

Kupec, Kerri (JMD)

From: Kupec, Kerri (JMD)
Sent: Saturday, May 5, 2018 10:19 AM
To: Bream, Shannon
Subject: Re: Invitation to OTR discussion with SG Noel Francisco

Great! See you then.

Sent from my iPhone

On May 4, 2018, at 9:06 PM, Bream, Shannon <shannon.bream@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Love to join you

From: Kupec, Kerri (JMD) (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, May 04, 2018 5:42 PM
To: Kupec, Kerri (JMD) (b)(6)
Subject: Invitation to OTR discussion with SG Noel Francisco

Hi, all –

Now that we are past arguments, thought it might be helpful do a recap and a look-ahead to the various opinions that will come down over the next couple of months. I'd like to invite you to join Noel Francisco and Jeff Wall on **Tuesday, May 8 at 4 pm** for an off-the-record conversation in Noel's office. We will have about 45 minutes with them. Let me know if you can make it!

Have a good weekend,

Kerri

Kerri Kupec
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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Friday, May 4, 2018 1:24 PM
To: Herridge, Catherine; Gibson, Jake; Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: RE: Nunes Response 2018-5-3

yes

xxx

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: Herridge, Catherine <Catherine.Herridge@FOXNEWS.COM>
Sent: Friday, May 4, 2018 1:23 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Gibson, Jake <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM>; Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Nunes Response 2018-5-3

Thank you Sarah.

This is very helpful. I had understood others signed off, and this supports those statements.

Can the letter please be posted as part of the reporting?

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [<mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>]
Sent: Friday, May 04, 2018 1:18 PM
To: Herridge, Catherine <Catherine.Herridge@FOXNEWS.COM>; Gibson, Jake <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM>; Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>
Subject: FW: Nunes Response 2018-5-3

Again, please note the White House agreed to this letter. I do not want to see it reported that this was a DOJ decision/stonewalling/etc. The President is the final arbiter of what is controlled by the executive branch. This message and its attachments may contain legally privileged or confidential information. It is intended solely for the named addressee. If you are not the addressee indicated in this message (or responsible for delivery of the message to the addressee), you may not copy or deliver this message or its attachments to anyone. Rather, you should permanently delete this message and its attachments and kindly notify the sender by reply e-mail. Any content of this message and its attachments that does not relate to the official business of Fox News or Fox Business must not be taken to have been sent or endorsed by either of them. No representation is made that this email or its attachments are without defect.

Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Friday, May 4, 2018 1:16 PM
To: Herridge, Catherine; Prior, Ian (OPA)
Cc: Gibson, Jake
Subject: RE: House intel subpoena query

Will forward you the letter. The White House signed off on the letter as well as you will see.

As you will see from any number of cases on the matter, congress is not entitled to everything they want. As for contempt, that would need to be held as a vote over there.

xxx

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From: Herridge, Catherine <Catherine.Herridge@FOXNEWS.COM>
Sent: Friday, May 4, 2018 12:42 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Gibson, Jake <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: House intel subpoena query

Hi Sarah,

Trust you are well and can help.

We have confirmed that republicans on the house intelligence committee sent a classified letter, and subpoena seeking records related to a new line of inquiry on the FBI Trump investigation. We also understand the letter was addressed to DAG Rosenstein with a Thursday deadline. A letter was received yesterday from the Office of Legislative Affairs, Stephen Boyd, that the records would not be provided, and the subpoena not complied with.

Our questions are below – could we get a response by 430? Please advise what's possible.

1. Without getting into classified information, on what basis are the records being withheld from Congress by DOJ?
2. Is the decision to withhold the records final?
3. Given the subpoena, is DOJ now in contempt of congress?

Also copying Jake who has been at court.
Thanks for the consideration
Catherine

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Gibson, Jake

From: Gibson, Jake
Sent: Friday, May 4, 2018 1:15 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Cc: Pettit, Mark T. (OPA)
Subject: Re: Planning Purposes Only: Monday's Off the Record Meet and Greet with NSD AAG John Demers

I am attending.
Thanks!

Jake Gibson
Department of Justice Producer
Fox News Washington
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On May 4, 2018, at 1:11 PM, Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Happy Friday!

For planning purposes only, this Monday, at 2:30 pm we will be hosting a brief off the record meet and greet with NSD AAG John Demers. This is an opportunity to talk with John in a more open setting and get his perspective on leading NSD. Please be in the Andretta Room at 2:20 in the event that we are able to start early.

Please confirm with Mark whether you are attending. For those outlets that have multiple reporters with hard passes, please limit your attendees to two reporters maximum – I leave it to you to work that out.

Thank you.

Ian D. Prior
Principal Deputy Director of Public Affairs
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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Friday, May 4, 2018 9:05 AM
To: Gibson, Jake
Subject: RE: Wsj editorial

By Kimberley A. Strassel
May 3, 2018 6:57 p.m. ET
580 COMMENTS

The feud that has simmered for months between Congress and the Justice Department erupted this week into a cage match. That's because the House is homing in on the goods.

Until this week, Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein and fellow institutionalists at the department had fought Congress's demands for information with the tools of banal bureaucracy—resist, delay, ignore, negotiate. But Mr. Rosenstein took things to a new level on Tuesday, accusing House Republicans of “threats,” extortion and wanting to “rummage” through department documents. A Wednesday New York Times story then dropped a new slur, claiming “Mr. Rosenstein and top FBI officials have come to suspect that some lawmakers were using their oversight authority to gain intelligence about [Special Counsel Bob Mueller's] investigation so that it could be shared with the White House.”

Mr. Rosenstein isn't worried about rummaging. That's a diversion from the department's opposite concern: that it is being asked to comply with very specific—potentially very revealing—demands. Two House sources confirm for me that the Justice Department was recently delivered first a classified House Intelligence Committee letter and then a subpoena (which arrived Monday) demanding documents related to a new line of inquiry about the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Trump investigation. The deadline for complying with the subpoena was Thursday afternoon, and the Justice Department flouted it. As the White House is undoubtedly monitoring any new congressional demands for information, it is likely that President Trump's tweet Wednesday ripping the department for not turning over documents was in part a reference to this latest demand.

Republicans also demand the FBI drop any objections to declassifying a section of the recently issued House Intelligence Committee report that deals with a briefing former FBI Director James Comey provided about former national security adviser Mike Flynn. House Republicans say Mr. Comey told them his own agents did not believe Mr. Flynn lied to them. On his book tour, Mr. Comey has said that isn't true. Someone isn't being honest. Is the FBI more interested in protecting the reputations of two former directors (the other being Mr. Mueller, who dragged Mr. Flynn into court on lying grounds) than in telling the public the truth?

It's hard to have any faith in the necessity of the more than 300 redactions in the House Intel report, most of which the Republican committee members insist are bogus and should be removed. On every occasion that Justice or the FBI has claimed material must be withheld for the sake of national security or continuing investigations, it has later come out that the only thing at stake were those institutions' reputations. Think the Comey memos, which showed the former director had little basis for claiming obstruction. Or Sen. Chuck Grassley's criminal referral of dossier author Christopher Steele, the FBI's so-called reliable source, whom we now know it had to fire for talking to the press and possibly lying.

The Justice Department is laying all this at the feet of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, which technically oversees redactions. But ODNI consults with the agency that “owns” the material, and the FBI is clearly doing the blocking. Again, many pieces of the House Intel report that are being hidden happen to relate to FBI conduct during the 2016 election.

The increasingly poisonous interaction between Congress and the Justice Department also stems from a growing list of questions Republicans have about leading Justice Department officials' roles in the events Congress seeks to investigate. Mr. Rosenstein's name was on at least one of the applications for a warrant on Carter Page to the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court. Dana Boente's name is on another, and he's now serving as the FBI's general counsel.

We can't know the precise motivations behind the Justice Department's and FBI's refusal to make key information public. But whether it is out of real concern over declassification or a desire to protect the institutions from embarrassment, the current leadership is about 20 steps behind this narrative. Mr. Comey, Peter Strzok, Lisa Page, Andrew McCabe—they have already shattered the FBI's reputation and public trust. There is nothing to be gained from pretending this is business as usual, or attempting to stem continued fallout by hiding further details.

This week's events—including more flat-out subpoena defiance—put a luminous spotlight on Speaker Paul Ryan. The credibility of the House's oversight authority is at stake. Mr. Ryan's committee chairmen have done remarkable work exposing FBI behavior, and they deserve backup. The quickest way to get Justice and FBI to comply with these legitimate requests is for Mr. Ryan to state strongly and publicly that he has zero qualms about proceeding down the road of contempt or impeachment if House demands are not met. This is the people's government, not the Justice Department's.

Write to kim@wsj.com.

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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

From: Gibson, Jake <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM>
Sent: Friday, May 4, 2018 8:50 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: Wsj editorial

Can u forward me the editorial please?

Thanks!

Jake Gibson
Department of Justice Producer
Fox News Washington

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> On May 4, 2018, at 8:31 AM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

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> Please make sure fox folks know Kim's piece is factually wrong. Nunes gave deadline of 3pm yesterday and we responded via a classified letter. I'm asking for a correction.

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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, May 3, 2018 6:14 PM
To: Gibson, Jake
Subject: 18 usc 206

(a) In General.—

(1) Attorney for the government.—

Upon an application made under section 3122(a)(1), the court shall enter an ex parte order authorizing the installation and use of a [pen register](#) or [trap and trace device](#) anywhere within the United States, if the court finds that the [attorney for the Government](#) has certified to the court that the information likely to be obtained by such installation and use is relevant to an ongoing criminal investigation. The order, upon service of that order, shall apply to any person or entity providing wire or [electronic communication service](#) in the United States whose assistance may facilitate the execution of the order. Whenever such an order is served on any person or entity not specifically named in the order, upon request of such person or entity, the attorney for the Government or law enforcement or investigative officer that is serving the order shall provide written or electronic certification that the order applies to the person or entity being served.

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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Laco, Kelly (OPA)

From: Laco, Kelly (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, May 3, 2018 1:20 PM
To: Gibson, Jake
Subject: Re: RSVP

Thanks Jake.

On May 3, 2018, at 12:21 PM, Gibson, Jake <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

I'd like to attend this if possible:

4:15 p.m. EDT

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515 15th Street NW

Washington, DC 20004

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The full roundtable agenda will run from 1:00 p.m. EDT to 5:00 p.m. EDT.

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Gibson, Jake

From: Gibson, Jake
Sent: Thursday, May 3, 2018 12:16 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Re: *** SENDING IN 15 *** DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE PRESS GUIDANCE FOR MAY 3, 2018

Copy that.

On May 3, 2018, at 11:59 AM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

It did go out

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: Pettit, Mark T. (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, May 3, 2018 10:34 AM
To: Pettit, Mark T. (OPA) <mtpettit@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: *** SENDING IN 15 *** DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE PRESS GUIDANCE FOR MAY 3, 2018

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PRESS GUIDANCE

Thursday, May 3, 2018

ATTORNEY GENERAL

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PRESS RELEASES

The Attorney General will issue one press release today. (Prior)

The Civil Rights Division will issue one press release today. (O'Malley)

The Criminal Division will issue two press releases today. (Navas)

The Tax Division will issue two press releases today. (Ehram)

EVENTS/HEARINGS

6:30 p.m. EDT

Deputy Attorney General Rod J. Rosenstein will provide the keynote address regarding corporate enforcement policies at the Lawyers for Civil Justice Membership Meeting.

St. Regis Hotel

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Washington, DC

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NIGHT DUTY OFFICER

Lauren Ehram

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From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, May 3, 2018 11:10 AM
To: Hadden, Gavin; Groman, Sean; Gibson, Jake
Cc: Boughton, Bryan
Subject: RE: this morning on F&F

Let me ask. I'd really like to have a call with your hosts to discuss these document productions if they are going to keep talking about them on air. I spoke to Steve for about 30 minutes yesterday and he had a lot of misinformation that was easily cleared up.

xxxx

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: Hadden, Gavin <Gavin.Hadden@FOXNEWS.COM>
Sent: Thursday, May 3, 2018 10:05 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Groman, Sean <sean.groman@FOXNEWS.COM>; Gibson, Jake <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM>
Cc: Boughton, Bryan <Bryan.Boughton@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: RE: this morning on F&F

Good Morning Sarah,

Thank you for your interest in the Congressman Desantis segment.

Would John Lausch like to come on FF tomorrow and give us an update on the progress of the DOJ?

Thank you,
Gavin

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [<mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, May 03, 2018 9:54 AM
To: Groman, Sean <sean.groman@FOXNEWS.COM>; Hadden, Gavin <Gavin.Hadden@FOXNEWS.COM>; Gibson, Jake <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM>
Cc: Boughton, Bryan <Bryan.Boughton@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: Fwd: this morning on F&F

Jake--can you forward your reporting to these guys?

We reached an agreement with goodlatte weeks ago (who actually made the request, not desantis) for the documents desantis is talking about--the 1.2 million--and we have staff here every day viewing all of those documents without any redactions. Goodlatte put out a statement as well.

It's so important for F&f to get these things right if you're going to have people on your air who say they don't have these documents when in fact they've had access to all of it for weeks.

(Btw 19 members have seen the FISAs, 10 have seen the EC, the list goes on. So do not accept on face value that no one has seen these documents just because the members you have on are uninformed about the work their colleagues have done.)

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Lucchese, Taber (OPA)" <talucchese@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Date: May 3, 2018 at 9:32:50 AM EDT
To: "Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)" <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: this morning on F&F

Done! More to come.

Taber

Fox & Friends – May 3rd at 7:18 a.m.

<http://mms.tveyes.com/PlaybackPortal.aspx?SavedEditID=c7782c67-ecc9-4b33-85c6-954a2c9acc5c>

ROSENSTEIN: People making threats privately and publicly against me for quite some time. And I think they should understand by now the Department of Justice is not going to be extorted. We are going to do what's required by the rule of law and any kind of threats that anybody makes are not gonna effect the way we do our job. We have a responsibility. We take an oath. That's the whole point.

BRIAN: He is meaning we, he also means him. Rod Rosenstein firing back for House Republicans drafting articles of impeachment against him, which the Freedom Caucus says is a last resort if the DOJ continues to slow walk their document document requests as well as redacting things that make some of it incomprehensible. Joining us now is Florida Congressman Ron DeSantis who is running for governor in that state. How do you feel about the brush back pitch from Rod Rosenstein?

RON: I think it is a continuation of Rod Rosenstein showing contempt for Congress and our constitutional oversight responsibility. Remember, Brian, we have been going for these documents for months and months and months. And what they do they stonewall, stonewall, trickle some out. We say well, maybe we will hold you in contempt and they trickle some more out. If you remember the Nunes memo people like Rod were saying we can't do a Nunes memo because that will devastate America's national security. It had nothing to do with that it informed the American people about some of the conduct of people in his department. We have a right to this information. And I think that there does need to be consequences. And I think what he did really just underscored the contempt that he shows for this process.

BRIAN: What exactly are you waiting for?

RON: Look. I don't think we should wait. What I have been saying is that something we want certain documents.

BRIAN: What documents are you waiting for, I mean?

RON: We want everything from the end of the Hillary case through Peter Strzok, McCabe, Comey, the whole lot of them. We have been dealing with these issued ad nauseam for months and we need all the facts. Let's give them the final date, set a contempt of congress hearing for the next day and if he doesn't comply, you hold him in contempt. And then if he doesn't comply once he is held in contempt, then that's when you move for an article of impeachment.

BRIAN: Congressman, could it be that some people have theorized for some reason they are doing a delay of game, a four corner's offense for some type of delay to some type of date? What would they be waiting for? Why would they delay?

RON: Well if the election gives Nancy Pelosi the speaker's gavel, you can bet your bottom dollar the Democrats are not going to want to get to the bottom of any of this. It will totally shut down and they will be free and clear. And that's one of the reasons why, you know, you look back at this. Rosenstein really should be recused from this. He appointed a special counsel to deal with Comey's firing that he himself recommended. And then he signed one of the FISA warrants in 2017 that is the subject of this. So he is a part of this and I think certainly Jeff Sessions should not be recused from this part. So, let's get the facts and let's have some accountability.

BRIAN: Congressman, thank you so much. There is your push back Rod Rosenstein. Your serve.

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Sent: Thursday, May 3, 2018 9:16 AM
To: Lucchese, Taber (OPA) <talucchese@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: this morning on F&F

Ron desantis was on talking DOJ w brian kilmeade—get that for me as soon as you can

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Prior, Ian (OPA)

From: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, May 3, 2018 10:27 AM
To: Pfeiffer, Alex
Subject: RE: hey check this out

ok

Ian D. Prior
Principal Deputy Director of Public Affairs
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From: Pfeiffer, Alex <Alex.Pfeiffer@FOXNEWS.COM>
Sent: Thursday, May 3, 2018 10:26 AM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: hey check this out

Hmm, this is interesting but Tucker I think is broadly pro-marriage.

On May 3, 2018, at 8:44 AM, Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov> wrote:

http://www.bostonherald.com/news/local_politics/2018/05/two_illegal_immigrants_allowed_to_marry_in_boston_court

If you/Tucker is interested I could see if US Atty could come on

Ian D. Prior
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Boughton, Bryan

From: Boughton, Bryan
Sent: Wednesday, May 2, 2018 8:59 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Cc: Gibson, Jake
Subject: Re: corrections from today

Ok.

On May 2, 2018, at 20:36, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

I've talked to Steve Doocy and Alex Pfeiffer at length today. They are getting bad information from their source. Please have any host—day or night--call me to discuss what we have turned over. The FISA material, the IG material, the EC have all been made available to members of congress (and not just one as their source keeps insisting—I have a log of who has seen every document). The scope memo was requested last week and we said no to that but that request did not come from a chairman and has not been subpoenaed.

After a very long day spent talking to folks from Fox, just begging you to help me get the correct information out there. Your people are being fed incorrect stuff.

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Subject: Re: corrections from today

Thanks.

On May 2, 2018, at 17:44, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

I have sent emails to Shannon Bream, Guy Benson, Katie Pavlich, and Pete Hegseth based on their reporting today.

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come up with is the "scope memo" and only Meadows and Jordan have asked for that w no chairmen support. On Monday of this week, we said we were not providing that because it relates to an ongoing criminal investigation.

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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Laco, Kelly (OPA)

From: Laco, Kelly (OPA)
Sent: Wednesday, May 2, 2018 6:23 PM
To: Maltas, Mike
Cc: Joost, Nathalie
Subject: Re: Fox News RSVP: AG Sessions remarks at National Sheriffs' Assn DC Opioid roundtable, May 3

Got it—thanks!

On May 2, 2018, at 5:23 PM, Maltas, Mike <Mike.Maltas@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

CBS ended up with the net pool so we'll take it from them. Thanks Kelly!

From: Laco, Kelly (OPA) [<mailto:Kelly.Laco@usdoj.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, May 02, 2018 10:46 AM
To: Maltas, Mike <Mike.Maltas@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: RE: Fox News RSVP: AG Sessions remarks at National Sheriffs' Assn DC Opioid roundtable, May 3

Great, thanks Mike!

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

From: Maltas, Mike <Mike.Maltas@FOXNEWS.COM>
Sent: Wednesday, May 2, 2018 10:43 AM
To: Laco, Kelly (OPA) <klaco@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Fox News RSVP: AG Sessions remarks at National Sheriffs' Assn DC Opioid roundtable, May 3

Attn: Kelly Laco

Hi Kelly,

Fox News would like to RSVP for tomorrow's 3pm remarks by the AG at the W Hotel. We're working out coverage assignments so I don't have a photog name yet, and nets may end up pooling, but I wanted to let you know of our interest.

Please let me know if you need anything at this point or if there are any logistical requirements, we need to know about.

Thanks

Mike Maltas
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Washington, DC 20002
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Cell: (b)(6)
Mike.maltas@foxnews.com

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Wallace, Christopher

From: Wallace, Christopher
Sent: Wednesday, May 2, 2018 6:21 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Re: corrections from today

How about tomorrow? Friday?

Been meaning to get you on!

Sent from my iPhone

On May 2, 2018, at 6:10 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

I cant tonight! Sorry~! But appreciate the offer.

xxx

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: Wallace, Christopher <Christopher.Wallace@FOXNEWS.COM>
Sent: Wednesday, May 2, 2018 5:57 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: FW: corrections from today

Hey Sarah,

Wanna come on tonight? We can play the Gaetz sound and let you respond. Only interested in getting this right.

Shannon did push back, I thought.. that was our aim... but hey... we're up if you're up tonight.

Kind Regards & Very Respectfully,
CW

Christopher Wallace
Executive Producer
Fox News @ Night w/ Shannon Bream

(b)(6)

Christopher.Wallace@FoxNews.com
<http://www.foxnews.com/person/w/christopher-wallace.html>
<http://www.foxnews.com/shows/fox-news-night.html>

From: Boughton, Bryan
Sent: Wednesday, May 2, 2018 5:52 PM
To: Bream, Shannon <shannon.bream@FOXNEWS.COM>; Wallace, Christopher <Christopher.Wallace@FOXNEWS.COM>; Gibson, Jake <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM>; Roberts, John <John.roberts@FOXNEWS.COM>; Sammon, Bill <bill.sammon@FOXNEWS.COM>; Baier, Bret <bret.baier@FOXNEWS.COM>; Herridge, Catherine <Catherine.Herridge@FOXNEWS.COM>; Grzech, Cherie <cherie.grzech@FOXNEWS.COM>; Berger, Judson <Judson.Berger@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: Fwd: corrections from today

FYI.

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)" <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>
Date: May 2, 2018 at 17:43:22 EDT
To: "Boughton, Bryan" <Bryan.Boughton@FOXNEWS.COM>
Cc: "Gibson, Jake" <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: corrections from today
FYI

Based on some Fox reporting DOJ sent this to me. It's meant as guidance for us when they feel we don't push back on statements they feel are false on our air or in copy. If you want more guidance Jake can connect you to Sarah or her number is below.

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Pfeiffer, Alex

From: Pfeiffer, Alex
Sent: Wednesday, May 2, 2018 5:42 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Re: you cant use names but you can use numbers or descriptions

Thanks

On May 2, 2018, at 5:38 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Goodlatte
Nadler
Gowdy
Schiff
Pelosi
Burr
Warner
Grassley
Feinstein
Graham
Whitehouse
Ratcliffe
Quigley
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Stefanik
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Pfeiffer, Alex

From: Pfeiffer, Alex
Sent: Wednesday, May 2, 2018 2:14 PM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Subject: Re: Inquiry from Tucker Carlson Tonight

Can you at least give me a list or description of the outstanding documents that have been requested by Republican House lawmakers?

On May 2, 2018, at 1:04 PM, O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Hey man- Unfortunately, folks are not available for an interview. Thanks for reaching out.

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

From: Pfeiffer, Alex <Alex.Pfeiffer@FOXNEWS.COM>
Sent: Wednesday, May 2, 2018 11:56 AM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Inquiry from Tucker Carlson Tonight

Hey - Would someone from DOJ be willing to come on tonight to discuss these comments from Rosenstein https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/the-department-of-justice-is-not-going-to-be-extorted-rosenstein-responds-to-impeachment-threat/2018/05/01/0dbef5f2-4d73-11e8-af46-b1d6dc0d9bfe_story.html ?

Thanks,
Alex Pfeiffer
Associate Producer
Tucker Carlson Tonight

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Gibson, Jake

From: Gibson, Jake
Sent: Wednesday, May 2, 2018 12:56 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Cc: Bream, Shannon
Subject: Re: Shannon Break last night at 11:03 pm --- Matt Gaetz on Rosenstein impeachment articles

And FYI - We have reported this info on the web and on Shep's show yesterday.

Thanks much Sarah.

On May 2, 2018, at 12:50 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Rep Gaetz doesn't seem to know the deal his chairman reached with us on the "1.2 million." The staff has access to all of the documents and temporary office space over here that they are using to review them. In fact, there are people from that committee upstairs right now doing just that. So he's wrong when he says we've only produced a few thousand. There are hundreds of thousands upstairs being reviewed by committee staff.

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

From: Langstein, Joel (OPA)
Sent: Wednesday, May 2, 2018 10:53 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Pettit, Mark T. (OPA) <mtpettit@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Shannon Break last night at 11:03 pm --- Matt Gaetz on Rosenstein impeachment articles

Fox News --- Shannon Bream (11:03 PM)

<http://mms.tveyes.com/PlaybackPortal.aspx?SavedEditID=e55ce001-19f3-4589-bef8-4142243eda27>

Ed Henry: Meanwhile republicans trey gowdy and bob goodlatte are probing comey's leaks, sending a letter to sessions and deputy attorney general Rosenstein seeking documents on a comey friend who was used to release some of him memos. rosenstein fired back at house republicans who are prepping those articles impeachment you mentioned against him for not producing other documents quickly enough. rosenstein said the department of justice is not going to be, his words, extorted. meadows fired back that rosenstein should stick to facts and not rhetoric.

Shannon Bream: All right we are joined now by a member of the house. freedom caucus. the

group considering articles of impeachment against rosenstein. Matt gaetz is a republican congressman from florida. okay. so you probably heard a little bit from the deputy attorney general responding to this. i want to play more of what he had to say today when this topic came up.

Rod Rosenstein: There have been people who have been making threats privately and publicly against me for quite some time. and i think they should understand by now, the department of justice is not going to be extorted. we're going to do what's required by the rule of law.

Shannon Bream: What do you make of that? He says you're not going to be, or people who are making threats about his position are not going to be extorting the doj.

Matt Gaetz: Well, earlier you played a clip where rosenstein said no house republicans would put their names of these articles of impeachment. I think mr rosenstein ought to be more worried about what he has put his name on. For example, the fisa warrant renewal after the fbi knew Christopher steele was lying and not trustworthy, rosenstein himself signed the document to spy on an american citizen with no justification. he also put his name on the pleading to silence the whistleblower in the uranium one case. Rod rosensteins definition of extortion seems to depart from the law. the definition of extortion is forcing someone to do something that they have no legal obligation to do under some threat. rod rosenstein has an obligation to follow the law, that's all we want him to do. and what's most telling about his viewpoint are his most recent comments to the new york times where he said he doesn't believe that the congress has a constitutional authority to conduct oversight. I think that means hes not reading article I correctly, particularly our power to appropriate funds, and then of course ensure that those funds are used in accordance with the law. here the fbi and department of justice departed from the law. they did so because they were out to get donald trump. And now they want to evade oversight and its something were not going to let them do.

Shannon Bream: Let's talk about chairman goodlatte and gowdy have reached a deal with the doj to get production of documents to get they've been after for a long long time, it sounds like there's progress on some of these fronts as far as cooperation with the doj. why is that not enough?

Matt Gaetz: Because we're not getting the documents fast enough. we've requested 1.3 documents and we've received only a few thousand at a time. that's entirely inappropriate. now rosenstein has shown his cards. he doesn't believe that we have a constitutional ability to conduct oversight. i think the department of justice and the fbi know they did wrong in these fisa warrants that were based on false information where they were not disclosing all the facts to the court. they're hoping if this takes long enough and this survives to the november elections, there's a chance democrats will take control and then there will be no meaningful oversight, there will just be a witch hunt against the president. time is not our friend and that's why we need to act quickly

Shannon Bream: Quickly on this idea of the fall elections, which you mentioned, jennifer ruben says this, these people, meaning you guys, talking about impeachment are nuts and unfit to hold office. enough. vote them out. how does this factor into the fall?

Matt Gaetz: Well, she has one vote just like everybody else. the folks in my district and across the country are fed up with the mistreatment of our president. we've got a president who' out there trying to denuclearize the korean peninsula, to face iran, and he has to deal with this ludicrous investigation that was never on fact, where theres been no evidence of collusion, and which by the way, if there even was a prosecution, rosenstein would be a witness based on the questions that were released about comey's firing. so you can't oversee an investigation when you could potentially be a witness in that investigation. these aren't things that are nuts. we just want the law to be followed.

Shannon Bream: keep us up to date. we know that we'll be watching as well as the deputy attorney general.

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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Wednesday, May 2, 2018 11:30 AM
To: Williams, Pete (NBCUniversal); Levine, Mike; Triay, Andres; Jarrett, Laura; Gibson, Jake; Barrett, Devlin; Tucker, Eric
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: RE: to help w your reporting

Sorry that letter went to them April 30th. So Monday—not yesterday. Days are hard for me.

xxxx
Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Wednesday, May 2, 2018 11:28 AM
To: 'Williams, Pete (NBCUniversal)' <pete.williams@nbcuni.com>; 'Levine, Mike' <Mike.Levine@abc.com>; 'Triay, Andres' <TriayA@cbsnews.com>; 'Jarrett, Laura' <Laura.Jarrett@cnn.com>; 'Gibson, Jake' <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM>; 'Barrett, Devlin' <Devlin.Barrett@washpost.com>; 'Gurman, Sadie' <SGurman@ap.org>; 'Tucker, Eric' <etucker@ap.org>
Cc: 'Prior, Ian (OPA)' <ian.prior@usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: to help w your reporting

Also may be worth noting that we sent a letter to Reps Jordan and Meadows yesterday formally declining to provide the 'scope memo' because it pertains to an ongoing criminal investigation.

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Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Wednesday, May 2, 2018 11:12 AM
To: 'Williams, Pete (NBCUniversal)' <pete.williams@nbcuni.com>; 'Levine, Mike' <Mike.Levine@abc.com>; 'Triay, Andres' <TriayA@cbsnews.com>; 'Jarrett, Laura' <Laura.Jarrett@cnn.com>; 'Gibson, Jake' <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM>; 'Barrett, Devlin' <Devlin.Barrett@washpost.com>; 'Gurman, Sadie' <SGurman@ap.org>; 'Tucker, Eric' <etucker@ap.org>
Cc: 'Prior, Ian (OPA)' <ian.prior@usdoj.gov>
Subject: to help w your reporting

According to the Department of Justice, dozens of members and staff from both parties have viewed thousands of classified pages and now House staff--both majority and minority--currently have temporary office space at DOJ to review hundreds of thousands of documents previously reviewed by the Inspector General.

xxxx
Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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O'Malley, Devin (OPA)

From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Sent: Wednesday, May 2, 2018 9:40 AM
To: Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM; laura.jarrett@cnn.com
Subject: Likely an immigration announcement coming today

Sent from my iPhone

Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Friday, April 27, 2018 4:24 PM
To: jpollak@breitbart.com
Subject: Re: FYI

This is great--thanks for flagging

On Apr 27, 2018, at 4:06 PM, "jpollak@breitbart.com" <jpollak@breitbart.com> wrote:

<http://www.breitbart.com/big-government/2018/04/27/blue-state-blues-jeff-sessions-might-saved-republican-congress/>

J

Pappas, Alex

From: Pappas, Alex
Sent: Friday, April 27, 2018 1:04 PM
To: Carr, Peter (OPA)
Subject: Request for comment - FoxNews.com

Peter –

We're writing a story at FoxNews.com about how the House Intelligence Committee reports states that "General Flynn pleaded guilty to making a false statement to the FBI regarding his December 2016 conversations with Ambassador Kislyak, **even though the FBI agents did not detect any deception during Flynn's interview.**"

Would the special counsel's office like to say anything about this finding?

Thanks,

Alex

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Alex Pappas
FoxNews.com
[@AlexPappas](#)

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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, April 26, 2018 1:33 PM
To: Gibson, Jake
Subject: RE: AG events later this week

LE announcement in ND

xxx

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: Gibson, Jake <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM>
Sent: Thursday, April 26, 2018 1:01 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: AG events later this week

It's one of the Dakotas and Montana right?

Is he going to make any news at either of those?

LA was kicking around the idea of sending a digital journo to the Billings speech...

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Lucchese, Taber (OPA)

From: Lucchese, Taber (OPA)
Sent: Wednesday, April 25, 2018 11:51 AM
To: Burman, Blake
Cc: Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM; O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Subject: RE: Hi Sarah--- statement

Please attribute the following to Justice Department spokesman Devin O'Malley:

“Today’s order doesn’t change the Department of Justice’s position on the facts: DACA was implemented unilaterally after Congress declined to extend benefits to this same group of illegal aliens. As such, it was an unlawful circumvention of Congress, and was susceptible to the same legal challenges that effectively ended DAPA. The Department of Homeland Security therefore acted within its lawful authority in deciding to wind down DACA in an orderly manner. Promoting and enforcing the rule of law is vital to protecting a nation, its borders, and its citizens. The Justice Department will continue to vigorously defend this position, and looks forward to vindicating its position in further litigation.”

Office of Public Affairs
U.S. Department of Justice

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press@usdoj.gov

From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Sent: Wednesday, April 25, 2018 11:48 AM
To: Lucchese, Taber (OPA) <talucchese@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Burman, Blake <Blake.burman@FOXBUSINESS.COM>; Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM
Subject: Re: Hi Sarah--- statement

Taber can send

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 25, 2018, at 11:44 AM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

+devin and please coordinate w Jake on these things as well.

On Apr 25, 2018, at 10:52 AM, Burman, Blake <Blake.burman@FOXBUSINESS.COM> wrote:

Hello, good morning, happy Wednesday. Hoping you can send me the statement reacting to the DACA decision. Have a hit coming up on the ruling.

Much thanks.

Blake Burman

Washington Correspondent

Fox Business Network

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Neil McCabe

From: Neil McCabe
Sent: Tuesday, April 24, 2018 9:49 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Cc: Ehram, Lauren (OPA); Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: Re: Can you tell me if there is going to be a Text Message release

Thank you.

Very respectfully,

Neil W. McCabe
(b)(6)
@neilmccabe

"Please consider the environment before printing this email."

> On Apr 24, 2018, at 21:05, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

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> Nope. Not sure who started that rumor.

>

>> On Apr 24, 2018, at 8:26 PM, Ehram, Lauren (OPA) <lehram@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

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>> Connecting you with Sarah and Ian to be helpful. Thank you!

>>

>> On Apr 24, 2018, at 8:25 PM, Neil McCabe <Neil.McCabe@oann.com<mailto:Neil.McCabe@oann.com>> wrote:

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>> Lauren,

>>

>> There has been a buzz on Twitter about Strzok and Page text messages being released tonight-- can you help me with this?

>>

>> Very respectfully,

>>

>> --Neil

>>

>> Neil W. McCabe

>> Reporter

>> One America News Network<www.oann.com>

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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Tuesday, April 24, 2018 3:06 PM
To: Laura.Jarrett@cnn.com; Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM; Sadie Gurman; aruna.viswanatha@wsj.com; jgerstein@politico.com
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: Recusal statement

The Attorney General has been clear that his recusal covers “any existing or future investigations of any matters related in any way to the campaigns for President of the United States” based on the relevant DOJ regulations. Department officials decline, however, to discuss recusals from specific ongoing investigations because doing so could confirm the existence of ongoing investigations or the scope or nature of those ongoing investigations.

Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Tuesday, April 24, 2018 12:08 PM
To: Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM
Subject: Jordan

Fox News with Sandra Smith – April 23, 2018 at 10 a.m.

Mentions: AG, DAG, Documents

<http://mms.tveyes.com/PlaybackPortal.aspx?SavedEditID=13ce6384-f5e5-4ba9-b16b-603dcf2e3abc>

SANDRA: Attorney General Jeff Sessions reportedly threatening to resign if President Trump fires Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein. That news coming from the Washington Post. This coming as a dozen republican lawmakers have written a letter to the Justice Department demanding a criminal investigation into James Comey and members of the Obama administration over their handling of the Clinton email probe. Here is republican congressman Ron DeSantis [on Sunday morning](#) futures.

DESANTIS: You look at somebody like Jim Comey. He testified before us in Congress that he did not decide to exonerate Hillary until after her interview and yet subsequent efforts of oversight unearthed the memo that he wrote two months before he interviewed Hillary that was an exoneration memo. Does the law apply equally to everybody or just anyone associated to Trump gets nailed?

SANDRA: That of course is the question with me now. Republican Congressman Jim Jordan of Ohio, he's a member of the House Oversight Committee. Honor to have you on set this morning, sir. What exactly is going on here and what are Republicans asking for?

JORDAN: A couple things. First of all Jim Comey has messed this thing up from the get go. I criticized him in July of 2016 when he did his big press conference. I criticized him again in October when he reopened the Clinton investigation. I think all throughout this process he has been wrong and sort of confirmed when you looked at some of the things he wrote in the memos that we got to see last week. One of the questions we have is on the Michael Cohen raid. Was the Attorney General consulted? Did Rod Rosenstein actually talk to the Attorney General? Because remember, his raid was run out of not under the umbrella of the special counsel but it was Rod Rosenstein according to press reports who has been the one who said let's go seek a warrant and actually raid, kick in the door of the president's lawyer. It seems to me when you do something like that, you should probably consult the Attorney General of the United States. We have a letter going this morning asking that question from a number of us to the Attorney General to find out about that as we move forward.

SANDRA: What if it's found that he was not consulted?

JORDAN: Either way he should have been consulted I think. Again, this is not just any lawyer we're talking about. We're talking about the lawyer for the President of the United States. Particularly in fact that it was not run under the as I said the umbrella of the special counsel. We'll see. It is an interesting point and we'll find out.

SANDRA: Reports now that Jeff sessions says that he may quit if Rod Rosenstein is fired. How would you describe the relationship right now between the DOJ and the White House? From our view it looks pretty tense.

JORDAN: It may be. You would have to ask Mr. Sessions and Mr. Rosenstein that. The relationship between Congress and the DOJ is not where it needs to be. We've been asking for documents for five months and to date we've received about 6,000 documents. When we met with Mr. Lausch, the new US attorney who is the point person that the Department has brought in to comply with document production to Congress, Mark Meadows and I met with him and other attorneys from the Department of Justice I asked him four simple questions, what's the approximate universe of documents we're entitled to, what's the current steps in the current process? How many people does it have to go through before we get it? What's the standard for redaction right now and the most important

question, when will we get what Congress, a separate, equal branch is entitled to? **Their answers were to all four questions I don't know.** That's not really confidence inspiring. We've been at this now five months. Get us the information we're entitled to so we can get the answers more importantly to the American people.

SANDRA: Are you confident things are changing? As outsiders and those not in Congress, as American people hear that and they think that doesn't sound so good.

JORDAN: They're not changing fast enough, that's for sure. The idea that we did get to see the Comey memos and they have named a point person those are all steps in the right direction but you have to do it much faster and get the documents to us in a much more appropriate fashion without all the redactions we currently receive.

SANDRA: So Comey is accused of mishandling the investigation into Clinton's private email server, these 11 House Republicans also want to talk about Clinton and her campaign contributing payments that ultimately led to the creation of the dossier. Loretta Lynch among many others are mentioned in this letter. Where ultimately does this go, Congressman?

JORDAN: Hopefully we get answers. The one thing that drives the American people that drives them crazy more than anything else is the idea that there are two standards now. There is one set of rules for us regular folk and a different set if you're part of the politically connected class, like Clinton and Comey and Lynch and Lerner and that sort of thing. That has to change and that is why we need the documents to get the answers and to appropriately hold people accountable. It looks like now Andrew McCabe. Remember what happened at the top levels at the FBI. Jim Comey was fired. Deputy Director Andrew McCabe was fired and now potentially faces prosecution. Jim Baker former chief counsel at the FBI, demoted and reassigned. Peter Strzok, deputy head of counterintelligence, demoted and reassigned. Lisa Page, FBI counsel, demoted and reassigned. These are the top people at the FBI. When you have something like that go on, we need, as Congress, to get the information so we can ask the right questions and get answers for the American people.

Gibson, Jake

From: Gibson, Jake
Sent: Tuesday, April 24, 2018 9:26 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Cc: Laura.Jarrett@cnn.com
Subject: Re: Let's talk hill papers this am

See u there.
Thanks!

> On Apr 24, 2018, at 9:10 AM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

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> Noon in my office?

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> Sarah Isgur Flores
> Director of Public Affairs

> (b)(6)

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

> From: Gibson, Jake <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM>
> Sent: Tuesday, April 24, 2018 8:37 AM
> To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
> Cc: Laura.Jarrett@cnn.com
> Subject: Re: Let's talk hill papers this am

>
> Cool.
> What time is good?

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>
> Jake Gibson
> Department of Justice Producer
> Fox News Washington

> (b)(6)

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>> On Apr 24, 2018, at 8:33 AM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

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>> The 1.2 million

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Ian Mason

From: Ian Mason
Sent: Monday, April 23, 2018 7:17 PM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Subject: RE: Statement on Caravans

Thank you so much.

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

From: "O'Malley, Devin (OPA)" <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 23, 2018 7:07pm
To: "Ian Mason" <imason@breitbart.com>
Subject: RE: Statement on Caravans

Off the record- We know that this offer was extended to many of the "caravaners," and it is part of the asylum application to show that an alien was not firmly resettled elsewhere. According to federal regs, "an alien is considered to be firmly resettled if, prior to arrival in the United States, he entered into another nation with, or while in that nation received, an offer of permanent resident status, citizenship, or some other type of permanent resettlement...."

8 CFR 208.15

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

From: Ian Mason <imason@breitbart.com>
Sent: Monday, April 23, 2018 6:28 PM
To: Ian Mason <imason@breitbart.com>
Cc: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Statement on Caravans

Devin,

May I ask you for clarification on this line: "These individuals—and their smugglers—ignored the willingness of the Mexican government to allow them to stay in Mexico."

Does this reflect an opinion or policy on the part of the Department that whether Caravaners applied for asylum in Mexico should affect the disposition of their

Caravanners applied for asylum in Mexico should affect the disposition of their claim for Asylum in the United States?

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

From: "Ian Mason" <imason@breitbart.com>
Sent: Monday, April 23, 2018 4:05pm
To: "O'Malley, Devin (OPA)" <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Statement on Caravans

Great. Thanks!

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

From: "O'Malley, Devin (OPA)" <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 23, 2018 4:02pm
To: "Ian Mason" <imason@breitbart.com>
Subject: RE: Statement on Caravans

We are working on something in that vein, yes. Working to have it out tonight.

Devin M. O'Malley
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Office of Public Affairs
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From: Ian Mason <imason@breitbart.com>
Sent: Monday, April 23, 2018 3:52 PM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Statement on Caravans

Devin,

Is the slated AG's release this afternoon going to be a response on Caravans a la Sec. Neilsen's? Asking for planning purposes.

Thanks so much,
Ian Mason
Breitbart News

Leigh, Haley

From: Leigh, Haley
Sent: Monday, April 23, 2018 3:14 PM
To: Pettit, Mark T. (OPA)
Subject: RE: Letter of Recommendation for (b)(6)

Hi Mark,

Thank you for taking the time to write this letter of recommendation for (b)(6) I really appreciate it!

Best,
Haley

From: Pettit, Mark T. (OPA) [mailto:Mark.T.Pettit@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Friday, April 13, 2018 5:25 PM
To: Leigh, Haley <Haley.Leigh@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: Letter of Recommendation for Joel Langstein

Hello Haley,

Sarah Isgur Flores (The Director of Public Affairs at the U.S. Department of Justice) asked me to shoot this your way for her in a PDF. Our intern (b)(6) requested she provide a letter of recommendation for him for the summer internship position at Fox News. If you have any questions please let me know!

Best,
Mark Pettit

Mark T. Pettit
Confidential Assistant
Office of Public Affairs
U.S. Department of Justice
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Flood, Brian

From: Flood, Brian
Sent: Monday, April 23, 2018 12:13 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: RE: Comment for Fox News?

Thank you so much

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Monday, April 23, 2018 12:12 PM
To: Flood, Brian <Brian.Flood@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: RE: Comment for Fox News?

Presumably she would contact her local FBI or US Attorney office. So you would need to find out who she contacted and confirm with that office.

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

From: Flood, Brian <Brian.Flood@FOXNEWS.COM>
Sent: Monday, April 23, 2018 11:46 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Comment for Fox News?

Can the Justice Department confirm MSNBC host Joy Reid's claim that federal law enforcement officials have been notified about homophobic comments on her blog's archives? The claim is here: <https://www.mediaite.com/online/exclusive-joy-reid-claims-newly-discovered-homophobic-posts-from-her-blog-were-fabricated/>

Thanks! – Brian

Brian Flood
Fox News
Media Reporter

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Groman, Sean

From: Groman, Sean
Sent: Sunday, April 22, 2018 9:54 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Cc: Peikoff, Lauren
Subject: Re: F&F/re: response to jim jordan

F&F will not be able to get this on before we are off the air in a few minutes but will send it to the FNC team

From: Groman, Sean
Sent: Sunday, April 22, 2018 9:53:21 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Cc: Peikoff, Lauren
Subject: Re: F&F/re: response to jim jordan

thank you.

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Sunday, April 22, 2018 9:52:27 AM
To: Groman, Sean
Cc: Peikoff, Lauren
Subject: Re: F&F/re: response to jim jordan

The Us attorneys manual lays out the process for obtaining subpoenas and search warrants against lawyers. For what's it's worth the dag/Ag are not required to approve either. That is done by the us attorney, the head of the criminal division (for a subpoena) and in the case of a search warrant, a federal judge.

On Apr 22, 2018, at 8:10 AM, Groman, Sean <sean.groman@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Hi Sarah,
Congressman Jim Jordan was on the F&F Sunday morning. He said he plans to send a letter to AG sessions about Michael Cohen raid. What he said is below. Let me know if DOJ has a response.

Rep. Jim Jordan: We're sending a letter tomorrow to the Attorney general, and we're going to ask him, on this raid of Michael Cohen's home and business, was the AG consulted? Because it was done outside of umbrella of special counsel, Rosenstein made the call to get the search warrant. I want to know if the AG was consulted, because if it was outside of Russia, Sessions was not recused, and we're not talking about just any lawyer, it's the lawyer for the president of the united states

Best,
Sean

Sean Groman
FOX & Friends

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McDonnell, Brigid Mary

From: McDonnell, Brigid Mary
Sent: Friday, April 20, 2018 10:43 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: statement before we go to air at 11pm?

Any statement on the WaPo story before we go to air at 11pm Et?

Subject: WaPo report that Sessions told WH Counsel he may resign if Rosenstein fired

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Bream, Shannon

From: Bream, Shannon
Sent: Friday, April 20, 2018 10:18 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Re: Can you give us anything on this before 11p?

Does raise interesting Qs...

Sent from my iPhone

> On Apr 20, 2018, at 10:16 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

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> I haven't been commenting. But pretty bad that people are trying to leak convos between Ag and WHC--bearing in mind it was only the two of them on the phone and neither of them are the source for this story.

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>> On Apr 20, 2018, at 10:14 PM, Bream, Shannon <shannon.bream@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

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>> Happy weekend!

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>> Sessions told White House that Rosenstein's firing could prompt his departure, too >> The attorney general made his position known in a recent phone call with White House counsel Donald McGahn.

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>> https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__www.washingtonpost.com_world_national-2Dsecurity_sessions-2Dtold-2Dwhite-2Dhouse-2Dthat-2Drosensteins-2Dfiring-2Dcould-2Dprompt-2Dhis-2Ddeparture-2Dtoo_2018_04_20_911ca994-2D44c7-2D11e8-2Dbba2-2D0976a82b05a2-5Fstory.html&d=DwIGaQ&c=cnx1hdOQtEPkpermZGwQ&r=8vt4ovEIQ3aqwjVGsUKQWBE4wO0hnyWLtp2e6sSrZA&m=ZBYVNZ0N-VK8AD8CDgPRNZ9geNnd5FDDh6ch2CS6iRk&s=SSqrQgUQkT3Tgtneuh-cciiQluJxg5DCCjtkWtokA&e=

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Prior, Ian (OPA)

From: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, April 19, 2018 4:44 PM
To: Gibson, Jake
Subject: Bloomberg

As Department officials have said consistently in testimony and elsewhere, we don't comment on conversations with the President.

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

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

Neil McCabe

From: Neil McCabe
Sent: Thursday, April 19, 2018 3:11 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA); Ehram, Lauren (OPA)
Cc: Keshwani, Sonya (OPA)
Subject: RE: NPR's Secure Dropbox

OK. Thank you.

Very respectfully,

--Neil

Neil W. McCabe
Reporter
[One America News Network](#)

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"Please consider the environment before printing this email."

From: Prior, Ian (OPA) [Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Thursday, April 19, 2018 2:49 PM
To: Ehram, Lauren (OPA); Neil McCabe
Cc: Keshwani, Sonya (OPA)
Subject: RE: NPR's Secure Dropbox

You should reach out to FBI for this

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

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From: Ehram, Lauren (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, April 19, 2018 2:25 PM
To: Neil McCabe <Neil.McCabe@oann.com>
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Keshwani, Sonya (OPA) <skeshwani@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: NPR's Secure Dropbox

Adding Ian who handles national security questions. Thank you!

From: Neil McCabe <Neil.McCabe@oann.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 19, 2018 2:17 PM
To: Ehram, Lauren (OPA) <lehram@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: NPR's Secure Dropbox

Lauren,

Can you find out if DOJ is cool with NPR running a Tor-enabled tip email?

<https://help.npr.org/customer/en/portal/articles/2860413-got-a-confidential-news-tip-for-npr->
<https://help.npr.org/customer/en/portal/articles/2860413-got-a-confidential-news-tip-for-npr->

Background: In Army public affairs, the reason public affairs soldiers do not break stories about crimes or corruption is that the Army actually has its own police force and detectives, the MP's. That makes it absurd that some reporter at an Army newspaper would be running down crimes--rather, as soon as a public affairs soldier becomes aware of wrongdoing, he is supposed to report it to the authorities.

- How is it then, that federal government employees could be running their own private silo for information about crimes or national security risks?
- Is DOJ synched up with NPR for reports of crimes or national security risks?
- Does NPR enjoy any of the journalistic privileges that would protect sources or methods?

Very respectfully,

--Neil

Neil W. McCabe
Reporter
[One America News Network](#)

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Singman, Brooke

From: Singman, Brooke
Sent: Thursday, April 19, 2018 2:08 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA); Burman, Blake; Gibson, Jake
Subject: RE: Hi Sarah can you confirm?

Thank you!

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Thursday, April 19, 2018 2:06 PM
To: Burman, Blake <Blake.burman@FOXBUSINESS.COM>; Gibson, Jake <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM>; Singman, Brooke <brooke.singman@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: Re: Hi Sarah can you confirm?

Decline

On Apr 19, 2018, at 1:59 PM, Burman, Blake <Blake.burman@FOXBUSINESS.COM> wrote:

NEWS: The Justice Office of the Inspector General has sent a criminal referral regarding Andrew McCabe to the US attorney office in DC. per [@PamelaBrownCNN](#)

Blake Burman

Washington Correspondent

Fox Business Network

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Singman, Brooke

From: Singman, Brooke
Sent: Thursday, April 19, 2018 2:08 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: to bug you on something totally separate...

I've caught wind that the James Comey memos will be sent to the House Judiciary Committee this evening....

Can you give me any guidance on that?

Thank you so much!

Brooke Singman
Politics Reporter, Fox News Channel

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Brooke.singman@foxnews.com

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Burman, Blake

From: Burman, Blake
Sent: Thursday, April 19, 2018 2:07 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA); Gibson, Jake; Singman, Brooke
Subject: Re: Hi Sarah can you confirm?

Got it, thank you

Blake Burman
Washington Correspondent
Fox Business Network
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From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 19, 2018 2:06:01 PM
To: Burman, Blake; Gibson, Jake; Singman, Brooke
Subject: Re: Hi Sarah can you confirm?

Decline

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Gibson, Jake

From: Gibson, Jake
Sent: Wednesday, April 18, 2018 12:32 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Re: Jake -- any chance you might be able to see if DOJ/FBI would offer a statement/response on this?

"This was the meadows letter on MYE coordination, and Comey July 2016 statement. Quoted texts and emails."

Jake Gibson
Department of Justice Producer
Fox News Washington

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On Apr 18, 2018, at 11:10 AM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

No—I think OLA is prepping response. If I see it, I'll send along

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

(b)(6)

From: Gibson, Jake <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM>
Sent: Wednesday, April 18, 2018 12:08 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Jake -- any chance you might be able to see if DOJ/FBI would offer a statement/response on this?

I'm in Houston going Marshals story. Have anything on this?

From: "Berger, Judson" <Judson.Berger@FOXNEWS.COM>
Date: April 18, 2018 at 11:02:19 AM CDT
To: "Gibson, Jake" <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: Jake -- any chance you might be able to see if DOJ/FBI would offer a statement/response on this?

DeSantis and other GOPers sent a criminal referral to DOJ/FBI seeking investigation of Comey/Clinton/Lynch and more:
<https://desantis.house.gov/cache/files/8/0/8002ca75-52fc-4995-b87e-43584da268db/472EBC7D8F55C0F9E830D37CF96376A2.final-criminal-referral.pdf>

Judson Berger
Senior Politics Editor, [FoxNews.com](https://www.foxnews.com)
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@juddberger

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Gibson, Jake

From: Gibson, Jake
Sent: Wednesday, April 18, 2018 12:31 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Re: Jake -- any chance you might be able to see if DOJ/FBI would offer a statement/response on this?

Thanks much.
There's one other that Herridge is asking about too...

Jake Gibson
Department of Justice Producer
Fox News Washington

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On Apr 18, 2018, at 11:10 AM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Tuesday, April 17, 2018 2:09 PM
To: Gibson, Jake
Subject: WHCD

In my very very ideal world—fox would consider taking (in order): Ian, Devin, Lauren, and Kerri. But obviously yall can pick from the litter 😊

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xxxx

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

(b)(6)

From: Prior, Ian (OPA)
</o=exchangelabs/ou=exchange administrative group
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fd4b-prior, ian>
To: Gibson, Jake <jake.gibson@foxnews.com>
Cc:
Bcc:
Subject: Drones
Date: Tue Apr 17 2018 09:32:17 EDT
Attachments: ATT00001.png
ATT00002.png
ATT00003.png
ATT00004.png

Here is the background which explains the problem we have re drones: https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/trafficandcommuting/trump-administration-seeks-authority-to-intercept-drone-communications-to-thwart-domestic-attacks/2018/04/07/20972886-3a70-11e8-8fd2-49fe3c675a89_story.html?utm_term=.472728c8ae56

More here: <https://jrupprechtlaw.com/drone-jammer-gun-defender-legal-problems>

Off the record for pitch purposes only,

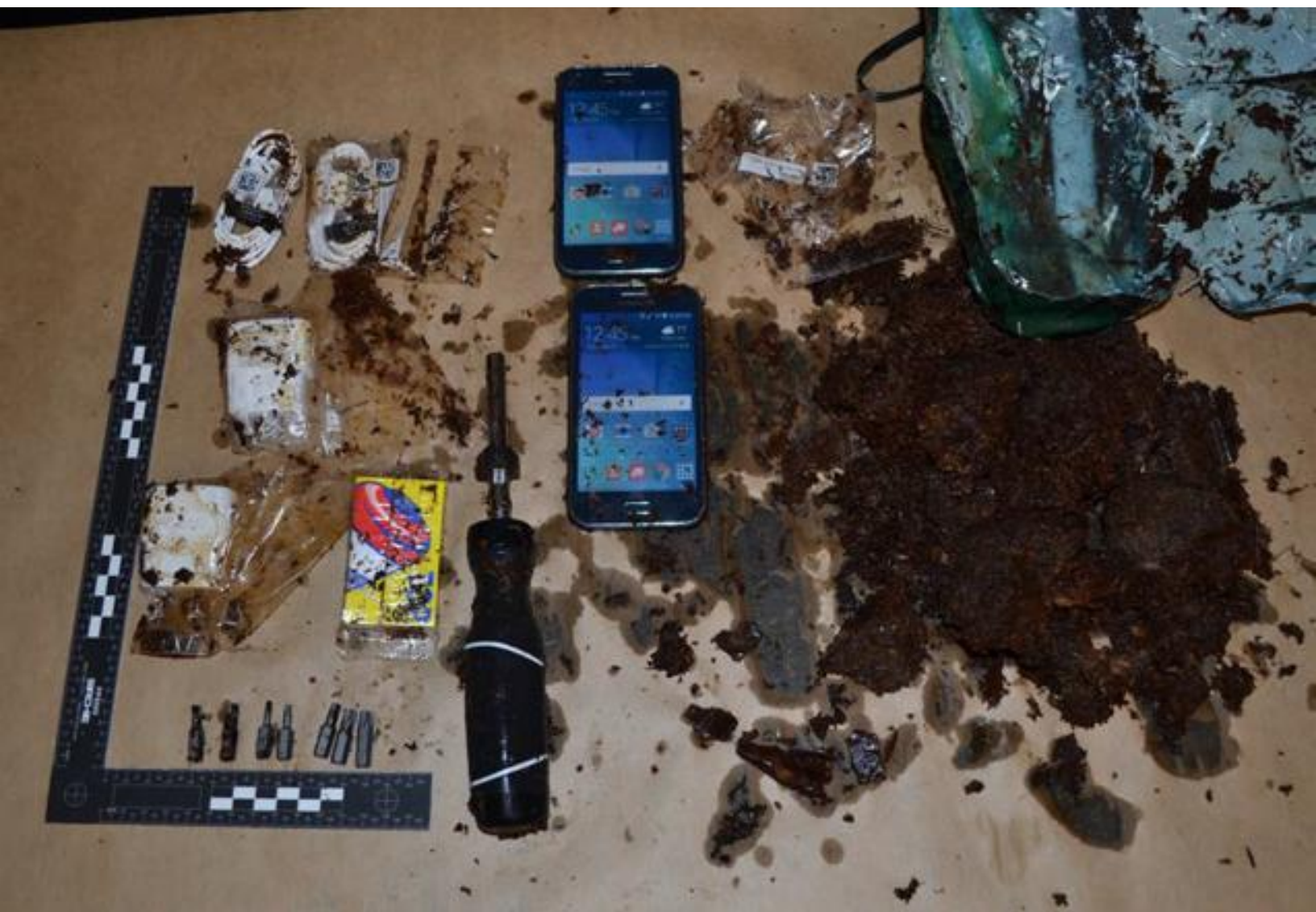
FCI Hazelton, West Virginia on March 3rd, while conducting a routine fence check of the recreation yard (prior to inmate use), staff discovered a football between the perimeter fences. The football contained tobacco, marijuana, brown heroin, white heroin, Suboxone, and three cellular phones. On the same day, staff found a drone on the ground outside the secure perimeter. A bag inside the drone contained two cell phones, two cell phone chargers, cigarette wrapping paper, a screwdriver with seven security bits, and loose tobacco.

My thinking is that we could head out to the prison maybe Monday and interview head of security, get some b-roll of prison, and show and tell of contraband. Meanwhile, NSC can get someone to explain where we are as far as legislation, and DHS can provide footage from CPB and may be able to get someone like Chairman McCaul to talk about the need for legislation from a Homeland Security angle.









Herridge, Catherine

From: Herridge, Catherine
Sent: Monday, April 16, 2018 3:36 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: RE: IG/MCCABE leak investigation

The timing remains interesting to me because Director Wray had been in only weeks, and McCabe had been acting director since May.

Thanks for clarifying.

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Monday, April 16, 2018 3:30 PM
To: Herridge, Catherine <Catherine.Herridge@FOXNEWS.COM>
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>; Gibson, Jake <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: Re: IG/MCCABE leak investigation

The AGs press conference that I think you're referring to was specifically about unauthorized disclosures of classified information, which can be criminally prosecuted.

On Apr 16, 2018, at 3:28 PM, Herridge, Catherine <Catherine.Herridge@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Good afternoon,

Trust you can help.

Based on IG Horowitz letter to Senator Grassley April 13, the McCabe media investigation was entirely separate from the email review. It was part of a separate "misconduct investigation" that was initiated August 31, 2017 after McCabe was interviewed by internal investigators (INSD.)

Was the McCabe leak investigation part of AG Sessions promise to take an aggressive approach to disclosures?

Thank you for the consideration. We have attached the letter for your review, relevant paragraph #3.
Catherine

(3rd paragraph this letter)

<https://www.judiciary.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/2018-04-13%20DOJ%20OIG%20to%20CEG%20-%20McCabe%20with%20ROI.pdf>

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O'Malley, Devin (OPA)

From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Sent: Friday, April 13, 2018 7:42 PM
To: brooke.singman@foxnews.com; jake.gibson@foxnews.com
Subject: FW: JUSTICE DEPARTMENT SENDS 1373 COMPLIANCE LETTER TO CITY OF OAKLAND, DOCUMENT REQUEST AND SUBPOENA THREAT TO TWO OTHER JURISDICTIONS

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 The United States Department of Justice

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FRIDAY, APRIL 13, 2018

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JUSTICE DEPARTMENT SENDS 1373 COMPLIANCE LETTER TO CITY OF OAKLAND, DOCUMENT REQUEST AND SUBPOENA THREAT TO TWO OTHER JURISDICTIONS

WASHINGTON – The Department of Justice yesterday sent the attached letters to the City of Seattle, Washington, and the State of Vermont, demanding the production of documents that could show whether each jurisdiction is unlawfully restricting information sharing by its law enforcement officers with federal immigration authorities.

The Department of Justice previously contacted these jurisdictions and raised

The Department of Justice previously contacted these jurisdictions and raised concerns about laws, policies, or practices that may violate 8 U.S.C. § 1373, a federal statute that promotes information sharing related to immigration enforcement and with which compliance is a condition of FY2016 and FY2017 Byrne JAG awards.

The letters also state that failure to respond, respond completely, or respond in a timely manner will be subject to a Department of Justice subpoena.

The Justice Department also sent a letter to Mayor Libby Schaaf of the City of Oakland, regarding Oakland's laws, policies, or practices, which the Department believes may violate 8 U.S.C. 1373.

"When cities and states enact policies that thwart the federal government's ability to enforce federal immigration law, they choose to place the protection of criminal aliens over the safety of their communities," said Attorney General Jeff Sessions. "The Justice Department will not tolerate this intentional effort to undermine public safety and the rule of law, and I continue to remind all jurisdictions to reconsider policies that put their residents in harm's way."

Failure to comply with 8 U.S.C. 1373 could result in the Justice Department seeking the return of FY2016 grants, requiring additional conditions for receipt of any FY2017 Byrne JAG funding, and/or jurisdictions being deemed ineligible to receive FY2017 Byrne JAG funding.

The Department of Justice periodically reviews the laws, policies, or practices of jurisdictions that previously certified compliance with section 1373 as a condition of their FY2016 Byrne JAG awards.

In addition to these actions, the Justice Department also notified the District of Columbia and the Louisville-Jefferson (KY) County Metro Government that there is no evidence that either jurisdiction is currently out of compliance with section 1373.

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Sent: Friday, April 13, 2018 5:12 PM
To: Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM
Subject: Drones

<https://itif.org/events/2018/04/19/accelerating-drone-innovation-while-ensuring-public-safety>

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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

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Sent: Friday, April 13, 2018 5:01 PM
To: Jarrett, Laura; Gibson, Jake
Subject: RE: #news: DOJ IG says report on FBI handling of Clinton investigation delayed until May because of new information

Oh goodie

xxx

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: Jarrett, Laura <Laura.Jarrett@cnn.com>
Sent: Friday, April 13, 2018 4:57 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Gibson, Jake <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: FW: #news: DOJ IG says report on FBI handling of Clinton investigation delayed until May because of new information

Another moving date

From: Kupperman, Tammy
Sent: Friday, April 13, 2018 3:55 PM
To: *CNNNationalUrgentAlert <CNNNationalUrgentAlert@turner.com>
Subject: #news: DOJ IG says report on FBI handling of Clinton investigation delayed until May because of new information

#news: DOJ IG says report on FBI handling of Clinton investigation delayed until May because of new information

Jeremy Herb reports -

Contained in a statement from Grassley on the McCabe report is a new letter from the DOJ Inspector General, which states the IG report on the FBI's handling of the Clinton email investigation **is now planned for in May, "absent any new additional developments"** — thanks to new information:

"As a result of the potentially important additional information and documents that recently came to our attention, and the interviews they have required us to conduct, my expectation is that we will issue our report in May, absent any additional new developments," Horowitz writes.

It also notes the McCabe IG report did not originate from the Clinton email IG investigation, but on a referral from internal FBI investigators in August 2017.

[Link to letter from IG and the report -](#)

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<https://www.judiciary.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/2018-04-13%20DOJ%20OIG%20to%20CEG%20-%20McCabe%20with%20ROI.pdf>

O'Malley, Devin (OPA)

From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Sent: Friday, April 13, 2018 4:34 PM
To: alex.pfeiffer@foxnews.com
Subject: Harvard
Attachments: 395 U.S. Notice of Interest and Pub Access 4-6-18.pdf

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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS
BOSTON DIVISION**

STUDENTS FOR FAIR ADMISSIONS, INC.,
Plaintiff,

v.

PRESIDENT AND FELLOWS OF HARVARD
COLLEGE (HARVARD CORPORATION),
Defendant.

No. 1:14-cv-14176-ADB

**NOTICE OF INTEREST IN PUBLIC ACCESS
TO SUMMARY JUDGMENT BRIEFING AND MATERIALS**

The United States respectfully notifies the Court of its substantial interest in this suit and in public access to the summary judgment briefing and materials in this case. Plaintiff Students for Fair Admissions, Inc. (“SFFA”) alleges that Harvard College has engaged in intentional discrimination against Asian Americans in its admissions process in violation of federal civil rights law. The public funds Harvard at a cost of millions of dollars each year, and thus has a paramount interest in any proof of these allegations, Harvard’s responses to them, and the Court’s resolution of this dispute. The Court therefore should ensure that these proceedings are open and accessible to the public consistent with the requirements of governing law.

Moreover, the United States has authority and responsibility to investigate alleged violations of, and to enforce, Title VI and other federal civil rights statutes. Under that authority, the United States is currently conducting an independent Title VI investigation into whether Harvard’s admissions policy discriminates against Asian-American applicants to Harvard College. Given the overlap between this suit and the United States’ investigation, this Court’s

Pfeiffer, Alex

From: Pfeiffer, Alex
Sent: Friday, April 13, 2018 2:36 PM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Subject: Re: Harvard

Awesome, thanks.

> On Apr 13, 2018, at 2:35 PM, O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov> wrote:

>

> Wrapping up a meeting will do so shortly

>

> Sent from my iPhone

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>> On Apr 13, 2018, at 2:02 PM, Pfeiffer, Alex <Alex.Pfeiffer@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

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>> Somewhat time sensitive. I'm at (b)(6)

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>>> On Apr 13, 2018, at 2:00 PM, O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov> wrote:

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>>> Yeah I'll call you later if it's time sensitive

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>>> Sent from my iPhone

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>>>> On Apr 13, 2018, at 1:54 PM, Pfeiffer, Alex <Alex.Pfeiffer@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

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>>>> Circling back here. Any updates?

>>>>

>>>>> On Mar 5, 2018, at 9:50 AM, Pfeiffer, Alex <Alex.Pfeiffer@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

>>>>>

>>>>> Okay. Thanks for getting back to me.

>>>>>

>>>>> Sent from my iPhone

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>>>>>> On Mar 5, 2018, at 9:32 AM, O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov> wrote:

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>>>>>> No updates.

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>>>>>> From: Pfeiffer, Alex [mailto:Alex.Pfeiffer@FOXNEWS.COM]

From: Pfeiffer, Alex [mailto:Alex.Pfeiffer@FOXNEWS.COM]

>>>>> Sent: Monday, March 5, 2018 8:53 AM

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

>>>>> Subject: Harvard

>>>>>

>>>>> Hey - Hope all is going well on your end. Have there been any developments in this
https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__www.washingtonpost.com_news_grade-2Dpoint_wp_2017_11_21_justice-2Ddepartment-2Dinvestigating-2Dharvards-2Daffirmative-2Daction-2Dpolicies_&d=DwlFAG&c=cnx1hdOQtepEQkpermZGwQ&r=Z3EPoB-W-7vRflbkVMFC_iTHUU5nF2sb4nU6jgHNig&m=JvyQvzFhh-wSPhRUafk2eRtQgXwsM_JCv8yBkwCk3DM&s=BEBUmWi9IN9ZMPQnyKai_540qvBZM4uT2IIBR1PWNHU&e=?

>>>>>

>>>>> Thanks,

>>>>> Alex Pfeiffer

>>>>> Associate Producer

>>>>> Tucker Carlson Tonight

>>>>>

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O'Malley, Devin (OPA)

From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, April 12, 2018 7:08 PM
To: jessica.rosenthal@foxnews.com
Cc: Sutton, Sarah E. (OPA); Laco, Kelly (OPA)
Subject: RE: media inquiry

“The Department has the lawful discretion to give additional consideration for jurisdictions that prioritize the safety of their communities and their law enforcement officers when they promise to cooperate with federal immigration authorities seeking information about illegal aliens who have committed crimes. Unfortunately, the court not only rejected this common-sense conclusion, but it chose to issue a permanent nationwide injunction that is overbroad and inconsistent with the rule of law. We look forward to continuing the strong defense of our position.”

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From: Press
Sent: Thursday, April 12, 2018 6:04 PM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Sutton, Sarah E. (OPA) <sesutton@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Laco, Kelly (OPA) <klaco@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: FW: media inquiry

Thank you - KS

From: Rosenthal, Jessica <jessica.rosenthal@FOXNEWS.COM>
Sent: Thursday, April 12, 2018 5:30 PM
To: Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: media inquiry

Hi there. Looking for any comment on Judge Manuel Real's decision out of Los Angeles on the COPS grant. Will you guys appeal?

Thank you!

Jessica Rosenthal
Fox News Network LLC
West Coast Radio Correspondent
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Gibson, Jake

From: Gibson, Jake
Sent: Thursday, April 12, 2018 5:21 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: eagle attacks deer

<https://www.jsonline.com/videos/news/2017/08/19/bald-eagle-kills-deer-fawn-northern-wisconsin/104756114/>

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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 6:33 PM
To: Gibson, Jake
Subject: FW: Fwd:Nunes Statement on Access to FBI Electronic Communication

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From: Chris Strohm (BLOOMBERG/ NEWSROOM:) <astrohm1@bloomberg.net>
Sent: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 6:31 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Fwd:Nunes Statement on Access to FBI Electronic Communication

Looks like you won over Nunes and Gowdy

From: Jack.Langer@mail.house.gov At: 04/11/18 18:29:24
To: Jack.Langer@mail.house.gov
Subject: Nunes Statement on Access to FBI Electronic Communication



For Immediate Release

April 11, 2018

Contact
Jack Langer
Jack.Langer@mail.house.gov

Nunes Statement on Access to FBI Electronic Communication

Washington, D.C. – House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence Chairman Devin Nunes issued the following statement today:

“After numerous unfulfilled requests for an Electronic Communication (EC) related to the opening of the FBI’s Russia counterintelligence probe, Chairman Trey Gowdy and I met this afternoon with Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein. During the meeting, we were finally given access to a version of the EC that contained the information necessary to advance the Committee’s ongoing investigation of the Department of Justice and FBI. Although the subpoenas issued by this Committee in August 2017 remain in effect, I’d like to thank Deputy Attorney General Rosenstein for his cooperation today.”

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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 6:05 PM
To: Jarrett, Laura; Gibson, Jake
Subject: RE:

Yes and yes

xxx

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From: Jarrett, Laura <Laura.Jarrett@cnn.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 6:03 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Gibson, Jake <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: RE:

Can we report that Gowdy and Nunes actually came in person to see it today as well?

(I take "access" below to mean invitation, but correct if wrong)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [<mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 6:01 PM
To: Gibson, Jake <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM>; Jarrett, Laura <Laura.Jarrett@cnn.com>
Subject:

-- Today, we have provided Chairman Nunes, Ranking Member Schiff, and all members of the committee with access to the requested document. Remaining redactions are narrowly tailored to protect the name of a foreign country and the name of a foreign agent; therefore, these redacted words have been replaced throughout the document with "foreign government official," "foreign government embassy," "foreign official," "foreign government," and "foreign government identifier" to ensure the document is as useful as possible to Congress. These words must remain redacted after determining that revealing the words could harm the national security of the American people by undermining the trust we have with this foreign nation. These words appear only a limited number of times, and do not obstruct the underlying meaning of the document. All other parts of the document are unredacted except the names of non-SES employees protected under the Privacy Act and a phone number.

--With this production, in conjunction with the 1,000 pages of classified materials—much of which is now being provided to entire HPSCI committee membership—we believe we have substantially satisfied Chairman Nunes August subpoena in an appropriate fashion. The Department will be pleased to continue to work with the Committee on other, related requests for information.

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Director of Public Affairs

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Herridge, Catherine

From: Herridge, Catherine
Sent: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 5:41 PM
To: Maguire, Jacqueline (BH) (FBI); Mckee Susan T. (DO) (FBI); Cratty, Carol A. (DO) (FBI); Ames, Andrew C. (DO) (FBI); Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA); Prior, Ian (OPA)
Cc: Gibson, Jake; Herridge, Catherine
Subject: DAG Rosenstein allows Nunes and Gowdy to review FBI memo that kick started Russia probe after threat legal action

We now understand that republican chairman of the house intelligence committee, Devin Nunes, along with Congressman Trey Gowdy as well as committee staffers went to the Justice Department late today, met with Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein, and viewed a copy of the FBI memo – known as an electronic communication or EC -- that kick started the FBI Russia probe.

We also understand the two page memo, now contains relatively few redactions , that were described to Fox News as “minimal and justified.”

1. Can you confirm the details of the meeting as accurate?
2. Was the memo made available today after threatened legal action?

We would welcome any additional comments or background.

We are on a tight deadline, but will add any response as soon as it becomes available.

Thank you
Catherine

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kwong@breitbart.com

From: kwong@breitbart.com
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To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: RE: Question on EC -- Breitbart

Thank you.

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Sent: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 3:02pm
To: "kwong@breitbart.com" <kwong@breitbart.com>, "Prior, Ian (OPA)" <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Question on EC -- Breitbart

When we have an announcement we'll share it

xxx

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Sent: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 3:01 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Question on EC -- Breitbart

Hi Sarah,

Does the DOJ plan to give HPSCI greater access to the EC that launched the CI investigation on Trump-Russia by the deadline tonight?

Thank you,

Kristina

Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 2:37 PM
To: Boughton, Bryan
Cc: Gibson, Jake
Subject: RE: Fox and Friends ---- 7:06 AM ----Nunes on DOJ Document Production

Thank you. I feel like I'm screaming into the wind over here. And its hard bc they are representing themselves as fact not commentary.

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From: Boughton, Bryan <Bryan.Boughton@FOXNEWS.COM>
Sent: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 2:35 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Gibson, Jake <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: Re: Fox and Friends ---- 7:06 AM ----Nunes on DOJ Document Production

I forwarded your notes to the VP for morning programming, Lauren Petterson. I am going to try and talk with her about this.

On Apr 11, 2018, at 14:26, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Its hard to fully describe how frustrating it is to read things like this after our meeting on Friday.

1. Its not millions of documents that congress is owed. I don't know how else to say this—two of us have gone on their show to try to explain it. This isn't an opinion, it's a fact.
2. ECs don't go to FISA courts or have anything to do with FISA or spying. Again, just a factual error.
3. No redactions have proved bias at DOJ and we're the ones providing the unredacted versions
4. The Nunes request is totally separate from the Goodlatte request

How can we fix this with Fox and Friends? Day after day they are repeating as fact things that are wrong.

xxx

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Director of Public Affairs

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From: Langstein, Joel (OPA)
Sent: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 10:51 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Pettit, Mark T. (OPA) <mtpettit@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Fox and Friends ---- 7:06 AM ---- Nunes on DOJ Document Production

Fox News - U.S. Cable FOX & Friends (7:06 AM)

<http://mms.tveyes.com/PlaybackPortal.aspx?SavedEditID=ed4c7300-d225-423d-8b35-a304b39b639f>

Ainsley Earhardt:

I will tell you what devin nunes wants. unredacted documents. it is april 11th. today is the deadline day for the doj to hand over those documents.

Steve Doocy:

That's right. while they apparently got a whole bunch of documents, congressional investigators did, they got 3,000 documents.

Ainsley Earhardt:

Out of the millions.

Steve Doocy:

Now up to 6,000. the 3,000 that the department of justice handed over on monday apparently were largely duplicate. things that the investigators had already seen but the doj gets to say hey, look, we gave you a bunch of papers. well, they are worthless. here is the thing. what they want at the core is they want the very original paperwork that started the spying on the trump people. so far the department of justice has only given heavily redacted versions of it. devin nunes says unless i get it today, there is going to be hell to pay.

Devin Nunes:

I can tell you this: we are going to get the documents. we are going to get the two pages. so they can either cough them up now or it will get really complicated starting tomorrow night and we have to take all the stepping necessary in order to get the documents. we're not going to just hold in contempt. we have a plan to hold in contempt and to impeach.

Brian Kilmeade:

We got the 1.2 million documents. michael horowitz has them. only got a couple thousand. hired john lausch over the last two days u.s. attorney to oversee the production of these papers and expedite them. he was on with bret baier yesterday. he will be joining us today. he says well, the problem is you have got to go through the documents to find out what applies. and jason chaffetz had a great line. don't go through them. just hand them to us. we are the committee that can be trusted and we always have been. and we need to see it unredacted.

Ainsley Earhardt:

Right.

Brian Kilmeade:

Because if you cannot trust the members of congress, what are they doing in that position?

Ainsley Earhardt:

Devin nunes is referring to two pages that would lead them to allow the spying?

Some things is relating to two pages that would read them to show the spying:

Steve Doocy:

To figure out what the justification for the spying was.

Ainsley Earhardt:

Those two pieces of paper?

Steve Doocy:

Just two.

Ainsley Earhardt:

Just two they gave to the fisa court to get permission to spy?

Steve Doocy:

That's all they want to see at this point. keep in mind as well, a whole bunch of the things that have been redacted so far, the redactions were things that proved the bias at the department of justice. so keep in mind, who is redacting things? the department of justice. getting rid of stuff that makes them look bad. it's essentially the same as getting to grade your own paper.

Brian Kilmeade:

But the thing is you don't know what you don't know. you don't know what you are going to find when you go ...through there. you know what you want but don't know what's in there. we know what you want but we don't know is in there and that's interesting enough.

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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 2:35 PM
To: Gibson, Jake
Subject: RE: Fox and Friends ---- 7:06 AM ---- Nunes on DOJ Document Production

No—bc its pretty much covered by my earlier email. This feels more global...bc it's the same thing over and over again

xxx

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

(b)(6)

From: Gibson, Jake <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM>
Sent: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 2:32 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: Fox and Friends ---- 7:06 AM ---- Nunes on DOJ Document Production

Did you send this to Gavin as well?

Jake Gibson
Department of Justice Producer

Fox News Washington

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On Apr 11, 2018, at 2:26 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

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Neil McCabe

From: Neil McCabe
Sent: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 11:50 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA); Ehrsam, Lauren (OPA)
Cc: Trey Yingst
Subject: RE: We heard that DOJ told Mark Meadows yesterday that the documents were on the way

Sarah,

This is why we reached to you.

Thank you for helping us straighten this out.

Very respectfully,

--Neil

Neil W. McCabe
Reporter
[One America News Network](#)

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"Please consider the environment before printing this email."

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 11:46 AM
To: Ehrsam, Lauren (OPA)
Cc: Neil McCabe; Trey Yingst
Subject: Re: We heard that DOJ told Mark Meadows yesterday that the documents were on the way

I don't know what that means really. As Jordan said today on fox, we had meetings w members yesterday to discuss production but no he wasn't told he would get documents yesterday. If he had, I'm sure that would have been reflected in their interviews discussing the meeting.

On Apr 11, 2018, at 11:44 AM, Ehrsam, Lauren (OPA) <lehram@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

Adding Sarah Flores. Thank you!

From: Neil McCabe <Neil.McCabe@oann.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 11:42 AM
To: Ehrsam, Lauren (OPA) <lehram@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Trey Yingst <Trey.Yingst@oann.com>
Subject: We heard that DOJ told Mark Meadows yesterday that the documents were on the

way

Lauren,

A source of my colleague Trey Yingst, copied on this email, "knows" someone from DOJ told Rep. Mark Meadows he was going to get his documents yesterday.

Can you help us sort this out?

Very respectfully,

--Neil

Neil W. McCabe
Reporter
[One America News Network](#)

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Prior, Ian (OPA)

From: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Sent: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 11:37 AM
To: Gibson, Jake
Subject: Drones

Here is the background which explains the problem we have re drones:

https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/trafficandcommuting/trump-administration-seeks-authority-to-intercept-drone-communications-to-thwart-domestic-attacks/2018/04/07/20972886-3a70-11e8-8fd2-49fe3c675a89_story.html?utm_term=.472728c8ae56

More here: <https://jrupprechtlaw.com/drone-jammer-gun-defender-legal-problems>

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

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brian:

preet bharara.

Jason Chaffetz

yeah, preet bharara. that was the whole big uproar. we want justice to be equal under the law. it is not. that is what is i i have driving us crazy. you have to go in and clean up the department of justice.

steve:

u.s. attorney from illinois who has been tapped by the attorney general to go to the department of justice and try to get this document production thing going fast because so few have been released. i think just a handful, you know, maybe 6,000 so far out of one million that the ig has. we had him on a little while ago. listen how he describes his job where he says we have got to do a better job getting the word out.

John Lausch (clip)

clearly we need to do a better job at the department and fbi to get materials to the house committee to do their job. it was made very clear to me by the attorney general giving me this task, we're to produce documents quickly. to do so completely under the law. my job is to deal with the documents that have been responsive to the subpoena. doj are refusing to hand over anything. and of course congress they have a right and obligation to do their job which includes oversight. what our job, what my job will be to insure we have a process a better process going forward. we need to do better, we need to do much better.

steve:

absolutely. mark meadows fails that as well. he is the chairman of the house freedom caucus, republican from north carolina. he tweeted this, i appreciate mr. harsh's efforts, the inspector general from the doj has all relevant documents. turn over the documents to congress. let us do our job. doj has been little of no help to congress in the investigation. i imagine, jason you feel the same way?

Jason Chaffetz

i do. i'm convinced as long as attorney general sessions is there, this problem will continue. i look at sessions, attorney general lynch, attorney general holder and i can't tell the difference because these documents have been under subpoena since 2016. and for him to come on, john lausch that the department of justice is not refusing to turn over everything, they have refused to do it. they are out of compliance with a duly-issued subpoena. john lausch dust off the resume' because he will need to get a new job. anybody who is refusing to turn over those documents, they should be held in contempt. congress needs to stand up for itself. yank up director ray and get attorney general sessions there, stephen boyd, a name you haven't heard, he worked for mr. sessions when he was in the senate, set director of legislative affairs, raise the right hand, hold them in contempt, stand up for yourself, congress. i couldn't get it done. i was chairman of the oversight committee. i issued the subpoena but if paul ryan, kevin mccarthy, steve scalise, if they're going to call themselves leadership, lead on issue. get these documents. mr. lausch went on the program, we won't turn over anything related to a grand jury. there was no grand jury. he doesn't even know this case. get those documents. they're undersubpoena and comply with it. bob goodlatte, do your job. yank them up, hold them if contempt.

Ainsley:

why can't we get two pages, the fisa application? what is hard about that? it is only go pages. why won't they happened that over?

Jason Chaffetz

the one that does have a backbone in congress is devin nunez and devin nunez, separate case, russia, it goes to intel committee f it has nothing to do with russia, you're looking at trey gowdy, bob goodlatte, john radcliffe for the judiciary committee. two pages, twice trey gowdy gone over the department of justice. twice they have been rebeing todayed. all trey gowdy has to look at, he has necessary security clearance, to look what they redacted but they won't do it.

Ainsley:

nunez says after today's deadlines he wants to impeach christopher wray. can that really happen? america is frustrated, we've been asking for these documents. he has been asking for the documents more than a year now, nothing's happening, is he impeached?

Jason Chaffetz

he should. now will they have the pack bone and guts to do it, that is whole another question. remember when the irs director would not turn over the document, remember when we were having problems with him, he came to congress and lied to us. we tried to impeach him. under the constitution you can impeach somebody who is civil officer. i'm glad to have devin nunez not only talking about it but willing to take action.

brian:

zip recruiter will find a job in one day. one of our sponsors on the radio keep in mind he does have an option.

steve:

jason, thanks.

Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 9:27 AM
To: Groman, Sean; Hadden, Gavin
Cc: Gibson, Jake; Boughton, Bryan
Subject: a few notes

My understanding is that folks at FOX would like more real time response to the show. So here are my notes:

1. Its not a FISA that Nunes is asking for. It's the EC he wants unredacted—we've already provided him all the FISAs (he has not come to see them himself). He asked for some areas of this EC to be unredacted and we did. Now there's one paragraph that is still redacted—it protects the identity of a foreign government. So I'd like the hosts to acknowledge that we've provided all the FISAs and that this is about one paragraph in one document that implicates our foreign partners.
2. Ainsley pronounced it RosenSTEEN. It's been a year now—surely she can pronounce his name correctly.
3. She said he's Mueller's best friend? What's the evidence for that? Or that they've ever even worked together?
4. Congress has oversight ability. No question. But that's different than being constitutionally entitled to all documents under DOJ possession. That's just not accurate according to MANY court opinions. There are two co-equal branches. Let me know if you need some of the court opinions on this.
5. "DOJ has not been helpful to capitol hill." We can/will do better on this Goodlatte request bc of the volume. But Nunes et all have gotten an ENORMOUS amount of material and access to dozens of witnesses that they've requested and have yet to interview them. So I'd like to see a little more acknowledgement that—they've seen FISAs, 302s, and talked to every witness they've wanted to. So this idea that we've never handed anything over is just completely false. And the one document that they threatened to hold the DAG in contempt for a few months ago and we relented, they've still never come over to see. So I know they send you these complaints but where's the followup from yall on what they have looked at and why they threatened to hold DOJ people in contempt for not providing witnesses and then 5 months later still haven't talked to any of them?
6. I know we've said this a thousand times—but the 1.2 million includes ALL emails for over a year from these employees. Most of it will be totally unrelated. PLEASE tell the hosts to stop saying we just need to hand over all the 1.2 million. Its not responsive to the subpoena and we can't under the law bc of grand jury material at a minimum. So clearly there has to be process to find the relevant documents. They're making it sound like it's a simple solution but its not and I think we've explained that sufficiently.
7. As to the redactions that they are complaining about—the only way they've seen the unredacted parts is because we have provided them. So clearly we are not hiding embarrassing materials, we are the ones producing it to them. But when its reported on the show its always in passive voice without any acknowledgement that when we send over material we tell them that they can request to see anything unredacted at DOJ.

xxx

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 8:38 AM
To: Gibson, Jake
Subject: RE: let me know when youre coming in

Cool and yes

xxx

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: Gibson, Jake <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM>
Sent: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 8:32 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: let me know when youre coming in

Should be there by 1030 at latest.
Cool?

Also... did you see my email to you and the Marshals?

Jake Gibson
Department of Justice Producer
Fox News Washington

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On Apr 11, 2018, at 8:27 AM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Want to talk about totally different story

xxx

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Gibson, Jake

From: Gibson, Jake
Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2018 3:20 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Fwd: DOJ offering John Lausch tomorrow am.

Crap.

I didn't think going on SR would be a dealbreaker...

From: "Hadden, Gavin" <Gavin.Hadden@FOXNEWS.COM>
Date: April 10, 2018 at 3:17:00 PM EDT
To: "Gibson, Jake" <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM>, "Petterson, Lauren" <Lauren.Petterson@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: RE: DOJ offering John Lausch tomorrow am.

Yes, Thank you Jake.

Sarah had mentioned he might be available when she was on yesterday so I had Andrew reach out today.

But, since he is on Special Report tonight we are declining for tomm.

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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2018 3:08 PM
To: Koerber, Ashley
Subject: Re: John Lausch on SR tonight

Nope all good!

> On Apr 10, 2018, at 2:15 PM, Koerber, Ashley <Ashley.koerber@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

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> Hey!

>

> Do you need me to book you a car or anything? Happy to do so if you need!

>

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

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

> Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2018 11:45 AM

> To: Gibson, Jake <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM>

> Cc: Rohrbeck, Douglas <Douglas.Rohrbeck@FOXNEWS.COM>; Koerber, Ashley
<Ashley.koerber@FOXNEWS.COM>

> Subject: Re: John Lausch on SR tonight

>

> No problem. Thanks all!

>

> Just to get this out of the way, John will have zero knowledge of anything surrounding cohen/mueller
etc so I hope we can skip that topic.

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> S

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>> On Apr 10, 2018, at 11:39 AM, Gibson, Jake <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

>>

>>

>> Hello all-

>>

>> I'm just starting an email chain here for tonight's live interview with Bret Baier and John Lausch.

>>

>> This interview will be on set and the rundown right now has it starting at 6:15 and running for
between 5 and 7 minutes.

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>> It would be great if Mr. Lausch was in the green room by 6:10 at the latest.

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>> Thanks much!

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Singman, Brooke

From: Singman, Brooke
Sent: Monday, April 9, 2018 6:58 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: Re: Fox News request - CFR 28 section 600.4 Jurisdiction

Thank you!

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 9, 2018, at 6:56 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

We'll decline comment

On Apr 9, 2018, at 4:58 PM, Singman, Brooke <brooke.singman@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Hi Sarah and Ian,

Hoping for a comment in regard to Michael Cohen's office being raided...

Special Counsel office directed me to CFR 28 section 600.4 section B:

"If in the course of his or her investigation the Special Counsel concludes that additional jurisdiction beyond that specified in his or her original jurisdiction is necessary in order to fully investigate and resolve the matters assigned, or to investigate new matters that come to light in the court of his or her investigation, he or she shall consult with the Attorney General, who will determine whether to include the additional matters within the Special Counsel's jurisdiction or assign them elsewhere."

Did Attorney General Sessions direct SDNY to execute the warrants? Will he recommend the Stormy Daniels payment as something that Special Counsel Mueller investigate? Or keep in a separate jurisdiction?

Also -- if it is to be recommended to Mueller, would the Attorney General handle that? Or would it be Deputy Attorney General Rosenstein, as he oversees Mueller?

Deadline is as soon as you can.

Thank you so much!

Brooke Singman
Politics Reporter, Fox News Channel

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Laco, Kelly (OPA)

From: Laco, Kelly (OPA)
Sent: Monday, April 9, 2018 4:33 PM
To: Bogan, Raymond
Subject: Re: AG remarks Thursday in New Mexico

Thanks! Yes 1:30pm MDT.

On Apr 9, 2018, at 2:32 PM, Bogan, Raymond <raymond.bogan@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Hello Kelly,
I'd like to RSVP for the Attorney General's press conference on Thursday at the Ramada in Las Cruces. I will be attending on behalf of the Fox News Channel. Is the 1:30 time listed local time in Las Cruces?

Thank you,

Ray Bogan

Fox News Channel

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Raymond.Bogan@FOXNEWS.com

Twitter: @RayBogan

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Gibson, Jake

From: Gibson, Jake
Sent: Monday, April 9, 2018 2:59 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Re: TV Eyes --- Fox News Outnumbered 1:17 pm

I literally called him and spoke to him on the set for a couple mins before his hit!

Jake Gibson
Department of Justice Producer
Fox News Washington

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On Apr 9, 2018, at 2:56 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Bret nailed this

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Langstein, Joel (OPA)" <jlangstein@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Date: April 9, 2018 at 2:04:02 PM EDT
To: "Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)" <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: "Pettit, Mark T. (OPA)" <mtpettit@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: TV Eyes --- Fox News Outnumbered 1:17 pm

Fox News 1:17: 52 PM (Outnumbered Overtime With Harris Faulkner)

<http://mms.tveyes.com/PlaybackPortal.aspx?SavedEditID=daddfc4a-4488-4db8-9e35-0ba181a5fcb6>

Harris Faulkner:

The justice department said they delivered another three 3,600 pages to the house judiciary committee. this after failing to meet a subpoena deadline to produce more than 1 million documents related to the fbi's handling of the hillary clinton email probe, alleged fisa abuse, and the recommendation of to fire former fbi director andrew mccabe. the department is also expected to officially appoint a u.s. attorney to speed up the production of the documents. President Trump also tweeted this over the weekend. What does the DOJ and FBI have to hide? Why aren't they giving the strongly redacted documents (unredacted) to the HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE? Stalling, but for what reason? Not looking good! Chief intelligence correspondent catherine herridge is live in washington with the details. by my math we still have 1,000,196 and roughly 400 to go.

Catherine Herridge:

The justice department says that big job is now going to go to a u.s. attorney who will be in the lead. he will have independent authority to oversee the process and make sure those records, some of which are months overdue are now provided to congress. he will answer directly to the attorney general. also the

justice department chief spokesperson emphasized the records are sensitive, some sections may still be withheld or redacted but they get why everyone is so irritated.

Sarah Isgur Flores:

I think members of congress and the president are understandably frustrated with the pace of production and some of the redaction's are seeing and i think it's important for the fbi and department to have credibility with congress, the president, and the american people.

Catherine Herridge:

The republican chairman of the house intelligence committee has given the department until wednesday to produce a clean copy of the fbi memo that kick started the russia probe. the department has produced some copies but each time sections were blacked out. also the republican chairman of the government oversight committee on the house wants to see a clean copy to understand the credibility of the intelligence as well as the sources.

Trey Gowdy:

It's important how this investigation began, when it began, and what is the credibility of the evidence upon which this investigation was launched and of the department of justice and the fbi have that document, they will not let us see the clean version and i'm struggling to understand why.

Catherine Herridge:

For some context we've asked the justice department whether this is the first time they've had an appointment like this since 9/11 this electronic communication is so important is that it was drafted by fbi agent strzok or he was heavily involved.

Harris Faulkner:

Bret baier is right there on the left of your screen, great to see you today. one of the things i think we should start off with us to differentiate between where these documents are going and whether or not. when you hear the word unredacted, it's not because the public will see this, it's because the house judiciary committee will see it. what's the problem?

Brett Baier:

There is a process here and a lot of these documents deal with classified material and they deal with some of them fisa material from the fisa court decisions and inside deliberations. there is a process it has to go through. why is it taking so long? who knows. they've had 54 fbi agents working on this supposedly working two shifts to try to produce these documents. the fact that 3600 documents are going over today is significant and brings you up to about 7,000 since january but now you have this u.s. attorney from the northern district of illinois who will oversee this process and luckily be public about where they are.

Harris Faulkner:

I'm fixing my number, now it is 1 million, 196,000. you know, why not -- i don't know if this is possible, i'm just trying to think outside the box. you've got 54 fbi agents, would it be easier just to raise the clearances for a temporary purpose of some of the house judiciary committee members so they can look at some of this stuff?

Brett Baier:

I think there are some sensitivity to some of this concerns.

Harris Faulkner:

Could we do that?

Brett Baier:

You don't know what we don't know about these documents and we should point out that the million plus it deals with a lot of redundancy. communications internally, the ig requested everything so they just dumped it to the inspector general. to actually come forward with specific requests about investigation documents, they have to go through that and i guess it takes time.

Harris Faulkner:

The ig has been doing some multitasking. going through the text messages of the people who were having an affair. the ig can do this but it is taking a tremendously long time. what do we know, what impact do we know this delay has on the process of justice? of learning what we need to know know.

Brett Baier:

I don't know that we do know that, i think that report is really what we're waiting for. by all accounts it will be a blockbuster and will lay out the case about why andrew mccabe is gone. and the fbi director christopher wray said it was justified in numerous interviews. we will understand why when we see that inspector general's report but remember you've got a confluence of all this information, you've got this, the investigation, numerous investigations on the hill. the gym call me james comey book coming out this weekend, his story telling his take of everything. this ig report whenever it comes out. we will see how this all comes together. >>

Harris Faulkner:

I wonder if there is a chapter on leaking in james comey's book.

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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Monday, April 9, 2018 2:54 PM
To: Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM
Subject: Fwd: TV Eyes 3 --- Fox News Sandra Smith (10:38:00 AM)

This all seems correct! Yay!!

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Langstein, Joel (OPA)" <[jlangstein@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:langstein@jmd.usdoj.gov)>
Date: April 9, 2018 at 2:32:37 PM EDT
To: "Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)" <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: "Pettit, Mark T. (OPA)" <mtpettit@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: TV Eyes 3 --- Fox News Sandra Smith (10:38:00 AM)

Fox News 10:38:29 AM (America's Newsroom With Bill Hemmer and Sandra Smith on Fox News)

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Sandra Smith:

Nice to have you here, judge, thank you. meanwhile new developments in the clinton email investigation. a federal prosecutor will oversee a subpoena by bob goodlatte for more than one million documents. catherine herridge is live with the latest on this.

Catherine Herridge:

Good morning. with critical weekend tweets from the president accusing the department of justice from slow walking records, the justice department says the attorney general and f.b.i. director have agreed the u.s. attorney for the northern district of illinois will now spearhead the effort. john laush, who has justice department and private practice experience will have independent authority to oversee the process and make sure the records, some that are months overdue, are provided in a timely way. his direct report appears to be the attorney general and that's significant. the justice department chief spokesperson emphasizes the department gets the frustration.

Sarah Isgur Flores

I think that members of congress and the president are understandably frustrated with the pace of production and some of the redactions they are seeing. And I think its so important for the FBI and the department of justice to have credibility with congress, the president and the American people. The Attorney General and the FBI Director talked this weekend and thought it was appropriate to pick the u.s. attorney in chicago.

Catherine Herridge:

Just for some context. recently as 10 days ago text messages between f.b.i. agents on the russia and clinton email case were entirely redacted making it impossible to know the subject of the texts and who was involved.

Sandra Smith:

What are we learning about a second set of records?

Catherine Herridge:

Catherine herridge:

The republican chairman of the house intelligence committee has given the department until wednesday to produce a clean copy of the f.b.i. memo that kick started the russia probe. devin nunes wants it known as an electronic communication. the department has produced some copies but each time sections were blacked out or redacted. nunes wants a clean copy to understand the credibility of the intelligence and the sources. the chairman of the house government oversight committee has seen a redacted version telling Fox's Maria Bartiromo that he needs to know what's behind the black lines.

Trey Gowdy

It is really important how this investigation began, when it began and what is the -- what is the way -- what is the credibility of the evidence in which this investigation was lawn launched. they won't let us see the clean version and i struggle to understand why.

Catherine Herridge:

That e.c. or memo that started the f.b.i. probe was either drafted by or major input from peter strzok who was ultimately removed from the russia case because of those anti-trump text messages, sandra.

Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Monday, April 9, 2018 12:36 PM
To: Boughton, Bryan; Gibson, Jake
Subject: What Kennedy just said

She just said its fine to redact for national security but we need to let Congress see the FISA application. We have. What Nunes is talking about is wanting us to completely unredact it. In this case, the only remaining redactions are of words that would identify the foreign nation that provided us the intel.

Mind you, Nunes has not come over to see any documents—only his staff, Gowdy, Schiff, and other members.

Also she's conflating the Nunes ask and the Goodlatte ask. Theyre entirely different. Lausch is overseeing the Goodlatte production.

xxx

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

(b)(6)

Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Monday, April 9, 2018 10:32 AM
To: Herridge, Catherine
Subject: RE: US attorney Lausch

I'm not actually aware—what was the 9/11 one?

xxx

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Director of Public Affairs

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From: Herridge, Catherine <Catherine.Herridge@FOXNEWS.COM>
Sent: Monday, April 9, 2018 10:05 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: US attorney Lausch

Good morning,

Sarah, Is this the first time since 9/11 that a US attorney has been appointed by an AG/FBI director to oversee records production to congress? I can't think of another example but wanted to check.

We are using part of your interview this morning at 1030.
Thank you

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Hadden, Gavin

From: Hadden, Gavin
Sent: Monday, April 9, 2018 7:26 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA); Groman, Sean
Cc: Gibson, Jake
Subject: Re: FYI on texts

Copy. Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 9, 2018 7:19:08 AM
To: Hadden, Gavin; Groman, Sean
Cc: Gibson, Jake
Subject: FYI on texts

When I talked about the text messages mentioning their kids, Brian said that was no excuse not to turn them over. Didn't want to get into the boring stuff--but the privacy act actually does make that prohibited. So we've got privacy act for non senior federal employees, federal rules of civil procedure 6e on the grand jury stuff, and the ongoing investigations--all have to be redacted. Not optional.

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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Monday, April 9, 2018 5:47 AM
To: Nicoletti, Christofer
Cc: Lewittes, Lee (Kushnir); Stine, Jason; Secli, Garrett; DelCastillo, Nicole
Subject: Re: Fox and Friends 6:20a ET interview

In the makeup chair--thanks!

On Apr 9, 2018, at 5:40 AM, Nicoletti, Christofer <Christofer.Nicoletti@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Good morning Sarah,

Thank you for making time to join us this morning for the 6:20a ET interview! Please do let us know if you need anything!

Thanks
Christofer

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Boughton, Bryan

From: Boughton, Bryan
Sent: Sunday, April 8, 2018 8:14 PM
To: Groman, Sean
Cc: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA); Hadden, Gavin; Gibson, Jake
Subject: Re: Going to have an announcement re goodlatte doc request

Thanks.

On Apr 8, 2018, at 20:03, Groman, Sean <sean.groman@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Sounds good.

Sean Groman
FOX News Channel

On Apr 8, 2018, at 8:01 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Yes 400 n cap. Will send statement hopefully in an hour.

On Apr 8, 2018, at 8:01 PM, Groman, Sean <sean.groman@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Assuming this is going to be out of our DC bureau? We will be all set. Let us know if you need anything.

Sean Groman
FOX News Channel

On Apr 8, 2018, at 7:57 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Sleep is overrated. See you then. Thanks for fitting me in!

On Apr 8, 2018, at 7:56 PM, Hadden, Gavin <Gavin.Hadden@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Check that. This will have to be 620a.
Does that work out for you?

Sent from my iPhone

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
<Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Sunday, April 8, 2018 7:46:50 PM
To: Groman, Sean; Hadden, Gavin
Cc: Boughton, Bryan; Gibson, Jake
Subject: Going to have an announcement re
goodlatte doc request

Embargoed but Later tonight I'm going to send you a statement from me announcing we're bringing in someone from outside the FBI (and DC) to oversee it moving forward.

Think you have space for me on the show tomorrow am?

S

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Hadden, Gavin

From: Hadden, Gavin
Sent: Sunday, April 8, 2018 7:53 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA); Groman, Sean
Cc: Boughton, Bryan; Gibson, Jake
Subject: Re: Going to have an announcement re goodlatte doc request

We can make 645a work

Sent from my iPhone

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>
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Clark, David

From: Clark, David
Sent: Sunday, April 8, 2018 1:51 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: RE: MARIA BARTIROMO

Thanks so much. Will do.

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Sunday, April 8, 2018 1:44 PM
To: Clark, David <Clark@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: Re: MARIA BARTIROMO

Would love to do that. Just let me know on timing.

On Apr 8, 2018, at 1:39 PM, Clark, David <Clark@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Sarah,

I shared the briefing materials you supplied to us on Friday with Maria Bartiromo with the understanding that they were on background only. She is deeply interested in having her own DOJ briefing at some point and I think it would be very helpful given her interest in so many things DOJ. I think the logical thing would be to schedule a visit when she next plans on being in DC. We don't have that on the calendar at the moment but can keep you posted. Thanks again for your efforts.

David

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Groman, Sean

From: Groman, Sean
Sent: Saturday, April 7, 2018 6:16 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Re: Fox and Friends/DOJ

Thanks for response and clarification.

Sean Groman
FOX News Channel

> On Apr 7, 2018, at 6:13 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

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> So there's two different requests. POTUS is tweeting about goodlatte request. That's the one we sent the letter on and said we doubled the number of people working on it to 54 and they work two shifts from 8am to midnight every day. We're turning over another 1k pages on Monday (which we said last night).

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>> On Apr 7, 2018, at 6:08 PM, Groman, Sean <sean.groman@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

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>> Hi Sara-

>> Hope all is well. Please let me know if the DOJ has any response to the President's earlier tweets related to the Release of Documents and the Nunes Request.

>> Thank you.

>> Sean

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>> Sean Groman

>> FOX News Channel

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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Saturday, April 7, 2018 10:46 AM
To: Rosenberg, Kim
Subject: Re: Thank you

I so appreciated you taking the time to meet with us. Please reach out any time I can be helpful to you or your team: (b)(6)

> On Apr 6, 2018, at 9:32 PM, Rosenberg, Kim <Kim.Rosenberg@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

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> Hi Sarah,

> Thank you and your team for making the trip up. It was nice to meet everyone. I very much appreciated today. Hope you guys got home ok.

> Talk with you soon,

> Kim

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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Monday, April 9, 2018 4:44 PM
To: Saagar Enjeti
Subject: RE: Inquiry Re: Role Of AG Sessions/DAG Rosenstein Search Warrant Of Michael Cohen

Decline comment

xxx

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: Saagar Enjeti <enjeti@dailycaller.com>
Sent: Monday, April 9, 2018 4:41 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Inquiry Re: Role Of AG Sessions/DAG Rosenstein Search Warrant Of Michael Cohen

Sarah,

Did Attorney General Sessions or Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein personally approve the search warrant on Michael Cohen?

Saagar Enjeti
White House Correspondent

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T: @esaagar

Browne, Pamela

From: Browne, Pamela
Sent: Monday, April 9, 2018 3:51 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Cc: Herridge, Catherine
Subject: RE: Smith letter

Hi Sarah,

Thanks for your suggestion.

I am waiting for the copy of the DOJ August 10, 2017 response sent to Chairman Smith of the House Committee on Science Space & Technology's letter dated April 27, 2017.

I sent an email to Thea at Chairman's Smith's office and also left a voicemail suggesting they email you directly.

Thank you again.

Best,

Pam

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From: Browne, Pamela

Sent: Friday, April 06, 2018 7:43 PM

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

Cc: Herridge, Catherine <Catherine.Herridge@FOXNEWS.COM>; Gibson, Jake <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM>

Subject: Re: Smith letter

Thank you Sarah.

Will do.

Have a nice weekend.

-Pam

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> On Apr 6, 2018, at 6:59 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

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> We don't normally provide letters responding to individual members of congress--but the department responded on aug 10 and I'd encourage you to ask his office for it or his office to send me an email asking us to release the letter which we would be happy to do.

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Clark, David

From: Clark, David
Sent: Saturday, April 7, 2018 7:17 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: RE: Today

Great. Done.

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Saturday, April 7, 2018 7:14 PM
To: Clark, David <Clark@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: Re: Today

Absolutely. Justice official is fine.

On Apr 7, 2018, at 7:13 PM, Clark, David <Clark@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

May I share this with Jeanine Pirro and Jesse Watters. I would take out the part about the meeting and who should I attribute it to? Thank you,

On Apr 7, 2018, at 6:29 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

In the spirit of our meeting--I just sent this to Sean but think it's important:

So there's two different requests from Congress. POTUS is tweeting about goodlatte request. That's the one we sent the letter on and said we doubled the number of people working on it to 54 and they work two shifts [from 8am to midnight](#) every day. We're turning over another 1k pages on Monday (which we said last night).

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On Apr 6, 2018, at 12:59 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

Thank YOU so much for your time today. I admit I was worried y'all would think this wasn't a worthwhile use of your morning--but the AG and DAG felt strongly that we should/can do better at making clear that we actually are trying to be helpful!

I absolutely will be in touch as things arise. And perhaps we can have a regular check in call just to touch base every few weeks as well.

S

On Apr 6, 2018, at 12:55 PM, Clark, David <Clark@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Sarah,

I cannot thank you and your colleagues enough for talking to us this morning. I cannot speak for my own colleagues but I think it was a very worthwhile and productive exercise. Bryan Boughton will be taking the lead on putting together a "contact group" but I think it would be right to acknowledge that weekends can present a particular challenge in getting the correct information out in a timely manner. To that end, do not hesitate to call my cell (below) on weekends if there is an issue requiring a rapid response. To be clear, I oversee news and primetime shows on the weekends but not Fox & Friends (though I am happy to relay messages to them as needed.) Bryan's group should always be the first stop but now you have my contacts if needed.

Many thanks,

David Clark

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Clark, David

From: Clark, David
Sent: Friday, April 6, 2018 1:15 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: RE: Today

It is ALWAYS worthwhile to work toward improved communications and understanding – on both sides.

DC

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Friday, April 06, 2018 1:00 PM
To: Clark, David <Clark@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: Re: Today

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O'Malley, Devin (OPA)

From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Sent: Saturday, April 7, 2018 3:18 PM
To: John Hines
Cc: Ehram, Lauren (OPA)
Subject: RE: DC Immigration PKG

Ha! Thanks, John. The makeup makes me look way better than reality!

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

From: John Hines <John.Hines@oann.com>
Sent: Friday, April 6, 2018 10:57 AM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Ehram, Lauren (OPA) <lehram@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: DC Immigration PKG

Devin,
Our story with you. Great stuff! Heavy rotation. I'm sure that cards and fan letters are on the way. I think we managed to get your good side this time!
Thanks for your help!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rFHsviYUyLg>

Gibson, Jake

From: Gibson, Jake
Sent: Friday, April 6, 2018 9:57 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Re: Our plan is working!

Baby steps...!

On Apr 6, 2018, at 8:52 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

FYI;)

Begin forwarded message:

From: siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov
Date: April 6, 2018 at 8:50:54 PM EDT
To: Robert Hur <rhur@jmd.usdoj.gov>, Matthew Whitaker
<mwhitaker@jmd.usdoj.gov>, "Stephen E. Boyd" (b)(6)
Subject: **Our plan is working!**

Laura's show tonight is having a segment called: "Why doesn't DOJ take congressional GOPers seriously?"

And Pete is guest hosting and he called to ask what my push back was. Yay!

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Browne, Pamela

From: Browne, Pamela
Sent: Friday, April 6, 2018 6:42 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Cc: Herridge, Catherine; Gibson, Jake
Subject: Re: Inquiry from Pamela K. Browne/Fox News

Thank you.

Pamela K. Browne

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On Apr 6, 2018, at 6:34 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

We're checking.

On Apr 6, 2018, at 6:27 PM, Browne, Pamela <pamela.browne@foxnews.com> wrote:

Thank you Sarah.

So can you share any letter(s) sent in response to this letter?

-Pamela

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On Apr 6, 2018, at 6:10 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
<Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Hi Pamela--so as Catherine and Jake know well, we can't confirm or deny the existence of any investigation. So I can answer letters about whether letters were received but beyond that my hands are tied.

On Apr 6, 2018, at 3:38 PM, Browne, Pamela
<pamela.browne@foxnews.com> wrote:

Hi Sarah,

Thanks for the quick chat today.

For our ongoing reporting, I am following up to see what the status is from the Department of Justice on the referral for prosecution for Platte River Networks as noted and submitted in the April 27, 2017 letter (link below) submitted by Lamar Smith, Chairman of the House Committee on Science, Space and Technology.

We know that the DOJ did confirm receipt of Chairman Smith's referral.

Can you please confirm if there is any current investigation on these matters raised by the Committee involving intrusions or attempted intrusions of Mrs. Clinton's private server while she was Secretary of State by hackers around the world? Is this matter a closed or is it an ongoing investigation?

Thank you for any and all clarification for any statement on the record you may provide. My contact details are below and I've copied chief intelligence correspondent Catherine Herridge as well.

Sincerely,

Pamela K. Browne

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<https://science.house.gov/sites/republicans.science.house.gov/files/documents/04-27-17%20SST%20to%20DOJ%20PRN%20Referral.pdf>

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Herridge, Catherine

From: Herridge, Catherine
Sent: Friday, April 6, 2018 3:36 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA); Browne, Pamela
Subject: connecting you

Sarah – Pamela works with me on investigations. I believe you spoke earlier today.

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Herridge, Catherine

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To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: RE: Text messages/media access

Thank you for the quick reply, and letting us know if that changes.

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From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>
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Subject: Re: Text messages/media access

Nope. Just congressional staff/members.

On Apr 6, 2018, at 2:20 PM, Herridge, Catherine <Catherine.Herridge@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Our Management believes that reporters are being allowed into DOJ to view the texts without redactions.

If that is the case, will there be an opportunity to view the documents and take notes.

Thank you
Catherine

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DOJ'S RESPONSE TO CALLS FOR A SECOND SPECIAL COUNSEL

The Attorney General appointed U.S. Attorney John Huber to review the FBI's decision-making in the Clinton e-mail investigation and other cases, and asked Inspector General Michael Horowitz to initiate a review of the FBI's use of FISA powers. Together these steps ensure that the Department of Justice appropriately and comprehensively addresses issues raised by Congress.

- U.S. Attorney Huber has the resources he needs to conduct an investigation from outside of Washington—including the full range of investigatory and subpoena powers. Huber may make recommendations as to whether a Special Counsel is necessary.
- IG Horowitz's job, as envisioned by Congress, is to investigate alleged wrongdoing of Department employees. Unlike a criminal investigation, his reports can be made public and can expose violations of Department policy that fall short of criminal conduct.

ISSUE—Approximately 39 Members of Congress have called on the Department to appoint a second Special Counsel to investigate a range of matters, including the handling of the Hillary Clinton E-Mail Investigation and the alleged misuse of the “Steele Dossier” in a FISA application. The Department's leadership takes these concerns seriously.

REGULATIONS—The Department must follow and enforce laws and regulations fairly and objectively. The authority to appoint a Special Counsel is governed by federal regulations.ⁱ

- Those regulations state that the Attorney General will appoint a Special Counsel when he determines that:
 - Criminal investigation of a person or matter is warranted;
 - An investigation would present a conflict of interest for the Department or in other “extraordinary circumstances”; and
 - Under the circumstances, it would be in the public interest to appoint an outside Special Counsel to assume responsibility for the matter.
- The regulations recognize that some matters, though sensitive or unusual, might not necessitate special counsel. When matters are brought to the attention of the Attorney General that might warrant consideration of appointment of a Special Counsel, the Attorney General may:
 - Appoint a Special Counsel;
 - Direct that an initial investigation, consisting of factual inquiry or legal research, be conducted in order to better inform the decision; or
 - Conclude that under the circumstances, the public interest would not be served by removing the investigation from the normal processes of the Department. He may direct other “appropriate steps” to mitigate conflicts of interest, such as recusal of particular officials.ⁱⁱ

The relevant regulation was promulgated in 1999, and the high standard for appointment of a special counsel has since been met in only two cases. (The Independent Counsel statute expired in 1999. Special counsels, like US Attorneys, report to Department of Justice leadership and rely on FBI personnel for investigations.)

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL’S TWO-PRONG RESPONSE—First, the Attorney General designated a federal prosecutor to conduct a review of the issues raised by the Chairmen and report back as to whether the appointment of a special counsel is appropriate.

- In November, the Department announced that the Attorney General had directed senior federal prosecutors to evaluate the issues raised by Members and “make recommendations as to whether any matters not currently under investigation should be opened, whether any matters currently under investigation require further resources, or whether any matters merit the appointment of a Special Counsel.”
- In March, the Department announced that U.S. Attorney John Huber, a federal prosecutor in Utah, has been conducting the review.
 - Huber is an experienced federal prosecutor who was twice confirmed unanimously by the Senate as United States Attorney for the District of Utah in 2015 and 2017.
 - Huber is conducting his review outside of Washington and is cooperating with the Inspector General.
 - Huber has the full range of investigatory powers at his disposal, including subpoena power.
 - Huber has been promised any resources he needs and is conducting his investigation from Utah.

Second, the Attorney General asked the Department’s Inspector General, Michael E. Horowitz, to review the Department’s compliance with certain legal requirements and Department and FBI policies and procedures with respect to certain applications filed with the U.S. Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court. The Office of Inspector General announced the initiation of this review on March 28, 2018.ⁱⁱⁱ

- Congress created the Office of Inspector General (OIG) explicitly for the purpose of, among other things, investigating alleged violations of criminal and civil laws by Department employees, including actions taken by employees who have since left government service.
- The Inspector General's jurisdiction extends not only to allegations of legal violations, but also to allegations that Department employees violated established policies.
- The Department’s OIG employs approximately 470 staff, a significant number of whom are lawyers, auditors, and investigators who may exercise wide discretion on matters under their jurisdiction. If the IG finds evidence of criminal wrongdoing, he may refer it to a United States Attorney who can then convene a grand jury or take other appropriate action.

- OIG may issue public reports exposing wrongdoing that violates Department policy but falls short of criminal conduct. By contrast, the public would not typically know of a traditional criminal investigation that resulted in no criminal charges.
- The Office of Inspector General announced the initiation of his review on March 28, 2018.^{iv}

Wall Street Journal

THANK YOU, JEFF SESSIONS

A capable U.S. attorney is a far better choice than a second special counsel.

By William McGurn, April 2, 2018^v

What does Jeff Sessions have to do to get a nice tweet from his boss?

On Thursday the attorney general released a letter informing Congress that he'd asked Utah-based U.S. Attorney John Huber to investigate lawmakers' complaints about the Justice Department and the FBI. Turns out Mr. Huber has been working on this investigation, in concert with the Justice Department's inspector general, since November. The news of Mr. Huber's appointment came two days after a statement from FBI Director Christopher Wray confirming a similar push by Mr. Sessions to get agents responding to congressional subpoenas off their tuchuses.

Notwithstanding the thin news coverage, these are big steps. Yet few on the GOP side seemed pleased. Though Sen. Ron Johnson (R., Wis.) specifically said Sunday on NBC's "Meet the Press" that he was delighted Mr. Sessions had not opted for a second special counsel to look into allegations of FBI misconduct in its probe into Hillary Clinton's emails and its application for a warrant to spy on a Trump campaign associate, other Republicans grouched.

Then there's the president. While Donald Trump remains silent (for now at least) about the appointment of Mr. Huber, on Monday morning he tweeted another dig at his attorney general's leadership:

"So sad that the Department of 'Justice' and the FBI are slow walking, or even not giving, the unredacted documents requested by Congress. An embarrassment to our country!"

Mr. Trump is right about the slow-walking of files in defiance of congressional subpoenas. He's also right that critical info has been redacted from documents sent to Capitol Hill. This includes the lively little text chat between FBI paramours Peter Strzok and Lisa Page about how they might arrange to meet with a Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court judge while making it appear accidental.

Still, the president is behind the curve. To begin with, the only reason Mr. Wray has promised the FBI will do better is because Mr. Sessions leaned on him. More to the point, this is a problem the president could easily resolve himself, by using his authority to declassify material as well as assigning someone not only to get Congress the information it seeks but to review all redacted material to see what the bureaucrats are hiding.

As for Mr. Huber, though his appointment elicited barely a yawn in the news cycles, this is not a mistake the FBI's recently sacked deputy director, Andrew McCabe, is making. Could it be that Mr. McCabe established a GoFundMe legal defense fund—which now has more than half a million dollars in it—because he knows what is in that soon-to-be-released inspector general's report?

Those disappointed with Mr. Sessions's decision don't seem to recognize that Mr. Huber has pretty much the same powers that Robert Mueller enjoys: to get search warrants, to subpoena witnesses and documents, and to ask a grand jury to indict. The only advantages of a special counsel are ones that should be discouraged: an Inspector Javert-like focus on a single target or set of targets that goes on much longer than it should and strays far from the original mandate.

Like so many other bad ideas that plague American political life, the special counsel as we conceive of it today is the bastard son of the Nixon era. After the initial Watergate prosecutors were thought to lack sufficient independence in going after the president, Congress during the Jimmy Carter era passed the Ethics in Government Act, which provided for the appointment of a truly independent special prosecutor.

The only good thing to come out of this terrible law was Justice Antonin Scalia's brilliant and solitary dissent savaging it in *Morrison v. Olson* (1988)—arguably his finest opinion. In 1999, after unhappy bipartisan experience with independent counsels, Congress let the provision lapse. Now special counsels such as Mr. Mueller are more limited legal beasts.

But it remains a dreadful idea. As former assistant U.S. attorney Andrew McCarthy notes, if a special counsel is truly “special”—i.e., not accountable to the president like every other executive employee—then he is constitutionally suspect. If he's not special, it is unclear why he is an improvement over any capable U.S. attorney.

For Congress, the even bigger problem is the conflict between the goals of a special counsel (indictments) and the exercise of legislative oversight (political accountability). In his “Meet the Press” interview Sunday, Sen. Johnson noted that the primary casualty of this clash is public disclosure. Note to GOP members: If you think the FBI and Justice Department are arrogant about sharing information, see what happens when a special counsel moves in.

By reading the riot act to his reluctant FBI director and shunning the appointment of another special counsel, Mr. Sessions has rendered a service to the Constitution, to good government and even to Mr. Trump, though he may not realize it. Perhaps even worthy of a celebratory presidential tweet.

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ICYMI: PROF. TURLEY ON FBN: "...PEOPLE ARE MISSING WHAT MAY BE A BRILLIANT MOVE HERE BY SESSIONS."

Jonathan Turley:

He didn't foreclose the possibility of a Special Counsel. What the Attorney General said is that he is having a U.S. Attorney essentially team up with the Inspector General within the Justice Department to investigate these matters. I actually think it's the right decision. I think the President should listen to General Sessions on this. He can appoint a Special Counsel later. If I were Andrew McCabe, I would not be happy with this. You have a U.S. Attorney outside of Washington who has the ability to prosecute cases, who is working with an Inspector General who has already made findings against McCabe. That's not a good situation for him and probably not a good situation for James Comey.

Stuart Varney:

Do these prosecutors have the same power to investigate and get to the bottom of things that a Special Counsel would have?

Turley:

Actually, yes. I think people are missing what may be a brilliant move here by Sessions. What he did is he essentially combined the powers of the Inspector General with the powers of a line prosecutor. This prosecutor does have not just the experience and training to look for a criminal case, he has the ability to move a case of that kind. Moreover, if he finds that crimes were committed and many people of the FBI might be implicated, Sessions reserved the right to go ahead and appoint a Special Counsel. That's a powerful combination. There's a great deal here that we're waiting for. The Inspector General still has the ability to refer McCabe for prosecution. He -- what we know is that whatever was in that report of his led FBI Director Wray to essentially force him into terminal retirement. It led Session to fire him. But if he in fact did lie to investigators or misled them, he could still be referred to for criminal charges.

Varney:

I believe that the Utah prosecutor, Mr. Huber, and Michael Horowitz both are Obama holdovers and they're investigating the Obama administration. Now a lot of people would call that sort of an implied conflict of interest. you don't see that?

Turley

I don't. I don't know Mr. Horowitz or Mr. Huber personally. I have certainly know of them. They both have very good reputations. Horowitz has already gone after McCabe. He is known as a dogged investigator. Huber doesn't have any skin in the game. He's not part of the beltway, he's not part of what people usually refer to as the deep state. He's -- that distance between him and Washington is very important. I don't know of anyone who suggested that either one of these gentleman is partisan actor.

Varney:

These messages, the latest text messages between Strzok and Page, they appear to bring President Obama, their top level of the Administration, into play, if I can put it like that. Do you see it that way?

Turley:

It may. And in fact that's one of the reasons I think this is the better approach. If a Special Counsel were appointed, there would be a great deal of delay as we pursue these types of allegations. They're already pursuing them. They've got staff on the scene and able to acquire this evidence. People like McCabe were close to retirement. So time may be of the essence. So I do think this is something they must look at. And it obviously raises troubling issues.^{vi}

ⁱ 28 C.F.R. § 600.1

ⁱⁱ 28 C.F.R. § 600.2

ⁱⁱⁱ https://oig.justice.gov/press/2018/2018_03_28b.pdf

^{iv} https://oig.justice.gov/press/2018/2018_03_28b.pdf

^v <https://www.wsj.com/articles/thank-you-jeff-sessions-1522708237>

^{vi} <http://video.foxbusiness.com/v/5760762497001/?#sp=show-clips>

HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE SUBPOENA

On March 22, 2018, the House Committee on the Judiciary issued a subpoena to compel nine categories of documents. The Department has been far more responsive to these requests than has been reported.

The Subpoena requests a significant number of documents that the Department is already in the process of producing¹ or has already produced to the Committee through *in camera* reviews. In certain cases, the Subpoena requests documents for the first time, a significant deviation from the traditional Congressional oversight accommodation process.

Summary of Requests & Production

Paragraph One: Requesting documents and communications provided to or obtained by the Department's IG regarding the FBI's decision-making with respect to the FBI's investigation of former Secretary Clinton's private email server.

- Requests from the IG arising from an internal investigation can include documents obtained through a date search of specific employee's e-mails and phones. This means that *all* documents for that time period are collected—encompassing *all* communications about *all* potentially ongoing investigations that person may have been working on during that time. Of the approximately 1.2 million pages the IG collected, only a few thousand may be communications relevant to the investigation in question.
- In January, the Department of Justice and FBI initiated a rolling production of responsive documents, reviewed and redacted as necessary.ⁱ The Department has produced approximately 4,000 pages responsive to the request.ⁱⁱ
- Upon specific request, the Department is allowing *in camera* reviews of un-redacted materials, when appropriate.
- At the Attorney General's request, FBI Director Chris Wray doubled from 27 to 54 the number of FBI staff working on this request. They are working two shifts a day from 8:00 a.m. to midnight.
- On March 30, 2018, the FBI General Counsel provided the Committee with a detailed written explanation of the review process and the purpose of redactions.
- In August and September 2016, the FBI provided the Committee its letterhead memo—a 32-page, single-spaced document describing the FBI's investigation pertaining to Clinton's use of a private e-mail server—and 47 FBI 302s. These include the 302 pertaining to the interview with Clinton.

Paragraph Two: Requesting the names, titles, and business addresses of all personnel who participated in deliberations concerning whether to charge Clinton.

- A Department employee previously provided the Committee with the identities of the above-referenced employees during an interview.
- The Department provided this information again on April 3, 2018.

Paragraph Three: **Requesting the document referenced by James Rybicki during his January 18, 2018 interview with the Committee referring to court cases used in considering charges against Clinton.**

- The Department has communicated to the Committee that the document is a memorandum authored by an attorney. It contains confidential attorney work product and attorney-client communications that are not subject to disclosure.

Paragraph Four: **Requesting documents relied upon by FBI's Office of Professional Responsibility in reaching its decision to recommend dismissal of former FBI Deputy Director Andrew McCabe.**

- The Committee had not requested this document prior to the subpoena. Compelling production was unnecessary.
- On March 29, 2018, the Department invited the Committee, in writing, to participate in an *in camera* review of internal documents pertaining to the dismissal of Mr. McCabe.

Paragraph Five: **Requesting all document and communications with the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court referring or relating to any FISA applications associated with Carter Page or individuals connected with President Trump's 2016 presidential campaign or the Trump Administration.**

- The Department has already granted the Committee access to the majority of responsive materials, many of which are highly sensitive law enforcement and national security documents.
- The Chairman, Ranking Member, and designated Committee staff have been invited to review these materials *in camera*. They include more than 1,000 pages related to the FBI's investigation of Russian interference in the 2016 election.
- The documents remain available for the Committee's review at the Department.

Paragraph Six: **Requesting all documents and communications referring or relating to FISC hearings and deliberations, including court transcripts, related to any FISA associated with Carter Page or the Trump campaign or Administration.**

- The Department has previously communicated to the Committee that no transcripts, as described in paragraph six, exist.
- The Department is evaluating what other responsive documents exist, if any.

Paragraph Seven: **Requesting all documents and communications referring to relating to internal Department or FBI management requests to "review, scrub, report on, or analyze" any reporting of FISA collection involving the Trump campaign or Administration.**

- The Committee had not requested this document prior to the subpoena. Compelling production was unnecessary.
- The Department is evaluating what other responsive documents exist, if any.

Paragraph Eight: Requesting all documents referring or relating to defensive briefings provided by the FBI to the 2016 presidential campaigns.

- The Department has already granted the Committee access to the majority of responsive materials referenced in paragraph eight, many of which are highly sensitive law enforcement and national security documents.
- The documents remain available for the Committee’s review at the Department.

Paragraph Nine: Requesting all documents and communications referring or relating to proposed, recommended, or actual FISA coverage on the Clinton Foundation or persons associated with the Foundation.

- The Committee had not requested these documents prior to the subpoena. Compelling production was unnecessary.
- The Department is evaluating what other responsive documents exist, if any.

ⁱ Review is conducted to “ensure that sensitive and privileged information has been properly identified and either redacted or released, as appropriate, so that the Committee receives the maximum amount of information to which it is entitled,” and that “grand jury information, information about ongoing law enforcement actions, or confidential attorney work product or privileged attorney client communications” is not released.

ⁱⁱ This includes information regarding Former FBI Director James Comey’s public statement and text messages between two FBI employees.

Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
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Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: Re: Johnson letter to Sessions

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On Apr 6, 2018, at 12:43 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

As we said in the letter we sent to them with the texts and many other disclosures, members and staff are welcome to come to doj to review any unredacted material. Any reports of text messages--redacted or unredacted-- are material doj released to congress. Ian can send you the letter.

On Apr 6, 2018, at 12:15 PM, Singman, Brooke <brooke.singman@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Hi Sarah and Ian!

Hope you're well.

Sen. Ron Johnson sent a letter to the attorney general on March 23, with a deadline of March 28 --but has not received a response.

The letter requested information regarding the redactions applied to text messages produced by DOJ and FBI from Peter Strzok and Lisa Page. A section of the texts were redacted for the Senate Homeland Security Committee--regarding Rudolph Contreras and his relationship with Strzok.

They say they only learned of this in media reports, and wondered why the section was redacted for them--said that it was pertinent information for their oversight investigation, and wanted to know what other pertinent info was being redacted and why.

Will the attorney general be responding to the chairman's questions and letter?

my deadline is 1p EST.

Thank you!

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Singman, Brooke

From: Singman, Brooke
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Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA)
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Thank you!

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Gibson, Jake

From: Gibson, Jake
Sent: Friday, April 6, 2018 1:21 PM
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Oh boy...

Can u put all three of us on an email maybe??

Jake Gibson
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On Apr 6, 2018, at 1:15 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Brooke just emailed me about this and I responded--can y'all coordinate.

On Apr 6, 2018, at 12:50 PM, Herridge, Catherine <Catherine.Herridge@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Good afternoon,

We understand this letter was sent to the Attorney General on Thursday. We wanted to confirm you have received the letter, and would be grateful for any comment.

Among the congressman's complaints -- that heavily redacted text messages between Strzok and Page -- provided to congress as recently as last week remain heavily redacted and show the DOJ and FBI have not addressed oversight requests "in good faith."

Of note, an August 2016 text exchange that seems to indicate Page and Strzok discussed possible codenames for a Trump probe. We understand an earlier letter to the DAG March 14, suggested redaction standards are not being met.

FBI EMPLOYEE 1 'Are you sure you want me to keep you redacted for the Congressional production?

FBI EMPLOYEE 2 responds "Is that an option?"

FBI EMPLOYEE 1 responds (smiley emoji) "You will be redacted."

Please let us know if there is any comment or context to provide.

Thank you as always for the consideration.

Catherine

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April 5, 2018

The Honorable Jeff Sessions
Attorney General of the United States
950 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
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Dear Mr. Sessions:

As you know, the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform on which I serve has a constitutional duty to conduct oversight of the FBI and the broader Department of Justice. In recent months, this constitutional duty has required an investigation into the potentially improper conduct of high-ranking FBI officials investigating both Hillary Clinton's private email server and the Trump campaign's alleged contacts with Russia.

Over the course of this investigation, I have repeatedly raised concerns that the Department of Justice and FBI have not addressed our oversight requests in good faith. Specifically, recent document productions demonstrate the Department has redacted material facts critical to our understanding of the events underlying the investigation.

While I appreciate the Department's invitation to review less-redacted documents *in camera*, additional investigative follow-up I have personally conducted related to the documents has revealed some of the still redacted information to be probative and highly relevant to a full understanding of the issues at hand.

To illustrate this point, the following examples contain material information which had originally been redacted in your productions to Congress:

1. *In camera* review of text messages exchanged by Peter Strzok and Lisa Page revealed Peter Strzok had a personal relationship with Rudolph Contreras, a judge on the FISC.¹ Additionally, Strzok and Page engaged in further commentary related to whether this friendship meant Strzok had a possible conflict of interest or should have considered recusal.²

¹ See text message from Peter Strzok to Lisa Page, July 25, 2016: "Really? Rudy, I'm in charge of espionage for the FBI. Any espionage FISA comes before him, what should he do, given his friend oversees them?" See also message from Peter Strzok to Lisa Page, July 25, 2016: "She brought up a good point about being circumspect in talking to him in terms of not placing him into a situation where he'd have to recuse himself."

² *Id.*

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Washington, DC 20515

2. I have previously raised concerns as to why the name of an individual who allegedly said: “The White House is running this” was redacted.³ Considering the mandate of this investigation is to examine whether FBI employees engaged in potentially inappropriate decision-making in 2016, conversations referring to the White House potentially “running” any aspect of the FBI’s impartial investigative function are critical for understanding the broader context.
3. On August 14, 2016, Lisa Page texted Peter Strzok she thought an “article so rings true that then I think the CHS [*redacted initialism* meaning confidential human source] is wrong.”⁴ Concerns related to the reliability of the initial information the confidential human source provided the FBI in the early stages of the investigation are material and should not have been redacted.
4. In recent weeks, the Department has told us non-supervisory employees’ names were redacted from the production. However, information redacted from texts sent on August 30, 2016, reveals Lisa Page and Peter Strzok were talking about briefing Denis McDonough, President Obama’s White House Chief of Staff.⁵
5. Similarly, David Laufman, the former chief of the Department of Justice’s National Security Division’s Counterintelligence and Export Control Section, was redacted from the Department’s production of the texts exchanged between Lisa Page and Peter Strzok. Considering Mr. Laufman helped oversee investigations into Hillary Clinton’s private email server and alleged contacts between the Trump campaign and Russia, mentions of him in the documents are material.
6. *In camera* review of texts also reveals numerous mentions of an “Andy,” an apparent reference to Andrew McCabe, were also redacted. As Deputy Director, and eventually Acting Director of the FBI, Mr. McCabe was not only in a supervisory role, but was at one point the top official at the FBI. As such, he should not have been redacted at any point in the documents.
7. *In camera* review of texts from September 14, 2016, reveal Strzok texted Page “BTW I can’t stand Laufman. DOJ jumped in the middle of our agency coordination to lobby for their extra guy. Now Legat looks like [expletive].”⁶ When Strzok elaborates on his conversation with Mr. Laufman, there is a long redacted sentence, followed by “Claims edva is (/was) the delay.”⁷

³ DOJ-PROD-0000212

⁴ DOJ-PROD-0000221

⁵ DOJ-PROD-0000231

⁶ DOJ-PROD-0000257

⁷ DOJ-PROD-0000258

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- a. These redactions raise concerns on several levels. A conversation between Legat, the FBI's overseas offices, and DOJ during inter-agency coordination for the investigation is material to understanding the initial decisions made by FBI and DOJ.
 - b. Additionally, Strzok's mention of a DOJ official saying the EDVA (Eastern District of Virginia), the court whose prosecutors issued subpoenas and took other investigative steps related to the investigation of alleged contacts between Russia and the Trump campaign, was the reason for the "delay" is deeply concerning. Specifically, talk of a "delay" related to the Eastern District of Virginia's exercise of its prosecutorial discretion raise concerns of undue influence from the FBI.
8. On August 11, 2016, Lisa Page and Peter Strzok engaged in a conversation about potential codenames they would use throughout the course of the investigation.
- a. During this conversation, Strzok says: "YUUUGE... though we may save that for the man, if we ever open on him"⁸ in an apparent reference to President Trump. The next text Strzok sent is: "OMG I CANNOT BELIEVE WE ARE SERIOUSLY LOOKING AT THESE ALLEGATIONS AND THE PERVASIVE CONNECTIONS."⁹ This evidence of bias exhibited by the FBI agents investigating President Trump borders on animus. Potential conflicts of interest are material in the context of conducting oversight related to the integrity of the FBI's decision making with this investigation.
9. As you are well aware, there is evidence political opposition research was used in court filings for this investigation. There is also evidence this same political opposition research was not properly vetted before it was used nor fully revealed to the court. As such, serious concerns have arisen related to the integrity and public confidence in the protocol behind certain counterintelligence programs and the FBI officials tasked with implementing them.
- a. Given these concerns, Peter Strzok's October 11, 2016 text to Lisa Page that he was "currently fighting with Stu for this FISA"¹⁰ raises concerns. As you are probably aware, Stu Evans was head of DOJ's National Security Division in October 2016. This redacted text raises serious concerns of undue influence or pressure being exerted from one agency to another, giving it substantial probative value.

⁸ DOJ-PROD-0000218

⁹ *Id.*

¹⁰ DOJ-PROD-0000282

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10. Documents provided by the Department of Justice demonstrate Peter Strzok was conducting interviews in late July and early August 2016 with FBI sources related to the early stages of the investigation into alleged contacts between the Trump campaign and Russia. On August 2, 2016, Peter Strzok sent Lisa Page a text saying: “interesting fact. Guy we’re about to interview was [redacted].”¹¹ This redacted portion appears to present material information related to the initial steps of the investigation.

The examples shown are not designed to be an exhaustive list of inappropriate redactions. This is just a sampling of some of the relevant material facts that have been redacted under the guise of personal and non-relevant information.

I have great respect and admiration for the rank-and-file law enforcement professionals who serve our country at the FBI and broader Department of Justice. As such, I fully support the Department’s choice to remove their names from Congressional document productions for the sake of protecting individual employees’ privacy. However, the redaction of supervisory FBI and DOJ officials’ names from these documents has left congressional investigators unable to understand the underlying events of the investigation.

Information related to potential conflicts of interests and bias, the possible exertion of improper pressure between agencies in the coordination of an investigation, and the reliability of evidence presented by FBI agents in federal court are material in nature and should not be redacted. The potential sensitivity of law-enforcement related information produced to Congress is far outweighed by the American public’s right to a fair and impartial FBI.

We have inquired about this issue with your office previously in a letter dated March 14, 2018, and have received little to no explanation for the current processes in place. The current system the Department has in place, which has produced documents with excessive redactions, has wasted my time and left me unable to fulfill my obligation to conduct oversight to the extent the Constitution requires. This needs to change.

Your immediate attention to this matter is requested. Please provide my office with a response by April 13, 2018.

Sincerely,



Mark Meadows
Member of Congress

¹¹ DOJ-PROD-0000206

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

CC:

The Honorable Rod Rosenstein
Deputy Attorney General
United States Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20530

CC:

The Honorable Christopher Wray
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
935 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20535

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Boughton, Bryan

From: Boughton, Bryan
Sent: Friday, April 6, 2018 1:00 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: RE: Thanks for meeting with our team

Not at all. I think it was very productive.

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 6, 2018 12:52:12 PM
To: Boughton, Bryan
Subject: Re: Thanks for meeting with our team

Thank you so much for setting that up. I left thinking "I hope I didn't put Bryan in a bad spot" because my intention was really to admit error on our part and hope folks could see the senior leadership running the day to day at the department. But I don't want anyone to think you've ever been unresponsive or anything less than incredibly helpful!

So yes to phone call and anything else I can do to help you!

On Apr 6, 2018, at 12:48 PM, Boughton, Bryan <Bryan.Boughton@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Really appreciate your efforts. I'll circle with Jake and a couple others and we'll give you a good path for quick connection with Fox people.

Bryan
(b)(6) cell

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O'Malley, Devin (OPA)

From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Sent: Friday, April 6, 2018 12:59 PM
To: Jarrett, Laura; jake.gibson@foxnews.com; brooke.singman@foxnews.com
Subject: FW: Head Start
Attachments: 4.6.18 Zero Tolerance Memorandum.pdf

Here's a head start for y'all...issuing this shortly.

**ATTORNEY GENERAL ANNOUNCES ZERO-TOLERANCE POLICY FOR CRIMINAL
ILLEGAL ENTRY**

Attorney General Jeff Sessions today notified all U.S. Attorney's Offices along the Southwest Border of a new "zero-tolerance policy" for offenses under 8 U.S.C. § 1325(a), which prohibits both attempted illegal entry and illegal entry into the United States by an alien. The implementation of the Attorney General's zero-tolerance policy comes as the Department of Homeland Security reported a 203 percent increase in illegal border crossings from March 2017 to March 2018, and a 37 percent increase from February 2018 to March 2018—the largest month-to-month increase since 2011.

"The situation at our Southwest Border is unacceptable. Congress has failed to pass effective legislation that serves the national interest—that closes dangerous loopholes and fully funds a wall along our southern border. As a result, a crisis has erupted at our Southwest Border that necessitates an escalated effort to prosecute those who choose to illegally cross our border," said Attorney General Jeff Sessions. "To those who wish to challenge the Trump Administration's commitment to public safety, national security, and the rule of law, I warn you: illegally entering this country will not be rewarded, but will instead be met with the full prosecutorial powers of the Department of Justice. To the Department's prosecutors, I urge you: promoting and enforcing the rule of law is vital to protecting a nation, its borders, and its citizens. You play a critical part in fulfilling these goals, and I thank you for your continued efforts in seeing to it that our laws—and as a result, our nation—are respected."

On April 11, 2017, Attorney General Jeff Sessions announced a renewed commitment to criminal immigration enforcement. As part of that announcement, the Attorney General issued a memorandum to all federal prosecutors and directed them to prioritize the prosecution of certain criminal immigration offenses. Today's zero-tolerance policy further directs each U.S. Attorney's Office along the Southwest Border (i.e., Southern District of California, District of Arizona, District of New Mexico, Western District of Texas, and the Southern District of Texas) to adopt a policy to prosecute all Department of Homeland Security referrals of section 1325(a) violations, to the extent practicable.

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Office of the Attorney General
Washington, D. C. 20530

APRIL 6, 2018

MEMORANDUM FOR FEDERAL PROSECUTORS ALONG THE SOUTHWEST BORDER

FROM: THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "A. M. B. 4/6/18".

SUBJECT: Zero-Tolerance for Offenses Under 8 U.S.C. § 1325(a)

On April 11, 2017, I issued a memorandum to all federal prosecutors entitled “Renewed Commitment to Criminal Immigration Enforcement,” in which I directed the prioritization of the prosecution of certain criminal immigration offenses. I further directed each United States Attorney’s Office along the Southwest Border to work with the Department of Homeland Security to develop guidelines for prosecuting offenses under 8 U.S.C. § 1325(a).

Those seeking to further an illegal goal constantly alter their tactics to take advantage of weak points. That means we must effectively respond with smart changes also. The recent increase in aliens illegally crossing our Southwest Border requires an updated approach. Past prosecution initiatives in certain districts—such as Operation Streamline—led to a decrease in illegal activities in those districts. We must continue to execute effective policies to meet new challenges.

Accordingly, I direct each United States Attorney’s Office along the Southwest Border—to the extent practicable, and in consultation with DHS—to adopt immediately a zero-tolerance policy for all offenses referred for prosecution under section 1325(a). This zero-tolerance policy shall supersede any existing policies. If adopting such a policy requires additional resources, each office shall identify and request such additional resources.

You are on the front lines of this battle. I respect you and your team. Your dedication and insight into border reality is invaluable. Keep us informed, and don’t hesitate to give us suggestions for improvement. Remember, our goal is not simply more cases. It is to end the illegality in our immigration system.

This guidance is not intended to, does not, and may not be relied upon to create, any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any party against the United States, its departments, agencies, or entities, its officers, employees, or agents, or any other person.

Gibson, Jake

From: Gibson, Jake
Sent: Friday, April 6, 2018 9:20 AM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Subject: Re: Jake Fw: Axios AM: Mike's Top 10 — Breaking: a new Trump "zero tolerance" policy — How tech workplaces are changing

Cool.
Thanks much.

On Apr 6, 2018, at 8:30 AM, O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov> wrote:

I'll make sure I put Brooke on whatever I send out as well

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 6, 2018, at 7:42 AM, Gibson, Jake <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

I'll wait for whatever you have...
I'm good for now... at least for an hour or two...

Jake Gibson
Department of Justice Producer
Fox News Washington
(b)(6)

On Apr 6, 2018, at 7:36 AM, O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov> wrote:

I'll have something for you in a bit. If your editors are hounding you- Any referral from dhs to a us Attorneys Office on the border should be prosecuted, to the extent practicable.

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 6, 2018, at 7:06 AM, Gibson, Jake <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Do I already have this somewhere in my inbox?
If not would you mind passing along?

Thanks very much

THANKS VERY MUCH.

—

Morning Jake/ – seeing this from Axios this morning:

Breaking ... This morning, following President Trump's National Guard deployment to the border, the Justice Department will announce what an official calls "**a zero tolerance policy for criminal illegal entry violations,**" directing U.S. attorneys along the border to prosecute any referral from Homeland Security

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Gibson, Jake

From: Gibson, Jake
Sent: Thursday, April 5, 2018 8:40 PM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Subject: Re:

Awesome.
Thanks!

> On Apr 5, 2018, at 7:37 PM, O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov> wrote:
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> 1:14-cv-14176
>
> District of MA
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> Sent from my iPhone

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jpollak@breitbart.com

From: jpollak@breitbart.com
Sent: Thursday, April 5, 2018 7:31 PM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Cc: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA); Sarah Isgur Flores
Subject: Re: Any comment on the SF lawsuit?

Thanks all

J

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

From: "O'Malley, Devin (OPA)" <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 5, 2018 7:17pm
To: "Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)" <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>
Cc: "jpollak@breitbart.com" <jpollak@breitbart.com>, "Sarah Isgur Flores" <sarahisgurflores@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Any comment on the SF lawsuit?

Decline comment, but I'd refer you back to what the AG said at the time
<https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/attorney-general-jeff-sessions-rescinds-25-guidance-documents>

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 5, 2018, at 7:08 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

Adding Devin

xxxx

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

From: jpollak@breitbart.com <jpollak@breitbart.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 5, 2018 6:22 PM
To: Sarah Isgur Flores <sarahisgurflores@gmail.com>
Subject: Any comment on the SF lawsuit?

Hi Sarah,

Do you guys have a quick comment on this?

<https://www.sfcityattorney.org/2018/04/05/herrera-sues-sessions-restore-civil-rights-protections-poor-people-color-people-disabilities/>

Thanks!

Joel

Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, April 5, 2018 3:25 PM
To: O'Donnell, Erin; Boughton, Bryan; Gibson, Jake
Subject: RE: Friday Meeting

We've added one more person from our team—Rob Hur who is the current Principal Deputy Associate Attorney General (the DAG's deputy)

xxx

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

(b)(6)

From: O'Donnell, Erin <erin.odonnell@FOXNEWS.COM>
Sent: Wednesday, April 4, 2018 12:40 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Boughton, Bryan <Bryan.Boughton@FOXNEWS.COM>; Gibson, Jake <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: RE: Friday Meeting

Hi Sarah,

Looking forward to having you join us at FNC on Friday morning. Here are the meeting attendees:

Jay Wallace- President of News
Alan Komissaroff- VP of News
Kim Rosenberg- VP of News
Mitch Kweit- SVP of the Fox News Brain Room
Ron Mitchell- VP of Story Development
Meade Cooper- SVP of Primetime Programming
Lauren Petterson- SVP of Morning Programming
Noah Kotch- VP/Editor-In-Chief of Foxnews.com
Joanne Po- Managing Director of Fox News Digital
Tom Lowell- VP and Managing Editor, News
Greg Wilson- Managing Editor
David Clark- VP, Weekend News and Programming
Gary Schreier- SVP of Programming for Fox Business Network
Brian Jones- President of Fox Business Network
John Stack- SVP, News Editorial

Please check-in with security and then head to the executive conference room on the second floor. There will be a receptionist there to direct you.

Any further questions, please let me know.

Thank you!

Erin O'Donnell

Principal Deputy Associate Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice

Executive Assistant to Jay Wallace, President of News
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From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [<mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, April 04, 2018 11:58 AM
To: Boughton, Bryan <Bryan.Boughton@FOXNEWS.COM>; Gibson, Jake <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM>;
O'Donnell, Erin <erin.odonnell@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: RE: Friday Meeting

Great. I think Jake will probably be on the same train as we are. And would love a list of Fox people attending from yalls end as well!

From DOJ:
Stephen Boyd (AAG for Leg Affairs)
Matt Whitaker (AG Chief of Staff)
Sarah Isgur Flores (Public Affairs)

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

From: Boughton, Bryan <Bryan.Boughton@FOXNEWS.COM>
Sent: Wednesday, April 4, 2018 11:56 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Gibson, Jake <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM>;
O'Donnell, Erin <erin.odonnell@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: Friday Meeting

I wanted to connect all of you on a single email.

We have agreed to a 1030 meeting at 1211 Ave of the Americas. We will have Sarah's team members' names at the lobby desk. Security can direct you to the right floor but we will also try and have Jake their in the lobby to guide you once you have checked in.

Thank you everyone for making this work.

Bryan

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Pfeiffer, Alex

From: Pfeiffer, Alex
Sent: Wednesday, April 4, 2018 5:44 PM
To: Navas, Nicole (OPA)
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: Re: Inquiry from Tucker Carlson Tonight

Okay, thanks. I appreciate it.

On Apr 4, 2018, at 5:29 PM, Navas, Nicole (OPA) <Nicole.Navas@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Hi Alex,

This requires some research on our end since we do not have this data readily available in one place. I found below cases. Will circle back if I obtain more. Thank you

<https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdtx/pr/former-tamaulipas-governor-indicted-money-laundering-scheme-brother-law>

<https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdtx/pr/former-governor-state-tamaulipas-mexico-indicted-southern-district-texas>

<https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/former-commander-mexican-state-police-and-member-gulf-cartel-pleads-guilty-drug-conspiracy>

<https://archives.fbi.gov/archives/newyork/press-releases/2010/nyfo051010.htm>

Nicole Navas Oxman
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Nicole.Navas@usdoj.gov

From: Pfeiffer, Alex <Alex.Pfeiffer@FOXNEWS.COM>
Sent: Wednesday, April 04, 2018 4:13 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Navas, Nicole (OPA) <nnavas@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: Inquiry from Tucker Carlson Tonight

Thanks.

On Apr 4, 2018, at 4:10 PM, Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Nicole is looking into it

Ian D. Prior

Special Counsel, Director of Public Affairs

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

From: Pfeiffer, Alex <Alex.Pfeiffer@FOXNEWS.COM>
Sent: Wednesday, April 4, 2018 4:08 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: Inquiry from Tucker Carlson Tonight

Circling back here.

On Apr 4, 2018, at 2:13 PM, Pfeiffer, Alex
<Alex.Pfeiffer@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Hi Ian - I covered last year how the DOJ had charged two Mexican officials. One was Ivan Reyes Arzate and Edgar Veytia. Arzate was a police commander who allegedly tipped off the cartels and Veytia was a state attorney general who allegedly made hundreds of millions from drug trafficking. Have there been any recent similar cases where the DOJ has filed charges against Mexican officials for working with the cartel?

Thanks,
Alex Pfeiffer
Associate Producer
Tucker Carlson Tonight

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O'Malley, Devin (OPA)

From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Sent: Wednesday, April 4, 2018 4:09 PM
To: John Hines
Subject: RE: Another point of discussion

Hahaha I'm not sure I have a good side.

Devin M. O'Malley
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From: John Hines <John.Hines@oann.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 4, 2018 4:05 PM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Another point of discussion

This should be our story from yesterday. Thanks again . Hope your boss likes it. We tried to get your good side!

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Young Richardson <Young.Richardson@oann.com>
Date: April 4, 2018 at 3:58:22 PM EDT
To: John Hines <John.Hines@oann.com>
Subject: RE: Another point of discussion

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pc_VM9QMwZ8

From: John Hines
Sent: Wednesday, April 04, 2018 2:03 PM
To: Young Richardson
Subject: Fwd: Another point of discussion

FYI

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "O'Malley, Devin (OPA)" <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov>
Date: April 4, 2018 at 1:03:51 PM EDT
To: John Hines <John.Hines@oann.com>
Subject: RE: Another point of discussion

No problem! Enjoyed today's conversation. Shoot me over that link on sanctuary cities whenever you have a free moment.

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From: John Hines <John.Hines@oann.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 4, 2018 12:32 PM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: Another point of discussion

Got it thanks!

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 4, 2018, at 11:28 AM, O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Hey John-

This is embargoed until noon today, which will be when I come over to chat with you. Figured I would share in case you were interested.

**JUSTICE DEPARTMENT SEEKS TO DENATURALIZE
TWO FOREIGN-CONVICTED WAR CRIMINALS WHO
FRAUDULENTLY OBTAINED REFUGEE STATUS AND
NATURALIZED INTO U.S. CITIZENSHIP**

***Defendants Concealed that They Had Murdered Civilians and
Prisoners of War During the 1990s Balkans Conflict***

WASHINGTON – The Justice Department today filed denaturalization lawsuits against two convicted war criminals and natives of the former Yugoslavia, who according to the Department's complaints, murdered civilians and prisoners of war because of their religion and ethnicity, then fraudulently obtained refugee status and later naturalized into U.S. citizenship by concealing their crimes. The civil complaints were filed in federal court in the District of Oregon and the District of Columbia.

"War criminals will find no safe haven or shelter within the United States," said Attorney General Jeff Sessions. "We will be steadfast as we investigate and prosecute human rights violators, torturers, and war criminals. This is especially true for those who fraudulently obtain U.S. citizenship. For too long, we have tolerated egregious fraud in our refugee program, our immigration system, and the naturalization process. This Administration will hold alleged fraudsters accountable."

“We at DHS are committed to working with our partners across the federal government to target those who seek to break our immigration laws to obtain U.S. citizenship. There will be consequences,” said Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen from the Department of Homeland Security. “National security is homeland security and fraudulently obtaining U.S. citizenship will not be tolerated. Those who abuse our generous immigration system take opportunities away from those who follow our laws and who undoubtedly deserve U.S. citizenship.”

Today’s lawsuits allege that Edin Dzeko, 46, and Sammy Rasema Yetisen, aka Rasema Handanovic, aka Zolja, 45, were part of an elite unit of the Army of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina that attacked the village of Trusina on April 16, 1993, in what is known as the Trusina massacre. The unit targeted Bosnian Croats who resided in the village because of their Christian religion and Croat ethnicity, killing 22 unarmed individuals including women and the elderly. A Bosnian court previously found that Dzeko and Yetisen played key roles in the massacre: both were part of a firing squad that executed six unarmed prisoners of war and civilians, and Yetisen proceeded to make sure all six were dead by shooting them again. In addition to his participation in the firing squad, Dzeko also killed a crippled elderly man, and then shot the man’s wife in the back, killing her because she would not stop crying.

According to the complaints, Dzeko’s and Yetisen’s actions came to light in 2011 when the United States granted their extradition to Bosnia and Herzegovina at that country’s treaty-based request. In April 2012, Yetisen was convicted in a Bosnia court pursuant to a guilty plea of war crimes against prisoners of war and war crimes against civilians based on the firing squad execution-style killings. In exchange for her plea and cooperation, Yetisen was sentenced to five years and six months in prison. In June 2014, Dzeko was convicted in Bosnia court of war crimes against prisoners of war and war crimes against civilians, and held responsible for the eight killings described above, in part based on Yetisen’s testimony against him. Yetisen has been released from prison and resides in Oregon. Dzeko is still serving his sentence in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Before their war crimes had come to light, Dzeko and Yetisen each requested and received refugee status from the United States, claiming themselves to be victims of persecution. The complaints allege that Dzeko and Yetisen concealed and affirmatively misrepresented their criminal history, military service, and persecutory acts throughout their immigration proceedings. Such benefits would have been denied had immigration authorities known about the defendants’ roles in the Trusina massacre.

“The United States has been a safe haven and symbol of hope for people fleeing from persecution, not for war criminals,” said U.S. Attorney Jessica K. Li of the District of Columbia. “The

said U.S. Attorney Jessie K. Liu of the District of Columbia. The actions taken in the District of Columbia and in Oregon today demonstrate that we will use every tool to ensure the integrity of our refugee programs.”

“The United States is a refuge for those fleeing violence and the atrocities of war, not those responsible for these unthinkable acts,” said U.S. Attorney Billy J. Williams of the District of Oregon. “I applaud the hard work and coordination of law enforcement across the country that culminated in these lawsuits.”

Today’s civil denaturalization cases follow on the [recent criminal conviction](#) of a Bosnia Serb residing in North Carolina for making materially false claims and statements on his initial application for refugee status, which involved similar concealment of service in a military unit involved in the July 1995 Srebrenica massacre that resulted in the deaths of between 7,000 and 8,000 Bosnian Muslim men.

The cases were investigated by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement’s (ICE) Homeland Security Investigations Human Rights Violator and War Crimes Unit and the Civil Division’s Office of Immigration Litigation, District Court Section (OIL-DCS) National Security and Affirmative Litigation Unit (NS/A Unit), with consultation and support from ICE’s Office of the Principal Legal Advisor (OPLA) Human Rights Law Section and Seattle Office of the Chief Counsel, and the Criminal Division’s Human Rights and Special Prosecutions Section.

The cases are being jointly prosecuted by Deputy Chief Timothy Belsan and Senior Counsel for National Security Aram Gavoor of OIL-DCS’s NS/A Unit and Trial Attorney Steven Platt of OIL-DCS, Assistant U.S. Attorney Wynne Kelly of the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the District of Columbia, and Assistant U.S. Attorney Jim Cox of the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the District of Oregon.

The claims made in these complaints are allegations only, and there have been no determinations of liability.

Members of the public who have information about foreign nationals or naturalized U.S. citizens suspected of engaging in human rights abuses or war crimes are encouraged to call the ICE tip line at 1-866-DHS-2-ICE or to complete its [online tip form](#); or the Justice Department’s Human Rights and Special Prosecutions Section at 1-202-616-2492. Callers may remain anonymous.

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