.zapotosky@washpost.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2017 9:21 PM
To: Carr, Peter (OPA) <Peter.Carr@usdoj.gov>; Flores, Sarah Isgur. (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>
Subject: terrorism data?

Hey Peter and Sarah--

I see Trump is going to say tonight that the "vast majority of individuals convicted for terrorism-related offenses since 9/11 came here from outside of our country," per Justice Department data. Are you able to point me toward the data to which he's referring (or, if it's not public, send it along)?

Many thanks,

Matt Zapotosky | The Washington Post
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Carr, Peter (OPA)

From: Carr, Peter (OPA)
Sent: Wednesday, March 1, 2017 11:00 AM
To: Carrie Johnson; Flores, Sarah Isgur. (OPA)
Cc: 'Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA)'
Subject: RE: NPR today

Thanks, Carrie. Adding Sarah so you have her email. Thanks for flagging this for us. He doesn't have another public event today.

From: Carrie Johnson [mailto:CJohnson2@npr.org]
Sent: Wednesday, March 01, 2017 10:59 AM
To: Carr, Peter (USAVAE) (Peter.Carr@usdoj.gov) <Peter.Carr@usdoj.gov>
Cc: 'Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA)' <Wyn.Hornbuckle@usdoj.gov>
Subject: NPR today

Hey there

Would email Sarah too but I don't have her new email yet!

Just FYI I'm doing a short thing for All Things Considered tonight with some tape of the AG basically an audio retread of the story I wrote the other day for the NPR web site about his remarks on violent crime, gun prosecutions, partnering with police and the like.

Wanted to flag for you in advance. I don't think the AG has another public speaking engagement today where all this might come up but let me know if I am wrong.

THANKS

Carrie

Zapotosky, Matt

From: Zapotosky, Matt
Sent: Wednesday, March 1, 2017 4:26 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur. (OPA); Carr, Peter (OPA)
Subject: RE: terrorism data?

Maybe can you clarify exactly what you're defining a "terrorism or terrorism-related charge" as. Is that any material support case (travelers, would-be travelers, etc.)? Just people who actually planned or funded attacks? Something else?

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur. (OPA) [<mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, March 01, 2017 2:30 PM
To: Zapotosky, Matt <matt.zapotosky@washpost.com>; Carr, Peter (OPA) <Peter.Carr@usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: terrorism data?

No, I don't have a spreadsheet of them. Sorry!

From: Zapotosky, Matt [<mailto:matt.zapotosky@washpost.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, March 1, 2017 12:40 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur. (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>; Carr, Peter (OPA) <Peter.Carr@usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: terrorism data?

You didn't generate a spreadsheet or something that would just list the cases? I was hoping there was something that would even break it down by country, etc.

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur. (OPA) [<mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, March 01, 2017 12:35 PM
To: Zapotosky, Matt <matt.zapotosky@washpost.com>; Flores, Sarah Isgur. (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>; Carr, Peter (OPA) <Peter.Carr@usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: terrorism data?

You mean the file for every conviction? No☺

From: Zapotosky, Matt [<mailto:matt.zapotosky@washpost.com>]
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To: Flores, Sarah Isgur. (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>; Carr, Peter (OPA) <Peter.Carr@usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: terrorism data?

Thanks, Sarah. Are you able to provide the raw dataset? I'm sure you've seen some of the reports out there suggesting other figures, and I'd just like to compare your data to theirs. (Cato, etc.)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur. (OPA) [<mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, March 01, 2017 10:43 AM
To: Zapotosky, Matt <matt.zapotosky@washpost.com>; Carr, Peter (OPA) <Peter.Carr@usdoj.gov>; Flores, Sarah Isgur. (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: terrorism data?

Here's our on the record statement: The Department of Justice maintains information about public international terrorism and terrorism-related convictions obtained since September 11, 2001. Since 9/11, convictions have been obtained against over 500 defendants for terrorism or terrorism-related charges in federal courts. A review of that information revealed that a substantial majority of those convicted were born in foreign countries.

From: Zapotosky, Matt [<mailto:matt.zapotosky@washpost.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, March 1, 2017 10:41 AM
To: Carr, Peter (OPA) <Peter.Carr@usdoj.gov>; Flores, Sarah Isgur. (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: terrorism data?

Hey Peter and Sarah

Just checking in about this again. We did a quick hit in our liveblog on it last night, but I think we're going to spin it into a separate story today. Any chance you could point me toward that data?

Many thanks,

Matt

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Many thanks,

Matt Zapotosky | The Washington Post

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Horwitz, Sari

From: Horwitz, Sari
Sent: Wednesday, March 1, 2017 5:11 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: RE: Post story

Okay, that would be great, Sarah.

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, March 01, 2017 4:49 PM
To: Horwitz, Sari
Subject: RE: Post story

I talked to the DAG and in theory he'd be fine talking to you on Friday am. (Just got off phone w matt too) But wont be able to confirm until tomorrow.

From: Horwitz, Sari [mailto:Sari.Horwitz@washpost.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 1, 2017 3:35 PM
To: sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov
Subject: Post story

Hi Sarah,

Great to meet you yesterday! Any chance that we can talk to the AG or another senior DOJ official today or tomorrow for our piece on Sessions's first three weeks?

Thanks much for anything you can do on this front.

Sari

From: Sarah Isgur Flore (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2017 3:38 PM
To: Horwitz, Sari
Subject: Re: Meeting

In theory yes--but I've been in and out of other offices all day.

On Tue, Feb 28, 2017 at 3:04 PM -0500, "Horwitz, Sari" <Sari.Horwitz@washpost.com> wrote:

No problem. Are you in your DOJ office now?

From: Sarah Isgur Flore (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2017 2:37 PM
To: Horwitz, Sari

Subject: Re: Meeting

Hey--sorry I keep being in and out of things here. Sure! Please stop by. I just need to be in another meeting at 430 if you don't mind it being a little short this time.

On Tue, Feb 28, 2017 at 2:34 PM -0500, "Horwitz, Sari" <Sari.Horwitz@washpost.com> wrote:

Sarah, can Matt and I just pop in and say hello to your around 4?
Sari

From: Sarah Isgur Flore (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2017 1:33 PM
To: Horwitz, Sari
Subject: Re: Meeting

I've got to meet with IT and get sworn in this afternoon--ugh! But should be around after 4. Would that work?

On Tue, Feb 28, 2017 at 11:13 AM -0500, "Horwitz, Sari" <Sari.Horwitz@washpost.com> wrote:

Hi Sarah,

I was at Sessions's speech today and I heard you were there. Is there any chance we could meet today? Matt and I are working on a story about Session's first weeks at DOJ and we'd love to talk to you and possibly some senior officials for the piece.

Thanks much,
Sari

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Nakashima, Ellen

From: Nakashima, Ellen
Sent: Wednesday, March 1, 2017 6:06 PM
To: Carr, Peter (OPA); Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: RE: story is running tomorrow

Thanks Peter.
It means probably tonight online and in tomorrow's paper.

From: Carr, Peter (OPA) [mailto:Peter.Carr@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, March 01, 2017 5:47 PM
To: Nakashima, Ellen <Ellen.Nakashima@washpost.com>; Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: story is running tomorrow

Thanks, Ellen. Adding Sarah, who will be providing the quote.

Does tomorrow mean for tomorrow's paper or sometime during the day?

On Mar 1, 2017, at 5:43 PM, Nakashima, Ellen <Ellen.Nakashima@washpost.com> wrote:

Can you provide the on -record quote?
I'll get back to you shortly.

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Nakashima, Ellen

From: Nakashima, Ellen
Sent: Wednesday, March 1, 2017 7:10 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: statement

Do you have the statement?
Ellen

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, March 01, 2017 7:03 PM
To: Nakashima, Ellen <Ellen.Nakashima@washpost.com>
Cc: Sarah Flores - Sessions spokesman (sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov) <sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov>; Peter Carr (peter.carr@usdoj.gov) <peter.carr@usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: The Sept 8 meeting

It was in his office. Beyond that, we don't know because his senate staff isn't here. And everything in the office was archived.

On Mar 1, 2017, at 6:45 PM, Nakashima, Ellen <Ellen.Nakashima@washpost.com> wrote:

Was it in his Senate office?
Was a note-taker present? If so, have you checked with him/her? Where are the notes?
Who asked for the meeting?

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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Wednesday, March 1, 2017 7:19 PM
To: Nakashima, Ellen
Cc: Peter Carr (peter.carr@usdoj.gov)
Subject: Re: Hi from Ellen

From me: There was absolutely nothing misleading about his answer. Last year, the Senator had over 25 conversations with foreign ambassadors as a senior member of the Armed Services Committee, including the British, Korean, Japanese, Polish, Indian, Chinese, Canadian, Australian, German and Russian ambassadors. He was asked during the hearing about communications between Russia and the Trump campaign--not about meetings he took as a senator and a member of the Armed Services Committee.

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 1, 2017, at 6:34 PM, Nakashima, Ellen <Ellen.Nakashima@washpost.com> wrote:

Yes. But the story is being edited now.

It raises the issues of what he said at his confirmation hearing and his position on recusal.

Franken gave us the following statement:

"If it's true that Attorney General Sessions met with the Russian ambassador in the midst of the campaign, then I am very troubled that his response to my questioning during his confirmation hearing was, at best, misleading. The American people deserve to know the truth about what happened between Russia and the Trump team, and I believe we need thorough and impartial investigations to get to the bottom of it."

And he repeated a call for his recusal.

Ellen

202 334-4419 direct

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From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [<mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>]

Sent: Wednesday, March 01, 2017 6:23 PM

To: Nakashima, Ellen <Ellen.Nakashima@washpost.com>

Subject: Re: Hi from Ellen

Can you give me until 7?

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 1, 2017, at 6:20 PM, Nakashima, Ellen <Ellen.Nakashima@washpost.com> wrote:

Hi, Sarah,

Do you have the comment?

Can you call me? I'm at 202 334 4419.

Thanks,
Ellen

From: Carr, Peter (OPA) [<mailto:Peter.Carr@usdoj.gov>]

Sent: Wednesday, March 01, 2017 5:47 PM

To: Nakashima, Ellen <Ellen.Nakashima@washpost.com>; Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>

Subject: Re: story is running tomorrow

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Nakashima, Ellen

From: Nakashima, Ellen
Sent: Wednesday, March 1, 2017 7:29 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: RE: The Sept 8 meeting

What is your cell number? I am trying to reach you. We need to get clarity on something. 202 334 4419

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, March 01, 2017 7:26 PM
To: Nakashima, Ellen <Ellen.Nakashima@washpost.com>
Subject: Re: The Sept 8 meeting

Unfortunately, I just don't know about notes or who requested the meeting. And as I said, his scheduler and relevant legislative staff aren't here.

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 1, 2017, at 7:23 PM, Nakashima, Ellen <Ellen.Nakashima@washpost.com> wrote:

OK, thanks. And was the meeting held at Amb. Kislyak's request?
And were there notes or not do we know?

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To: Nakashima, Ellen <Ellen.Nakashima@washpost.com>
Cc: Sarah Flores - Sessions spokesman (sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov) <sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov>; Peter Carr (peter.carr@usdoj.gov) <peter.carr@usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: The Sept 8 meeting

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Nakashima, Ellen

From: Nakashima, Ellen
Sent: Wednesday, March 1, 2017 7:31 PM
To: Sarah Flores - Sessions spokesman (sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov)
Cc: Peter Carr (peter.carr@usdoj.gov)
Subject: To be clear

Did Sessions recall or not having met with Kislyak when he was being questioned by Franken?

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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Wednesday, March 1, 2017 8:37 PM
To: Nakashima, Ellen
Cc: Peter Carr (peter.carr@usdoj.gov)
Subject: Re: So

That's actually not what he was asked at the hearing. The question Franken asked wasn't whether he'd had any conversations or even if he knew of any actually.

On Mar 1, 2017, at 8:21 PM, Nakashima, Ellen <Ellen.Nakashima@washpost.com> wrote:

Did we characterize this accurately?

Justice Department officials initially said Sessions did not recall the discussions with Kislyak when he was asked under oath at his confirmation hearing whether there was communication between the Trump campaign and the Russian government during the presidential race.

In the case of the September meeting, one department official who came to the defense of the attorney general said, "There's just not strong recollection of what was said."

Either way, officials said Sessions did not consider the conversations relevant to the lawmakers' questions and did not remember in detail what he discussed with Kislyak, this official said.

"There was absolutely nothing misleading about his answer," said Sarah Isgur Flores, Sessions's spokeswoman.

Justice officials said Sessions met with Kislyak on Sept. 8 in his capacity as a member of the armed services panel rather than in his role as a Trump campaign surrogate, the department official said.

"He was asked during the hearing about communications between Russia and the Trump campaign — not about meetings he took as a senator and a member of the Armed Services Committee," Flores said.

She added that Sessions last year had more than 25 conversations with foreign ambassadors as a senior member of the Armed Services Committee, including the British, Korean, Japanese, Polish, Indian, Chinese, Canadian, Australian and German ambassadors, in addition to Kislyak.

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [<mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>]

Sent: Wednesday, March 01, 2017 8:16 PM

To: Nakashima, Ellen <Ellen.Nakashima@washpost.com>

Cc: Peter Carr (peter.carr@usdoj.gov) <peter.carr@usdoj.gov>

Subject: Re: read out

Apologies I've been dealing with another story tonight.

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 1, 2017, at 7:55 PM, Nakashima, Ellen <Ellen.Nakashima@washpost.com> wrote:

Sarah,

I've been trying to reach you for awhile now to give you a read out of the story. It's heading to the copy desk.

I can be reached on my cell (b) (6) .

Ellen

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Sent: Wednesday, March 1, 2017 9:07 PM
To: Peter Carr (peter.carr@usdoj.gov); Sarah Flores - Sessions spokesman (sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov)
Subject: FW: News Alert: Sessions spoke twice last year with the Russian ambassador, encounters he did not disclose at his confirmation hearing to become AG

From: The Washington Post [mailto:email@e.washingtonpost.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 01, 2017 9:06 PM
To: Nakashima, Ellen <Ellen.Nakashima@washpost.com>
Subject: News Alert: Sessions spoke twice last year with the Russian ambassador, encounters he did not disclose at his confirmation hearing to become AG



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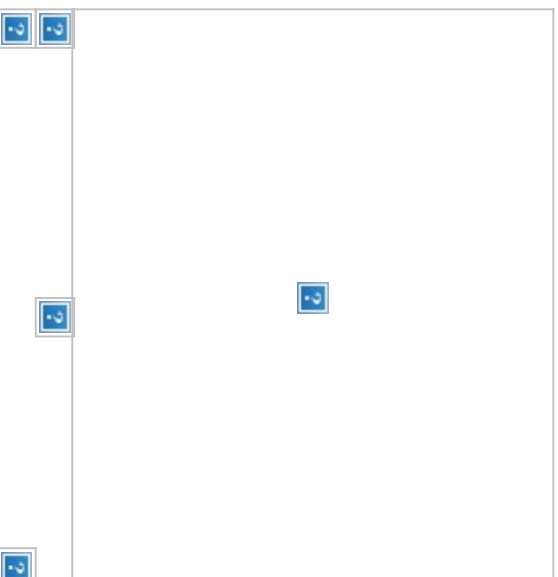
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Sessions spoke twice last year with the Russian ambassador, encounters he did not disclose at his confirmation hearing to become AG

The discussions, revealed by Justice Department officials, could fuel new congressional calls for the appointment of a special counsel to investigate Russia's alleged role in the 2016 presidential election. As attorney general, Jeff Sessions oversees Justice and the FBI, which have been leading investigations into Russian meddling and any links to Trump's associates. "I did not have communications with the Russians," Sessions said at his January confirmation hearing, when asked what he would do if he learned of evidence anyone in the campaign had communicated with the Russian government during the 2016 race. A spokeswoman for Sessions said there was "absolutely nothing misleading" about the answer and said he met with the Russian envoy as a senator and a member of the Armed Services Committee rather than as a top foreign policy adviser to the Trump campaign.

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Carr, Peter (OPA)

From: Carr, Peter (OPA)
Sent: Wednesday, March 1, 2017 9:28 PM
To: Tucker, Eric
Cc: Flores, Sarah Isgur. (OPA)
Subject: RE: Hi, can you please call when you get a chance?

Can call in a minute, but here are the details:

On the record statement, attributed to Sarah Isgur Flores:

There was absolutely nothing misleading about his answer. Last year, the Senator had over 25 conversations with foreign ambassadors as a senior member of the Armed Services Committee, including the British, Korean, Japanese, Polish, Indian, Chinese, Canadian, Australian, German and Russian ambassadors. He was asked during the hearing about communications between Russia and the Trump campaign--not about meetings he took as a senator and a member of the Armed Services Committee.

On background regarding the office visits by ambassadors:

He met with the ambassadors in his capacity as a senator on the Armed Services Committee, and they discussed relations between the two countries and any positive or negative issues they were facing. During 2016, ambassadors would often make superficial comments about election-related news, but it was not the substance of their discussion.

On background regarding the Heritage Foundation speech encounter:

After speaking to the group of 50-plus ambassadors, a small group of ambassadors approached the Senator as he was leaving the stage. The Russian ambassador was among them. He spoke to them while they stood together as a group. The ambassadors expressed appreciation for his remarks and made invitations for the Senator to join them at various events they were sponsoring. He made no commitments.

All visits from ambassadors during 2016:

Date	Title	Country	Name
14-Apr	Ambassador	Bulgaria	Elena Poptodorova
14-Apr	Ambassador	Lithuania	Rolandas Krisciunas
4/19/2016	Ambassador	Hungary	Dr. Reka Szemerkenyi
4/20/2016	Ambassador	Korea	
4/20/2016	Ambassador	Italy	Armando Varricchio
4/21/2016	Ambassador	India	
4/26/2016	Ambassador	Australia	Joe Hockey
4/28/2016	Ambassador	Poland	
5/13/2016	Former Ambassador	U.S.	John Bolton
5/13/2016	Former Ambassador	U.S.	Zalmay Khalilzad
5/16/2016	Ambassador	Japan	Kenichiro Sasae
5/18/2016	Ambassador	Singapore	Ashok Mirpuri

6/7/2016	Ambassador	Great Britain	Sir Kim Dorroch
6/7/2016	Former Ambassador	U.S.	Zalmay Khalilzad
6/9/2016	Minister of Defense	Montenegro	Milica Pejanovic-Djurisic
6/14/2016	Ambassador	Latvia	
6/23/2016	Ambassador	Canada	David MacNaughton
6/28/2016	Ambassador	Columbia	Juan Carlos Pinzon
7/6/2016	Former Ambassador	U.S.	Zalmay Khalilzad
7/11/2016	Former Ambassador	U.S.	Charlie Glazer
9/7/2016	Ambassador	Taiwan	
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-----Original Message-----

From: Tucker, Eric [mailto:etucker@ap.org]

Sent: Wednesday, March 01, 2017 9:12 PM

To: Peter.Carr@usdoj.gov

Subject: Hi, can you please call when you get a chance?

(b) (6) Thanks

Sent from my iPhone

Carr, Peter (OPA)

From: Carr, Peter (OPA)
Sent: Wednesday, March 1, 2017 9:29 PM
To: Perez, Evan
Cc: Flores, Sarah Isgur. (OPA)
Subject: Info re Post story

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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Wednesday, March 1, 2017 9:31 PM
To: Carol.lee@wsj.com
Subject: Statement

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Carr, Peter (OPA)

From: Carr, Peter (OPA)
Sent: Wednesday, March 1, 2017 9:32 PM
To: Savage, Charlie
Cc: Flores, Sarah Isgur. (OPA)
Subject: Post story follow up

Charlie,

Thank you for the call. Below is some information to that should help provide context for this.

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Carrie Johnson

From: Carrie Johnson
Sent: Wednesday, March 1, 2017 9:33 PM
To: Carr, Peter (OPA)
Subject: Re: Sessions Russia

Thanks If you have 2 min I have a questi (b) (6)

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 1, 2017, at 9:31 PM, Carr, Peter (OPA) <Peter.Carr@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Sure, here you go. Happy to chat more by phone if needed.

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From: Carrie Johnson [<mailto:CJohnson2@npr.org>]

Sent: Wednesday, March 01, 2017 9:21 PM

To: Carr, Peter (OPA) <Peter.Carr@usdoj.gov>

Cc: Flores, Sarah Isgur. (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>; Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA)

<Wyn.Hornbuckle@usdoj.gov>

Subject: Sessions Russia

Following Wapo report and at least hoping to get on the record statement from someone at DoJ about Sessions contacts w Russian ambassador. Can you send? Will there be more tonight about a recusal or special counsel?

Carrie

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 1, 2017, at 11:00 AM, Carr, Peter (OPA) <Peter.Carr@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Thanks, Carrie. Adding Sarah so you have her email. Thanks for flagging this for us. He doesn't have another public event today.

From: Carrie Johnson [<mailto:CJohnson2@npr.org>]
Sent: Wednesday, March 01, 2017 10:59 AM
To: Carr, Peter (USAVAE) (Peter.Carr@usdoj.gov) <Peter.Carr@usdoj.gov>
Cc: 'Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA)' <Wyn.Hornbuckle@usdoj.gov>
Subject: NPR today

Hey there

Would email Sarah too but I don't have her new email yet!

Just FYI I'm doing a short thing for All Things Considered tonight with some tape of the AG

basically an audio retread of the story I wrote the other day for the NPR web site about his remarks on violent crime, gun prosecutions, partnering with police and the like.

Wanted to flag for you in advance. I don't think the AG has another public speaking engagement today where all this might come up but let me know if I am wrong.

THANKS

Carrie

Carr, Peter (OPA)

From: Carr, Peter (OPA)
Sent: Wednesday, March 1, 2017 11:31 PM
To: Carr, Peter (OPA) (JMD)
Cc: Flores, Sarah Isgur. (OPA)
Bcc: Williams, Pete (NBCUniversal); Chris Strom; Josh Gerstein; Dean, Matthew; Thomas, Pierre; Del Wilber (Del.Wilber@latimes.com); Chris Geidner; Tucker, Eric; Reid, Paula; Triay, Andres; David Lynch; Carrie Johnson (cjohnson2@npr.org); kjohnson@usatoday.com; Savage, Charlie; Nakashima, Ellen; Zapotosky, Matt; Perez, Evan; Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA)
Subject: Statement from Attorney General Sessions

Attorney General Sessions has provided the following statement: "I never met with any Russian officials to discuss issues of the campaign. I have no idea what this allegation is about. It is false."

Perez, Evan

From: Perez, Evan
Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2017 7:21 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Cc: Peter Carr (OPA)
Subject: Re: Question

Don't know who they spoke to. But I know who we spoke to and we have this from multiple officials and not just last night. It's something we had in our reporting for weeks.

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On Mar 2, 2017, at 1:03 AM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Wapo story actually says opposite--diplomat. So clearly not that widely accepted as what you're claiming.

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 2, 2017, at 12:34 AM, Perez, Evan <Evan.Perez@turner.com> wrote:

Yes. And also a top Russian spy and spy-recruiter, according to the US intelligence community.

Not saying. Just saying.

My friends, including Rs, on the Hill say they didn't allow such meetings because this was well known -- and especially not meetings in the senators' office -- because of the optics. Feels like the senator wasn't well-served.

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On Mar 2, 2017, at 12:28 AM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

He is the Russian ambassador.

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 2, 2017, at 12:26 AM, Perez, Evan <Evan.Perez@turner.com> wrote:

Ok. But you understand most members didn't allow meetings w Kislyak because he is considered to be Russians top spy here in Wash.

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On Mar 2, 2017, at 12:20 AM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

My understanding was that it was a fairly routine conversation about issues relevant to the armed services committee and two of sessions defense staff members were present.

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 1, 2017, at 11:59 PM, Perez, Evan <Evan.Perez@turner.com> wrote:

That's relevant. But can you say what he talked about with Kislyak?

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On Mar 1, 2017, at 11:54 PM,
Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

<Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>

wrote:

He met with the
Ukrainian
ambassador the next
day. So I think that's
relevant.

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 1, 2017, at
11:51 PM, Perez,
Evan
<Evan.Perez@turner.com> wrote:

Can we
get any
info/read
out on
what the
Sept
meeting
in the
former
Senator's
office
was
about?
Editors
are
asking if
we can
provide
any info
about the
meeting.
I don't
have
anything
to say.

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Flores, Sarah Isgur. (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur. (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2017 7:56 AM
To: jake.tapper@cnn.com
Subject: Background

He also was just on camera this am as he left his house

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Here is the transcript from the hearing:

FRANKEN: OK. CNN has just published a story and I'm telling you this about a news story that's just been published. I'm not expecting you to know whether or not it's true or not. But CNN just published a story alleging that the intelligence community provided documents to the president elect last week that included information that quote, "Russian operatives claimed to have compromising personal and financial information about Mr. Trump." These documents also allegedly say quote, "There was a continuing exchange of information during the campaign between Trump's surrogates and intermediaries for the Russian government."

Now, again, I'm telling you this as it's coming out, so you know. But if it's true, it's obviously extremely serious and if there is any evidence that anyone affiliated with the Trump campaign communicated with the Russian government in the course of this campaign, what will you do?

SESSIONS: Senator Franken, I'm not aware of any of those activities. I have been called a surrogate at a time or two in that campaign and I didn't have did not have communications with the Russians, and I'm unable to comment on it.

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Tapper, Jake

From: Tapper, Jake
Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2017 10:04 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Re: What's the new statement?

Oh ok sorry

On Mar 2, 2017, at 9:59 AM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

He said that a week ago--widely reported at the time

On Mar 2, 2017, at 9:57 AM, Tapper, Jake <Jake.Tapper@turner.com> wrote:

Something about how he will recuse if necessary?

On Mar 2, 2017, at 9:44 AM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
<Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

What new statement?

From: Tapper, Jake [<mailto:Jake.Tapper@turner.com>]
Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2017 9:26 AM
To: Sarah Isgur Flores <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>
Subject: What's the new statement?

Horwitz, Sari

From: Horwitz, Sari
Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2017 10:35 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: RE: Post story

Thanks, Sarah.

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [<mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, March 02, 2017 10:34 AM
To: Horwitz, Sari
Subject: RE: Post story

Roger that

From: Horwitz, Sari [<mailto:Sari.Horwitz@washpost.com>]
Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2017 10:14 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Post story

Hi Sarah,

I'm now being pulled into a daily story about the Attorney General. If anything happens today and if AG Sessions decides to recuse himself on the Russian probe or say anything about that issue, can you please be in touch with me about that?

Thanks much,
Sari

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [<mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, March 01, 2017 4:49 PM
To: Horwitz, Sari
Subject: RE: Post story

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Perez, Evan

From: Perez, Evan
Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2017 10:44 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Re: Meanwhile.

Omg

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On Mar 2, 2017, at 9:39 AM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

I know. Off the record: They can never help overplaying their hand. Amazing.

From: Perez, Evan [<mailto:Evan.Perez@turner.com>]
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To: Sarah Isgur Flores <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>; Peter Carr (OPA) <Peter.Carr@usdoj.gov>
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Oopsie



Charles C. W. Cooke ([@charlescwcooke](https://twitter.com/charlescwcooke))

[3/2/17, 9:09 AM](#)

Claire McCaskill says she's had "no call or meeting w/Russian ambassador. Ever." But she tweeted about two. It's easy to forget. pic.twitter.com/kavd29Wog5

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Nakashima, Ellen

From: Nakashima, Ellen
Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2017 10:57 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Cc: Peter Carr (peter.carr@usdoj.gov)
Subject: RE: Hi from Ellen

Hi, Sarah,

Can we talk when you have a minute?

Thanks,
Ellen
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From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, March 01, 2017 6:23 PM
To: Nakashima, Ellen <Ellen.Nakashima@washpost.com>
Subject: Re: Hi from Ellen

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Perez, Evan

From: Perez, Evan
Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2017 12:31 PM
To: Sarah Isgur Flores
Subject: Can you talk for a minute?

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Lee, Carol

From: Lee, Carol
Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2017 5:24 PM
To: Sarah.lsgur.Flores@usdoj.gov
Subject: Seeking comment

Hi Sarah,

I want to run a few things by you for our story tonight.

1. that Sessions charged his travel for the GOP convention to his political account.
2. that in his Heritage speech in Cleveland he talked about the campaign, including Trump's trade policy.
3. was Stephen Miller with Sessions at the Heritage event?

Thanks much.

Carol

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Carol Lee
The Wall Street Journal

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@carolelee

Josh Dawsey

From: Josh Dawsey
Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2017 5:42 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Re: got a second to chat?

sounds good.
i'll consolidate and send my questions through someone else.
hang in there -- sorry to bug you on a crazy afternoon.

Best, Josh

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2017 5:39:56 PM
To: Josh Dawsey
Subject: FW: got a second to chat?

If you can send them in email, that would be helpful. I honestly have at least 3 politico people with questions and cant get to everyone at this point.

From: Sarah Isgur Flore (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2017 5:36 PM
To: sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov
Subject: Fwd: got a second to chat?

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From: Josh Dawsey <jdawsey@politico.com>
Date: Thu, Mar 2, 2017 at 5:24 PM
Subject: got a second to chat?
To: Sarah Isgur Flore (b) (6) >

am writing a story about your boss for tonight and wanted to bounce a couple things off you

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Flores, Sarah Isgur. (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur. (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2017 5:45 PM
To: Nakashima, Ellen
Subject: RE: new timeline?

No, I have no idea where that would have come from.

From: Nakashima, Ellen [mailto:Ellen.Nakashima@washpost.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2017 3:13 PM
To: Peter Carr (peter.carr@usdoj.gov) <peter.carr@usdoj.gov>; Sarah Flores - Sessions spokesman (sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov) <sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov>
Subject: new timeline?

Are you putting out a new timeline of contacts between Sessions and Kislyak? We see reports there was now also a phone call on Sept. 9th. Is that true?

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Flores, Sarah Isgur. (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur. (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2017 5:47 PM
To: Tucker, Eric
Subject: RE: Seeking clarity about September conversation

Yes. It was in his office. No idea why WSJ reported it was on the phone. I was clear with them.

From: Tucker, Eric [mailto:etucker@ap.org]
Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2017 2:25 PM
To: sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov
Subject: Seeking clarity about September conversation

Hi Sarah,

We're trying to understand whether the September discussion was an office visit, as had been initially indicated to us, or an actual phone call. I've seen a reference to a phone call, but the clear implication of the statement that was distributed was that this was an office visit.

Thanks very much,
Eric

Carr, Peter (OPA)

From: Carr, Peter (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2017 5:57 PM
To: Nakashima, Ellen; Sarah Flores - Sessions spokesman (sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov)
Subject: RE: new timeline?

Nothing has changed from what we provided yesterday. There is false reporting that the meeting on the 8th was a phone call, but it was a meeting in his office.

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Subject: new timeline?

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Flores, Sarah Isgur. (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur. (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2017 7:12 PM
To: Lichtblau, Eric
Subject: RE: Follow up

What an effing day! Sorry for the crazy. At some point, I'll act like a sane human being I swear!

From: Lichtblau, Eric [mailto:ericl@nytimes.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2017 7:07 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: Follow up

ok, thanks

hope they got your computer unlocked

Eric Lichtblau
New York Times
Washington Bureau
Reporter

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On Thu, Mar 2, 2017 at 7:03 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

We're working to get you an answer on this. We need to ask the ethics attorneys to clarify so it may be tomorrow before I can tell you definitively.

From: Lichtblau, Eric [mailto:ericl@nytimes.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2017 6:02 PM
To: Savage, Charlie <savage@nytimes.com>
Cc: Peter Carr <peter.carr@usdoj.gov>; sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov
Subject: Re: Follow up

Can we clarify whether the recusal covers the transition period or not?

From the written description, it seems like the answer is no, as some commentators were noting on MSNBC.

Eric Lichtblau

New York Times
Washington Bureau
Reporter

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On Thu, Mar 2, 2017 at 1:07 PM, Savage, Charlie <savage@nytimes.com> wrote:

Hi Sarah (I look forward to meeting you for real) and Peter --

We have two follow-up questions about then-Senator Sessions from the information you provided last night, if you have a moment please.

1) We are hearing there was another meeting/call/communication between Sessions and Kislyak in 2016 prior to the Republican National Convention. Can you please confirm that and provide any details equivalent to what you were able to say about the Heritage RNC event and the 9/8 office visit? (And were there any others on top of this third one?)

2) Regarding the list you provided of office visit meetings with ambassadors that Senator Sessions had between April and November, can you please extend it backward to include 2015 and early 2016, or say how many such meetings with ambassadors he had in that time period, i.e. prior to becoming the chairman of the Trump campaign national security committee?

Thank you very much!

Charlie Savage
The New York Times

Phone: [202 862 0317](tel:202-862-0317)

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Merica, Dan

From: Merica, Dan
Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2017 7:48 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Re: Looking for comment on story re: Session attending cocktail party with Kislyak

Thanks Sarah.

From: "Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)" <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>
Date: Thursday, March 2, 2017 at 7:26 PM
To: "Merica, Dan" <dan.merica@cnn.com>
Subject: RE: Looking for comment on story re: Session attending cocktail party with Kislyak

She can't even confirm the ambassador was in the room. But if he was, he didn't meet the Senator as far as she knows and she was with him throughout the hold room time. She remembered many other people who were there and specific conversations with them as well.

From: Merica, Dan [mailto:dan.merica@cnn.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2017 7:24 PM
To: Sarah Isgur Flore (b) (6)
Cc: Flores, Sarah Isgur. (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: Looking for comment on story re: Session attending cocktail party with Kislyak

Ok. Thanks for the response. So, to be clear, you and the LD are saying you don't believe the two met in the room?

And thanks for the note on the timing. The group called it a cocktail party like gathering.

Fairer to call it a hold before the speech.

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 2, 2017, at 7:17 PM, Sarah Isgur Flore (b) (6) > wrote:

My understanding is that this was a noon event. There was no cocktail anything. There was a hold room before the speech.

The LD who was staffing Sessions remembered talking to several specific ambassadors and other guests in the holding room. She believed that she met all the ambassadors in the room and would have recognized him. But obviously he could have come late or she could have missed him but does not believe he would have met Sessions at that point.

On Thu, Mar 2, 2017 at 6:59 PM, Merica, Dan <dan.merica@cnn.com> wrote:

Hi Sarah,

Two event organizers from The National Interest tell CNN that then-Sen. Sessions attended a cocktail party at The Mayflower Hotel on April 27, 2016 with Donald Trump and Russian Ambassador Sergey Kislyak.

The cocktail party was less than 20 people, the organizers said and preceded a speech Trump gave to the group.

A few questions for the story we plan to post:

- Did Sessions and Kislyak talk during the cocktail party?
- Did Sessions attend the event as a senator or, since it was before a speech Trump gave to the group, as a Trump adviser?

Feel free to call me (b) (6) or email me here for this story.

Thanks,

Dan

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Sarah Isgur Flores

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@whignewtons

Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2017 9:46 PM
To: Carol Lee
Subject: Re: Seeking comment

Nope! I' (b) (6)

On Mar 2, 2017, at 9:03 PM, Carol Lee <carol.lee@wsj.com> wrote:

Ah. Thanks! I actually wasn't clear on it so that's helpful. Anything else coming from you guys tonight?

On Thu, Mar 2, 2017 at 8:58 PM Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

No they were definitely involved. More like they were the host as I sort of get it. I didn't see the state statement so you probably already were aware--it was news to me:)

On Mar 2, 2017, at 8:51 PM, Carol Lee <carol.lee@wsj.com> wrote:

Thanks. State put out a stmt. Are you saying Heritage wasn't involved at all?

On Thu, Mar 2, 2017 at 8:18 PM Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

What we've been calling the "heritage event" was actually as I understand it was a sponsored trip by the state department. You may need to look into to get details.

On Mar 2, 2017, at 7:02 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur. (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

Im still learning how to use my email and sent this to myself somehow

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2017 6:34 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Seeking comment

Miller was not with Sessions at the Heritage event

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur. (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2017 5:58 PM
To: 'Carol Lee' <carol.lee@wsj.com>
Subject: RE: Seeking comment

I'm trying to find you answers. But at this point:

1. I don't know
2. I don't know
3. He was staffed by his Leg director.
4. I don't have the exact date

From: Carol Lee [<mailto:carol.lee@wsj.com>]
Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2017 5:55 PM
To: Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov
Subject: Re: Seeking comment

Want to make sure you saw this.

Separately, do you have the date of the Heritage event?

On Thu, Mar 2, 2017 at 5:24 PM Lee, Carol <carol.lee@wsj.com> wrote:

Hi Sarah,

I want to run a few things by you for our story tonight.

1. that Sessions charged his travel for the GOP convention to his political account.
2. that in his Heritage speech in Cleveland he talked about the campaign, including Trump's trade policy.
3. was Stephen Miller with Sessions at the Heritage event?

Thanks much.

Carol

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Eric Lichtblau

From: Eric Lichtblau
Sent: Friday, March 3, 2017 9:55 AM
To: Sarah Isgur Flores
Subject: Transition question

Any clarification on that?

Sent from my iPhone

Raju, Manu

From: Raju, Manu
Sent: Friday, March 3, 2017 11:26 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Re: Sessions letter to Judiciary ?

Thanks

Manu Raju, CNN
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manu.raju@cnn.com
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> On Mar 3, 2017, at 11:22 AM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

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> It'll be later today

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> Sarah Isgur Flores

> Director of Public Affairs

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

> From: Raju, Manu [mailto:Manu.Raju@turner.com]

> Sent: Friday, March 3, 2017 11:02 AM

> To: Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov

> Subject: Sessions letter to Judiciary ?

>

> Hi Sarah,

> We are trying to get a sense on when the AG is sending his letter to the Judiciary Committee on his meetings? Any guidance on timing or if you can provide the letter would be most appreciated.

> Thanks so much

> Manu

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> Manu Raju, CNN

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> manu.raju@cnn.com

> Sent from my iPhone

Tucker, Eric

From: Tucker, Eric
Sent: Friday, March 3, 2017 12:46 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: RE: Statement?

Excellent! Close of business today would be perfect.

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Friday, March 03, 2017 12:46 PM
To: Tucker, Eric
Subject: Re: Statement?

Oh yeah! That seems like weeks ago. Ha. What's your deadline? Happy to comment.

On Mar 3, 2017, at 12:45 PM, Tucker, Eric <etucker@ap.org> wrote:

Hi Sarah, I know things have been totally crazy this week, but I think we're going to publish tomorrow the story I mentioned a couple of days ago about how Sessions has begun steering the department in dramatically different ways in key areas from his Democratic successors. Is that something you guys might be interested in weighing in on? Thanks so much.

Eric

Savage, Charlie

From: Savage, Charlie
Sent: Friday, March 3, 2017 2:17 PM
To: Sarah Isgur Flores
Cc: Lichtblau, Eric
Subject: checking in re ambassador visit list

Hi Sarah - For planning purposes, do you think DOJ will be able to finish the three-year look-back of ambassador visits to Mr. Sessions' Senate office this afternoon?

Thanks!

Charlie

Charlie Savage
The New York Times

Phone: 202-862-0317

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Savage, Charlie

From: Savage, Charlie
Sent: Friday, March 3, 2017 6:41 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Re: NAACP

oh there it is - thanks.

Charlie Savage
The New York Times

Phone: 202-862-0317
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On Fri, Mar 3, 2017 at 6:38 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:
I answered your text about it

On Mar 3, 2017, at 6:27 PM, Savage, Charlie <savage@nytimes.com> wrote:

Hi Sarah -- Someone in New York saw something on CNN about Sessions meeting with NAACP leader and I was asked to look into it. I guess Sessions asked for the meeting? Do you have any details you could share, please?

Charlie Savage
The New York Times

Phone: [202-862-0317](tel:202-862-0317)
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Zapotosky, Matt

From: Zapotosky, Matt
Sent: Friday, March 3, 2017 6:45 PM
To: Carr, Peter (OPA)
Cc: sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov
Subject: Re: AG appearance on Fox

Thanks for getting back to me.

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 3, 2017, at 5:05 PM, Carr, Peter (OPA) <Peter.Carr@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Sorry for the delay, Matt; we've both been in meetings much of the day. We'll decline to comment for the story for now. I'll let you know if that changes. Appreciate your reaching out to us.

From: Zapotosky, Matt [<mailto:matt.zapotosky@washpost.com>]
Sent: Friday, March 03, 2017 3:18 PM
To: sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov; 'peter.carr@usdoj.gov' <peter.carr@usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: AG appearance on Fox

Just following up to make sure I'm not forgotten!

Matt

From: Zapotosky, Matt
Sent: Friday, March 03, 2017 11:33 AM
To: 'sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov' <sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov>; 'peter.carr@usdoj.gov' <peter.carr@usdoj.gov>
Subject: AG appearance on Fox

Hey Sarah and Peter

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I'm wondering, did General Sessions not read that report? Was there any particular reason why? If he did read it, why would he say he had "never been told" the Putin government favored Trump over Clinton?

Many thanks,

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Zapotosky, Matt

From: Zapotosky, Matt
Sent: Friday, March 3, 2017 7:15 PM
To: peter.carr@usdoj.gov; sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov
Subject: Updated testimony?

Hey Peter and Sarah-- Any idea if General Sessions will update his testimony tonight? If he does, mind sending me the update? Many thanks, Matt Zapotosky

Sent from my iPhone

Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Friday, March 3, 2017 7:58 PM
To: Raju, Manu
Subject: Re: Sessions letter to Judiciary ?

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Carr, Peter (OPA)" <pcarr@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Date: March 3, 2017 at 7:46:50 PM EST
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Cc: "Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)" <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Statement on AG letter to Judiciary Committee

You may attribute the following to me: "In light of the letter received from Senators late this afternoon, the Attorney General will respond to their questions along with his amended testimony on Monday."

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Have a good weekend,

Peter Carr

Spokesman

U.S. Department of Justice

On Mar 3, 2017, at 6:22 PM, Raju, Manu <Manu.Raju@turner.com> wrote:

Judiciary aides are telling me that they think it's now NOT being sent today. Can you confirm that?

Manu Raju, CNN
Twitter: @mkraju

manu.raju@cnn.com

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 3, 2017, at 5:04 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
<Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

No--it'll go out later today at some point.

Sarah Isgur Flores

Director of Public Affairs

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From: Raju, Manu [<mailto:Manu.Raju@turner.com>]

Sent: Friday, March 3, 2017 4:09 PM

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

Subject: Re: Sessions letter to Judiciary ?

Hi - any update on timing here?

Manu Raju, CNN

Twitter: @mkraju

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On Mar 3, 2017, at 11:22 AM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
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Zapotosky, Matt

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Cc: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Re: Statement on AG letter to Judiciary Committee

Thanks Peter.

Sent from my iPhone

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Peter Carr
Spokesman
U.S. Department of Justice

Carr, Peter (OPA)

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Cc: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: RE: Statement on AG letter to Judiciary Committee

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One clarification -- he's going to respond in writing, right? Not sit for more testimony.

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 3, 2017, at 7:52 PM, Carr, Peter (OPA) <Peter.Carr@usdoj.gov> wrote:

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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Saturday, March 4, 2017 8:49 AM
To: Perez, Evan
Subject: Re: Letter to the Hill

Lol--oh yes th (b) (6). Enjoy!!!

On Mar 4, 2017, at 12:04 AM, Perez, Evan <Evan.Perez@turner.com> wrote:

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(b) (6). Keep things quiet please

Evan Pérez
Correspondent
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Peter Carr

Spokesman

U.S. Department of Justice

On Mar 3, 2017, at 11:01 AM, Perez, Evan <Evan.Perez@turner.com> wrote:

Do you guys plan to share it?

Evan Pérez
Correspondent

CNN

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Zapotosky, Matt

From: Zapotosky, Matt
Sent: Saturday, March 4, 2017 9:06 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Cc: peter.carr@usdoj.gov
Subject: Re: AG appearance on Fox

Hey Sarah-- Thanks for responding. I can update with your assessment on that part, though a couple follow-ups.

- 1) Is that just your impression, or did you talk to General Sessions about it?
- 2) I think the more controversial part is the follow-up question...

“Do **you** think they did?” Carlson said.

“I don’t have any idea, Tucker. You’d have to ask them,” Sessions said.

So there, Carlson is clearly asking Session his own view on if Russia wanted Trump to win. And Sessions says he doesn't "have any idea." That's the break with the intelligence community report. But I'd love to know more about why he said that...

- 3) Had he not read the report? And if so, any particular reason?

- 4) Was he not at the Jan. 12 classified briefing about it?

Many thanks,

Matt

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Saturday, March 4, 2017 9:01:00 AM
To: Zapotosky, Matt
Cc: peter.carr@usdoj.gov
Subject: Re: AG appearance on Fox

Just FYI: I should have read this more close yesterday. The Tucker question was clearly about what the campaign believed and not what you sent us here.

Sessions answers "no one [from the campaign] has ever told me that [the campaign believes that the Russians are favoring Trump]. " which is even more clearly what he's answering when you add in the next answer which is you have to ask them--again, the campaign. So I guess given that back and forth I'm not sure I understand your question about what the FBI report has to do with anything since he's answering a question about the state of mind of the campaign at the time.

On Mar 3, 2017, at 11:32 AM, Zapotosky, Matt <matt.zapotosky@washpost.com> wrote:

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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Saturday, March 4, 2017 11:12 AM
To: Carrie Johnson
Cc: Peter Carr (USAVAE); Wyn Hornbuckle (OPA)
Subject: Re: Tweets

It's the weekend? Lol. I'll give you a call.

> On Mar 4, 2017, at 11:08 AM, Carrie Johnson <CJohnson2@npr.org> wrote:

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> Not sure what if anything you can say, but the president's tweets this morning are reverberating. Open to any statement you all may have. Trying to respect your "weekend" by not pestering you via cellphone.

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> Carrie

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> Sent from my iPhone

Carr, Peter (OPA)

From: Carr, Peter (OPA)
Sent: Saturday, March 4, 2017 12:08 PM
To: Zapotosky, Matt
Cc: Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov
Subject: Re: wiretaps of Trump (and other Tweets)

We'll decline to comment at this time, Matt.

On Mar 4, 2017, at 8:43 AM, Zapotosky, Matt <matt.zapotosky@washpost.com> wrote:

Hey Peter and Sarah--

I'll call in a couple minutes, but thought I should email, too. I'm sure you've seen by now that the president Tweeted this morning that President Obama wire tapped his phones. (Relevant tweets below my questions.)

I'm wondering...

Is that true?

If so, did the Justice Department seek a warrant to do so? In what context?

Somewhat relatedly, the president suggested Sessions first meeting between General Sessions and the Russian ambassador was set up by the Obama Administration under an education program for 100 ambassadors. What is he talking about? Wasn't the first meeting an encounter on the sidelines of a Republican convention event? How would that have been set up by the Obama administration?

Tweets below. Many thanks.

Matt Zapotosky

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The Tweets:

Is it legal for a sitting President to be "wire tapping" a race for president prior to an election? Turned down by court earlier. A NEW LOW!

I'd bet a good lawyer could make a great case out of the fact that President Obama was tapping my phones in October, just prior to Election!

How low has President Obama gone to tapp my phones during the very sacred election process. This is Nixon/Watergate. Bad (or sick) guy!

Terrible!
Just found out that Obama had my "wires tapped" in Trump Tower just before the victory. Nothing found. This is McCarthyism!

The first meeting Jeff Sessions had with the Russian Amb was set up by the Obama Administration under education program for 100 Ambs.....

Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Saturday, March 4, 2017 12:57 PM
To: Tucker, Eric
Subject: Re: BC-US--Pivoting Justice Department,1st Ld-Writethru

Also very very possible I missed it! Haha:)

On Mar 4, 2017, at 12:36 PM, Tucker, Eric <etucker@ap.org> wrote:

Shoot, I'm sorry. I thought I responded that it was close of business yesterday, but very, very possible that email got stuck in my outbox.

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [<mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>]
Sent: Saturday, March 04, 2017 12:34 PM
To: Tucker, Eric
Subject: Re: BC US Pivoting Justice Department,1st Ld Writethru

Nah--this turned out fine without me:)

(But hope I didn't miss your response to my email yesterday? I was happy to send a quote but asked what you thought your deadline was.)

On Mar 4, 2017, at 12:25 PM, Tucker, Eric <etucker@ap.org> wrote:

Hi there, still time for you guys to weigh in, if interested. No pressure. Either way, see you tonight at Gridiron.

Doc URL: <http://elvisa.ap.org/News/Stories/CTC-2017-Feb-28-001321/CTC-2017-Feb-28-001321.docx>

Slug: BC-US--Pivoting Justice Department,1st Ld-Writethru
Headline: Sessions' path to remake Justice Department may be clearer
There may be a silver lining to the political cloud over Attorney General Jeff Sessions after his decision to step back from any investigation
Summary: touching the Trump campaign. Now, his path to continue refashioning the Justice Department may be even clear. So far, Sessions appears focused on tackling violent crime, drugs and immigration.
**Extended
Headline:** There may be a silver lining to the political cloud over Attorney General Jeff Sessions after his decision to step back from any investigation touching the Trump campaign
**Editors
Note:** (Eds: Updates with quotes, details. With AP Photos. AP Video.)

Urgency: Non Urgent
Byline: By ERIC TUCKER
Bytitle: Associated Press
Dateline: WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON (AP) The political cloud over Attorney General Jeff Sessions' decision to step back from any investigation touching the Trump campaign may have a silver lining for a law enforcement officer who appears preoccupied by violent crime, drugs and immigration.

Now that Sessions will no longer oversee any investigation into the 2016 election, his path to continue a refashioning of the Justice Department may be even clearer.

Those efforts began almost immediately after he was sworn in last month. While Thursday's announcement may have taken attention from trying to chip away at Obama administration priorities, Sessions seems poised to resume the mission he carried into the job.

Sessions' early words and actions are consistent with the tough-on-crime reputation the former federal prosecutor cultivated as an Alabama senator, and they foreshadow an unmistakable pivot in critical areas of civil rights, criminal justice and drug policy.

New attorneys general routinely arrive with their own agendas. But the speed with which Sessions has moved to undo some of the legacy items of his Democratic-appointed predecessors has dismayed critics and caused observers to take notice.

"There have been transitions before where the department headed off in new directions, but there is traditionally a period of new people coming in and studying and learning about issues before taking bold and dramatic new policy directions," said William Yeomans, who spent nearly 30 years at the department. "This is probably unprecedented in the speed and dramatic change in course that's happened."

In a matter of weeks, the Sessions Justice Department lifted anti-discrimination guidelines meant to ensure transgender students could use school restrooms of their choice. He repealed a memo that directed the department to phase out the use of private prisons, signaling he sees them as necessary for the future. The department also changed its position in a critical voting rights case in Texas, abandoning its yearslong opposition to a critical aspect of the state's voter ID law.

Sessions has hinted at a reversal of the department's more hands-off position on marijuana enforcement, saying there's more violence surrounding the drug than "one would think." And though the Justice Department's push to overhaul troubled police agencies was a staple effort of the last administration, Sessions announced his desire to "pull back" on federal scrutiny of local law enforcement, winning praise from some quarters.

"Support for the police particularly in these trying times is extremely welcome and good news to our members," said Jim Pasco, executive director of the National Fraternal Order of Police. "It's refreshing and welcome and no less than we would expect from Jeff Sessions."

But others are concerned the early points of focus distract attention from law enforcement challenges that have consumed the Justice Department and which it is most uniquely positioned to address.

For instance, Sessions has yet to publicly talk about how best to disrupt the pressing cyberthreats from overseas that are capable of siphoning American corporate secrets or hacking into U.S. political operations. He hasn't talked about preventing Americans from being inspired to violence by Islamic State propaganda.

The Justice Department can't "tackle all criminal justice challenges" and must use its resources in a smart and targeted way, said Timothy Heaphy, a former U.S. attorney for the Western District of Virginia who was nominated by President Barack Obama.

"My fear," Heaphy said, "is that the new department is not as mindful of those resource constraints and seems to want to pursue a more ideological agenda, and I think that could be both ineffective and costly."

Even as Sessions outlined his vision for the department at his confirmation hearing, he was tailed by questions about whether he would withdraw from any investigation involving the Trump campaign and Russian meddling in the election. At his first news conference, following revelations about two undisclosed conversations with the Russian ambassador, he announced he would step away from any such investigation.

It won't be the first time an attorney general has shifted the department's priorities.

Obama's first attorney general, Eric Holder, set aside a criminal justice memo from his Republican predecessor, John Ashcroft, to charge people with the most serious, provable offenses and replaced it with his own policy of discouraging harsh mandatory minimum sentences for nonviolent crime.

Sessions' actions are not surprising given his role as an architect of President Donald Trump's policies, and they appear consistent with views expressed over 20 years in the Senate.

Sessions warned in Congress about crime and drugs. He already has followed that as attorney general, announcing a task force to study the problem and pledging to dismantle international cartels. He expressed concern last year about legislation he feared could lead to the early release of felons, and moved quickly at the Justice Department to ensure privately operated prisons would be available for continued use.

But the pivot on civil rights matters is striking especially given that they had been Obama administration priorities.

Top officials with the NAACP said their worries remain even after a private meeting to which Sessions invited them.

"He said we would agree on some things and disagree on others, and he was committed to enforcing civil rights law as he sees it," said NAACP President Cornell William Brooks.

The Justice Department opened about two dozen investigations of police departments under Holder and successor Loretta Lynch. But Sessions, who says he's concerned those investigations can harm officer morale, will almost certainly scale back those efforts.

The changed legal positions already advanced by Sessions means minority voters looking to prove that the state's strict voter ID law is intentionally discriminatory will probably have to do without the federal government's backing, as will transgender students who argue that the law allows them to use the bathroom that matches their gender identity.

Yeomans said that though changes in litigating positions do occur and are sometimes dictated by court deadlines, the department must always be concerned not to undermine its own legitimacy by too drastic a reversal.

"When it has been taking one position in court, and suddenly comes back in and takes the opposite position and the only thing that's changed is an election it looks like the department is being driven by politics," Yeomans said.

Associated Press writer Sadie Gurman contributed to this report.

Michael Shear

From: Michael Shear
Sent: Sunday, March 5, 2017 1:32 PM
To: sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov
Subject: Story — please call asap

Hi Sarah,

I am working on a follow up to the story about the president's allegations on wiretapping. The latest story directly involves the Department of Justice and I very much need to talk to you as soon as possible. Can you call me (b) (6)? Thanks

Mike

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Michael D. Shear
White House Correspondent
The New York Times
michael.shear@nytimes.com

(b) (6)

Tucker, Eric

From: Tucker, Eric
Sent: Sunday, March 5, 2017 4:49 PM
To: sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov
Cc: sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov
Subject: Hi, can you please call?

I'm (b) (6) . Hoping to speak with you real quickly. Thanks a lot.

Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Sunday, March 5, 2017 5:34 PM
To: Carrie Johnson
Subject: RE: Nyt report

We're declining to comment

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

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

From: Carrie Johnson [mailto:CJohnson2@npr.org]
Sent: Sunday, March 5, 2017 5:02 PM
To: Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov; Peter Carr (USAVAE) <Peter.Carr@usdoj.gov>
Subject: Nyt report

Pestering you at the urging of my editors to see what if anything you can say about nyt report indicating FBI wanted justice dept to publicly knock down erroneous tweets and doj took no action.

Thanks
Carrie Johnson
Cjohnson2@npr.org
(b) (6)

Sent from my iPhone

Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Sunday, March 5, 2017 5:36 PM
To: Horwitz, Sari
Subject: RE:

We're declining to comment

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

(b) (6)

From: Horwitz, Sari [mailto:Sari.Horwitz@washpost.com]
Sent: Sunday, March 5, 2017 4:52 PM
To: Sarah Isgur Flore (b) (6) >
Subject:

Sarah, Is the NYT story accurate that Comey has been trying to get DOJ to say that Trump's allegations are inaccurate?
Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 28, 2017, at 3:38 PM, Sarah Isgur Flore (b) (6) > wrote:

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Sari

Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Sunday, March 5, 2017 6:27 PM
To: Williams, Pete (NBCUniversal)
Subject: Re: Comey's request

Written

On Mar 5, 2017, at 6:22 PM, Williams, Pete (NBCUniversal) <pete.williams@nbcuni.com> wrote:

I forgot to ask. Is the AG sending a written response to the Judiciary Committee on Monday, or is he appearing before the committee again, after receiving the letter Friday from the Democrats?

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [<mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>]
Sent: Sunday, March 05, 2017 6:15 PM
To: Williams, Pete (NBCUniversal) <pete.williams@nbcuni.com>
Cc: Carr, Peter (OPA) <Peter.Carr@usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: Comey's request

Nope. No commenting the crap out of the story:)

On Mar 5, 2017, at 6:14 PM, Williams, Pete (NBCUniversal) <pete.williams@nbcuni.com> wrote:

Any chance we'll hear anything from you all this evening on Comey's request?

Thanks.

Josh Dawsey

From: Josh Dawsey
Sent: Sunday, March 5, 2017 9:23 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Re: coffee or a drink?

sounds good.

i could swing by -- or we could do a post-work drink one night on the later side. i usually get out around 8-830. whatever you'd like to do.

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Sunday, March 5, 2017 5:58:43 PM
To: Josh Dawsey
Subject: RE: coffee or a drink?

My days are just getting crushed at this point as you can guess. I'm sorry to push this but I fear I'd end up having to cancel. Mind if we wait until things are a little less crazy or feel free to swing by the office!

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: Sarah Isgur Flores (b) (6)
Sent: Friday, March 3, 2017 11:08 AM
To: sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov
Subject: Fwd: coffee or a drink?

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Josh Dawsey <jdawsey@politico.com>
Date: Tue, Feb 28, 2017 at 5:56 PM
Subject: Re: coffee or a drink?
To: Sarah Isgur Flore (b) (6) >

Sounds good. How does Tuesday or Wednesday look?
Can do a breakfast or drink.
Best/Josh

From: Sarah Isgur Flor (b) (6) >
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2017 5:49:39 PM
To: Josh Dawsey
Subject: Re: coffee or a drink?

That sounds great. Mind if we look at next week so I can get my sea legs under me a little?

On Tue, Feb 28, 2017 at 1:51 PM, Josh Dawsey <jdawsey@politico.com> wrote:

Hi Sarah, we haven't met but I cover the White House for POLITICO. I think you and I maybe emailed a while back on a Sessions story.

Am trying to get to know some of the administration folks better, and would love to have a meal or drink with you.

Let me know if you're game. Flexible to meet whenever is convenient.

Best, Josh

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White House Reporter
POLITICO

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Sarah Isgur Flores

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Horwitz, Sari

From: Horwitz, Sari
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2017 11:50 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Re:

Yes, totally understand. Which day works best later in the week?

Sent from my iPhone

> On Mar 6, 2017, at 11:49 AM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

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> Today and tomorrow are kind of underwater. Can we try later this week?

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>> On Mar 6, 2017, at 8:31 AM, Horwitz, Sari <Sari.Horwitz@washpost.com> wrote:

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>> Any chance we could grab a quick lunch or get a drink tonight?

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>> Sent from my iPhone

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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2017 11:50 AM
To: Williams, Pete (NBCUniversal)
Subject: Re: Travel executive order

Correct. Sec 13 revokes the previous order. We believe this will moot (in the lay sense) the majority of the current litigation.

On Mar 6, 2017, at 11:48 AM, Williams, Pete (NBCUniversal) <pete.williams@nbcuni.com> wrote:

Hi, Sarah.

Do you happen to know whether the January 27th order was rescinded? That'll make a difference in the court challenges.

Many thanks.

Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2017 12:40 PM
To: Tapper, Jake
Subject: RE: FBI probes involve 300 people admitted to U.S. as refugees: congressional sources | Reuters

It's correct. This comes from the EO Sec 1(h) along with specific examples. But as for the 300, we aren't providing details about current FBI investigations.

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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

From: Tapper, Jake [mailto:Jake.Tapper@turner.com]
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2017 12:32 PM
To: Sarah Isgur Flores <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>
Subject: FBI probes involve 300 people admitted to U.S. as refugees: congressional sources | Reuters

Anything you can share with me about this?

Seems like something CNN viewers should know about --

<http://mobile.reuters.com/article/idUSKBN16D1WS>

Nakashima, Ellen

From: Nakashima, Ellen
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2017 2:27 PM
To: Peter Carr (peter.carr@usdoj.gov); Sarah Flores - Sessions spokesman (sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov)
Subject: Sessions

Hi, Pete, Sarah,

When did AG Sessions consult the Ethics people on the recusal matter? He said he met with "senior officials shortly after arriving." When was that and with whom? Did he also meet with them last Monday? Can you give me the dates? And on what day did he make the decision to recuse?

Thanks,
Ellen

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Carr, Peter (OPA)

From: Carr, Peter (OPA)
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2017 2:53 PM
To: Lichtblau, Eric
Bcc: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) (JMD)
Subject: RE: Rosenstein/story today

Eric, I'm at my desk: 202 616-0907.

Below are some people who have agreed to speak with press about USA Rosenstein:

Former Maryland Attorney General Douglas F. Gansler - best number (b) (6)
Former Baltimore City State's Attorney Gregg L. Bernstein best number is his c (b) (6)
Former Baltimore City Police Commissioner Fred Bealefeld - best number i (b) (6)
Bonnie Greenberg best number (b) (6)
Jan Paul Miller best number (b) (6)
Barbara Sale best number (b) (6)

From: Lichtblau, Eric [mailto:ericl@nytimes.com]
Sent: Monday, March 06, 2017 2:50 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>
Cc: Carr, Peter <Peter.Carr@usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: Rosenstein/story today

Thanks. Is there someone I can talk to in the next hour at DoJ, and can I get a few names of surrogates?

Eric Lichtblau
New York Times
Washington Bureau
Reporter

(202) 862-0306 (o)
(b) (6) (c)

On Mon, Mar 6, 2017 at 1:06 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Adding Peter for all things Rod!

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: Lichtblau, Eric [mailto:ericl@nytimes.com]
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2017 12:56 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: Rosenstein/story today

both DoJ and a surrogate on the record would be helpful

Eric Lichtblau
New York Times
Washington Bureau
Reporter

[\(202\) 862-0306](tel:(202)862-0306) (o)
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On Mon, Mar 6, 2017 at 12:53 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

For Rod, do you want a DOJ person or you would like to talk to surrogates who can speak to his career/record? I'm still waiting on the recusal answer will check upstairs again (truthfully it kind of fell off my radar). I don't have a 2015 list except to say that he consistently met with ambassadors in the previous years. No, we are not commenting on the FBI story.

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs
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From: Sarah Isgur Flor (b) (6)]
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2017 12:50 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Rosenstein/story today

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From: Lichtblau, Eric <ericl@nytimes.com>
Date: Mon, Mar 6, 2017 at 12:49 PM
Subject: Rosenstein/story today
To: Sarah Isgur Flore (b) (6) >

hey there

could anyone talk to me there for a story today on Rod's nomination hearing?

Can I don't think we ever got answers on those two questions about the recusal -- whether it applies to the transition and what his meetings were in 2015.

lastly, are you expecting anything more today on the concerns from FBI and the request for DoJ to say something in response to White HOuse and correct the record?

Eric Lichtblau

New York Times
Washington Bureau
Reporter

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Sarah Isgur Flores

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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2017 3:50 PM
To: Carrie Johnson
Cc: Peter Carr (USAVAE); Wyn Hornbuckle (OPA)
Subject: RE: Letter to Senate Judiciary - timing

I don't have an eta right now

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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

From: Carrie Johnson [mailto:CJohnson2@npr.org]
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2017 3:45 PM
To: 'Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)' <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>
Cc: Peter Carr (USAVAE) <Peter.Carr@usdoj.gov>; Wyn Hornbuckle (OPA) <Wyn.Hornbuckle@usdoj.gov>
Subject: Letter to Senate Judiciary - timing

Sorry to be a pest - any ETA on letter to Judiciary Committee?

THANKS

Carrie

Cjohnson2@npr.org

Lichtblau, Eric

From: Lichtblau, Eric
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2017 4:42 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Re: Did Sessions send his clarification letter to SJC re russia meeting?

you know what time?

Eric Lichtblau

New York Times
Washington Bureau
Reporter

(202) 862-0306 (o)

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On Mon, Mar 6, 2017 at 4:37 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Not yet. Coming later this afternoon.

Sarah Isgur Flores

Director of Public Affairs

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From: Sarah Isgur Flore (b) (6)]
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2017 4:36 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Did Sessions send his clarification letter to SJC re russia meeting?

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Lichtblau, Eric** <ericl@nytimes.com>
Date: Mon, Mar 6, 2017 at 4:35 PM
Subject: Did Sessions send his clarification letter to SJC re russia meeting?

To: Sarah Isgur Flore (b) (6)

Eric Lichtblau

New York Times

Washington Bureau

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Sarah Isgur Flores

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Carr, Peter (OPA)

From: Carr, Peter (OPA)
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2017 5:25 PM
To: Horwitz, Sari
Cc: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: RE: Rod Rosenstein

Mr. Rosenstein is deferring to the Senate Judiciary Committee for release of his testimony.

From: Horwitz, Sari [mailto:Sari.Horwitz@washpost.com]
Sent: Monday, March 06, 2017 5:23 PM
To: Carr, Peter (OPA) <Peter.Carr@usdoj.gov>; Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>
Subject: Rod Rosenstein

Any chance we could get an embargoed copy of his statement in advance of the hearing?

Sari Horwitz
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Bio and stories: wapo.st/sarihorwitz

Adam Goldman

From: Adam Goldman
Sent: Tuesday, March 7, 2017 10:26 AM
To: (b)(6): Sarah Flores personal email
Subject: Greetings

Do you have DOJ email yet?

Adam

Adam Goldman
Reporter
The New York Times
(m (b) (6))
(o) 202.862.0362

Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Tuesday, March 7, 2017 6:15 PM
To: Tucker, Eric
Subject: RE: favor

Thank you!!

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: Tucker, Eric [mailto:etucker@ap.org]
Sent: Tuesday, March 7, 2017 6:14 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: favor

Yep, we definitely did. I will reach out to our photo desk. I know we had someone there.

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, March 07, 2017 6:14 PM
To: Tucker, Eric
Subject: favor

Do you know whether you had an AP photog at the confirmation hearing today? Rachel Brand was hoping to get some good pictures they took of her kids.

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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: Tuesday, March 7, 2017 7:02 PM
To: Goldman, Adam
Subject: RE: greetings

Sorry I missed this! Let me know how I can help.

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: Goldman, Adam [mailto:adam.goldman@nytimes.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 7, 2017 10:27 AM
To: Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov
Subject: greetings

Do you have a minute to chat?

Adam

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Adam Goldman
Reporter
The New York Times

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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Wednesday, March 8, 2017 9:52 AM
To: Lee, Carol
Subject: RE: Hi there

We've released everything we are going to release. Thanks!

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: Lee, Carol [mailto:carol.lee@wsj.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 8, 2017 9:43 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>
Subject: Hi there

I know your scheduler was going through Sessions stuff last week. Have you released his schedule for last year while he was helping with the campaign?

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Carol Lee
The Wall Street Journal

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carol.lee@wsj.com

@carolelee

Horwitz, Sari

From: Horwitz, Sari
Sent: Wednesday, March 8, 2017 10:43 AM
To: Sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov

Hi Sarah,
Can you please call me when you have a minute?
Thanks,
Sari

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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, March 9, 2017 8:06 AM
To: Tucker, Eric
Subject: RE: AG on Hugh Hewitt radio this morning at 7:33am

I could only hear one side. Hugh usually posts a transcript pretty quickly though.

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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

From: Tucker, Eric [mailto:etucker@ap.org]
Sent: Thursday, March 9, 2017 7:55 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: AG on Hugh Hewitt radio this morning at 7:33am

Wait, what does he mean about an outside counsel to review the Holder/Lynch era? Do you know what he's referring to?

Sent from my iPhone

> On Mar 9, 2017, at 6:52 AM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:
>
> Just a heads up for those wanting to listen
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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, March 9, 2017 8:11 AM
To: Horwitz, Sari
Subject: RE: AG on Hugh Hewitt radio this morning at 7:33am

Noted:)

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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

From: Horwitz, Sari [mailto:Sari.Horwitz@washpost.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 9, 2017 7:27 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: AG on Hugh Hewitt radio this morning at 7:33am

Good morning Sarah,

Can you please put me high on the list of reporters who want to interview the AG about his push to crack down on violent crime? :)

Sari

Sent from my iPad

> On Mar 9, 2017, at 6:54 AM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

>

> Just a heads up for those wanting to listen

Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, March 9, 2017 12:23 PM
To: Lichtblau, Eric
Subject: RE: FW: Question on Spicer statement

Correct on all fronts!

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: Lichtblau, Eric [mailto:ericl@nytimes.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 9, 2017 12:19 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: FW: Question on Spicer statement

I can use it on background as Justice official - but also the comment that Justice did not provide that to the WH.

And Justice is still not saying anything about Comey asking DoJ to say there was no wiretap, I take it?

Eric Lichtblau
New York Times
Washington Bureau
Reporter

(202) 862-0306 (o)

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On Thu, Mar 9, 2017 at 12:13 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

The decline to comment? Seems silly to put my name in print...justice spokesperson? (btw im fine with spokesman but I assume yall have some sort of stylebook that dictates such things!)

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: Lichtblau, Eric [mailto:ericl@nytimes.com]

Sent: Thursday, March 9, 2017 12:12 PM

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

Subject: Re: FW: Question on Spicer statement

OK, thanks. Who knows where they're getting that from...

Are we on the record or on background, by the way?

Eric Lichtblau

New York Times

Washington Bureau

Reporter

[\(202\) 862-0306](tel:(202)862-0306) (o)

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On Thu, Mar 9, 2017 at 12:00 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

[Decline to comment](#)😊

Sarah Isgur Flores

Director of Public Affairs

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From: Lichtblau, Eric [mailto:ericl@nytimes.com]

Sent: Thursday, March 9, 2017 11:59 AM

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

Subject: Re: FW: Question on Spicer statement

OK, thanks for checking.

So I need to ask then, since Spicer is raising it: Is there "any type of investigation with respect to the Justice Department" into President Trump?

Eric Lichtblau

New York Times

Washington Bureau

Reporter

[\(202\) 862-0306](tel:(202)862-0306) (o)

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On Thu, Mar 9, 2017 at 11:53 AM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Doesn't look like that came from anyone here.

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Lichtblau, Eric** <ericl@nytimes.com>

Date: Thu, Mar 9, 2017 at 11:34 AM

Subject: Question on Spicer statement

To: Sarah Isgur Flor (b) (6)

just following up on that question....

Spicer said at the briefing that ***“there is no reason to believe there is any type of investigation with respect to the Department of Justice.”***

Did the Justice Dept tell the White House that?

Eric Lichtblau

New York Times
Washington Bureau
Reporter

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Sarah Isgur Flores

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@whignewtons

Acosta, Jim

From: Acosta, Jim
Sent: Thursday, March 9, 2017 5:49 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Re: Is that accurate that DOJ has not assured WH on POTUS?

Understood.

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 9, 2017, at 5:47 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

We don't comment on internal conversations with the White House. As a policy, we do not confirm or deny the existence of investigations. Anything beyond that, we decline to comment 😊

Thanks!

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Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: Acosta, Jim [<mailto:Jim.Acosta@turner.com>]
Sent: Thursday, March 9, 2017 3:39 PM
To: Sarah Isgur Flore (b) (6)
Subject: Is that accurate that DOJ has not assured WH on POTUS?

on whether he's under investigation.. DOJ has not said either way, I imagine.

Horwitz, Sari

From: Horwitz, Sari
Sent: Friday, March 10, 2017 10:42 AM
To: Sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov
Subject: Do you have a minute to talk this morning?

Thanks,
Sari

Sari Horwitz
Washington Post Staff Writer
(202) 334-7284
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@sarihorwitz
Bio and stories: wapo.st/sarihorwitz

Lichtblau, Eric

From: Lichtblau, Eric
Sent: Friday, March 10, 2017 11:04 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Re: Question on Spicer statement

OK, sorry to hear that; hope that's not a result of yesterday

Can we reschedule for next week. Is there a day that's good for you?

You expecting any big news out of Justice today, btw?

Eric Lichtblau

New York Times
Washington Bureau
Reporter

(202) 862-0306 (o)
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On Fri, Mar 10, 2017 at 10:14 AM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

I need to bail on lunch today. As for yesterday, I don't think we need a discussion.

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: Eric Lichtblau [mailto:ericl@nytimes.com]
Sent: Friday, March 10, 2017 8:53 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: Question on Spicer statement

Still on for lunch today, I hope?

Like to at least talk about yesterday.

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 9, 2017, at 3:09 PM, Lichtblau, Eric <ericl@nytimes.com> wrote:

hi, give me a call. sorry for any confusion. I don't read that line about 'standard practice' as anything nefarious. just noting that this is a really unusual/bizarre situation created by the saturday tweets and what to make of them and the existence of any wiretap and/or investigation

if there's something we can clarify -- ie, answering whether he is a target -- glad to do that

Eric Lichtblau

New York Times

Washington Bureau

Reporter

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On Thu, Mar 9, 2017 at 2:21 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

I don't appreciate the standard practice sentence in your story. As policy, we do not confirm or deny the existence of investigations. Making that sound nefarious for a silly piece on something Sean said at the podium is not helpful to building our relationship.

Sarah Isgur Flores

Director of Public Affairs

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From: Lichtblau, Eric [<mailto:ericl@nytimes.com>]

Sent: Thursday, March 9, 2017 12:19 PM

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

Subject: Re: FW: Question on Spicer statement

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Savage, Charlie

From: Savage, Charlie
Sent: Friday, March 10, 2017 2:18 PM
To: Sarah Isgur Flores; Peter Carr
Cc: Lichtblau, Eric
Subject: US attorney firings?

Hi Sarah/Peter -

We're hearing the acting DAG is calling holdover US attorneys around the country asking for their immediate resignations. Is that true? Anything you can tell us about what's happening?

Thanks!

Charlie Savage
The New York Times

Phone: 202-862-0317

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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Friday, March 10, 2017 3:08 PM
To: Horwitz, Sari
Subject: FW: Reno Transition Letter
Attachments: Reno Letter to USAs 3.23.93.pdf

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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Office of the Attorney General

Washington, D.C. 20530

March 23, 1993

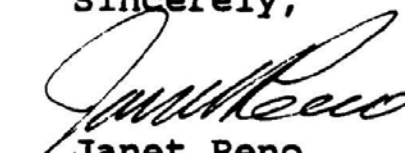
Honorable J. B. Sessions, III
United States Attorney
Southern District of Alabama
Mobile, Alabama 36602

Dear Mr. Sessions:

The President has asked me to request that United States Attorneys immediately submit letters of resignation, as has been asked of all Presidential appointees. Please address your letter to President Clinton and send it in care of John Podesta, Assistant to the President and Staff Secretary, with a copy to me.

As a United States Attorney, you have played a vital role in the administration of justice in this country. Both the President and I appreciate your years of public service and wish you well in the future. I thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,


Janet Reno
Attorney General

Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Friday, March 10, 2017 3:11 PM
To: Horwitz, Sari
Subject: FW: US Attorney Notification

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Friday, March 10, 2017 3:04 PM
Cc: Carr, Peter (OPA) (JMD) <Peter.Carr@usdoj.gov>
Subject: US Attorney Notification

“As was the case in prior transitions, many of the United States Attorneys nominated by the previous administration already have left the Department of Justice. The Attorney General has now asked the remaining 46 presidentially appointed U.S. Attorneys to tender their resignations in order to ensure a uniform transition. Until the new U.S. Attorneys are confirmed, the dedicated career prosecutors in our U.S. Attorney’s Offices will continue the great work of the Department in investigating, prosecuting, and deterring the most violent offenders.” Sarah Isgur Flores

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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Brown, Pamela

From: Brown, Pamela
Sent: Friday, March 10, 2017 3:27 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Re: US Attorney Notification

thank you!

Pamela Brown
CNN Justice Correspondent

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From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 10, 2017 3:04:10 PM
Cc: Carr, Peter (OPA) (JMD)
Subject: US Attorney Notification

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Horwitz, Sari

From: Horwitz, Sari
Sent: Friday, March 10, 2017 3:27 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: RE: US Attorney Notification

Does this affect Preet in NYC? And Dana Boente? Please tell me as soon as you can. :)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Friday, March 10, 2017 3:04 PM
Cc: Carr, Peter (OPA) (JMD) <Peter.Carr@usdoj.gov>
Subject: US Attorney Notification

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Tucker, Eric

From: Tucker, Eric
Sent: Friday, March 10, 2017 3:30 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: RE: US Attorney Notification

Hey, thanks for this. Just out of curiosity, what does this mean for Preet? Didn't Trump tell him he would stay on.

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Friday, March 10, 2017 3:04 PM
Cc: Carr, Peter (OPA) (JMD)
Subject: US Attorney Notification

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Savage, Charlie

From: Savage, Charlie
Sent: Friday, March 10, 2017 3:40 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA); Peter Carr
Subject: Re: US Attorney Notification

Rod Rosenstein?

Charlie Savage
The New York Times

Phone: 202-862-0317
Cel (b) (6)

On Fri, Mar 10, 2017 at 3:28 PM, Savage, Charlie <savage@nytimes.com> wrote:
No exceptions? Does this include Preet Bharara? Dana Boente an exception I assume?

Did Boente make the calls?

Charlie Savage
The New York Times

Phone: [202-862-0317](tel:202-862-0317)
Cel (b) (6)

On Fri, Mar 10, 2017 at 3:04 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

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Director of Public Affairs

[202.305.5808](tel:202.305.5808)

Eric Lichtblau

From: Eric Lichtblau
Sent: Friday, March 10, 2017 4:43 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Re: US Attorney Notification

Tnx

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 10, 2017, at 3:09 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

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Carr, Peter (OPA)

From: Carr, Peter (OPA)
Sent: Friday, March 10, 2017 5:04 PM
To: Carrie Johnson
Cc: Sarah Isgur Flores (OPA)
Subject: RE: Boente

As guidance, the request for U.S. Attorneys to tender their resignation applies to all presidentially appointed U.S. Attorneys, which would include Boente, Rosenstein, and Bharara, etc. The statement does not give a timeline for when the President might accept the resignations tendered.

Am available by phone if you want to talk furthe (b) (6)

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

From: Carrie Johnson [mailto:CJohnson2@npr.org]
Sent: Friday, March 10, 2017 4:59 PM
To: Sarah Isgur Flores (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>; Peter Carr (USAVAE) <Peter.Carr@usdoj.gov>
Subject: Boente

You guys gotta clarify what Dana Boente's status is - confusion and conspiracy emerging.

Preet Bharara may or may not be in a different category too - not sure what you can say about that.

Carrie Johnson

Sent from my iPhone

“Under previous administrations, orderly transitions allowed U.S. attorneys to special prosecutor.

“At a time when Attorney General Sessions has recused himself from major investigations into the Trump campaign, the independence of federal prosecutors could not be more important. That’s why many of us have called for the appointment of a

“I’m surprised to hear that President Trump and Attorney General Sessions have abruptly fired all 46 remaining U.S. attorneys.

Washington Ranking Member of the Senate Judiciary Committee Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.) today released the following statement after Attorney General Jeff Sessions fired 46 U.S. attorneys:

Feinstein Statement on Firing of U.S. Attorneys

For Immediate Release
 March 10, 2017
 Contact: Ashley Schapitt
 (202) 224-9629



From: Feinstein Press <Feinstein_press@feinstein.senate.gov>
Date: March 10, 2017 at 5:15:24 PM EST
To: Undisclosed recipients;
Subject: Feinstein Statement on Firing of U.S. Attorneys

Begin forwarded message:

Sent from my iPhone

FYI

From: Carrie Johnson
Sent: Friday, March 10, 2017 5:17 PM
To: Peter Carr (USAVAE); Sarah Isgur Flores (OPA)
Subject: Fwd: Feinstein Statement on Firing of U.S. Attorneys
Attachments: image001.png

Carrie Johnson

leave gradually as their replacements were chosen. This was done to protect the independence of our prosecutors and avoid disrupting ongoing federal cases.

“In January, I met with Vice President Pence and White House Counsel Donald McGahn and asked specifically whether all U.S. attorneys would be fired at once. Mr. McGahn told me that the transition would be done in an orderly fashion to preserve continuity. Clearly this is not the case. I’m very concerned about the effect of this sudden and unexpected decision on federal law enforcement.”

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Savage, Charlie

From: Savage, Charlie
Sent: Friday, March 10, 2017 5:24 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Re: brief phone call please?

I understand - please call when you can.

On me for just jamming the button on my phone in my pocket when you were trying to call me.

Charlie Savage
The New York Times

Phone: 202-862-0317
Cel (b) (6)

On Fri, Mar 10, 2017 at 5:22 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Im so sorry! Can I have another 15 minutes? Trying to get something out the door unrelated to this.

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: Savage, Charlie [mailto:savage@nytimes.com]
Sent: Friday, March 10, 2017 5:21 PM
To: Sarah Isgur Flores <sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov>
Subject: brief phone call please?

Charlie Savage
The New York Times

Phone: [202-862-0317](tel:202-862-0317)

Cel (b) (6)

Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Friday, March 10, 2017 6:48 PM
To: Williams, Pete (NBCUniversal)
Subject: Re: FYI (revised)

Well done y'all. I think you're first.

On Mar 10, 2017, at 6:29 PM, Williams, Pete (NBCUniversal) <pete.williams@nbcuni.com> wrote:

The White House says the administration will accept all but two letters of resignation.

Two US attorneys will be staying on, both of whom are now in temporary acting positions at DOJ:

-Dana Boente, US Attorney in northern Virginia, now the acting deputy attorney general

-And Rod Rosenstein, US attorney in Maryland, nominated to become deputy attorney general.

Zapotosky, Matt

From: Zapotosky, Matt
Sent: Friday, March 10, 2017 6:57 PM
To: Carr, Peter (OPA); Flores, Sarah Isgur. (OPA)
Subject: White House didn't accept Dana/Rod resignations?

Hey Peter and Sarah--

I understand from the White House that they didn't accept Dana and Rod's resignations, but White House says you might have a statement on that. If so, mind sending my way? And any other resignations not accepted?

Many thanks,

Matt

Carr, Peter (OPA)

From: Carr, Peter (OPA)
Sent: Saturday, March 11, 2017 11:35 AM
To: Savage, Charlie
Cc: Sarah Isgur Flores
Subject: Re: Preet

We are declining to comment beyond the two statements yesterday, which indicated all 46 were asked the tender their resignations and the President has declined to accept the resignation of Boente and Rosenstein.

On Mar 11, 2017, at 11:19 AM, Savage, Charlie <savage@nytimes.com> wrote:

Hi - Sorry to bug you on a weekend...Apparently Preet Bharara has not submitted a resignation letter. Can you say what DOJ is doing about him, please?

Thanks!

Charlie Savage
The New York Times

Phone: 202-862-0317
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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Saturday, March 11, 2017 11:56 AM
To: Barrett, Devlin
Subject: Re: fyi (and I know, worst time possible)

No prob! We aren't commenting beyond what we said last night.

On Mar 11, 2017, at 10:55 AM, Barrett, Devlin <Devlin.Barrett@washpost.com> wrote:

I'm told Bharara has not submitted a resignation letter, so I'm going to write that up. IF you want to talk or if I should talk to someone else, my temp cell # is (b) (6)

Best,

Dev

Barrett, Devlin

From: Barrett, Devlin
Sent: Saturday, March 11, 2017 2:37 PM
To: sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov
Subject: any comment now that Preet says he was fired?

who actually fired him?

Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Saturday, March 11, 2017 3:04 PM
To: Williams, Pete (NBCUniversal)
Subject: RE: Preet Bharara

Yes--coming

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: Williams, Pete (NBCUniversal) [mailto:pete.williams@nbcuni.com]
Sent: Saturday, March 11, 2017 2:36 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) (Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>
Subject: Preet Bharara

Good day. Should we expect any kind of statement today regarding Preet Bharara in the Southern District of New York?
Thanks.

Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Saturday, March 11, 2017 3:54 PM
To: pete.williams@nbcuni.com
Subject: Call me for confirmation

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Horwitz, Sari

From: Horwitz, Sari
Sent: Saturday, March 11, 2017 4:19 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Fw: Statement

This is what I am planning to use, ok?

When they finally did speak at about 2:30 p.m., Boente informed Bharara that the order to submit his resignation did indeed apply to him because he was a presidentially appointed U.S. attorney, according to a Justice Dept. spokeswoman.

Preet asked Boente if he was firing him and Boente replied that he was asking him to submit his resignation. Preet told him that he would say that he had been fired, the spokeswoman said.

“He is no longer the U.S. attorney for the Southern District,” said Justice spokeswoman Sarah Isgur Flores.

“The acting U.S. attorney is a career prosecutor, which will ensure that all the current investigations and prosecutions will continue, as in every office.”

Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Saturday, March 11, 2017 4:31 PM
To: Carrie Johnson
Cc: Peter Carr (USAVAE); wyn.hornbuckle@usdoj.gov
Subject: Re: SDNY

Calling you

> On Mar 11, 2017, at 3:23 PM, Carrie Johnson <CJohnson2@npr.org> wrote:
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> We are going live w this at 5 - please advise if any statement before then or after for updates
>
> Sent from my iPhone
>
>> On Mar 11, 2017, at 1:30 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:
>>
>> Not commenting at this point
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>>> On Mar 11, 2017, at 12:20 PM, Carrie Johnson <CJohnson2@npr.org> wrote:
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>>> Hearing Preet about to be or has been fired as of approx 1245 pm ish today.
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>>> Comment?
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>>> Thanks
>>> Carrie
>>>
>>> Sent from my iPhone
>>>
>

Harris, Shane

From: Harris, Shane
Sent: Sunday, March 12, 2017 12:36 PM
To: Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov
Subject: Comment on Schiff/Nunes letter?

Hi, Sarah. Does DOJ have any comment on the letter that Chairman Nunes and Rep. Schiff sent asking for information on any FISC applications and warrants? Rep. Schiff talked about the letter today on This Week and said he does not expect that DOJ will respond to it by the Monday deadline he requested in the letter.

Thanks!

Shane

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Shane Harris
SENIOR WRITER/NATIONAL SECURITY



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Zapotosky, Matt

From: Zapotosky, Matt
Sent: Monday, March 13, 2017 10:20 AM
To: 'peter.carr@usdoj.gov'; sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov
Subject: any other U.S. attorneys given exceptions?

Hey Peter and Sarah

Quick question for you on the U.S. attorneys' resignations from last week. Is literally every U.S. attorney gone now, or might some be given (brief) exceptions? I've heard the White House was mulling maybe letting a few stay on for a few weeks or so based on various personal life circumstances. Is that true, and if so, can you tell me who and what the circumstances are?

Many thanks,

Matt Zapotosky | The Washington Post

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(202) 334-5873 (office)

Horwitz, Sari

From: Horwitz, Sari
Sent: Monday, March 13, 2017 10:47 AM
To: Sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov

Hi Sarah,

Please give me a call when you get a chance.

Thanks,
Sari

Sari Horwitz
Washington Post Staff Writer
(202) 334-7284
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@sarihorwitz
Bio and stories: wapo.st/sarihorwitz

Acosta, Jim

From: Acosta, Jim
Sent: Monday, March 13, 2017 11:39 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Re: Will DOJ be providing evidence of wiretapping to intel committees?

ok thanks...

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 13, 2017 11:38:17 AM
To: Acosta, Jim
Subject: RE: Will DOJ be providing evidence of wiretapping to intel committees?

I don't want to be too definitive until I know more later but that's my best guess

From: Acosta, Jim [mailto:Jim.Acosta@turner.com]
Sent: Monday, March 13, 2017 11:37 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: Will DOJ be providing evidence of wiretapping to intel committees?

Got it.. but perhaps not much more than that?

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 13, 2017 11:35:27 AM
To: Acosta, Jim
Subject: RE: Will DOJ be providing evidence of wiretapping to intel committees?

FPPO: I think there could be a letter later today letting them know we are in receipt of their request etc

Original Message

From: Acosta, Jim [mailto:Jim.Acosta@turner.com]
Sent: Monday, March 13, 2017 11:30 AM
To: Sarah Isgur Flore (b) (6) >
Subject: Will DOJ be providing evidence of wiretapping to intel committees?

Should we expect that to happen? On bgrd.

Sent from my iPhone

Herridge, Catherine

From: Herridge, Catherine
Sent: Monday, March 13, 2017 11:55 AM
To: Carr, Peter (OPA)
Cc: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) (JMD)
Subject: Re: House intell -- wiretap request Acting AG Boente

Thanks Peter.
And let us know if there is anything to share on the china story.

We've had strong congressional interest.

<https://www.google.com/amp/www.foxnews.com/politics/2017/02/24/fox-news-investigation-dod-funded-school-at-center-federal-probes-over-suspected-chinese-military-ties.amp.html>

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 13, 2017, at 11:50 AM, Carr, Peter (OPA) <Peter.Carr@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Hi Catherine,

Nicole and Mark asked me to get back to you. We received the letter and are reviewing it, but we don't have any further comment at this time. Should that change, we'll let you know.

Thx,
Peter

From: Herridge, Catherine [<mailto:Catherine.Herridge@FOXNEWS.COM>]
Sent: Monday, March 13, 2017 11:44 AM
To: nicole.navas@usdoj.gov; mark.abueg@usdoj.gov
Subject: House intell -- wiretap request Acting AG Boente

Hi Nicole and Mark

Trust you can help or get our questions to the right person.

House intelligence sent a letter last Wednesday to Mr. Boente requesting all documentation associated with the reported wiretaps of then candidate Trump and his team by March 13.

Will a response/associated information be provided by COB today, or will the department request an extension?

Thanks in advance for the help.

Catherine V Herridge

Chief Intelligence Correspondent
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Carrie Johnson

From: Carrie Johnson
Sent: Monday, March 13, 2017 1:11 PM
To: 'Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)'
Subject: RE: moment for a call

Gotcha thank you will be looking for nuggets in the gaggle.
Very sorry the news gods did not cooperate and mucked up your Thanksgiving re-do on Saturday.
Ten years on the Justice beat, and I can tell you there's just no predicting anything anymore.

Carrie

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Monday, March 13, 2017 1:10 PM
To: Carrie Johnson
Subject: RE: moment for a call

It will be an updated version of the prepared text from AG conference.

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: Carrie Johnson [mailto:CJohnson2@npr.org]
Sent: Monday, March 13, 2017 1:08 PM
To: 'Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)' <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: moment for a call

Ok great my q is about content whether this is THE speech or a modest recitation of what we've heard from him so far on the trail, at the state AGs conference, etc.

(Need to know how much time to book for that afternoon on the show)

THANKS

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From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Monday, March 13, 2017 12:50 PM
To: Carrie Johnson
Subject: RE: moment for a call

You bet I think we're planning on having a gaggle in Richmond. Peter is the owner of all things Richmond so any details, check with him!

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: Carrie Johnson [<mailto:CJohnson2@npr.org>]

Sent: Monday, March 13, 2017 12:25 PM

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

Subject: moment for a call

Today or tomorrow?

Need to check on something re the AG's Wednesday event.

Thanks

Carrie

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Lachlan Markay

From: Lachlan Markay
Sent: Monday, March 13, 2017 1:42 PM
To: Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov
Subject: WH ethics pledge

Hi Sarah,

I'm hoping to follow up on a question that Sean Spicer just fielded at the press briefing. He was asked what sort of sanctions might be imposed on an administration official who violates provisions of the ethics pledge imposed by EO 13770, such as its five year "cooling off" period before admin officials can register to lobby.

Sean said it was a question for DOJ, so just hoping you might be able to provide some insight. Do you know what sort of action might be taken in the event that that or any other provision of the EO is violated?

Thanks!

Lachlan

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Lachlan Markay
The Daily Beast

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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Monday, March 13, 2017 5:05 PM
To: julia.ainsley@thomsonreuters.com
Subject: RE: Update on response to Schiff letter

I hear you. I don't have an update for you at the moment.

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: julia.ainsley@thomsonreuters.com [mailto:julia.ainsley@thomsonreuters.com]
Sent: Monday, March 13, 2017 4:53 PM
To: julia.ainsley@thomsonreuters.com; sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov
Subject: RE: Update on response to Schiff letter

Hi Sarah,
Even if you plan not to respond, could you tell me that definitively? Sorry for the multiple emails, my editors have a big appetite for this story.
Thanks,
Julia

From: Ainsley, Julia E. (Reuters News)
Sent: Monday, March 13, 2017 1:33 PM
To: 'sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov'
Subject: Update on response to Schiff letter

Hi Sarah,
I hope you had a nice time at the happy hour on Thursday. I would say I hope you had a nice weekend, but based on the headlines, I bet you didn't have much of one! We're interested in tracking any response to the letter from Congressman Schiff asking DOJ for evidence of the wiretap Trump has claimed. Do you have an update for me on that?
Thank you,
Julia

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Tucker, Eric

From: Tucker, Eric
Sent: Monday, March 13, 2017 5:14 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA); Peter.Carr@usdoj.gov
Subject: RE: Spicer just now

Hi, do you guys have any updates?

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Monday, March 13, 2017 2:07 PM
To: Tucker, Eric; Peter.Carr@usdoj.gov
Subject: RE: Spicer just now

We received the letter and are reviewing it, but we don't have any further comment at this time. Should that change, we'll let you know.

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: Tucker, Eric [mailto:etucker@ap.org]
Sent: Monday, March 13, 2017 1:53 PM
To: sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov; Peter.Carr@usdoj.gov
Subject: Spicer just now

Hi Sarah and Peter,

Sean Spicer just now said that the White House was expecting DOJ to respond to the congressional demand for any evidence of Justice Department wiretapping. Is that indeed something you're planning on doing? And if so, what time should we expect that? Thanks very much.

Eric

Acosta, Jim

From: Acosta, Jim
Sent: Monday, March 13, 2017 5:37 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Re: Will DOJ be providing evidence of wiretapping to intel committees?

Hey just circling back to see if anything went out...

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 13, 2017 11:38:17 AM
To: Acosta, Jim
Subject: RE: Will DOJ be providing evidence of wiretapping to intel committees?

I don't want to be too definitive until I know more later but that's my best guess

From: Acosta, Jim [mailto:Jim.Acosta@turner.com]
Sent: Monday, March 13, 2017 11:37 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: Will DOJ be providing evidence of wiretapping to intel committees?

Got it.. but perhaps not much more than that?

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 13, 2017 11:35:27 AM
To: Acosta, Jim
Subject: RE: Will DOJ be providing evidence of wiretapping to intel committees?

FPPO: I think there could be a letter later today letting them know we are in receipt of their request etc

Original Message

From: Acosta, Jim [mailto:Jim.Acosta@turner.com]
Sent: Monday, March 13, 2017 11:30 AM
To: Sarah Isgur Flore (b) (6)
Subject: Will DOJ be providing evidence of wiretapping to intel committees?

Should we expect that to happen? On bgrd.

Sent from my iPhone

Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Monday, March 13, 2017 5:39 PM
To: pete.williams@nbcuni.com
Subject: FPPO: coming soon

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 11:57 AM
To: Carr, Peter (OPA); Tucker, Eric
Cc: Gurman, Sadie
Subject: RE: Quick question

Thank you for checking!

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: Carr, Peter (OPA) [mailto:pcarr@jmd.usdoj.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 11:56 AM
To: Tucker, Eric <etucker@ap.org>
Cc: Carr, Peter (OPA) <Peter.Carr@usdoj.gov>; sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov; Gurman, Sadie <SGurman@ap.org>
Subject: Re: Quick question

Thanks for the check, Eric. Really appreciate it.

On Mar 14, 2017, at 11:43 AM, Tucker, Eric <etucker@ap.org> wrote:

Hi Peter and Sarah,

Our photo desk ran again through all of the shots they took of both Rod and Rachel, and apparently there aren't any ones that captured their kids in the background. They all seem to be shots of them taking the oath or close-ups of their faces as they're talking. Sorry.

Eric

From: Carr, Peter (OPA) [mailto:Peter.Carr@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Thursday, March 09, 2017 6:23 PM
To: Tucker, Eric
Cc: Gurman, Sadie
Subject: Re: Quick question

Thanks, appreciate this.

On Mar 9, 2017, at 6:22 PM, Tucker, Eric <etucker@ap.org> wrote:

Hi Peter,

Sorry, I meant to get back earlier on this. At least as it concerns Rachel, the photo desk did not immediately turn anything up with her children in the background. But let me check again, and for Rod as well.

Eric

From: Carr, Peter (OPA) [mailto:Peter.Carr@usdoj.gov]

Sent: Thursday, March 09, 2017 3:55 PM

To: Tucker, Eric; Gurman, Sadie

Subject: Quick question

My folks have asked if AP happened to take any photos of Rod Rosenstein and/or Rachel Brand at Tuesday's hearing that included their children in the background. They were interested in obtaining a copy of one for their records.

Thx,
Peter

Horwitz, Sari

From: Horwitz, Sari
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 7:44 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Re: Crime Task Force

Ok, cool. Thanks for getting back to me.

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 7:43 PM
To: Horwitz, Sari
Subject: RE: Crime Task Force

Nothing I'm aware of

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: Horwitz, Sari [mailto:Sari.Horwitz@washpost.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 7:42 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: Crime Task Force

I don't really know! Someone just told me that Sessions and DOJ was close to releasing information about his crime task force plan.

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 7:40 PM
To: Horwitz, Sari
Subject: RE: Crime Task Force

What do you mean task force plan?

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: Horwitz, Sari [mailto:Sari.Horwitz@washpost.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 6:19 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>
Subject: Crime Task Force

Also Sarah, are you all close to putting out your crime task force plan? Do you think that will happen this week?

Sent from my iPad

On Mar 13, 2017, at 6:26 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

This afternoon, the Department of Justice placed calls to representatives of the Chairman and Ranking Member of the United States House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence to ask for additional time to review the request in compliance with the governing legal authorities and to determine what if any responsive documents may exist.

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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Horwitz, Sari

From: Horwitz, Sari
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 7:48 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Re: Today

Thanks!

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 7:45 PM
To: Horwitz, Sari
Subject: RE: Today

I'll be on my way to Richmond in the am. I'll figure out who you can talk to might not be until the afternoon.

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: Horwitz, Sari [mailto:Sari.Horwitz@washpost.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 7:44 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: Today

We are going to have embargoed information about the budget tomorrow and are preparing stories for Thursday. At some point in the morning, it would be good to just double-check the information I'll have and what it means with whoever at DOJ will be handling this for you all.

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 7:40 PM
To: Horwitz, Sari
Subject: RE: Today

So sorry you have embargoed numbers? Or youre asking me for embargoed numbers?

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: Horwitz, Sari [mailto:Sari.Horwitz@washpost.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 6:02 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: Today

Yes, it's embargoed until Thursday morning. But I'm going to be writing a story tomorrow based on embargoed information. Who will the best person at DOJ to talk to about the numbers?

Sent from my iPad

On Mar 14, 2017, at 3:00 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Isn't budget Thursday? Or I way behind?

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: Horwitz, Sari [<mailto:Sari.Horwitz@washpost.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 2:13 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: Today

Thanks. And who is handling your budget rollout tomorrow?

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 11:31 AM
To: Horwitz, Sari
Subject: RE: Today

Nothing planned today

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: Horwitz, Sari [<mailto:Sari.Horwitz@washpost.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 10:07 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>
Subject: Today

Sarah, is Sessions doing a gaggle or do you expect anything happening at DOJ today that I would need to be downtown? Working at home right now.

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 13, 2017, at 6:26 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

This afternoon, the Department of Justice placed calls to representatives of the Chairman and Ranking Member of the United States House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence to ask for additional time to review the request in compliance with the governing legal authorities and to determine what if any responsive documents may exist.

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 7:48 PM
To: julia.ainsley@thomsonreuters.com; Peter.Carr@usdoj.gov
Subject: RE: DOJ on section 7 of travel EO

Decline to comment

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: julia.ainsley@thomsonreuters.com [mailto:julia.ainsley@thomsonreuters.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 5:09 PM
To: sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov; Peter.Carr@usdoj.gov
Subject: DOJ on section 7 of travel EO

Hi Sarah and Peter,

My colleagues who cover the State Dept are writing a story about Section 7 of the new travel EO that asks State and DHS to review rescinding their authorities relating to the terrorism grounds of inadmissibility. Immigration lawyers and refugee advocates say that this would effectively bar from the United States individuals who have actually been the victims of terrorists or have been otherwise caught up in conflict in their home countries but are themselves innocent of any wrongdoing.

My colleagues would like to know if AG Sessions had anything to do with the inclusion of this section since he was consulted on the EO's content.

Could you let me know by mid-day tomorrow?

Thanks,

Julia

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Horwitz, Sari

From: Horwitz, Sari
Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2017 12:53 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Re: Today

Ok, let me know when you're free to talk.

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 15, 2017, at 12:25 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

It's a little bit of a small shop right now and we're stretched thin right now. Sorry! You're stuck w me probably.

On Mar 15, 2017, at 12:04 PM, Horwitz, Sari <Sari.Horwitz@washpost.com> wrote:

Working on the budget story. I know you're busy in Richmond, but is there anyone I can talk to on background?

Thanks much,
Sari

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [<mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 7:45 PM
To: Horwitz, Sari <Sari.Horwitz@washpost.com>
Subject: RE: Today

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From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 7:40 PM
To: Horwitz, Sari

Carrie Johnson

From: Carrie Johnson
Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2017 2:42 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) (Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov)
Cc: 'Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA)'
Subject: Mucho noise from Hill

On Comey, "wiretapping," cooperation from DOJ and FBI. I saw AG Sessions' comments from the gaggle in Richmond.

Will you have more today? Grassley has come out hard against Comey. And Lindsey Graham says Congress is flying blind on a matter of such public import.

THANK YOU
Carrie Johnson
Cjohnson2@npr.org

Horwitz, Sari

From: Horwitz, Sari
Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2017 3:41 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Do you have a few minutes to talk about the budget?

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Navas, Nicole (OPA)

From: Navas, Nicole (OPA)
Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2017 8:57 PM
To: Carrie Johnson; Sarah Isgur Flores (OPA); nicole.navas@usdoj.gov
Cc: Arnie Seipel; Muthoni Muturi
Subject: RE: Reax to Hawaii ruling and trump comments just now

Hi,
We are declining to comment at this time. We will let you know if that changes. Thank you

Nicole A. Navas
Spokesperson/Public Affairs Specialist
U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)

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

From: Carrie Johnson [mailto:CJohnson2@npr.org]
Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2017 8:56 PM
To: Sarah Isgur Flores (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>; nicole.navas@usdoj.gov
Cc: Arnie Seipel <ASeipel@npr.org>; Muthoni Muturi <MMuturi@npr.org>
Subject: Reax to Hawaii ruling and trump comments just now

Seeking reax from Justice

Thanks
Carrie

Sent from my iPhone

Horwitz, Sari

From: Horwitz, Sari
Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2017 8:04 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Re: Good morning!

Thanks.

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 16, 2017, at 7:49 AM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Nothing today

On Mar 16, 2017, at 7:42 AM, Horwitz, Sari <Sari.Horwitz@washpost.com> wrote:

Just wanted to check if anything is happening at DOJ building today. Might be working away from downtown.

Thanks,
Sari

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Barrett, Devlin

From: Barrett, Devlin
Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2017 10:39 AM
To: sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov
Subject: FW: travel ban litigation question

Hi Sarah,

I sent this to Nicole this morning but figured I should flag to you as well since you issued the statement last night on the ruling, and it was the AG who has cited the 300+ figure.

Dev

From: Barrett, Devlin
Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2017 9:42 AM
To: 'nicole.navas@usdoj.gov' <nicole.navas@usdoj.gov>
Subject: travel ban litigation question

Hi Nicole,

Reaching out for comment for a story I'm doing about a couple of internal USG reports that undercut the rationale for the travel ban.

The department chose to publicize the "more than 300 terror investigations" involving people who came to the US as refugees, but have kept secret (and classified) the underlying figures from the FBI that make up that number, specifically, that more than half of those are Iraqis who would not have been affected by the travel ban, and only about 30% of whom are from countries cited in the ban (most of those Somalis, fwiw).

So to some in the government, the administration is cherry-picking its data to try to garner support for the ban, even though the full picture, these people argue, actually argues against the ban being very effective in preventing terrorism.

Can you give me some comment as to why DoJ publicized the topline number, more than 300 investigations, without publicizing the underlying figures, which are that most of those are Iraqis and from countries not affected by the ban?

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We plan to publish this late morning.

Thanks,

Dev

Navas, Nicole (OPA)

From: Navas, Nicole (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2017 12:06 PM
To: Raimondi, Marc (OPA); Barrett, Devlin
Cc: sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov; Carr, Peter (OPA)
Subject: RE: travel ban litigation question

Awesome, thanks

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From: Raimondi, Marc (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2017 12:00 PM
To: Navas, Nicole (OPA) <nnavas@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Barrett, Devlin <Devlin.Barrett@washpost.com>
Cc: sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov; Carr, Peter (OPA) <pcarr@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: travel ban litigation question

Devlin and I already communicated. Thanks Nicole.

From: Navas, Nicole (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2017 11:57 AM
To: Barrett, Devlin <Devlin.Barrett@washpost.com>
Cc: sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov; Carr, Peter (OPA) <pcarr@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Raimondi, Marc (OPA) <mraimondi@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: travel ban litigation question

Hi Dev,
I'm staffing back-to-back interviews and have added colleagues to assist. Thank you

Nicole A. Navas
Spokesperson/Public Affairs Specialist
U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)

From: Barrett, Devlin [<mailto:Devlin.Barrett@washpost.com>]
Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2017 9:42 AM
To: nicole.navas@usdoj.gov
Subject: travel ban litigation question

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Carrie Johnson

From: Carrie Johnson
Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2017 2:32 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) (Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov)
Subject: fyi: NPR web feature

<http://www.npr.org/2017/03/16/520416458/trump-violating-lawyers-first-rule-for-clients-keep-your-mouth-shut?live> 1

Barrett, Devlin

From: Barrett, Devlin
Sent: Friday, March 17, 2017 10:57 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: RE: checking in

That doesn't sound like the DoJ I know. Oh wait that sounds exactly like the doj I know

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Friday, March 17, 2017 10:55 AM
To: Barrett, Devlin <Devlin.Barrett@washpost.com>
Subject: RE: checking in

I think that's the problem but opposite! They haven't come to move my furniture so I've been slumped over at this desk for two weeks now!!

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: Barrett, Devlin [mailto:Devlin.Barrett@washpost.com]
Sent: Friday, March 17, 2017 10:53 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: checking in

Sorry to hear you're not feeling well. Maybe you've been standing too much? You should probably use a different desk :)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Friday, March 17, 2017 10:52 AM
To: Barrett, Devlin <Devlin.Barrett@washpost.com>
Subject: RE: checking in

I don't have any real guidance yet besides this afternoon at this point. I'm not feeling awesome...so lunch may not be on the menu for me today---ugh

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: Barrett, Devlin [mailto:Devlin.Barrett@washpost.com]
Sent: Friday, March 17, 2017 10:38 AM
To: sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov
Subject: checking in

Hi Sarah,

Matt Zap is driving to Ohio today, so I'm on travel ban duty. Totally off the record, any guidance on when notices of appeal might be filed?

Dev

PS any interest in grabbing lunch today?

Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Friday, March 17, 2017 2:25 PM
To: Raju, Manu
Subject: RE: DOJ response to House intel

The Department of Justice has complied with the request from leaders of the House and Senate Intelligence Committees and Judiciary Committees seeking information related to surveillance during the 2016 election.

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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

From: Raju, Manu [mailto:Manu.Raju@turner.com]
Sent: Friday, March 17, 2017 2:23 PM
To: Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov
Subject: DOJ response to House intel

Hi - heard you have responded to them. Any chance you can give readout of the letter re surveillance on Trump campaign? Thanks

Manu Raju, CNN
Twitter: @mkraju
manu.raju@cnn.com
Sent from my iPhone

Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Friday, March 17, 2017 2:27 PM
To: pete.williams@nbcuni.com
Subject: bc i assume youll ask at some point

The Department of Justice has complied with the request from leaders of the House and Senate Intelligence Committees and Judiciary Committees seeking information related to surveillance during the 2016 election.

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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Tucker, Eric

From: Tucker, Eric
Sent: Friday, March 17, 2017 3:12 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: RE: Statement on wiretapping?

Thanks, what does this mean exactly? You provided information, or you searched your files and found no information to provide?

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Friday, March 17, 2017 3:11 PM
To: Tucker, Eric
Subject: RE: Statement on wiretapping?

The Department of Justice has complied with the request from leaders of the House and Senate Intelligence Committees and Judiciary Committees seeking information related to surveillance during the 2016 election.

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: Tucker, Eric [mailto:etucker@ap.org]
Sent: Friday, March 17, 2017 3:05 PM
To: sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov; Peter.Carr@usdoj.gov
Subject: Statement on wiretapping?

Hi guys, I see something on Twitter about suggesting a statement that you guys have complied with the congressional request re: wiretapping? Did you guys send something out on that and I just missed it?

Thanks,
Eric

Carr, Peter (OPA)

From: Carr, Peter (OPA)
Sent: Friday, March 17, 2017 3:14 PM
To: Tucker, Eric
Cc: sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov
Subject: Re: Statement on wiretapping?

Just been providing to those who had asked:

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On Mar 17, 2017, at 3:06 PM, Tucker, Eric <etucker@ap.org> wrote:

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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Sunday, March 19, 2017 1:41 PM
To: Davis, Julie
Subject: Re: Conway

White House is handling nominations

On Mar 18, 2017, at 10:13 AM, Davis, Julie <julie.davis@nytimes.com> wrote:

Hi Sarah,

Sorry to bother on a Saturday. I am chasing these reports that George Conway is getting the job as head of the civil rights division over there. I imagine you won't comment until it's official, but can you say on background (not sourced to you or Justice) if it's accurate?

Thanks,
Julie

Julie Hirschfeld Davis
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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 5:20 PM
To: Matt Apuzzo; Goldman, Adam; Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: RE: my contact info

Works for me

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Director of Public Affairs

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From: Matt Apuzzo [mailto:matt.apuzzo@nytimes.com]
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 5:05 PM
To: Goldman, Adam <adam.goldman@nytimes.com>; Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov>
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA) <ian.prior@usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: my contact info

How about 2?

Matt Apuzzo
The New York Times
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From: Matt Apuzzo <matt.apuzzo@nytimes.com>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 4:54:38 PM
To: Goldman, Adam; Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: Re: my contact info

You had me at afternoon pastries. Perfect. Just say when.

Matt Apuzzo
The New York Times
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From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 4:48:33 PM
To: Apuzzo, Matt; Goldman, Adam
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: RE: my contact info

Adding Ian who just started as principal deputy here. Can we do an afternoon pastry at Paul on 9th tomorrow potentially?

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: Apuzzo, Matt [<mailto:matt.apuzzo@nytimes.com>]
Sent: Friday, March 17, 2017 5:35 PM
To: Goldman, Adam <adam.goldman@nytimes.com>
Cc: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: my contact info

Hi Sarah. I look forward to meeting you. I've covered DOJ for the Times, and before that AP. I'm doing more general natsec stuff these days but I'm still around DOJ on and off. Would love to say hello. My info:

Matt Apuzzo
The New York Times
[202.862.0304](tel:202.862.0304) w

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On Fri, Mar 17, 2017 at 5:26 PM, Goldman, Adam <adam.goldman@nytimes.com> wrote:

thanks. let me know about lunch. i know you're extremely busy.

adam

On Fri, Mar 17, 2017 at 5:20 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

The Department of Justice has complied with the request from leaders of the House and Senate Intelligence Committees and Judiciary Committees seeking information related to surveillance during the 2016 election.

On Mar 17, 2017, at 5:16 PM, Goldman, Adam <adam.goldman@nytimes.com> wrote:

We can do lunch next week. Anytime but Monday.

Adam

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Adam Goldman
Reporter
The New York Times

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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2017 8:54 AM
To: Tucker, Eric
Subject: RE: Tax division portfolio?

Nicole Navas

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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

From: Tucker, Eric [mailto:etucker@ap.org]
Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2017 8:46 AM
To: Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov
Subject: Tax division portfolio?

Hi, random question: who in OPA has that portfolio?

Sent from my iPhone

From: Navas, Nicole
(OPA)</o=exchangelabs/ou=exchange administrative group
(fydibohf23spdlt)/cn=recipients/cn=cc17e375a3744ee19117882adf3e
c56c-navas, nico>
Date: Tue Mar 21 2017 11:06:54 EDT
To: Zapotosky, Matt
<matt.zapotosky@washpost.com>
Cc: Blank
Bcc: Blank
Subject: RE: Hawaii ruling?
Attachments: 235 -- Stip re Conversion Motion.pdf

Good morning,

See attached briefing schedule in Hawaii. Thanks

Nicole A. Navas

Spokesperson/Public Affairs Specialist

U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)

From: Zapotosky, Matt [mailto:matt.zapotosky@washpost.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2017 6:52 PM
To: Navas, Nicole (OPA) <Nicole.Navas@usdoj.gov>
Cc: 'peter.carr@usdoj.gov' <peter.carr@usdoj.gov>; sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov
Subject: Hawaii ruling?

Hi—

Assume you guys have seen by now, but the judge in Hawaii has blocked the new travel ban. Any comment, or idea of what you'll do next? Appeal?

Best,

Matt Zapotosky | The Washington Post

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Secretary of Homeland Security; U.S.
DEPARTMENT OF STATE; REX TILLERSON,
in his official capacity as Secretary of State; and
the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 1:17-cv-
00050-DKW-KSC

**JOINT MOTION FOR
ENTRY OF PROPOSED
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ORDER FOR PLAINTIFFS’
FORTHCOMING MOTION
TO CONVERT
TEMPORARY
RESTRAINING ORDER TO
A PRELIMINARY
INJUNCTION**

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**JOINT MOTION FOR ENTRY OF PROPOSED BRIEFING SCHEDULE
ORDER FOR PLAINTIFFS' FORTHCOMING MOTION TO CONVERT
TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER TO A PRELIMINARY
INJUNCTION**

The parties file the instant joint motion with this Court, respectfully moving for the entry of a Proposed Briefing Schedule Order for Plaintiffs' forthcoming Motion to Convert Temporary Restraining Order to a Preliminary Injunction.

Since this Court issued its Order of March 15, 2017, Plaintiffs and the Government have been conferring through counsel to try to agree to a proposed stipulated briefing and argument schedule on the issue of whether this Court's Temporary Restraining Order should be extended or converted to a Preliminary Injunction. In the evening of March 20, 2017, Eastern Standard Time, Plaintiffs and the Government agreed to the following briefing and argument schedule on Plaintiffs' forthcoming Motion to Convert Temporary Restraining Order to a Preliminary Injunction, if it is acceptable to this Court. Specifically, the parties propose that:

1. Plaintiffs file their Motion to Convert Temporary Restraining Order to a Preliminary Injunction by 11:59 PM Hawaii Standard Time (H.S.T.) on Monday, March 20, 2017;

2. The Government files its Opposition to Plaintiffs' Motion by 11:59 PM H.S.T. on Thursday, March 23, 2017¹;
3. Plaintiffs file their Reply by 11:59 PM H.S.T. on Friday, March 24, 2017.
4. Both parties prepare to appear at a hearing in this Court with telephonic access available on the morning of Monday, March 27, 2017, or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard. Plaintiffs note that they do not believe that such a hearing is necessary. Defendants believe that a hearing would be appropriate in light of the nature of relief that Plaintiffs are seeking, as well as to answer any questions that the Court may have regarding the scope of any relief that the Court may grant. Defendants also note that the Court's TRO requested a stipulated briefing and hearing schedule. ECF No. 219.

If the Court does not issue an Order on this proposed briefing schedule by 5:59 H.S.T. (11:59 P.M. E.S.T.) on Monday, March 20, 2017, the above dates shall be modified such that: Plaintiffs shall file their Motion to Convert Temporary Restraining Order to a Preliminary Injunction by 9:30 A.M. H.S.T. on Tuesday, March 21, 2017; the Government shall file its Opposition by 9:30 A.M. H.S.T. on Friday, March 24, 2017; and Plaintiffs shall file their Reply by 9:30 A.M. H.S.T. on Saturday, March 25, 2017.

¹ Defendants reserve their rights to request additional time to file their opposition brief to the extent that they determine that Plaintiffs' motion raises substantial new factual or legal issues that would necessitate additional time to respond.

Additionally, the parties have agreed to jointly stipulate to an extension of this Court's Temporary Restraining Order of March 15, 2017, until this Court has had an opportunity to rule on whether the TRO should be converted to a preliminary injunction or extended.

The parties respectfully move for the entry of a proposed briefing schedule with the above dates.

DATED: Washington, D.C., March 20, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Neal K. Katyal

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DKW-KSC

**[PROPOSED] SCHEDULING ORDER REGARDING PLAINTIFFS'
FORTHCOMING MOTION TO CONVERT TEMPORARY
RESTRAINING ORDER TO A PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION**

Upon consideration of the parties' Joint Motion for Entry of Proposed Briefing Schedule Order for Plaintiffs' Forthcoming Motion to Convert Temporary Restraining Order to a Preliminary Injunction, the files and records herein, and good cause appearing therefor;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the parties shall submit briefs upon Plaintiffs' anticipated motion in accordance with the following schedule:

1. Plaintiffs shall file their Motion to Convert Temporary Restraining Order to a Preliminary Injunction (the “Motion”) by 11:59 P.M. Hawaii Standard Time (H.S.T.) on Monday, March 20, 2017;
2. Defendants shall file their Opposition to Plaintiffs’ Motion, if any, by 11:59 P.M. H.S.T. on Thursday, March 23, 2017;
3. Plaintiffs shall file their Reply, if any, by 11:59 P.M. H.S.T. on Friday, March 24, 2017.
4. The Court hereby sets a hearing on Plaintiffs’ forthcoming Motion for _____ A.M. on the morning of Monday, March 27, 2017. Counsel shall provide telephone numbers to the Court’s staff for purposes of attending the hearing electronically.
5. The Court’s Temporary Restraining Order (“TRO”) of March 15, 2017, Dkt. 219, is extended and shall remain in place until such time as this Court has had an opportunity to rule on whether the TRO should be converted to a preliminary injunction or otherwise extended.

DATED: Honolulu, Hawai‘i, _____.

Derrick K. Watson
U.S. District Judge

State of Hawai‘i, et al. v. Trump, et al., Civil Action No. 1:17-cv-00050-DKW-KSC; [Proposed] Scheduling Order regarding Plaintiffs’ Forthcoming Motion to Convert Temporary Restraining Order to a Preliminary Injunction.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that, on the dates and by the methods of service noted below, a true and correct copy of the parties' Joint Motion for Entry of Proposed Briefing Schedule Order for Plaintiffs' Forthcoming Motion to Convert Temporary Restraining Order to a Preliminary Injunction was served on the following at their last known addresses:

Served Electronically through CM/ECF on March 20, 2017, counsel for all amicus parties of record and the following:

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