

**From:** Press  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry from Cheryl Teh - Insider  
**To:** Iverson, Dena (PAO)  
**Sent:** September 1, 2022 9:33 AM (UTC-04:00)

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

From: Department of Justice via Department of Justice <no-reply@usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Wednesday, August 31, 2022 10:19 PM  
To: Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov>  
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry from Cheryl Teh - Insider

Date Wednesday, August 31, 2022 - 10:18pm EDT

Name: Cheryl Teh

Email Address: cteh@insider.com

Topic: Other (please specify at the top of your message)

Media Outlet: Insider

Deadline: ASAP

Inquiry:  
RE: Donald Trump on TRUTH Social

Hey DOJ press team — would like to ask if your team has any response to former Pres. Trump's post on TRUTH Social accusing the DOJ of scattering top secret documents around his office to make him look bad?

Thanks.

**From:** Shevin, Shannon (OPA)  
**Subject:** filing in SDFL (22-cv-81294)  
**To:** Bratt, Jay (NSD); Toscas, George (NSD); Hickey, Adam (NSD); (b)(6) per NSD (NSD); Osen, Matthew (NSD)  
**Cc:** Rosse o, Luis (PAO)  
**Sent:** August 31, 2022 8:08 PM (UTC-04:00)  
**Attached:** Reply to USA 8-31.pdf

Hi all,

Flagging the attached has just hit the docket in SDFL. OPA is monitoring queries and reporting. Let me know if you need anything further.

Thanks!  
Shannon

Shannon R. Shevlin  
Press Assistant  
Office of Public Affairs | U.S. Department of Justice  
m: (b) (6)

**From:** Sacedo, Briana (OPA) (CTR)  
**Subject:** Photo Gallery 7/7 - Attorney General Announcement  
**To:** Fanagan, Cathy (JMD); Harrison, Tamara (JMD); Anderson, Neshera P. (JMD); Soomon, Gai D. (JMD); DOJ Service Desk (JMD)  
**Sent:** August 30, 2022 10:11 AM (UTC-04:00)  
**Attached:** 8.11.22\_AG-press-conference.zip

Good morning,

The following email contains photo gallery 7/7 that should be assigned to CWS.

Thank you for your assistance and if I've missed anything you need, please let me know.

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Title:  
Attorney General Merrick Garland Delivers Remarks.  
Related:  
<https://www.justice.gov/opa/speech/attorney-general-merrick-garland-delivers-remarks>  
Date: 8/12/2022  
Group: OPA  
Component tags: Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Office of the Attorney General (OAG)

Opening description:

On Thursday Aug 11, 2022 Attorney General Merrick B. Garland made a statement regarding a motion filed by the Justice Department in the Southern District of Florida to unseal a search warrant and property receipt relating to a court-approved search that the FBI conducted earlier that week. That search was of premises located in Florida belonging to the former President. The Attorney General made additional comments regarding recent allegations against personnel of the FBI and Justice Department.

Image 01:

Caption: "Copies of both the warrant and the FBI property receipt were provided on the day of the search to the former President's counsel, who was on site during the search," said Attorney General Merrick B. Garland. "The search warrant was authorized by a federal court upon the required finding of probable cause. The 'property receipt' is a document that federal law requires law enforcement agents to leave with the property owner...I personally approved the decision to seek a search warrant in this matter."

ALT: Attorney General Merrick B. Garland speaks to press and media at a podium bearing the Department of Justice seal.

Image 02:

Caption: "...The Department (of Justice) does not take such a decision lightly," continued the Attorney General. "The Department filed the motion to make public the warrant and receipt in light of the former President's public confirmation of the search, the surrounding circumstances, and the substantial public interest in this matter. Where possible, it is standard practice to seek less intrusive means as an alternative to a search, and to narrowly scope any search that is undertaken. Faithful adherence to the rule of law is the bedrock principle of the Justice Department and of our democracy. Upholding the rule of law means applying the law evenly, without fear or favor. Under my watch, that is precisely what the Justice Department is doing."

ALT: Attorney General Merrick B. Garland speaks at a podium bearing the Department of Justice seal.

Image 03:

Caption: "Third, let me address recent unfounded attacks on the professionalism of the FBI and Justice Department agents and prosecutors. I will not stand by silently when their integrity is unfairly attacked. The men and women of the FBI and the Justice Department are dedicated, patriotic public servants. Every day, they protect the American people from violent crime, terrorism, and other threats to their safety, while safeguarding our civil rights. They do so at great personal sacrifice and risk to themselves. I am honored to work alongside them." - Attorney General Merrick B. Garland

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**From:** Mitche , Kenda M. (PAO)  
**Subject:** RE: WH Briefing  
**To:** Coey, Anthony D. (PAO); Iverson, Dena (PAO); Rosse o, Luis (PAO); Shevin, Shannon (OPA)  
**Sent:** August 29, 2022 4:43 PM (UTC-04:00)

**Reporter:** "Continuing on this theme, the President last week was asked about former President Trump's claims that he declassified all of these documents and President Biden said 'I'm not going to comment. I mean, because I don't know the details. I don't even want to know. I'll let the Justice Department take care of that.' I understand that he wasn't given advanced notice of the search, the Justice Department is independent, but when it comes to national security questions, shouldn't the President want to know the details?"

**KJP:** "Again, when it comes to national security questions and even classified materials, it's just something that we don't speak to. We don't get into information included in the President's classified materials or daily briefings on sensitive national security or intelligence matters. That is the protocol that we have here. Look, the President was asked a question. He answered it as it relates to...this is also relating to...we've said this...any content, anything that's related to underlying materials related to this. This is something that we're just not informed on. This is something on the independence of the Department of Justice as it relates to ODNI. That is something...that is an assessment that they are doing, that we are not involved, we are not briefed, we are not aware of...and I'll leave it at that."

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**Sent:** Monday, August 29, 2022 4:34 PM  
**To:** Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) <(b) (6)> Iverson, Dena (PAO) <Dena.I.DeBonis@usdoj.gov>; Rossello, Luis (PAO) <Luis.Rossello@usdoj.gov>; Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO) <Kelsey.Pietranton@usdoj.gov>; Shevlin, Shannon (OPA) <Shannon.Shevlin@usdoj.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: WH Briefing

**Reporter:** "I want to drill down on the degree to which there was White House involvement in the Trump documents story earlier this year. Last we learned that the Acting Archivist of the United States approached the White House counsel and a determination was reached here to allow the Acting Archivist to make a determination with respect to executive privilege. What more can you tell us about that and why the determination was reached to defer back to the archive?"

**KJP:** "So the letter from the national archivist and the search are completely different. We've been very clear about that...they are not the same, so just want to restate that. The recently published letter from the archives is not about the search, and in fact, the underlines how closely the President has honored his pledge to restore the independence of the Department of Justice concerning investigations. If you read the letter, you'll see that...the way we were able to defer. It shows that DOJ made a request for access to an older set of documents independently, and the White House affirmed it, which is standard. Nothing unusual there. And when former President Trump attempted to assert executive privilege to block the FBI from assessing the document, President Biden referred to the National Archives and the DOJ Office of Legal Counsel on the issue. So again, we deferred that decision. The decisions here have been made by the National Archives and the Department of Justice."

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**Reporter:** "Going back to the topic Zeke mentioned, there's been a lot of confusion. Wondering if you can shed any light on this question on whether this White House or this president believes that a president has the ability to declassify classified documents simply by saying so?"



**KJP:** "Look. We want to be very careful here, as you know. We just aren't going to speak. The question that you're asking me is related to everything happening currently right now. The Department and even ODNI, as I said, were aware of the letter, we did not have any advance knowledge of the letter. Right now, at this time, we're just not going to make comments on any questions related to this, any underlying questions, any content that is related to what we are currently seeing that the Department of Justice is independently working on, an investigation that is independent. We just aren't going to comment at this time."

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**Subject:** RE: WH Briefing

**Reporter:** "One more question on the DNI. They're assessing whether bringing those classified documents to Mar-a-Lago damage national security or jeopardize national intelligence operations. Does the President feel like the public has a right to know the conclusion of that assessment?"

**KJP:** "Again, we're just not going to comment on conclusions, we're not going to comment on anything related to this at this time, any specifics to this. We're going to refer all of these questions to ODNI and also the Department of Justice. I understand the question, any underlying materials, any underlying questions to this, we're just not going to comment. Of course, it's important to have transparency, we're just not going to go any further than that."

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**From:** Mitchell, Kendall M. (PAO)

**Sent:** Monday, August 29, 2022 3:48 PM

**To:** Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) <(b) (6)> Iverson, Dena (PAO) <[Dena.I.DeBonis@usdoj.gov](mailto:Dena.I.DeBonis@usdoj.gov)>; Rossello, Luis (PAO) <[Luis.Rossello@usdoj.gov](mailto:Luis.Rossello@usdoj.gov)>; Shevlin, Shannon (OPA) <[Shannon.Shevlin@usdoj.gov](mailto:Shannon.Shevlin@usdoj.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: WH Briefing

**Reporter:** [muffled] "The President will be briefed, or the President won't be briefed when ODNI finishes..."

**KJP:** "I'm just saying to you...This is an underlying material, underlying matter, that is related to this. We're just not going to comment and as it relates to any classified materials or anything that's related to PDB, we don't comment on that at all, but again, this a part of an investigation. The President hasn't been briefed on any of this, none of us have been briefed, the White House hasn't been briefed. We are going to leave it to the Department of Justice and ODNI on this."

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**From:** Mitchell, Kendall M. (PAO)

**Sent:** Monday, August 29, 2022 3:40 PM

**To:** Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) <(b) (6)> Iverson, Dena (PAO) <[Dena.I.DeBonis@usdoj.gov](mailto:Dena.I.DeBonis@usdoj.gov)>; Rossello, Luis (PAO) <[Luis.Rossello@usdoj.gov](mailto:Luis.Rossello@usdoj.gov)>; Shevlin, Shannon (OPA) <[Shannon.Shevlin@usdoj.gov](mailto:Shannon.Shevlin@usdoj.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: WH Briefing

**Reporter:** "The President's actions, not what they're doing...you can't say whether or not he'll be briefed on..."

**KJP:** "Well, I can say that he has not been briefed. I know folks have asked you know, if he has been briefed via the PDB or otherwise on any classified materials. That I can say as a general matter, we just don't get into information included in the President's classified materials...this is what this would be considered...or daily briefings on sensitive national security or intelligence matters is an ODNI decision that they've made, so talking about any PDB specifically would be inappropriate or any classified material on this specific issue, we have been very clear...the President was not briefing in advance of this Justice Department's recent actions. We have not been involved in this matter as its part of the Justice



Department's ongoing criminal investigation. We see this as a part of the underlying material that is connected to this, so as we have said, we are committed to independence when it relates to any legal matters that the Department of Justice has and that is something that the President has been very clear about and will continue."

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**From:** Mitchell, Kendall M. (PAO)

**Sent:** Monday, August 29, 2022 3:28 PM

**To:** Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6) Iverson, Dena (PAO) <[Dena.I.DeBonis@usdoj.gov](mailto:Dena.I.DeBonis@usdoj.gov)>;  
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**Subject:** RE: WH Briefing

Hi all,

Ignore my last emails. Wires were crossed.

**Reporter:** "Over the weekend, the Director of National Intelligence said they were conducting a risk assessment of the classified documents found at former President Trump's home in Florida. Does the President intend to get briefed on that risk assessment once it's completed?"

**KJP:** "So we have seen the letter from ODNI to Congress on this, but I would refer you to either ODNI or the Justice Department by any specific questions on this. As we have said, this involves material that is a part of an ongoing criminal investigation and we just aren't going to comment on that at this time. I hear your question, we just aren't going to say anything at this time while the investigation is going on."

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**From:** Mitchell, Kendall M. (PAO)

**Sent:** Monday, August 29, 2022 3:27 PM

**To:** Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6) Iverson, Dena (PAO) <[Dena.I.DeBonis@usdoj.gov](mailto:Dena.I.DeBonis@usdoj.gov)>;  
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**Subject:** WH Briefing

The owner of a South Carolina supplement company was sentenced to one day and one year of imprisonment for manufacturing and shipping unapproved drugs and anabolic steroids, the Department of Justice announced.

**Kendall Mitchell**

Press Assistant // Office of Public Affairs

U.S. Department of Justice

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**From:** Coey, Anthony D. (PAO)  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] Trump Motion for Special Master  
**To:** Jerry Dunleavy  
**Cc:** Roscoe, Luis (PAO)  
**Sent:** August 22, 2022 9:32 PM (UTC-04:00)

Here you go (was driving earlier). Thank you for following up

**“The Aug. 8 search warrant at Mar-a-Lago was authorized by a federal court upon the required finding of probable cause. The Department is aware of this evening’s motion. The United States will file its response in court.” – Justice Department Spokesman Anthony Coley**

On Aug 22, 2022, at 9:27 PM, Jerry Dunleavy <[jdunleavy@washingtonexaminer.com](mailto:jdunleavy@washingtonexaminer.com)> wrote:

Awesome. Let me know if DOJ has a comment on Trump’s filing today. Much appreciated!

JD

On Mon, Aug 22, 2022 at 6:28 PM Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) <(b) (6)> wrote:  
Hi there. Thx for checking. our natl security spox who can sure a brief quote

On Aug 22, 2022, at 6:21 PM, Jerry Dunleavy <[jdunleavy@washingtonexaminer.com](mailto:jdunleavy@washingtonexaminer.com)> wrote:

Dear Anthony,

Does DOJ have a response to former President Donald Trump’s lawsuit & motion for a special master? Many thanks!

JD

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**Jerry Dunleavy**  
**Washington Examiner**  
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**From:** Jeff Mordock  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] Trump lawsuit  
**To:** Coley, Anthony D. (PAO)  
**Sent:** August 22, 2022 8:26 PM (UTC-04:00)

No problem. Will add ASAP.

On Mon, Aug 22, 2022 at 7:58 PM Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) <(b) (6)> wrote:  
Thank you for asking. Here you go:

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Does DOJ have a response/statement to Trump’s lawsuit filed today?

Thanks

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**From:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO)  
**Subject:** RE: NLA 8-22  
**To:** Shevin, Shannon (OPA); Coey, Anthony D. (PAO)  
**Sent:** August 22, 2022 6:08 PM (UTC-04:00)

Shannon Can you also add a brief item at the top on the Trump filing asking for a special master to review seized documents? Here's Anthony's statement:

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**From:** Shevlin, Shannon (OPA) <Shannon.Shevlin@usdoj.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 22, 2022 5:59 PM  
**To:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) <Wyn.Hornbuckle@usdoj.gov>; Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) <(b) (6)>  
**Subject:** RE: NLA 8-22

updated attached:

Shannon R. Shevlin  
Press Assistant  
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m: (b) (6)

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**From:** Shevlin, Shannon (OPA)  
**Sent:** Monday, August 22, 2022 5:14 PM  
**To:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) <[Wyn.Hornbuckle@usdoj.gov](mailto:Wyn.Hornbuckle@usdoj.gov)>; Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) <(b) (6)>  
**Subject:** NLA 8-22

Draft nightly for your review:

Shannon R. Shevlin  
Press Assistant  
Office of Public Affairs | U.S. Department of Justice  
m: (b) (6)

**From:** Coey, Anthony D. (PAO)  
**Subject:** RE: we may have a draft spox statement from me on this evening's filing  
**To:** Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO); Rosello, Luis (PAO)  
**Cc:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO)  
**Sent:** August 22, 2022 6:02 PM (UTC-04:00)

Luis, this is good to pls cc me when it's out...

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**From:** Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO) <Kelsey.Pietranton@usdoj.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 22, 2022 5:56 PM  
**To:** Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) <(b) (6)> Rossello, Luis (PAO) <Luis.Rossello@usdoj.gov>  
**Cc:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) <Wyn.Hornbuckle@usdoj.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: we may have a draft spox statement from me on this evening's filing

Copy, ty.

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**From:** Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) <(b) (6)>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 22, 2022 5:38 PM  
**To:** Rossello, Luis (PAO) <[Luis.Rossello@usdoj.gov](mailto:Luis.Rossello@usdoj.gov)>  
**Cc:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) <[Wyn.Hornbuckle@usdoj.gov](mailto:Wyn.Hornbuckle@usdoj.gov)>; Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO) <[Kelsey.Pietranton@usdoj.gov](mailto:Kelsey.Pietranton@usdoj.gov)>  
**Subject:** we may have a draft spox statement from me on this evening's filing

Awaiting final sign-off.

Once we get it, I'll email to the gaggle list [or Luis, you can] and anyone else who reached out for comment.

**From:** Osen, Matthew (NSD)  
**Subject:** Re: draft  
**To:** Coey, Anthony D. (PAO)  
**Cc:** (b)(6) per NSD (NSD)  
**Sent:** August 22, 2022 5:59 PM (UTC-04:00)

Yes. Thanks.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 22, 2022, at 5:58 PM, Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) <(b) (6)> wrote:

Streamlined and approved version – still good with you guys?

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**Cc:** (b)(6) per NSD (NSD) (b)(6) per NSD  
**Subject:** RE: draft

Anthony

This looks good to us. I shared with the team and they agree.

Thanks.

Adding (b)(6) per NSD

-Matt

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**From:** Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) <(b) (6)>  
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**To:** Olsen, Matthew (NSD) <(b)(6) per NSD>  
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# CNN: Trump's legal team asks for 'special master' to go through Mar-a-Lago evidence and determine if some should be returned

By [Katelyn Polantz](#) and [Kaitlan Collins](#), CNN

Updated 5:11 PM ET, Mon August 22, 2022

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The new lawsuit marks the first legal filing by Trump's team after FBI agents carried out their search on August 8 and underscores how his legal team has struggled to coalesce around a singular strategy.

In the suit, Trump argues his constitutional rights were violated and that there may have been privileged materials seized.

Though the legal maneuver could slow down the Justice Department's ongoing criminal investigation, Trump's request to the federal court in South Florida could face an uphill legal battle after his team missed multiple opportunities to challenge the search.

The ex-President's lawyers declined to take a position in court in the immediate aftermath of the search warrant execution. They also did not weigh in on whether the search warrant affidavit should be made public before or during a court hearing last week in West Palm Beach, Florida, even though one of his attorneys was present.

Trump, in the new filing, also asks for a more detailed receipt of what was removed from Mar-a-Lago. That request, if granted, would add to the two receipts the FBI already provided to Trump's team describing 33 items seized, and which his attorney signed off on at the end of the search.

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*This is a breaking story and will be updated.*

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**From:** Coey, Anthony D. (PAO)  
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**To:** Miller, Marsha (ODAG); Kapper, Matthew B. (OAG)  
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**From:** Rosse o, Luis (PAO)  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] CBS - Trump Lawsuit comment?  
**To:** Co ey, Anthony D. (PAO)  
**Cc:** Hornbuck e, Wyn (PAO)  
**Sent:** August 22, 2022 5:25 PM (UTC-04:00)

Spoke to Rob, DTC

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 22, 2022, at 5:02 PM, Legare, Robert <LegareR@cbsnews.com> wrote:

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Thanks, as always,  
Rob

Rob Legare CBS News (b) (6) (m) (b) (6) (o)

**From:** Rosse o, Luis (PAO)  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] Trump Sues DOJ  
**To:** Hornbuck e, Wyn (PAO)  
**Cc:** Co ey, Anthony D. (PAO)  
**Sent:** August 22, 2022 5:23 PM (UTC-04:00)

Spoke to Sadie DTC

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 22, 2022, at 5:03 PM, Gurman, Sadie <sadie.gurman@wsj.com> wrote:

Hi, friends:

Any comment we should include on this?

Former President Donald Trump filed a lawsuit Monday seeking the appointment of a special master to review the materials seized by the FBI earlier this month.

Mr. Trump is also seeking a more detailed inventory of the items taken from his home in Mar-a-Lago, as well as the return of any items seized that weren't within the scope of the search warrant.

**“To date,the government has failed to legitimize its historic decision to raid the home of a President who had been fully cooperative,” Mr. Trump’s lawyers said in the civil complaint, titled Trump v. United States Government.**

Sadie Gurman  
W A S H I N G T O N   B U R E A U

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O: (b) (6) | M: (b) (6)  
E: [sadie.gurman@wsj.com](mailto:sadie.gurman@wsj.com) | T: [@sgurman](https://twitter.com/sgurman)  
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**From:** Legare, Robert  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: CBS - Trump Lawsuit comment?  
**To:** Rosse o, Luis (PAO); Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO)  
**Cc:** Coey, Anthony D. (PAO)  
**Sent:** August 22, 2022 5:21 PM (UTC-04:00)

Apologies - also just wondering about this specific line...wondering if this message made it to the AG?

Thanks again, guys - I m sure there s lots incoming.

On August 11, 2022, counsel for President Trump spoke with Mr. Bratt by telephone. The first item of discussion was a message from President Trump to Attorney General Merrick Garland. The message was as follows:

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**From:** Legare, Robert  
**Sent:** Monday, August 22, 2022 5:02 PM  
**To:** Rossello, Luis (PAO) <Luis.Rossello@usdoj.gov>; Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) <Wyn.Hornbuckle@usdoj.gov>  
**Cc:** Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) <(b) (6)>  
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Rob Legare CBS News (b) (6) (m) (b) (6) (o)



**From:**  
**Subject:** draft  
**To:** Miller, Marsha (ODAG); Kapper, Matthew B. (OAG)  
**Sent:** August 22, 2022 5:17 PM (UTC-04:00)

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## CNN: Trump's legal team asks for 'special master' to go through Mar-a-Lago evidence and determine if some should be returned

By [Katelyn Polantz](#) and [Kaitlan Collins](#), CNN

Updated 5:11 PM ET, Mon August 22, 2022

(CNN)Former President Donald Trump's legal team has asked a federal judge to appoint a "special master" to ensure the Justice Department returns any of his private documents seized during the search of Mar-a-Lago two weeks ago.

Trump is asking for a special master -- a third-party attorney -- to oversee the review of evidence gathered from the beach club in the criminal probe, and for the judge to pause federal investigators' work related to the evidence until the review is done, according to a new court filing.

The new lawsuit marks the first legal filing by Trump's team after FBI agents carried out their search on August 8 and underscores how his legal team has struggled to coalesce around a singular strategy.

In the suit, Trump argues his constitutional rights were violated and that there may have been privileged materials seized.

Though the legal maneuver could slow down the Justice Department's ongoing criminal investigation, Trump's request to the federal court in South Florida could face an uphill legal battle after his team missed multiple opportunities to challenge the search.

The ex-President's lawyers declined to take a position in court in the immediate aftermath of the search warrant execution. They also did not weigh in on whether the search warrant affidavit should be made public before or during a court hearing last week in West Palm Beach, Florida, even though one of his attorneys was present.

Trump, in the new filing, also asks for a more detailed receipt of what was removed from Mar-a-Lago. That request, if granted, would add to the two receipts the FBI already provided to Trump's team describing 33 items seized, and

which his attorney signed off on at the end of the search.

The Justice Department removed 11 sets of classified documents from Trump's home, according to documents unsealed by a judge last week. The inventory shows that some of the materials recovered were marked as "top secret/SCI," which is one of the highest levels of classification.

*This is a breaking story and will be updated.*

Draft/deliberative/predecisional

**From:** Press  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry from Aila Slisco - Newsweek  
**To:** Stueve, Joshua (PAO); Tran, Emily (PAO)  
**Cc:** Press  
**Sent:** August 22, 2022 9:29 AM (UTC-04:00)

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

From: Department of Justice via Department of Justice <no-reply@usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Friday, August 19, 2022 7:26 PM  
To: Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov>  
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry from Aila Slisco - Newsweek

Date Friday, August 19, 2022 - 7:25pm EDT

Name: Aila Slisco

Email Address: a.slisco@newsweek.com

Topic: Criminal Law

Media Outlet: Newsweek

Deadline: 8/19

Inquiry:  
Hello,

I'm Aila Slisco, a Newsweek reporter, and I'm working on a story about former President Trump suggesting that his legal team will be filing a motion based on alleged Fourth Amendment violations related to the August 8 Mar-a-Lago raid. I'm writing to see if you have any comments.

Regards,

Aila Slisco



**From:** Press  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry from jack phillips - Epoch Times  
**To:** Rossello, Luis (PAO)  
**Cc:** Press; Delgado, Paloma (PAO)  
**Sent:** August 17, 2022 1:58 PM (UTC-04:00)  
Hi Luis,

Forwarding this your way but let me know if (b) (5)

Thanks,

Paloma

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

From: Department of Justice via Department of Justice <no-reply@usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2022 1:44 PM  
To: Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov>  
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry from jack phillips - Epoch Times

Date Wednesday, August 17, 2022 - 1:43pm EDT

Name: jack phillips

Email Address: jack.phillips@epochtimes.com

Topic: Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)

Media Outlet: Epoch Times

Deadline: 6 p.m. ET on Aug. 17

Inquiry:

Hello - Can the DOJ / FBI respond to claims from former President Trump's lawyer Christina Bobb this week that agents searched Melania Trump's closet?

And can the DOJ / FBI respond to statements from another Trump attorney, Alina Habba, who demanded DOJ to release the names of alleged witnesses who helped secure the search warrant for Mar-a-Lago?

Thanks

Jack Phillips / Epoch Times

jack.phillips@epochtimes.com

**From:** Salcedo, Briana (OPA) (CTR)  
**Subject:** RE: Photo Galleries for Review  
**To:** Iverson, Dena (PAO)  
**Cc:** McGowan, Ashley L. (PAO); Barkett, Hana R. (PAO)  
**Sent:** August 16, 2022 5:18 PM (UTC-04:00)  
**Attached:** 8.11.22\_AG-press-conference\_gallery.pdf

I forgot one gallery, that being the AG's announcement from 8/11/22. You'll find it attached.

Thanks,  
Bri

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**From:** Salcedo, Briana (OPA) (CTR)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 16, 2022 1:26 PM  
**To:** Iverson, Dena (PAO) <Dena.I.DeBonis@usdoj.gov>  
**Cc:** McGowan, Ashley L. (PAO) <Ashley.L.McGowan@usdoj.gov>; Barkett, Hana R. (PAO) <Hana.R.Barkett@usdoj.gov>  
**Subject:** Photo Galleries for Review

Hi Dena,

Please see the attached photo galleries from July and early August.

7/12/22 AG Awards  
7/12/22 Steve Dettelback Swearing in  
8/2/22 BOP Colette Peters Swearing in  
8/2/22 CIV AG ASG Reproductive Rights Press Event  
8/4/22 AG AAG CIV Breonna Taylor Press Event  
8/4/22 San Antonio Joint Task Force Press Event

I appreciate your review. Let me know of any changes as you see fit.

Thank you,  
Bri

*Briana Salcedo*  
*Multimedia Specialist*  
*Office of Public Affairs, U.S. Department of Justice*  
*Phone: (b) (6)*

Title:  
Attorney General Merrick Garland Delivers Remarks  
Related:  
<https://www.justice.gov/opa/speech/attorney-general-merrick-garland-delivers-remarks>  
Date: 8/12/2022  
Group: OPA  
Component tags: Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Office of the Attorney General (OAG)

Opening description:  
On Thursday Aug 11, 2022 Attorney General Merrick B Garland made a statement regarding a motion filed by the Justice Department in the Southern District of Florida to unseal a search warrant and property receipt relating to a court-approved search that the FBI conducted earlier that week. That search was of premises located in Florida belonging to the former President. The Attorney General made additional comments regarding recent allegations against personnel of the FBI and Justice Department.



Image 01:  
Caption: "Copies of both the warrant and the FBI property receipt were provided on the day of the search to the former President's counsel, who was on site during the search," said Attorney General Merrick B. Garland. "The search warrant was authorized by a federal court upon the required finding of probable cause. The 'property receipt' is a document that federal law requires law enforcement agents to leave with the property owner. I personally approved the decision to seek a search warrant in this matter."

ALT: Attorney General Merrick B. Garland speaks to press and media at a podium bearing the Department of Justice seal.



Image 02:  
Caption: "The Department (of Justice) does not take such a decision lightly," continued the Attorney General. "The Department filed the motion to make public the warrant and receipt in light of the former President's public confirmation of the search, the surrounding circumstances, and the substantial public interest in this matter. Where possible, it is standard practice to seek less intrusive means as an alternative to a search, and to narrowly scope any search that is undertaken. Faithful adherence to the rule of law is the bedrock principle of the Justice Department and of our democracy. Upholding the rule of law means applying the law evenly, without fear or favor. Under my watch, that is precisely what the Justice Department is doing."

ALT: Attorney General Merrick B. Garland speaks at a podium bearing the Department of Justice seal.



Image 03:  
Caption: "Third, let me address recent unfounded attacks on the professionalism of the FBI and Justice Department agents and prosecutors. I will not stand by silently when their integrity is unfairly attacked. The men and women of the FBI and the Justice Department are dedicated, patriotic public servants. Every day, they protect the American people from violent crime, terrorism, and other threats to their safety, while safeguarding our civil rights. They do so at great personal sacrifice and risk to themselves. I am honored to work alongside them." - Attorney General Merrick B. Garland.

ALT: Attorney General Merrick B. Garland speaks at a podium bearing the Department of Justice seal.



**From:** Press  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry from David Moye - HuffPost  
**To:** Rossello, Luis (PAO)  
**Cc:** Shevlin, Shannon (OPA); Press  
**Sent:** August 15, 2022 4:06 PM (UTC-04:00)

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

From: Department of Justice via Department of Justice <no-reply@usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Monday, August 15, 2022 2:12 PM  
To: Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov>  
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry from David Moye - HuffPost

Date Monday, August 15, 2022 - 2:12pm EDT

Name: David Moye

Email Address: david.moye@huffpost.com

Topic: Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)

Media Outlet: HuffPost

Deadline: 3:30 PM ET

Inquiry:

Hi! I write for HuffPost and am doing a story on Trump's interview with Fox today. During the interview, he claimed he had his people call the DOJ "to offer to help amid outrage over the FBI's unprecedented raid on his private residence last week."

<https://www.foxnews.com/politics/trump-says-he-will-do-whatever-he-can-to-help-the-country-after-fbi-raid>

Can the Department confirm this actually took place or whether it's a bunch of hooley?

**From:** Press  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry from Meghan Roos - Newsweek  
**To:** Rossello, Luis (PAO)  
**Cc:** Press; Delgado, Paloma (PAO)  
**Sent:** August 15, 2022 3:56 PM (UTC-04:00)  
Hi Luis,

Here is another: from a Newsweek reporter.

Thanks,

Paloma

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

From: Department of Justice via Department of Justice <no-reply@usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Monday, August 15, 2022 11:50 AM  
To: Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov>  
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry from Meghan Roos - Newsweek

Date Monday, August 15, 2022 - 11:50am EDT

Name: Meghan Roos

Email Address: m.roos@newsweek.com

Topic: Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)

Media Outlet: Newsweek

Deadline: 12:45 p.m. ET on Monday, August 15, 2022

Inquiry:  
Press Inquiry from Newsweek

Hello,

My name is Meghan Roos and I am reaching out on behalf of Newsweek regarding an article we are writing about comments former President Donald Trump made Monday morning about the FBI's search of his Mar-a-Lago home last week.

During a Monday morning interview with Fox News, Mr. Trump said representatives of his office have reached out to the U.S. Department of Justice to "help the country" by offering assistance as the DOJ's investigation continues.

Might someone with the DOJ be interested in commenting on whether the department has heard from Mr. Trump's office regarding this assistance he says he offered? Additionally, might the DOJ be interested in commenting on or responding to Mr. Trump's characterization of the investigation as "another scam"? If so, I would be glad to include any response in our article, which will be published at or shortly after 12:45 p.m. ET.

Thank you for your time.

Best,

Meghan Roos

Breaking News Writer  
Newsweek



**From:** Press  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry from Alex Chandler - ITN  
**To:** Rossello, Luis (PAO)  
**Cc:** Press; Delgado, Paloma (PAO)  
**Sent:** August 15, 2022 3:46 PM (UTC-04:00)  
Hi Luis,

Forwarding you this Mar-a-Lago inquiry from ITN.

Thanks,

Paloma

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

From: Department of Justice via Department of Justice <no-reply@usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Monday, August 15, 2022 2:55 PM  
To: Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov>  
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry from Alex Chandler - ITN

Date Monday, August 15, 2022 - 2:55pm EDT

Name: Alex Chandler

Email Address: alex.chandler@itn.co.uk

Topic: Other (please specify at the top of your message)

Media Outlet: ITN

Deadline: 1600 edt

Inquiry:  
FBI raid of Mar-a-Largo  
Hi there,

President Trump has posted on his truth social site that during the FBI raid on Mar-a-Largo, three of his passports were taken. Can you confirm this?  
Would they have been taken to prevent him from leaving the US - is he a flight risk?

Thanks and best wishes, Alex.

**From:** Press  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry from Jack Phillips - Epoch Times  
**To:** Rossello, Luis (PAO); Shevlin, Shannon (OPA)  
**Cc:** Press; Delgado, Paloma (PAO)  
**Sent:** August 15, 2022 3:39 PM (UTC-04:00)  
Hi there,

Forwarding you this inquiry from the Epoch Times.

Thanks,

Paloma

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

From: Department of Justice via Department of Justice <no-reply@usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Monday, August 15, 2022 2:34 PM  
To: Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov>  
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry from Jack Phillips - Epoch Times

Date Monday, August 15, 2022 - 2:33pm EDT

Name: Jack Phillips

Email Address: jack.phillips@epochtimes.com

Topic: Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)

Media Outlet: Epoch Times

Deadline: 6 p.m. ET

Inquiry:

Hello - Can the FBI comment on former President Trump's latest claim that the FBI seized his 3 passports during its search of Mar-a-Lago last week?

Reference: <https://truthsocial.com/@realDonaldTrump/108828041518355960>

Thanks

Jack Phillips / Epoch Times

**From:** Asher Notheis  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Questions from the Washington Examiner  
**To:** Coey, Anthony D. (PAO)  
**Sent:** August 15, 2022 12:16 PM (UTC-04:00)

Hello,

I am a writer for the Washington Examiner and I wanted to ask some questions about this interview former President Donald Trump did with [Fox News](#). He claims his representatives have contacted the Justice Department to offer his help following the FBI raid on his Mar-a-Lago residence.

- Are you able to confirm that people from Trump contact the Justice Department?
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Sincerely,  
Asher Notheis  
The Washington Examiner

**From:** Asher Notheis  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Questions from the Washington Examiner  
**To:** Hornbuck e, Wyn (PAO)  
**Sent:** August 15, 2022 12:09 PM (UTC-04:00)

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The Washington Examiner



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**To:** Iverson, Dena (PAO)  
**Sent:** August 15, 2022 12:09 PM (UTC-04:00)

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**From:** Press  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry from Erin Doherty - Axios  
**To:** Rossello, Luis (PAO)  
**Cc:** Press; Delgado, Paloma (PAO)  
**Sent:** August 15, 2022 11:11 AM (UTC-04:00)  
Hi Luis,

Forwarding you this Axios inquiry but let me know if I should redirect.

Thanks,

Paloma

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From: Department of Justice via Department of Justice <no-reply@usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Monday, August 15, 2022 10:55 AM  
To: Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov>  
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry from Erin Doherty - Axios

Date Monday, August 15, 2022 - 10:55am EDT

Name: Erin Doherty

Email Address: erin.doherty@axios.com

Topic: Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)

Media Outlet: Axios

Deadline: ASAP

Inquiry:  
Hi there,

Hope you're well. I'm seeking a comment from the DOJ on former President Trump's remarks this morning that his representatives reached out to the DOJ to offer "whatever we can do to help." Are you able to confirm this and/or provide any additional information? Thank you in advance.

Best,  
Erin

**From:** Press  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry from Zach Schonfeld - The Hill  
**To:** Rossello, Luis (PAO)  
**Cc:** Shevlin, Shannon (OPA); Press  
**Sent:** August 15, 2022 9:07 AM (UTC-04:00)

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From: Department of Justice via Department of Justice <no-reply@usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Sunday, August 14, 2022 12:15 PM  
To: Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov>  
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry from Zach Schonfeld - The Hill

Date Sunday, August 14, 2022 - 12:14pm EDT

Name: Zach Schonfeld

Email Address: zschonfeld@thehill.com

Topic: Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)

Media Outlet: The Hill

Deadline: Sunday 8/14 1pm

Inquiry:

Good afternoon,

The DOJ operator told me to still submit my inquiry using this form despite it being a weekend. I'm working on a story for The Hill about former President Trump's request this morning that the FBI return some of the documents it seized at Mar-a-Lago. The former president referenced recent Fox News reporting indicating the documents include those covered under attorney-client privilege and potentially executive privilege.

I'm reaching out to see if DOJ has any response to Trump's request or the Fox News report? I realize this is an ongoing matter and you are likely unable to speak on the record about this... happy to chat on background if you're able to shed some light.

Thanks.

Zach  
zschonfeld@thehill.com  
C: (b) (6)

**From:** Spunt, David  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] RE: Press inquiry - Fox News  
**To:** Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO)  
**Sent:** August 12, 2022 11:43 AM (UTC-04:00)

Don't know who this man is---thanks

David Spunt  
Correspondent  
Fox News  
(b) (6)

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**From:** Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO) <Kelsey.Pietranton@usdoj.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 12, 2022 11:17 AM  
**To:** Spunt, David <David.Spunt@FOX.COM>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] FW: Press inquiry - Fox News

FYI.

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**From:** Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO)  
**Sent:** Friday, August 12, 2022 11:16 AM  
**To:** 'Catenacci, Thomas' <[thomas.catenacci@fox.com](mailto:thomas.catenacci@fox.com)>  
**Cc:** Iverson, Dena (PAO) <[Dena.I.DeBonis@usdoj.gov](mailto:Dena.I.DeBonis@usdoj.gov)>; [anthony.coley@usdoj.gov](mailto:anthony.coley@usdoj.gov); Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) <[Wyn.Hornbuckle@usdoj.gov](mailto:Wyn.Hornbuckle@usdoj.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Press inquiry - Fox News

Hi Thomas,

Thanks for your inquiry and for following up with us. We would refer you back to the Attorney General's remarks from yesterday (<https://www.justice.gov/opa/speech/attorney-general-merrick-garland-delivers-remarks>), specifically where he addresses unfounded attacks on the professionalism of FBI agents/

Thank you,  
Kelsey

Kelsey Pietranton  
Office of Public Affairs  
Department of Justice  
(o) (202) 514-2016  
(m) (b) (6)

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**From:** Catenacci, Thomas <[thomas.catenacci@fox.com](mailto:thomas.catenacci@fox.com)>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 12, 2022 10:04 AM  
**To:** Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO) <[Kelsey.Pietranton@usdoj.gov](mailto:Kelsey.Pietranton@usdoj.gov)>  
**Cc:** Iverson, Dena (PAO) <[Dena.I.DeBonis@usdoj.gov](mailto:Dena.I.DeBonis@usdoj.gov)>; [anthony.coley@usdoj.gov](mailto:anthony.coley@usdoj.gov)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: Press inquiry - Fox News

Following up on this. **Deadline is 12pm.**

Thank you!

Thomas

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**From:** Catenacci, Thomas

**Sent:** Friday, August 12, 2022 8:47 AM

**To:** Kelsey Pietranton <[kelsey.pietranton@usdoj.gov](mailto:kelsey.pietranton@usdoj.gov)>

**Cc:** [Dena.I.DeBonis@usdoj.gov](mailto:Dena.I.DeBonis@usdoj.gov) <[Dena.I.DeBonis@usdoj.gov](mailto:Dena.I.DeBonis@usdoj.gov)>; [anthony.coley@usdoj.gov](mailto:anthony.coley@usdoj.gov) <[anthony.coley@usdoj.gov](mailto:anthony.coley@usdoj.gov)>

**Subject:** Press inquiry - Fox News

Hi Kelsey,

Former President Trump and his attorney have claimed in recent days that the FBI agents who executed a search warrant on his home Monday may have "planted" evidence.

Does the DOJ have any comment or response to this claim?

Thank you very much.

**Thomas Catenacci**

Reporter | Fox News Digital

e: [thomas.catenacci@fox.com](mailto:thomas.catenacci@fox.com)

c: (b) (6)

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**From:** Kelsey.Pietranton@usdoj.gov  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] Press inquiry - Fox News  
**To:** Iverson, Dena (PAO)  
**Cc:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO)  
**Sent:** August 12, 2022 10:52 AM (UTC-04:00)

I can write back! I'll be at my desk soon, had to get car serviced.

Kelsey Pietranton  
Office of Public Affairs  
Department of Justice  
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(m) (b) (6)

On Aug 12, 2022, at 10:50 AM, Iverson, Dena (PAO) <Dena.I.DeBonis@usdoj.gov> wrote:

I think referring him back to the AG's remarks is right. Did you connect with him yet? He also reached out to me and can circle back if needed.

Dena Iverson  
Principal Deputy Director, Office of Public Affairs  
U.S. Department of Justice  
(202)353-8763 - Office  
(b) (6) - Cell  
[Dena.iverson@usdoj.gov](mailto:Dena.iverson@usdoj.gov)

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**From:** Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO) <Kelsey.Pietranton@usdoj.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 12, 2022 8:54 AM  
**To:** Iverson, Dena (PAO) <Dena.I.DeBonis@usdoj.gov>  
**Cc:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) <Wyn.Hornbuckle@usdoj.gov>  
**Subject:** Fwd: [EXTERNAL] Press inquiry - Fox News

I can (b) (5).

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**From:** "Catenacci, Thomas" <[thomas.catenacci@fox.com](mailto:thomas.catenacci@fox.com)>  
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**To:** "Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO)" <[Kelsey.Pietranton@usdoj.gov](mailto:Kelsey.Pietranton@usdoj.gov)>  
**Cc:** "Iverson, Dena (PAO)" <[Dena.I.DeBonis@usdoj.gov](mailto:Dena.I.DeBonis@usdoj.gov)>, [anthony.coley@usdoj.gov](mailto:anthony.coley@usdoj.gov)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Press inquiry - Fox News

Hi Kelsey,

Former President Trump and his attorney have claimed in recent days that the FBI

agents who executed a search warrant on his home Monday may have "planted" evidence.

Does the DOJ have any comment or response to this claim?

Thank you very much.

**Thomas Catenacci**

Reporter | Fox News Digital

e: [thomas.catenacci@fox.com](mailto:thomas.catenacci@fox.com)

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**From:** Zoe Tillman (BLOOMBERG/ NEWSROOM:)  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] Warrant release plan?  
**To:** Iverson, Dena (PAO)  
**Sent:** August 12, 2022 10:20 AM (UTC-04:00)

Roger, thanks

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From: Dena Iverson <[Dena.I.DeBonis@usdoj.gov](mailto:Dena.I.DeBonis@usdoj.gov)>

To: ZOE TILLMAN

At: 08/12/22 10:19:05 UTC-04:00

Still checking.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 12, 2022, at 10:14 AM, Zoe Tillman (BLOOMBERG/ NEWSROOM:) <[ztillman2@bloomberg.net](mailto:ztillman2@bloomberg.net)> wrote:

Following up on this, any heads up (off the record is fine) on timing of the next DOJ filing would be greatly appreciated.

From: Zoe Tillman (BLOOMBERG/ NEWSROOM:) At: 08/12/22 09:00:43 UTC-4:00

To:  
[Dena.I.DeBonis@usdoj.gov](mailto:Dena.I.DeBonis@usdoj.gov)

Subject: Re:RE: [EXTERNAL] Warrant release plan?

Thank you

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From: Dena Iverson <[Dena.I.DeBonis@usdoj.gov](mailto:Dena.I.DeBonis@usdoj.gov)>

To: ZOE TILLMAN

At: 08/12/22 08:59:59 UTC-04:00

Hi Zoe,

Checking on this.

Thanks,

Dena

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**From:** Zoe Tillman (BLOOMBERG/ NEWSROOM:)

<[ztillman2@bloomberg.net](mailto:ztillman2@bloomberg.net)>

**Sent:** Friday, August 12, 2022 8:41 AM

**To:** Iverson, Dena (PAO) <[Dena.I.DeBonis@usdoj.gov](mailto:Dena.I.DeBonis@usdoj.gov)>

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Warrant release plan?

Morning, is there any guidance on the sequence of events today in light of Trump saying he wouldn't oppose - will everything happen via the docket or will you all be sending them out if the judge says okay? Thanks.

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**From:** Press  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry from Darragh Roche - Newsweek  
**To:** Iverson, Dena (PAO)  
**Cc:** Marx, Ella (PAO); Press  
**Sent:** August 12, 2022 8:56 AM (UTC-04:00)  
Good morning,

Forwarding you one of two inquiries from Darragh Roche of Newsweek. Thank you!

Best,  
Ella

Ella Marx  
Intern, Office of Public Affairs  
U.S. Department of Justice

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Sent: Friday, August 12, 2022 2:48 AM  
To: Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov>  
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry from Darragh Roche - Newsweek

Date Friday, August 12, 2022 - 2:47am EDT

Name: Darragh Roche

Email Address: d.roche@newsweek.com

Topic: Other (please specify at the top of your message)

Media Outlet: Newsweek

Deadline: 08/12/22

Inquiry:  
Trump Comments on Mar-a-Lago Warrant

I would like to offer the DOJ an opportunity to respond to former President Trump's post on Truth Social urging the release of the warrant related to the recent search of Mar-a-Lago and saying he will not oppose the release of the warrant and property receipt.

We have published a breaking news item on this and would be happy to include any statement as an update. However, I understand that no statement may be forthcoming at this time.

Regards,

Darragh Roche

The United States Department of Justice

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Attorney General Merrick Garland Delivers Remarks Announcing Motion to Unseal Mar-a-Lago Search Warrant

Remarks as Delivered

Since I became Attorney General, I have made clear that the Department of Justice will speak through its court filings and its work.

Just now, the Justice Department has filed a motion in the Southern District of Florida to unseal a search warrant and property receipt relating to a court-approved search that the FBI conducted earlier this week.

That search was of premises located in Florida belonging to the former President. The Department did not make any public statements on the day of the search. The former President publicly confirmed the search that evening, as is his right.

Copies of both the warrant and the FBI property receipt were provided on the day of the search to the former President's counsel, who was on site during the search.

The search warrant was authorized by a federal court upon the required finding of probable cause.

The "property receipt" is a document that federal law requires law enforcement agents to leave with the property owner.

The Department filed the motion to make public the warrant and receipt in light of the former President's public confirmation of the search, the surrounding circumstances, and the substantial public interest in this matter.

Faithful adherence to the rule of law is the bedrock principle of the Justice Department and of our democracy.

Upholding the rule of law means applying the law evenly, without fear or favor. Under my watch, that is precisely what the Justice Department is doing.

All Americans are entitled to the evenhanded application of the law, to due process of the law, and to the presumption of innocence.

Much of our work is by necessity conducted out of the public eye. We do that to protect the constitutional rights of all Americans and to protect the integrity of our investigations.

Federal law, longstanding Department rules, and our ethical obligations prevent me from providing further details as to the basis of the search at this time. There are, however, certain points I want you to know.

First, I personally approved the decision to seek a search warrant in this matter.

Second, the Department does not take such a decision lightly. Where possible, it is standard practice to seek less intrusive means as an alternative to a search, and to narrowly scope any search that is undertaken.

Third, let me address recent unfounded attacks on the professionalism of the FBI and Justice Department agents and prosecutors. I will not stand by silently when their integrity is unfairly attacked.

The men and women of the FBI and the Justice Department are dedicated, patriotic public servants.

Every day, they protect the American people from violent crime, terrorism, and other threats to their safety, while safeguarding our civil rights. They do so at great personal sacrifice and risk to themselves.

I am honored to work alongside them.

This is all I can say right now. More information will be made available in the appropriate way and at the appropriate time. Thank you.

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**From:** Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG)  
**Subject:** RE: updated  
**To:** Loeb, Emily M. (ODAG); Atkinson, Lawrence (ODAG); Kapper, Matthew B. (OAG); Newman, David A. (ODAG)  
**Sent:** August 11, 2022 2:04 PM (UTC-04:00)

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Thanks, Brad.

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**From:** Brogger, Marissa J. (PAO) <Marissa.J.Brogger@usdoj.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 11, 2022 1:44 PM  
**To:** Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG) (b) (6); Loeb, Emily M. (ODAG)  
(b) (6); Atkinson, Lawrence (ODAG) <(b) (6)>; Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG) <(b) (6)>; Newman, David A. (ODAG) (b) (6)  
**Subject:** updated

Attached.

**From:** Sti we , Victoria (PAO)  
**Subject:** 2022.08.11 Draft Remarks 111pm  
**To:** Brogger, Marissa J. (PAO)  
**Sent:** August 11, 2022 1:51 PM (UTC-04:00)  
**Attached:** 2022.08.11 Draft Remarks 111pm.docx



**From:** Brogger, Marissa J. (PAO)  
**Subject:** updated remarks  
**To:** Rodgers, Nicholas (JMD) (CTR); Winthrop, Anthony R. (JMD) (CTR)  
**Sent:** August 11, 2022 1:43 PM (UTC-04:00)  
**Attached:** 2022.08.11 Draft Remarks 142pm.docx

**From:** Jerry Duneavy  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: Attorney General Merrick B. Garland to Make a Statement  
**To:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO); Shevin, Shannon (OPA)  
**Sent:** August 11, 2022 1:34 PM (UTC-04:00)

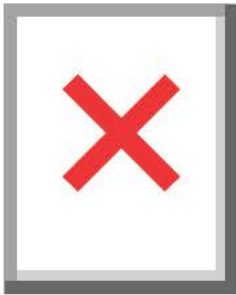
Dear Wyn & Shannon,

Any details on the topic of Garland's remarks? Is he speaking in reference to the FBI raid at Mar-a-Lago?

Many thanks!

JD

On Thu, Aug 11, 2022 at 1:31 PM USDOJ-Office of Public Affairs <[USDOJ-OfficeofPublicAffairs@public.govdelivery.com](mailto:USDOJ-OfficeofPublicAffairs@public.govdelivery.com)> wrote:



**The United States Department of Justice**

August 11, 2022

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## **Attorney General Merrick B. Garland to Make a Statement**

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WASHINGTON – Attorney General Merrick B. Garland will make a statement today.

**WHEN: Today**, Thursday, Aug. 11, 2022, at 2:30 p.m. ET

**WHO:** Attorney General Merrick B. Garland

**WHERE: U.S. Department of Justice Main Building at 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW in the 7th floor conference space, room 7411.** Live webcast at [www.justice.gov/live](http://www.justice.gov/live).

**PRESS:** This event will be broadcast pooled by Fox and open to Justice Department hard pass holders and still photos.

**NOTE:** Any non-Justice Department pass-holding press must **RSVP by 2:00 p.m.** DC's current COVID-19 Community Level is Medium. All visitors must complete the self-screening health questionnaire and certification of vaccination forms found at <https://www.justice.gov/doj/covid-19-policy-visitors>. Masks are not required, regardless of vaccination status. Individuals who are not up to date on COVID-19 vaccines must stay at least six feet from others.

Any inquiries regarding logistics should be directed to Wyn Hornbuckle at [Wyn.Hornbuckle@usdoj.gov](mailto:Wyn.Hornbuckle@usdoj.gov) or Shannon Shevlin at [Shannon.Shevlin@usdoj.gov](mailto:Shannon.Shevlin@usdoj.gov).

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**From:** Marissa.J.Brogger@usdoj.gov  
**Subject:** Re: Remarks for prompter  
**To:** Rodgers, Nicholas (JMD) (CTR); Winthrop, Anthony R. (JMD) (CTR)  
**Sent:** August 11, 2022 1:34 PM (UTC-04:00)  
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Updated version coming shortly

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On Aug 11, 2022, at 1:17 PM, Brogger, Marissa J. (PAO) <Marissa.J.Brogger@usdoj.gov> wrote:



**From:** Press  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry from Erik Larson - Bloomberg News  
**To:** Iverson, Dena (PAO)  
**Cc:** Press  
**Sent:** August 11, 2022 1:23 PM (UTC-04:00)

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From: Department of Justice via Department of Justice <no-reply@usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Thursday, August 11, 2022 12:22 PM  
To: Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov>  
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry from Erik Larson - Bloomberg News

Date Thursday, August 11, 2022 - 12:22pm EDT

Name: Erik Larson

Email Address: elarson4@bloomberg.net

Topic: Other (please specify at the top of your message)

Media Outlet: Bloomberg News

Deadline: today

Inquiry:

Re: Mar-a-Lago search

Good morning. Erik Larson from Bloomberg News here. We're writing up a story on the increasing frequency of Trump and Republicans suggesting without evidence that FBI agents planted evidence during the Mar-a-Lago search. We have outside experts saying this is nonsense, but would love to get a comment from the Justice Dept if possible. Either way, thank you very much for your time. Best regards,  
Erik Larson

**From:** Brogger, Marissa J. (PAO)  
**Subject:** draft  
**To:** Sti we , Victoria (PAO)  
**Sent:** August 11, 2022 1:19 PM (UTC-04:00)  
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**From:**  
**Subject:** Remarks for prompter  
**To:** Rodgers, Nicholas (JMD) (CTR); Winthrop, Anthony R. (JMD) (CTR)  
**Sent:** August 11, 2022 1:15 PM (UTC-04:00)  
**Attached:** 2022.08.11 Draft Remarks 111pm.docx

**From:** Press  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry from Amar Mehta - Sky News  
**To:** Iverson, Dena (PAO)  
**Cc:** Marx, Ella (PAO); Press  
**Sent:** August 10, 2022 10:28 AM (UTC-04:00)  
Hi,

Here's another Mar-a-Lago inquiry. Thank you!

Best,  
Ella

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From: Department of Justice via Department of Justice <no-reply@usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 10:07 AM  
To: Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov>  
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry from Amar Mehta - Sky News

Date Wednesday, August 10, 2022 - 10:07am EDT

Name: Amar Mehta

Email Address: amar.mehta@sky.uk

Topic: Other (please specify at the top of your message)

Media Outlet: Sky News

Deadline: 6pm UK time 10 August

Inquiry:  
REQUEST FOR COMMENT - FBI Raid Trump Estate

Hi

I am writing about Donald Trump's recent post on Trump Social, where he claimed the FBI may have been "planting" evidence during the raid on his Palm Beach Estate.

Is there a comment from the DOJ and FBI on these allegations.

Thanks  
Amar

**From:** Press  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry from Aila Slisco - Newsweek  
**To:** Iverson, Dena (PAO)  
**Cc:** Marx, Ella (PAO); Press  
**Sent:** August 10, 2022 9:12 AM (UTC-04:00)  
Good morning,

Forwarding you this Mar-a-Lago inquiry. Thank you!

Best,  
Ella

Ella Marx  
Intern, Office of Public Affairs  
U.S. Department of Justice  
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From: Department of Justice via Department of Justice <no-reply@usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 10:41 PM  
To: Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov>  
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry from Aila Slisco - Newsweek

Date Tuesday, August 9, 2022 - 10:40pm EDT

Name: Aila Slisco

Email Address: a.slisco@newsweek.com

Topic: Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)

Media Outlet: Newsweek

Deadline: 8/9

Inquiry:  
Hello,

I'm Aila Slisco, a Newsweek reporter, and I'm working on a story about former President Donald Trump claiming that the FBI raid of his Mar-a-Lago home violated "the rights of every American citizen." I'm writing to see if you have any comments on this.

**From:** Press  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry from Haley Bull - Newsy  
**To:** Iverson, Dena (PAO)  
**Cc:** Press; Delgado, Paloma (PAO)  
**Sent:** August 9, 2022 8:57 AM (UTC-04:00)  
Hi Dena,

It never ends. Here is another inquiry from Newsy.

Thanks,

Paloma

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

From: Department of Justice via Department of Justice <no-reply@usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Monday, August 8, 2022 7:14 PM  
To: Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov>  
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry from Haley Bull - Newsy

Date Monday, August 8, 2022 - 7:13pm EDT

Name: Haley Bull

Email Address: haley.bull@newsy.com

Topic: Other (please specify at the top of your message)

Media Outlet: Newsy

Deadline: 8/08/22

Inquiry:  
Mar-A-Lago raid

Hi all,

Haley Bull with Newsy here. Former President Trump released a statement that the FBI has conducted a raid at Mar-A-Lago. Can the DOJ confirm a warrant was carried out there today?

Trump stated in part, "After working and cooperating with the relevant Government agencies, this unannounced raid on my home was not necessary or appropriate. It is prosecutorial misconduct, the weaponization of the Justice System..." Does the DOJ have any statement or response?

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Haley

**From:** Press  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry from Chris Gardner - The Hollywood Reporter  
**To:** Iverson, Dena (PAO)  
**Cc:** Press; Delgado, Paloma (PAO)  
**Sent:** August 9, 2022 8:57 AM (UTC-04:00)  
Hi Dena,

And another from The Hollywood Reporter.

Thanks!

Paloma

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From: Department of Justice via Department of Justice <no-reply@usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Monday, August 8, 2022 7:11 PM  
To: Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov>  
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry from Chris Gardner - The Hollywood Reporter

Date Monday, August 8, 2022 - 7:11pm EDT

Name: Chris Gardner

Email Address: Chris.Gardner@THR.com

Topic: Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)

Media Outlet: The Hollywood Reporter

Deadline: ASAP

Inquiry:

Hello -- checking in to see if you can confirm or provide any information about the FBI raid that Donald Trump confirmed at his Mar-a-Lago residence today? Is this regarding the DOJ investigation into January 6?



**From:** Press  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry from Ellise Shafer - Variety  
**To:** Iverson, Dena (PAO)  
**Cc:** Press  
**Sent:** August 9, 2022 8:56 AM (UTC-04:00)

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Sent: Monday, August 8, 2022 7:52 PM  
To: Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov>  
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry from Ellise Shafer - Variety

Date Monday, August 8, 2022 - 7:52pm EDT

Name: Ellise Shafer

Email Address: eshafer2@att.net

Topic: Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)

Media Outlet: Variety

Deadline: ASAP

Inquiry:

Hi there, Ellise Shafer from Variety. Is there any comment on Trump's claim that the FBI raided his Mar-a-Lago estate today? Let me know and thanks.

Best,  
Ellise

**From:** Press  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry from Chad Burke - Newsy  
**To:** Iverson, Dena (PAO)  
**Cc:** Press  
**Sent:** August 9, 2022 8:56 AM (UTC-04:00)

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From: Department of Justice via Department of Justice <no-reply@usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Monday, August 8, 2022 8:03 PM  
To: Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov>  
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry from Chad Burke - Newsy

Date Monday, August 8, 2022 - 8:03pm EDT

Name: Chad Burke

Email Address: chad.burke@newsy.com

Topic: Other (please specify at the top of your message)

Media Outlet: Newsy

Deadline: Immediately

Inquiry:  
Good Evening Folks,

My name is Chad Burke I'm the Senior Assignment Editor for Newsy a news organization owned by the Scripps Corporation. I'm contacting to inquire if we can confirm President Trump's claims that his residence at Mar A Lago Florida is under a raid by agents with the FBI or other Justice Department Law enforcement.

Thanks

**From:** Press  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry from Stephanie Baer - BuzzFeed News  
**To:** Iverson, Dena (PAO)  
**Cc:** Press  
**Sent:** August 9, 2022 8:55 AM (UTC-04:00)

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From: Department of Justice via Department of Justice <no-reply@usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Monday, August 8, 2022 8:05 PM  
To: Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov>  
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry from Stephanie Baer - BuzzFeed News

Date Monday, August 8, 2022 - 8:04pm EDT

Name: Stephanie Baer

Email Address: stephanie.baer@buzzfeed.com

Topic: Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)

Media Outlet: BuzzFeed News

Deadline: As soon as possible

Inquiry:

I was hoping someone at the FBI could confirm that agents served a search warrant at Donald Trump's residence at the Mar-A-Lago estate in Palm Beach, Florida, today, as reported by the former president in a statement he released.

What were agents looking for? What did they collect? What investigation is this for? Does the Department of Justice intend to file charges in relation to the search?

**From:** Press  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry from Jake Thomas - Newsweek  
**To:** Iverson, Dena (PAO)  
**Cc:** Marx, Ella (PAO); Press  
**Sent:** August 9, 2022 8:54 AM (UTC-04:00)  
Hi,

Here's a Mar-a-Lago inquiry. Thank you!

Best,  
Ella

Ella Marx  
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From: Department of Justice via Department of Justice <no-reply@usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Monday, August 8, 2022 7:28 PM  
To: Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov>  
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry from Jake Thomas - Newsweek

Date Monday, August 8, 2022 - 7:28pm EDT

Name: Jake Thomas

Email Address: j.thomas@newsweek.com

Topic: Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)

Media Outlet: Newsweek

Deadline: June 8

Inquiry:

Former President Donald Trump has issued a statement confirming his residence has been raised by FBI agents. I'm reaching out because I wanted to see if DOJ or the FBI would be issuing a statement in response. I plan to publish this evening but I can update if I get a response.

**From:** Press  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry from Josh Wingrove - Bloomberg  
**To:** Iverson, Dena (PAO)  
**Cc:** Press; Delgado, Paloma (PAO)  
**Sent:** August 9, 2022 8:54 AM (UTC-04:00)  
Hi Dena,

Here is another Mar-a-Lago inquiry from Bloomberg.

Thank you,

Paloma

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Sent: Monday, August 8, 2022 7:03 PM  
To: Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov>  
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry from Josh Wingrove - Bloomberg

Date Monday, August 8, 2022 - 7:03pm EDT

Name: Josh Wingrove

Email Address: jwingrove4@bloomberg.net

Topic: Other (please specify at the top of your message)

Media Outlet: Bloomberg

Deadline: asap

Inquiry:

Hi there,

Former President Trump says that FBI agents "raided" Mar-a-Lago today. Does DOJ have any comment?

Thanks!

Josh Wingrove

Bloomberg

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**From:** Press  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry from Jack Walters - Express.co.uk - London  
**To:** Iverson, Dena (PAO)  
**Cc:** Press; Marx, Ella (PAO)  
**Sent:** August 9, 2022 8:53 AM (UTC-04:00)

We will be sending quite a few more Mar-a-Lago inquiries to you -- thank you for handling them!

Best,  
Ella

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

From: Department of Justice via Department of Justice <no-reply@usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Monday, August 8, 2022 7:32 PM  
To: Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov>  
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry from Jack Walters - Express.co.uk - London

Date Monday, August 8, 2022 - 7:32pm EDT

Name: Jack Walters

Email Address: jack.walters@reachplc.com

Topic: Other (please specify at the top of your message)

Media Outlet: Express.co.uk - London

Deadline: ASAP

Inquiry:

Claim Donald Trump's Mar-A-Lago home was raided by FBI agents.

I'm a reporter at Express.co.uk in London.

I wanted to get in touch to ask if the Justice Department would confirm whether the home of the 45th President has been raided by FBI agents, as per allegations he has made.

Any details would be much appreciated.

**From:** CFG Media  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] FBI Raid Donald Trump( with correction of my name)  
**To:** Navas, Nicole (PAO)  
**Sent:** August 8, 2022 10:27 PM (UTC-04:00)

Thanks Nicole. Will there be a statement put out by the DOJ or Attorney General Garland about this historic matter. I know the President has promised that his administration would be totally transparent about these types of matters. FYI, anything that you tell me can be totally off record. It is being widely reported by various outlets, and even the former President, Donald Trump.

Anthony Leake  
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On Mon, Aug 8, 2022, 10:14 PM Navas, Nicole (PAO) <[Nicole.Navas@usdoj.gov](mailto:Nicole.Navas@usdoj.gov)> wrote:

Hi Anthony,

We decline comment.

Thank you,

Nicole Navas Oxman

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**From:** CFG Media <[chroniclemodels@gmail.com](mailto:chroniclemodels@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Monday, August 8, 2022 7:43 PM

**To:** Press <[Press@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:Press@jmd.usdoj.gov)>; Navas, Nicole (PAO) <[Nicole.Navas@usdoj.gov](mailto:Nicole.Navas@usdoj.gov)>; Mitchell, Kendall M. (PAO) <[Kendall.M.Mitchell@usdoj.gov](mailto:Kendall.M.Mitchell@usdoj.gov)>

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] FBI Raid Donald Trump( with correction of my name)

Good evening,

I hope that you are doing well. It is being reported by CNN that Donald Trump's Florida home was raided today. Is that true? If so, will this dept make a statement confirming the FBI raid on a former President of the United States, which is unprecedented. I am working with a tight deadline of 8:30pm.



Anthony Leake

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**From:** A bert, Mark  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] Trump statement?  
**To:** Stueve, Joshua (PAO)  
**Sent:** August 8, 2022 8:27 PM (UTC-04:00)

I appreciate you getting back to me. Thank you.

On Aug 8, 2022, at 5:17 PM, Stueve, Joshua (PAO) <Joshua.Stueve@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Decline to comment. Thanks Mark.

Joshua Stueve Spokesman  
U.S. Department of Justice

On Aug 8, 2022, at 7:17 PM, Albert, Mark <Mark.Albert@hearst.com> wrote:

Good evening, Josh:

Do you have any DOJ statement to Trump's release about FBI agents at Mar-a-Lago today? This might not be your area; just reaching out. We also reached out to FBI.

Thanks very much,

Mark

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**From:** Iverson, Dena (PAO)  
**Subject:** RE: CNBC Inquiry, Mar-a-Lago  
**To:** Breuninger, Kevin (NBCUniversal); Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO)  
**Cc:** Mangan, Daniel (NBCUniversal)  
**Sent:** August 8, 2022 8:02 PM (UTC-04:00)

Hi Kevin,

The department declines to comment.

Best,  
Dena

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**From:** Breuninger, Kevin (NBCUniversal) <Kevin.Breuninger@nbcuni.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 8, 2022 7:55 PM  
**To:** Iverson, Dena (PAO) <Dena.I.DeBonis@usdoj.gov>; Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) <Wyn.Hornbuckle@usdoj.gov>  
**Cc:** Mangan, Daniel (NBCUniversal) <Daniel.Mangan@nbcuni.com>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] CNBC Inquiry, Mar-a-Lago

Hi Diana and Wyn,

I'm reaching out for comment/confirmation on ex-President Trump's statement that the FBI raided Mar-a-Lago.

I've reached out to the FBI. Please respond as soon as a statement or comment is available. Email or call (b) (6)  
On background as a source familiar is fine if necessary.

Best,  
Kevin Breuninger  
CNBC

**From:** Ryan Lizza  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL]  
**To:** Iverson, Dena (PAO)  
**Sent:** August 8, 2022 7:31 PM (UTC-04:00)

Thank you for the quick reply. Is there a timeline for when there might be some official government response about this?

Happy to talk/email off the record if it's helpful.

Ryan

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**From:** Iverson, Dena (PAO) <Dena.I.DeBonis@usdoj.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 8, 2022 7:28:38 PM  
**To:** Ryan Lizza <rlizza@politico.com>  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL]

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Hi Ryan,

The department declines to comment.

Best,  
Dena

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**From:** Ryan Lizza <rlizza@politico.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 8, 2022 7:03 PM  
**To:** Iverson, Dena (PAO) <Dena.I.DeBonis@usdoj.gov>  
**Subject:** Fwd: [EXTERNAL]

Hey there, what can you tell me about the Trump statement re Mar-A-Lago?

Ryan Lizza

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**From:** Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) <(b) (6)>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 8, 2022 7:01 PM  
**To:** Ryan Lizza <[rlizza@politico.com](mailto:rlizza@politico.com)>  
**Subject:** Automatic reply: [EXTERNAL]

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Thanks for your email. I am out of the office until Mon., Aug. 15th and will be delayed in responding.

For immediate assistance, please contact Dena Iverson ([Dena.I.DeBonis@usdoj.gov](mailto:Dena.I.DeBonis@usdoj.gov)) or Wyn Hornbuckle ([Wyn.Hornbuckle@usdoj.gov](mailto:Wyn.Hornbuckle@usdoj.gov)).

**From:** Iverson, Dena (PAO)  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] Urgent request for comment -Mar a Lago  
**To:** Polantz, Katelyn  
**Sent:** August 8, 2022 7:19 PM (UTC-04:00)

Hi Katelyn,

The department declines to comment.

Best,  
Dena

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 8, 2022, at 7:07 PM, Polantz, Katelyn <katelyn.polantz@warnermedia.com> wrote:

Hi Dena ,would you have a comment on the apparent FBI raid at Mar-a-Lago today? We are now reporting it, according to the former president. Any guidance would be much appreciated. Could you say if this is part of an investigation related to the former president, his administration or campaign?

Thank you,

Katelyn

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Katelyn Polantz

CNN

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**From:** Jeff Mordock  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Media request -- Trump comment  
**To:** Iverson, Dena (PAO)  
**Sent:** August 8, 2022 7:04 PM (UTC-04:00)

Hey Dena,

Former President Trump says the FBI raided Mar-a-Lago today. Does the DOJ have a response/comment?

Thanks  
Jeff

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**From:** Harold Hutchison  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Request for comment  
**To:** Rosse o, Luis (PAO)  
**Sent:** August 10, 2022 2:47 PM (UTC-04:00)

I am a reporter with the Daily Caller News Foundation.

Does the Justice Department have any comment on claims former President Trump made in a post on Truth social about the raid on Mar-a-Lago?

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Harold Hutchison  
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**Subject:** Justice Dept Statement re: former President's motion for judicial oversight and add' relief  
**To:** Rosse o, Luis (PAO)  
**Bcc:** Pierre.Thomas@abc.com; Alexander.W.Malin@abc.com; peguesj@cbsnews.com; Evan.Perez@cnn.com; Jessica.Schneider@turner.com; hannah.rabinowitz@warnermedia.com; david.spunt@fox.com; Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM; Ken.dianian@nbcuni.com; julia.ainsley@nbcuni.com; Kosnar, Michael; rucas@npr.org; CJohnson2@npr.org; MBa samo@ap.org; Tucker, Eric; cstroh1@bloomberg.net; Sarah.N.Lynch@thomsonreuters.com; kjohnson@usatoday.com; sadie.gurman@wsj.com; aruna.viswanatha@wsj.com; Perry.Stein@washpost.com; Devin.Barrett@washpost.com; David.Nakamura@washpost.com; josh@joshgerstein.com; Charlotte.PLANTIVE@afp.com; Pau.HANDLEY@afp.com; cueda@UNIVISION.NET; savage@nytimes.com; rbarber@businessinsider.com; bwoodruff@politico.com; cdechaus@businessinsider.com; triaya@cbsnews.com; Ryan.Reilly@nbcuni.com; Kateyn.pozantz@warnermedia.com; egarar@cbsnews.com; sarah.wire@atimes.com; paula.reid@cnn.com; agoudsward@am.com; Coey, Anthony D. (PAO); genn.thrush@nytimes.com  
**Sent:** August 22, 2022 6:07 PM (UTC-04:00)

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**From:** Lynch, Sarah N. (Reuters)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] RE: Justice Dept Statement re: former President's motion for judicial oversight and add'l relief  
**To:** Rosseto, Luis (PAO)  
**Sent:** August 22, 2022 6:08 PM (UTC-04:00)

Thanks so much

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**From:** Rossello, Luis (PAO) <Luis.Rossello@usdoj.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 22, 2022 6:07 PM  
**To:** Rossello, Luis (PAO) <Luis.Rossello@usdoj.gov>  
**Subject:** [EXT] Justice Dept Statement re: former President's motion for judicial oversight and add'l relief

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**From:** Johnson, Kevin  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] RE: Justice Dept Statement re: former President's motion for judicial oversight and add'l relief  
**To:** Rossetto, Luis (PAO)  
**Sent:** August 22, 2022 6:08 PM (UTC-04:00)

Thanks, Luis.

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**From:** Legare, Robert  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: Justice Dept Statement re: former President's motion for judicial oversight and add'l relief  
**To:** Rosse o, Luis (PAO)  
**Sent:** August 22, 2022 6:09 PM (UTC-04:00)  
Thank you

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**From:** Rossello, Luis (PAO) <Luis.Rossello@usdoj.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 22, 2022 6:07 PM  
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: Justice Dept Statement re: former President's motion for judicial oversight and add'l relief  
**To:** Rosse o, Luis (PAO)  
**Sent:** August 22, 2022 6:37 PM (UTC-04:00)

Thank you Luis, appreciate it.

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] RE: Justice Dept Statement re: former President's motion for judicial oversight and add'l relief  
**To:** Rossetto, Luis (PAO)  
**Sent:** August 23, 2022 8:57 AM (UTC-04:00)

Hi

Do you have an estimated idea for when the DOJ response will be filed?

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