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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

BALJINDER SINGH, a/k/a Davinder
Singh,

Defendant.

Case No. 2:17-cv-07214-SRC

Honorable Stanley R. Chesler

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BALJINDER SINGH, a/k/a Davinder
Singh,

Defendant.

Civil Action No. 17-7214 (SRC)

OPINION

CHESLER, District Judge

This matter comes before the Court upon Plaintiff’s filing of a motion for summary judgment (Docket No. 7) pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 56(c), to seek an order of denaturalization against Defendant Baljinder Singh a/k/a Davinder Singh¹ under 8 United States Code § 1451(a). Defendant has not opposed the motion, nor has he responded to the complaint filed on September 19, 2017 (Docket No. 1). The Court has reviewed the Plaintiff’s unopposed motion and proceeds to rule without oral argument. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 78(b). For the reasons set forth below, Plaintiff’s motion will be granted.

¹ Plaintiff has submitted a laboratory report by the Homeland Security Investigations-Forensic Laboratory of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, which compares a January 24, 1992 fingerprint card bearing the name Baljinder Singh to a September 25, 1991 fingerprint card bearing the name Davinder Singh. (Docket No. 7-2.) Based on a comparative analysis of the friction ridge details of each fingerprint, the report concludes that the fingerprints match and belong to the same individual. Plaintiff relies on this report to contend that Baljinder Singh and Davinder Singh are, in fact, the same individual. (Plaintiff’s Statement of Undisputed Material Fact (“SUMF”) ¶ 4.) Having received no opposition to this motion from Defendant to impeach the credibility of this scientific fingerprint analysis, this Court finds that there is no genuine issue as to the fact that Davinder and Baljinder Singh are the same individual. Accordingly, the Court refers to both names interchangeably as ‘Defendant.’

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To: Gibson, Jake
Subject: FW: DOJ secures denaturalization of India-born man who fraudulently obtained US citizenship
Attachments: Dkt 1 Complaint 9-19-17.pdf; Dkt 9 Order 1-5-18.pdf

Trying two emails

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Subject: FW: DOJ secures denaturalization of India-born man who fraudulently obtained US citizenship

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From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
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To: 'Gibson, Jake' <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: DOJ secures denaturalization of India-born man who fraudulently obtained US citizenship

I may still do a release on this on Monday since I'm getting a little pressure from the attorneys.

<https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/united-states-files-denaturalization-complaints-florida-connecticut-and-new-jersey-against>

On background (DOJ official)-

- This case took 108 days from filing to order of denaturalization—abnormally quick for federal civil litigation.

From the opinion:

- "There is no genuine dispute that Defendant misrepresented or concealed facts related to his immigration history in his Form N-400 naturalization form, including facts related to the prior use of a different name (Part 1, Question C); having committed a prior crime or previously been arrested or detained (Part 10, Section D, Questions 15 and 16); giving false information in an immigration

proceeding and lying to a U.S. official to gain entry into the United States (Part 10, Section D, Questions 23 and 24); and previously being ordered to be removed, excluded, or deported from the U.S and applying for relief from such an order (Part 10, Section E, Questions 27 and 28).” – Opinion at 10

- “Defendant procured his naturalization as a result of these misrepresentations and concealments. If Defendant had not made these misrepresentations in the Form N-400 or in his naturalization interview, it is fair to infer that he would not have been granted naturalization. Indeed, he was not eligible for naturalization under the name Davinder Singh, due to the in absentia exclusion order against him. By not disclosing this information, Defendant was able to successfully naturalize under the name Baljinder Singh. As such, Defendant’s naturalization was procured as a result of these misrepresentations and concealments. Since the Government has demonstrated, through clear and convincing evidence, that all four denaturalization requirements in Kungys are satisfied, this Court will grant its motion for summary judgment and enter an order to revoke Defendant’s naturalization and cancel his certificate of naturalization.” -- Opinion at 12.

- See also FN 1 noting that an expert report established that the fingerprints matched for “Davinder Singh” and “Baljinder Singh.”

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Civil Action No. 17-72146648 (SRC)

ORDER

CHESLER, District Judge

This matter comes before the Court upon Plaintiff’s filing of a motion for summary judgment (Docket No. 7) pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 56(c), to seek an order of denaturalization against Defendant Baljinder Singh a/k/a Davinder Singh under 8 United States Code § 1451(a).

The Court has reviewed Plaintiff’s unopposed submission, and for the reasons set forth in the accompanying Opinion; and for good cause shown;

IT IS on this 5th day of January, 2018;

ORDERED that the Plaintiff’s motion for summary judgment (Docket No. 7) is

GRANTED; and further

ORDERED that Defendant’s naturalization is revoked in accordance with 8 United States Code § 1451(a); and further

ORDERED that the Certificate of Naturalization No. 29916157 issued to Defendant on July 28, 2006 is hereby canceled.

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Civil Action No. 17-7214 (SRC)

OPINION

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From: Gibson, Jake
Sent: Friday, January 5, 2018 4:51 PM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Subject: RE: this email?

Well this came thru...

From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) [mailto:Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Friday, January 5, 2018 4:49 PM
To: Gibson, Jake <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: RE: this email?

yeah

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From: Gibson, Jake [mailto:Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Friday, January 5, 2018 4:48 PM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: this email?

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Gibson, Jake

From: Gibson, Jake
Sent: Friday, January 5, 2018 3:40 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Fwd: Foundation

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Herridge, Catherine" <Catherine.Herridge@FOXNEWS.COM>
Date: January 5, 2018 at 3:32:49 PM EST
To: "Gibson, Jake" <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: Foundation

<http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2016/01/11/fbis-clinton-probe-expands-to-public-corruption-track.html>

we reported in January 2016 there was a public corruption probe – is this part of the same thing? Based on what they have said?

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Rosenthal, Jessica

From: Rosenthal, Jessica
Sent: Friday, January 5, 2018 3:31 PM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Subject: RE: Attorney General Jeff Sessions Statement on Kate Steinle Verdict

Thank you!

From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) [mailto:Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Friday, January 05, 2018 3:30 PM
To: Rosenthal, Jessica <jessica.rosenthal@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: RE: Attorney General Jeff Sessions Statement on Kate Steinle Verdict

Off the record- Marshals are waiting for them as they are outprocessing him at the jail now. Litigation schedule is TBD.

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To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Attorney General Jeff Sessions Statement on Kate Steinle Verdict

Thank you. Any more guidance on when he will be taken in to federal custody and this process laid out in the December 5th press release begins?

From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) [mailto:Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Friday, January 05, 2018 3:00 PM
To: Rosenthal, Jessica <jessica.rosenthal@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: RE: Attorney General Jeff Sessions Statement on Kate Steinle Verdict

<https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndca/pr/jose-inez-garcia-zarate-face-federal-firearm-charges-northern-district-california>

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To: O'Malley, Devin (OFA) <devinomalley@jtd.usdoj.gov>

Subject: RE: Attorney General Jeff Sessions Statement on Kate Steinle Verdict

Hi there. Looking for any guidance on Jose Ines Garcia Zarate and what's next. US Marshal's referring calls to you.... I know you're probably slammed, just looking for any word on logistics...

Thanks,

Jessica Rosenthal
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Robinson, Michael

From: Robinson, Michael
Sent: Friday, January 5, 2018 8:56 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: RE: Fox Business Interview Request

OK, thanks for considering.

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Friday, January 05, 2018 8:32 AM
To: Robinson, Michael
Subject: Re: Fox Business Interview Request

I can't confirm or deny ongoing investigations--so I'd better not.

On Jan 5, 2018, at 8:27 AM, Robinson, Michael <Michael.Robinson@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Any time today to talk about the new investigation during our 5 PM ET hour?

Michael Robinson
Fox Business Network

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Spinato, Eric

From: Spinato, Eric
Sent: Friday, January 5, 2018 6:36 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: RE: Happy New Year, Sarah!

Okay

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Thursday, January 04, 2018 7:05 PM
To: Spinato, Eric <eric.spinato@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: RE: Happy New Year, Sarah!

Sorry—will decline this for now.

xxxx

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: Spinato, Eric [mailto:eric.spinato@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Thursday, January 4, 2018 9:13 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Spinato, Eric <eric.spinato@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: Happy New Year, Sarah!

Can AG Sessions join Maria live Sunday, to discuss the Administration Immigration reform policy, being discussed today

With some Senators and how the DOJ allegedly is reviewing the marijuana legalization policy

If he can't join us Sunday, can we look into sometime next week, on Maria's FBN morning show.

Thank you

Eric

Eric Spinato

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Spinato, Eric

From: Spinato, Eric
Sent: Thursday, January 4, 2018 7:58 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Re: Happy New Year, Sarah!

Okay
Ty

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 4, 2018, at 7:05 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

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Trey Yingst

From: Trey Yingst
Sent: Thursday, January 4, 2018 10:15 PM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Subject: RE: Quick Question

Hey Devin,

I'm off tomorrow, but would be interested in getting the DOJ's perspective on this Monday. Any chance you would have someone available then to discuss this on camera? If not, maybe someone who could provide a few comments on background for our reporting.

Thanks for reaching out and I look forward to keeping in touch.

Best,

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From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) [Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov]
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To: Trey Yingst
Subject: Quick Question

Hi Trey-

Is there anyone at OANN that would be interested in writing about the vast law enforcement support for the federal marijuana enforcement policy announced today?

Thought it may be something of interest to OANN readership/viewership.

Thanks for your time!

Devin

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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, January 4, 2018 9:18 PM
To: Wallace, Christopher
Subject: Re: Confirming?

Ditto!!!

On Jan 4, 2018, at 9:04 PM, Wallace, Christopher <Christopher.Wallace@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Had to ask... have a fine evening ms flores

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [<mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, January 04, 2018 8:56 PM
To: Wallace, Christopher <Christopher.Wallace@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: Re: Confirming?

We don't confirm or deny ongoing investigations

On Jan 4, 2018, at 8:53 PM, Wallace, Christopher <Christopher.Wallace@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

<http://thehill.com/homenews/campaign/367541-fbi-launches-new-clinton-foundation-investigation>

thank you...

Chris Wallace
Executive Producer
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<http://www.foxnews.com/person/w/christopher-wallace.html>

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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, January 4, 2018 7:01 PM
To: Pappas, Alex
Subject: RE: Daily Beast story

I cant confirm

xxx

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Sarah,

I've been asked to look into this story, saying DOJ is looking at Hillary Clinton's emails again. Can you say anything?

<https://www.thedailybeast.com/justice-department-looking-into-hillary-clintons-emails-again>

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O'Malley, Devin (OPA)

From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, January 4, 2018 6:45 PM
To: imason@breitbart.com
Subject: Vast Law Enforcement Support for Federal Marijuana Enforcement Policy
Attachments: MC Chiefs Release - Marijuana Jan 4 2018.pdf; 01.04.18 FLEOA Press Release on Cole Memo Final (00110892x87C30).pdf; Press Release Marijuana Enforcement 01042018.pdf; Cole Memo Release.pdf

Hi Ian-

Thanks for your willingness to entertain this idea. Happy to provide an on the record quote, if you think it's helpful. In addition to everything below, National Sheriffs Association should be putting something out soon, and I will forward that along ASAP. Get better!

[International Association of Chiefs of Police](#)

Attached:
Major Cities Chiefs
Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association
National Fraternal Order of Police
National Association of Assistant United States Attorneys



For Immediate Release

Date: January 4, 2018
Contact: Sheriff Grady Judd
847-404-8189
gjudd@mcsheriffs.com

Sheriffs Applaud Cole Memo Rescission

Today, the Department of Justice released guidance rescinding the egregious Cole Memo. Allowing for pre-Cole Memo days where individual US Attorneys use their discretion to prosecute marijuana cases is a victory for public safety and public health.

Allowing illegal businesses to flourish and expose our communities and children to harmful substances must stop and DOJ's actions will serve to slow the massive commercialization and marketing of the marijuana industry. Already, the number of marijuana-related car crashes has skyrocketed, and the brazen pot industry has exploited regulations to enrich their profits.

"The push across the nation by organizations like NORML to legalize marijuana under the guise of helping the sick has caused black market sales of so-called legal pot to proliferate in this nation, and it has given a greater and easier access of the drug to our country's most precious resource – our children. I commend President Trump and Attorney General Sessions for their leadership and action in repealing the Cole Memo," said Sheriff Grady Judd, MCSA President.

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The *Major County Sheriffs of America* (MCSA) is a professional law enforcement association of elected sheriffs representing counties or parishes with 500,000 population or more. MCSA is dedicated to preserving the highest integrity in law enforcement, corrections and the elected Office of the Sheriff. MCSA's membership represents over 100 million Americans, and works to promote a greater understanding of strategies to address future problems and identify law enforcement challenges facing members of the organization.

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FLEOA Supports DOJ Decision to Rescind “Cole Memo” on Marijuana Enforcement

Washington, D.C. The Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association (FLEOA) the largest not for profit, non-partisan, professional organization representing over 26,000 federal agents and officers in 65 federal agencies today released a statement in support of Attorney General Jeff Sessions’ announcement that the Department of Justice will rescind the “Cole memo,” which ordered U.S. attorneys in states where marijuana has been legalized to deprioritize prosecution of marijuana-related cases.

National President Nathan Catura said, **“FLEOA applauds Attorney General Sessions’ decision to allow U.S. Attorneys to decide what federal resources should be utilized towards marijuana enforcement and prosecution. U.S. Attorneys are uniquely qualified to appropriately address drug enforcement issues that are specific to their districts.**

“Drug-related deaths currently exceed motor vehicle deaths, and while some states have taken steps to change the legal status of marijuana, the substance’s illegality remains federal law. Until Congress sees fit to make marijuana legal, the Attorney General and law enforcement have an obligation to enforce current law. Given these factors, this type of direction and support from the Attorney General is appreciated and will ensure national consistency on this matter.”

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FOP PRESIDENT CANTERBURY ON COLE MEMO REVOCATION *FOP APPLAUDS AG SESSIONS MOVE ON MARIJUANA*

Chuck Canterbury, National President of the Fraternal Order of Police, applauded today's announcement by Attorney General Jefferson B. Sessions III that the U.S. Department of Justice was rescinding the Cole Memo and restoring discretion to our nation's U.S. Attorneys on investigations into violations of Federal drug laws involving marijuana.

The Cole Memo, issued in 2013 in response to several States removing criminal penalties for the use and possession of marijuana, allowed for the creation of a "pot industry" and created a veneer of legitimacy to violations of Federal law, which prohibits the use, possession and production of this dangerous drug.

"From 1996, when he was elected to the Senate, to today as our nation's 'top cop,' Attorney General Sessions has been a key law enforcement ally and supporter of the rule of law," said Canterbury. "Like our members, he is also a strong proponent of Federal enforcement of our nation's narcotics laws. This experiment of giving cover to drug dealers has had fatal consequences. When marijuana was 'legalized' in Colorado, traffic-related deaths due to marijuana rose from 13% to 20%. This is costing people their lives."

The Attorney General's announcement is good news for public safety and public health. There will be no Federal agents chasing individual users—but it will give law enforcement the discretion it lost when the Cole Memo was issued.

"As our nation celebrated the New Year, many of us caught live coverage of drug use on CNN, a violation of Federal law and a dangerous contribution to normalizing drug abuse," said Canterbury. "Our members don't make law or policy—we enforce it. If our citizens want to change the existing law, they should do so. As law enforcement officers, we cannot pick and choose what laws will be enforced."

The Fraternal Order of Police is the largest law enforcement labor organization in the United States with more than 330,000 members in every region of the country.

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NEWS FROM THE MAJOR CITIES CHIEFS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CONTACT: Rick Myers
Executive Director
Major Cities Chiefs Association
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Major Cities Chiefs Support Marijuana Announcement

WASHINGTON, January 4, 2018 – On behalf of the largest law enforcement agencies in the Nation, Major Cities Chiefs Association President J. Thomas Manger issued a statement today responding to the announcement by the U.S. Department of Justice that the previous restrictive directions regarding marijuana enforcement have been rescinded.

“Today Attorney General Jeff Sessions has announced a return to the long- established policy of the Justice Department regarding marijuana. Unless or until Congress changes the law, marijuana trafficking, cultivation, distribution, possession and use remain illegal under Federal law.

Major Cities Chiefs supports this action as it is consistent with our policy that marijuana should not be legalized. After careful study and extensive debate, our membership voted to oppose legalization because we feel that the use of marijuana is harmful to public health and public safety.

The policy announced today will leave to each U.S. Attorney the local determination regarding needs and priorities, and how best to proceed in the coming year ahead. To this end, our Chiefs of Police in each major urban area will work with their local U.S Attorney regarding marijuana enforcement by Federal agencies and public safety policies going forward.”

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Major Cities Chiefs is a professional association of Chiefs and Sheriffs representing the largest cities in the United States and Canada. Membership is comprised of Chiefs and Sheriffs of the sixty-nine largest law enforcement agencies in the United States and ten largest in Canada. The Chiefs serve more than 82 million people.



National Association of Assistant United States Attorneys

For Immediate Release

January 4, 2018

Contact: Lawrence J. Leiser, President
1-703-869-9818

STATEMENT OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS REGARDING MARIJUANA ENFORCEMENT

Assistant United States Attorneys are our nation's federal prosecutors; as such, they are obligated to enforce our country's laws as enacted by the Congress of the United States. Following the Rule of Law is, and always should be, their legal, moral, and ethical obligation. The enforcement of our current laws regarding marijuana should be treated no differently than any other federal statute that AUSAs are obligated to enforce, while always taking into account the danger the crime represents to the public, the availability of limited resources, and the prosecutorial priorities designated by the Attorney General and United States Attorneys.

Assistant United States Attorneys believe that it is our duty to enforce the law and not to make the law. Consistent with this principle, NAAUSA's position is that the debate over whether or not to legalize marijuana should occur in the halls of Congress and not in the halls of the Department of Justice. Accordingly, NAAUSA believes that the Attorney General's recent action with regard to marijuana enforcement is consistent with this strongly held principle that prosecutors should follow the Rule of Law as enacted by the Congress, until such time as the law is changed by the Congress.

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The National Association of Assistant United States Attorneys is a national professional association representing the interests of Assistant United States Attorneys employed by the Department of Justice. Assistant United States Attorneys are the career-level federal law enforcement officers in the 94 United States Attorney Offices responsible for federal criminal prosecutions and civil cases involving the United States Government.

Gibson, Jake

From: Gibson, Jake
Sent: Thursday, January 4, 2018 4:05 PM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Subject: Re: BIA Review Background Briefing

Be there in 10
Having an IT emergency

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 4, 2018, at 3:15 PM, O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Yes

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From: Gibson, Jake [<mailto:Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM>]
Sent: Thursday, January 4, 2018 2:48 PM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: BIA Review Background Briefing

Is this still on?

On Jan 3, 2018, at 4:07 PM, O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov> wrote:

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Prior, Ian (OPA)

From: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, January 4, 2018 1:35 PM
To: Gibson, Jake

<https://www.brookings.edu/blog/fixgov/2016/08/19/mcintosh-decision-limits-doj-powers-but-medical-marijuana-advocates-should-worry/>

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Gibson, Jake

From: Gibson, Jake
Sent: Thursday, January 4, 2018 1:16 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Fwd: Info request

Anything?

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Nestande, Francesca" <Francesca.Nestande@FOXNEWS.COM>
Date: January 4, 2018 <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: Info request

Hi Jake—

I am a producer on Hannity... we saw this story on Daily Beast.. Any confirmation on your end if its true?

Justice Department 'Looking Into' Hillary Clinton's Emails— Again

<https://www.thedailybeast.com/justice-department-looking-into-hillary-clintons-emails-again?ref=home>

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Gibson, Jake

From: Gibson, Jake
Sent: Thursday, January 4, 2018 12:56 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Re: still need me?

Yes
Walking down now
Thanks

On Jan 4, 2018, at 12:43 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

xxx

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Singman, Brooke

From: Singman, Brooke
Sent: Thursday, January 4, 2018 12:43 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA); Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: RE: Grassley letter-- DOJ probe into Comey's handling of classified info?

Thank you!! Happy Happy New Year! Hope you both enjoyed your holidays & much deserved time off (assuming you were able to take some!)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Thursday, January 04, 2018 12:41 PM
To: Singman, Brooke <brooke.singman@FOXNEWS.COM>; Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Grassley letter-- DOJ probe into Comey's handling of classified info?

We don't confirm or deny investigations. We'll decline further comment.

xxx
Sarah Isgur Flores
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From: Singman, Brooke [mailto:brooke.singman@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Thursday, January 4, 2018 11:52 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Grassley letter-- DOJ probe into Comey's handling of classified info?

Hi Sarah and Ian,

Happy New Year!

Taking a look at this letter.. there are 7 Comey memos. 4 of which had classified information. Comey's friend Daniel Richman told me he had 4 memos from Comey, none of them, at the time of receiving, were marked classified. But basic math would seem that Richman had at least ONE classified memo, possibly without knowing, and possibly that had been retroactively marked.

[https://www.judiciary.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/2018-01-03%20CEG%20to%20DOJ%20\(Classification%20of%20Comey%20Memos\).pdf](https://www.judiciary.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/2018-01-03%20CEG%20to%20DOJ%20(Classification%20of%20Comey%20Memos).pdf)

Is the DOJ investigating whether former FBI Director Comey improperly disclosed classified information to his friend Daniel Richman?
Did Mr. Richman return the documents to DOJ or FBI?

Deadline is 12:45p EST.

Thank you!

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Politics Reporter, Fox News Channel

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Gibson, Jake

From: Gibson, Jake
Sent: Thursday, January 4, 2018 12:23 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA); Prior, Ian (OPA); O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Subject: Fwd: RELEASE: Gardner Statement on DOJ Marijuana Legalization Enforcement

Subject: RELEASE: Gardner Statement on DOJ Marijuana Legalization Enforcement



For Immediate Release
January 4th, 2018
Contact: Casey Contres, 202-224-0355

Gardner Statement on DOJ Marijuana Legalization Enforcement

Washington, DC - Senator Cory Gardner (R-CO) released the below statement following the reported action being taken by the Justice Department on marijuana legalization enforcement:

"Reports that the Justice Department will rescind their current policy on legal marijuana enforcement are extremely alarming. Before I voted to confirm Attorney General Sessions, he assured me that marijuana would not be a priority for this Administration. Today's action directly contradicts what I was told, and I am prepared to take all steps necessary, including holding DOJ nominees, until the Attorney General lives up to the commitment he made to me prior to his confirmation. In 2016, President Trump said marijuana legalization should be left up to the states and I agree."

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Cory Gardner is a member of the U.S. Senate serving Colorado. He sits on the Energy & Natural Resources Committee, the Foreign Relations Committee, the Commerce, Science, & Transportation Committee, and the Budget Committee, and is the Chairman of the Subcommittee on East Asia, the Pacific, and International Cybersecurity Policy and Subcommittee on Energy

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Emerald Robinson

From: Emerald Robinson
Sent: Thursday, January 4, 2018 11:23 AM
To: Ehram, Lauren (OPA)
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA); Sutton, Sarah E. (OPA)
Subject: Re: Credentials/Press List

Thanks for your help, Lauren. I will look out for direction from Ian and Sarah.

Safe travels!

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On Jan 4, 2018, at 11:14 AM, Ehram, Lauren (OPA) <Lauren.Ehram@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Hi Emerald,

Hope your holidays were wonderful! I'm traveling for the next few days, but I'm copying Ian Prior who can assist with getting you to the right person for credentialing requests and Sarah Sutton who can add you to our press lists.

Thank you,
Lauren

On Jan 4, 2018, at 11:09 AM, Emerald Robinson <Emerald.Robinson@oann.com> wrote:

Hi Lauren-

I've been assigned to cover the DOJ more by our bureau chief. I am reaching out to you to find out about credentialing information for the DOJ. Does the DOJ require credentials like Congress, the White House, and the Pentagon? If so, how do I go about applying for these for myself and one videographer?

Also, if there are any press email list or list for briefing information, could you please add me to those?

Sorry to pummel you with so many questions! Happy New Year!

Best,

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Conti, Andrew

From: Conti, Andrew
Sent: Thursday, January 4, 2018 10:38 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: IMPT REQUEST FROM LAURA INGRAHAM/FOX NEWS - AG SESSIONS

Hi Sarah,

Laura wanted to know if there is any chance AG Sessions might be available today to discuss the DOJ rolling back legal marijuana policy. Laura has done a lot of coverage on this issue and has been very strong on it. Is there any chance we can make it work for tonight even if it's via satellite. Thanks much for your consideration.

Best,

Andrew

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Murray, Andrew

From: Murray, Andrew
Sent: Thursday, January 4, 2018 10:35 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Cc: Ehram, Lauren (OPA); Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: Available tomorrow (Friday) for "Fox & Friends" tomorrow (Friday) LIVE at 6:20am ET?

Hi Sarah,

Please let me know if we can schedule you to appear on "Fox & Friends" for a LIVE interview at 6:20am ET on this topic: ATTORNEY GENERAL JEFF SESSIONS TO END POLICY THAT ALLOWED LEGAL POT TO THRIVE
<http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2018/01/04/attorney-general-jeff-sessions-to-end-policy-that-let-legal-pot-flourish.html>

Thanks in advance,

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From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, November 29, 2017 2:49 PM
To: Murray, Andrew <Andrew.Murray@FOXNEWS.COM>
Cc: Ehram, Lauren (OPA) <Lauren.Ehram@usdoj.gov>; Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Attorney General Sessions Available for "Fox & Friends" tomorrow (Thursday) LIVE at 8:20am ET?

Cant do tomorrow bc the AG has his HPSCI interview in the am. But wanted to ping you about holding the 11th?

xxx

Sarah Isgur Flores
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From: Murray, Andrew [mailto:Andrew.Murray@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Wednesday, November 29, 2017 2:26 PM

Sent: Thursday, November 16, 2017 4:57 PM

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

Cc: Ehram, Lauren (OPA) <lehram@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>

Subject: Attorney General Sessions Available for "Fox & Friends" tomorrow (Thursday) LIVE at 8:20am ET?

Hi Sarah,

Please let us know if we can schedule Attorney General Sessions for a LIVE interview tomorrow (Thursday) at 8:20am ET about his announcement on **NEW TOOLS IN COMBATTING THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC**.

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/ag-jeff-sessions-holds-press-conference-on-combatting-opioid-epidemic-live-stream/>

Thanks in advance,

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

Sent: Thursday, November 16, 2017 5:57 PM

To: Murray, Andrew <Andrew.Murray@FOXNEWS.COM>

Cc: Ehram, Lauren (OPA) <Lauren.Ehram@usdoj.gov>; Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>

Subject: RE: Details for "Fox & Friends" Tomorrow (Friday) LIVE at 6:30am ET

Actually! Can I get a car after all? My address is (b) (6) Maybe 540am so I'm there a little before 6?

xxxx

Sarah Isgur Flores

Director of Public Affairs

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From: Murray, Andrew [<mailto:Andrew.Murray@FOXNEWS.COM>]

Sent: Thursday, November 16, 2017 11:56 AM

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

Cc: Ehram, Lauren (OPA) <lehram@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>

Subject: Details for "Fox & Friends" Tomorrow (Friday) LIVE at 6:30am ET

Hi Sarah,

I understand that you have been in touch with our executive producers and are confirmed to appear on "Fox & Friends" tomorrow. That's wonderful news! We would like to start the interview LIVE at 6:30am ET in our DC bureau. details are below. please let me know if you have any questions.

DC bureau, details are below, please let me know if you have any questions.

"Fox & Friends"

DATE: Friday, November 17th

ARRIVAL: 6:00 am ET (for make-up)

LIVE INTERVIEW: 6:30am ET with Steve Doocy, Ainsley Earhardt, and Pete Hegseth

TOPIC: How the Department of Justice is serving the American people under the Trump administration

ADDRESS: FNC DC Bureau: The Hall of the States Building: 400 North Capitol Street, NW, Suite 500

FRIDAY AM: GUEST GREETER: (b) (6) Phone: (b) (6) (Main) or (b) (6) Bureau Main Number: (b) (6) email: (b) (6)

FRIDAY AM EMERGENCY CONTACT: (b) (6) CELL: (b) (6) Greenroom: (b) (6) email: (b) (6)

Instructions for tomorrow: Sign in at the guard desk in lobby and receive security pass. Then take the elevators on the left side of the lobby up to the 5th floor, suite is on the left side of the hall.

Thanks in advance,

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From: Murray, Andrew
Sent: Thursday, November 16, 2017 10:43 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>
Cc: Ehram, Lauren (OPA) <Lauren.Ehram@usdoj.gov>; Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>
Subject: Attorney General Sessions available for "Fox & Friends" Next Week?

Hi Sarah,

Please let us know if there are any opportunities next week before Thanksgiving.

Andrew

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

Sent: Tuesday, November 14, 2017 5:18 PM
To: Murray, Andrew <Andrew.Murray@FOXNEWS.COM>
Cc: Ehram, Lauren (OPA) <Lauren.Ehram@usdoj.gov>; Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Attorney General Sessions available for "Fox & Friends" tomorrow (Wednesday)?

We'll pass—thanks!

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: Murray, Andrew [<mailto:Andrew.Murray@FOXNEWS.COM>]
Sent: Tuesday, November 14, 2017 4:30 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Ehram, Lauren (OPA) <lehram@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Attorney General Sessions available for "Fox & Friends" tomorrow (Wednesday)?

Hi Sarah,

Please let us know if Attorney General Sessions is available to join us on "Fox & Friends" for a LIVE interview (tomorrow) Wednesday about his testimony to the House Judiciary Committee today.

Thanks in advance,

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From: Ehram, Lauren (OPA) [<mailto:Lauren.Ehram@usdoj.gov>]
Sent: Monday, November 13, 2017 5:34 PM
To: Ehram, Lauren (OPA) <Lauren.Ehram@usdoj.gov>
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>
Subject: AG Sessions: Why we've made restoring the rule of law our top priority

Good afternoon! I hope you'll take a moment to read this op-ed out today by Attorney General Jeff Sessions highlighting how the Department of Justice is serving the American people under this administration, by following the laws they have duly enacted, including:

- Taking action to keep America safe.
- Settling with Tea Party groups for unfair treatment by the IRS.
- Ending the use of gov't to bankroll third-party special interest groups or the friends of whomever is

in power.

- Trusting our prosecutors again and letting them do their jobs.
- Rewarding those jurisdictions that assist federal law enforcement.
- Protecting First Amendment rights to free speech and religious liberty.

And we are just getting started!

Thank you,
Lauren

Lauren Ehram
Spokeswoman and Media Affairs Specialist
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Attorney General Jeff Sessions: Why we've made restoring the rule of law our top priority

By Jeff Sessions

Fox News

<http://www.foxnews.com/opinion/2017/11/13/attorney-general-jeff-sessions-why-weve-made-restoring-rule-law-our-top-priority.html>

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

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

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

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

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

Under this administration, the Department of Justice is serving the American people by following the laws they have duly enacted—and we are just getting started.

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

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

criminals or promote lawlessness.

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

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

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

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

Religious liberty is an inalienable right, and at the president's direction, we issued legal guidance on how to properly interpret and apply legal protections for religious liberty. And it is not just freedom of worship: we do not give up our religious freedom when we are at work, when we interact with the federal government, or any other time we participate in society.

We do not give up our rights when we go to school, either. This Department is standing up for those whose rights have been violated on campus, including supporting a lawsuit by one young man who was punished for discussing his faith outside of his school's tiny "free speech zone." And we are examining a case where Asian-American students allege racial discrimination in one university's admissions.

In 1776, Thomas Paine wrote that "in free countries, the law ought to be king." Under this administration, the Department of Justice is serving the American people by following the laws they have duly enacted—and we are just getting started.

Jeff Sessions is the Attorney General of the United States.

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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, January 4, 2018 8:59 AM
To: Gibson, Jake
Subject: Re: So...

Both

> On Jan 4, 2018, at 8:57 AM, Gibson, Jake <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

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> Where is background briefing?

> In person or on phone?

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>> On Jan 4, 2018, at 8:54 AM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

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>> I'll confirm as a background source. Background briefing for y'all at 11am.

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To: Gibson, Jake
Subject: Re: So...

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On Jan 4, 2018, at 8:53 AM, Gibson, Jake <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Anything on this?

AP-US-APNewsAlert,16

WASHINGTON (AP) -- AP sources: AG Sessions will rescind policy that allowed legal marijuana to flourish without federal intervention.

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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Wednesday, January 3, 2018 10:42 PM
To: Wallace, Christopher
Cc: McDonnell, Brigid Mary
Subject: Re: House Intel Docs

my understanding is nunes is putting out a statement. So we're going to leave it to him.

On Jan 3, 2018, at 10:07 PM, Wallace, Christopher <Christopher.Wallace@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Hi Sarah,
Can you loop me in please on whatever you have on this... for our reporting at 11p? Brigid works with us.. just want to make sure it gets to me right away for getting on the air.
Kind Regards & Very Respectfully,
CW

Chris Wallace
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Mears, William

From: Mears, William
Sent: Wednesday, January 3, 2018 4:55 PM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Subject: RE: Manafort civil complaint

Thanks, appreciate it.

From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) [mailto:Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, January 03, 2018 4:53 PM
To: Mears, William <William.Mears@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: RE: Manafort civil complaint

From DOJ spox: The lawsuit is frivolous but the defendant is entitled to file whatever he wants

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From: Mears, William [mailto:William.Mears@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Wednesday, January 3, 2018 4:52 PM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Manafort civil complaint

Hi Devin, does the Department have any reaction to the civil complaint filed by Paul Manafort against the Department and the Special Counsel?
Filling in for Jake Gibson today and any help appreciated.

Best,
Bill Mears
Fox News Producer

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O'Malley, Devin (OPA)

Subject: BIA Review Background Briefing
Location: OPA Conference Room

Start: Thursday, January 4, 2018 4:00 PM
End: Thursday, January 4, 2018 5:00 PM

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Meeting organizer

Organizer: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Required Attendees: Gurman, Sadie; Gibson, Jake; Spagat, Elliot

Gibson, Jake

From: Gibson, Jake
Sent: Wednesday, January 3, 2018 2:22 PM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Subject: Re: New Time

Sure.

On Jan 3, 2018, at 2:05 PM, O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Yeah we'll do Friday AM embargo. Would you mind doing your backgrounder with Sadie and her colleague? It would be easier for me to coordinate schedules and your embargo would be the same.

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From: Gibson, Jake [<mailto:Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM>]
Sent: Wednesday, January 3, 2018 2:04 PM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: New Time

Sure.

But could U make the embargo Friday am... if it's a lot to go thru...

Thanks

On Jan 3, 2018, at 1:49 PM, O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Could you make something between 3:00 and 5:00 pm tomorrow work?
Embargo will be later that night or Friday AM (TBD).

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O'Malley, Devin (OPA)

From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Sent: Wednesday, January 3, 2018 12:42 PM
To: Gibson, Jake
Subject: RE: You in the office today?
Attachments: In re Chairez=Castrejon (Lynch - Yes Briefing).pdf

Great, here's some historical context as well, but we'll cover more tomorrow.

https://www.justice.gov/sites/default/files/pages/attachments/2016/09/07/3869_0.pdf

<https://www.justice.gov/eoir/ag-bia-decisions>

<https://www.justice.gov/eoir/board-of-immigration-appeals>

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From: Gibson, Jake [mailto:Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Wednesday, January 3, 2018 12:37 PM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: You in the office today?

I'll be there.
Thanks.

On Jan 3, 2018, at 12:26 PM, O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov> wrote:

One of my guys has a 10:00 am meeting.

9:00 am in that Andretta room down the hall from our offices? Can also do phone, but being in person will be much more helpful.

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From: Gibson, Jake [mailto:Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Wednesday, January 3, 2018 12:16 PM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: You in the office today?

I'm good for the backgrounder.

10a would be better... but I can make 9, just lemme know where and when.

Thanks.

On Jan 3, 2018, at 11:56 AM, O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Yes, and also so I'm upfront- I'm giving to AP as well. Want two sides to this one. Here is some background off the record:

Tomorrow, Attorney General Sessions will issue an order that directs the Board of Immigration Appeals to refer a particular case to him for review of its decision. This is a practice that is afforded to Attorneys General under the [CFR](#), and has been used dating back to AG Mukasey. This is the first time AG Sessions is exercising the ability to review a case, and he will simultaneously be inviting parties to the proceedings (i.e., DHS and the alien) and interested amici (e.g., ACLU, AILA, FAIR, NumbersUSA, CIS, etc.) to submit briefs on points relevant to the disposition of the case.

While I cannot get into a lot of details of the case, I can tell you that in addition to the obvious immigration court/pending backlog nexus, there is also a link to administrative closures and unaccompanied minors.

Backgrounder would have to happen at 9:00 am (or earlier, but I know you don't want that). Would be embargoed until the documents were made public (3:00 pm or so).

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From: Gibson, Jake [<mailto:Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM>]
Sent: Wednesday, January 3, 2018 11:53 AM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: You in the office today?

I could do the sit down... I think.

Can you give me a line or two on it for me to figure out where I'm squeezing it in tomorrow?

On Jan 3, 2018, at 11:45 AM, O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Have a potential story for you: it's about immigration courts. Very

I have a potential story for you, it's about immigration courts. Very focused issue, but one I think your readers would be interested in. Will take require you or someone else to sit down tomorrow AM for a backgrounder with two senior DOJ officials.

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From: Gibson, Jake [<mailto:Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM>]
Sent: Wednesday, January 3, 2018 11:32 AM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: You in the office today?

I'm back tomorrow but I'm around.

What's up?

On Jan 3, 2018, at 11:25 AM, O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov> wrote:

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ORDER NO. 3583-2015

In re: Matter of Martin Chairez-Castrejon (A092 456 825) (BIA 2014 & 2015), Matter of Sama (A076 581 488) (BIA 2015)

IN REMOVAL PROCEEDINGS

Pursuant to 8 C.F.R. § 1003.1(h)(1)(i), I direct the Board of Immigration Appeals (“Board”) to refer to me the above-captioned cases for review of its decisions. The Board’s decisions in these matters are automatically stayed pending my review. *See Matter of Haddam*, A.G. Order No. 2380-2001 (Jan. 19, 2001). During the pendency of my review, the Board’s decisions, or portions thereof, that address the question set out below shall not be regarded as precedential or binding by immigration judges or the Board. To assist me in my review, I invite the parties to these proceedings and interested amici to submit briefs addressing the following issue:

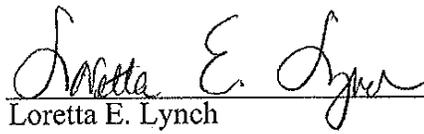
What is the proper approach for determining “divisibility” within the meaning of *Descamps v. United States*, 133 S. Ct. 2276 (2013)? In particular, does *Descamps* require that a criminal statute be treated as “divisible” for purposes of the modified categorical approach only if, under applicable law, jurors must be unanimous as to the version of the offense committed?

The parties’ briefs shall not exceed 15,000 words and shall be filed on or before December 7, 2015. The parties may submit reply briefs not exceeding 6,000 words on or before January 8, 2015. Interested amici may submit briefs not exceeding 9,000 words on or before December 14, 2015. No amicus may file more than one brief in connection with the two cases I have directed the Board to refer to me today. All filings shall be accompanied by proof of service and shall be submitted electronically to AGCertification@usdoj.gov, and in triplicate to:

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

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

10-30-2015
Date



Loretta E. Lynch
Attorney General

O'Malley, Devin (OPA)

Subject: DOJ Background Briefing re: AG Review of BIA Decision

Location: Andretta Room, DOJ OPA

Start: Thursday, January 4, 2018 9:00 AM

End: Thursday, January 4, 2018 10:00 AM

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Meeting organizer

Organizer: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)

Required Attendees: Gibson, Jake

Pfeiffer, Alex

From: Pfeiffer, Alex
Sent: Tuesday, January 2, 2018 5:53 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Re: Is this at all significant?

Got it.

On Jan 2, 2018, at 5:40 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

No. This is standard. AG flew from mobile back to the office today. The plane doesn't stay in AL.

On Jan 2, 2018, at 5:36 PM, Pfeiffer, Alex <Alex.Pfeiffer@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Confused by Jake's tweet

<https://twitter.com/JakeSherman/status/948320132815839233>

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Pfeiffer, Alex

From: Pfeiffer, Alex
Sent: Tuesday, January 2, 2018 5:53 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Re: Btw

Too late I think to add it to tonight's show, but will bring it up for tomorrow's. Thanks.

> On Jan 2, 2018, at 5:49 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

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> You should pitch a story on the latest Iran protests reupping the project Cassandra hezbollah deal the last admin made to not prosecute to secure nuclear deal...and now look at what we have in Iran.

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Pappas, Alex

From: Pappas, Alex
Sent: Tuesday, January 2, 2018 2:47 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: question on DOJ IG investigation

Sarah,

I'm working on a piece for FoxNews.com about the DOJ IG investigation into the Clinton email case.

I see that at a recent hearing, House Judiciary Chairman Goodlatte said: "I thank you for the documents that were provided to us yesterday. There are, as you know, many, many more. I think 1.2 million documents that the Inspector General has. **We have a commitment from the assistant Attorney General, Mr. Boyd [Office of Legislative Affairs] to provide those by January 15, [2018]."**

Just want to make sure I have that accurate in my story – more documents are being turned over this month?

Thanks for the help.

Alex

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Alex Pappas
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Pappas, Alex

From: Pappas, Alex
Sent: Tuesday, January 2, 2018 2:41 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: RE: Question from FoxNews.com-- IG investigation

Yes – will do. Thanks.

From: Prior, Ian (OPA) [mailto:ian.prior@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, January 02, 2018 2:40 PM
To: Pappas, Alex <Alex.Pappas@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: Re: Question from FoxNews.com-- IG investigation

Can you reach out Sarah today? I'm traveling

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

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On Jan 2, 2018, at 2:37 PM, Pappas, Alex <Alex.Pappas@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

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From: Pappas, Alex
Sent: Tuesday, January 2, 2018 2:40 PM
To: Pettit, Mark T. (OPA)
Subject: FW: Question from FoxNews.com-- IG investigation

Got an auto response from Ian, so passing this to you...

From: Pappas, Alex
Sent: Tuesday, January 02, 2018 2:37 PM
To: 'Prior, Ian (OPA)' <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>
Subject: Question from FoxNews.com-- IG investigation

Duplicative Material

O'Malley, Devin (OPA)

From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Sent: Tuesday, January 2, 2018 12:54 PM
To: Pfeiffer, Alex; Prior, Ian (OPA); Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: RE: New Year, new email

Congrats again! Let us know if you need anything, and we look forward to the continued relationship!

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

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

From: Pfeiffer, Alex [mailto:Alex.Pfeiffer@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Tuesday, January 2, 2018 12:53 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>; O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: New Year, new email

Hi guys - Enjoyed working with you all while I was at the Caller, today I start at Tucker's show. This is my new email, feel free to reach out regarding any stories.

Thanks,
Alex Pfeiffer
Associate Producer
Tucker Carlson Tonight

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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Friday, December 29, 2017 6:59 PM
To: Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM
Subject: Statement

From Justice official

The Department of Defense has announced that it will be releasing an independent study of these issues in the coming weeks. So rather than litigate this interim appeal before that occurs, the administration has decided to wait for DOD's study and will continue to defend the President's lawful authority in district court in the meantime.

Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, December 28, 2017 8:02 PM
To: Wallace, Christopher
Cc: Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM
Subject: Re: Statement on Nunes for 11pm tonight?

Nothing beyond what we've said in response to similar letters before. Jake should have those--let me know if you can't find it and I'll try digging.

On Dec 28, 2017, at 6:51 PM, Wallace, Christopher <Christopher.Wallace@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Hey Sarah,

Do y'all have anything on this?

<http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2017/12/28/nunes-blasts-doj-fbi-for-failure-to-produce-records-relating-to-anti-trump-dossier.html>

Kind Regards & Very Respectfully,
CW

Chris Wallace
Executive Producer
Fox News @ Night with Shannon Bream

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<http://www.foxnews.com/person/w/christopher-wallace.html>

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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, December 28, 2017 5:09 PM
To: Gibson, Jake
Subject: Re: ****URGENT** Exclusive - HPSCI Chairman Nunes Letter to DOJ and FBI re Subpoena Compliance**

Is this new? I feel like I've read this letter before...a couple times actually....

On Dec 28, 2017, at 4:01 PM, Gibson, Jake <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Subject: **URGENT Exclusive - HPSCI Chairman Nunes Letter to DOJ and FBI re Subpoena Compliance**

House Intelligence Chairman Rep. Devin Nunes has sent a letter to the DOJ addressing their response and requesting more documents in relation to the Russia 'dossier'. Nunes says that due to "numerous delays and discrepancies that have hampered the process of subpoena compliance" the committee can no longer credit representations made by the agency. Nunes said that the DOJ and FBI have until January 3 to produce "ALL outstanding records identified as responsive to the August 24 subpoenas". The chairman closed his letter by saying "at this point it seems the DOJ and FBI need to be investigating themselves."

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U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
PERMANENT SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE December 28, 2017 HVC-304, THE CAPITOL WASHINGTON, DC 20515 (202) 225-4121

The Honorable Rod Rosenstein
Deputy Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice
1201 Pennsylvania Ave, NW Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Mr. Rosenstein:

The House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence (the Committee) writes in response to the Department of Justice's (DOJ) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) failure to fully produce responsive documents and provide the requested witnesses in compliance with the subpoenas issued over four months ago on August 24, 2017.

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As a result of the numerous delays and discrepancies that have hampered the process of subpoena compliance, the Committee no longer credits the representations made by DOJ and/or the FBI regarding these matters. Accordingly, DOJ and the FBI are instructed to promptly produce to the Committee--no later than January 3, 2018--ALL outstanding records identified as responsive to the August 24 subpoenas, including but not limited to:

- All responsive FD-1023s, including all reports that summarize meetings between FBI confidential human sources and FBI officials pertaining to the Steele dossier;
- All responsive FD-302s not previously provided to the Committee; and
- In addition to the FD-302s and FD-1023s, certain responsive analytical and reference documents that were specifically identified and requested by the Committee, and supposedly subject to imminent production, as of December 15.

Should DOJ decide to withhold any responsive records, or portions thereof, from the Committee, it must, consistent with the subpoena instructions, provide a written response, under your signature, detailing the legal justification for failing to comply with valid congressional subpoenas.

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The Committee further reminds you of these other outstanding requests for information:

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Devin Nunes
Chairman

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Chairman

Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Wednesday, December 27, 2017 7:33 PM
To: Gibson, Jake
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: Re: Question

Yep:)

On Dec 27, 2017, at 5:57 PM, Gibson, Jake <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

So.... what do I tell Tucker?

That you're in touch with SJC but that's it?

On Dec 27, 2017, at 6:45 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

We're in touch w sjc. But nothing to share w the group;)

On Dec 27, 2017, at 4:27 PM, Gibson, Jake <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Couger, Charles"
<Charles.couger@FOXNEWS.COM>
Date: December 27, 2017 at 3:57:05 PM EST
To: "Herridge, Catherine"
<Catherine.Herridge@FOXNEWS.COM>, "Gibson, Jake"
<Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: Question

Catherine or Jake –

Earlier this month, Senator Grassley sent the DOJ a list of questions regarding the Strzok anti-Trump text messages (see below). Today was the deadline for answers – do either you know if the DOJ responded in time?

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Thanks,

Charles Couger
Producer, Tucker Carlson Tonight

From: Chairman Grassley (Judiciary-Rep)
[mailto:ChairmanGrassley@judiciary-rep.senate.gov]
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 9:46 AM
To: Foy, Taylor (Judiciary-Rep) <(b) (6)>
<(b) (6)>; Hartmann, George (Judiciary-Rep)
<(b) (6)>
Subject: Grassley Seeks Clarity on Justice Dept.'s
Response to Political Texts

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Thursday, December 14, 2017

Grassley Seeks Clarity on Justice Dept.'s Response to Political Texts

*Senior FBI staffs' "insurance policy"
and "Hillary" texts raise specter of political
Influence*

WASHINGTON – Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Chuck Grassley sought additional background on text messages exchanged between two senior FBI employees and records of their communications with the current FBI Deputy Director. One of the employees, Peter Strzok, played a critical role in the FBI's investigation into former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's use of a private email server for official business and mishandling of classified information. He also appears to be involved in helping to launch the FBI's investigation into potential collusion between the Trump campaign and the Kremlin during the 2016 presidential election.

The text messages provided to Congressional investigators on the eve of testimony by Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein, who is overseeing

the special counsel's investigation, appear to indicate that some officials took actions beyond expressing their political opinions. One message by Strzok apparently referenced a discussion in the current deputy director's office about the chances that candidate Donald Trump could be elected, saying "I'm afraid we can't take that risk" and making a comparison to the need for an insurance policy. Another missive referenced a second phone used to "talk about hillary because it can't be traced."

In a letter Wednesday to Rosenstein, Grassley is seeking additional information, including when and how the department became aware of the politically-charged messages, and what steps are being taken to fully review the activities referenced in the messages and take any necessary disciplinary measures.

In October, Grassley [sought an interview](#) with Strzok as a part of his ongoing investigation into improper political influence or bias in the Justice Department or FBI. Grassley [called on the FBI](#) to turn over any documents related to Strzok's work and communications following reports of the political messages.

Full text of [Grassley's letter to Rosenstein](#) follows:

December 13, 2017

VIA ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION

The Honorable Rod J. Rosenstein
Deputy Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Deputy Attorney General Rosenstein:

Yesterday, the Justice Department released a subset of text messages requested by the Committee. The limited release of 375 text messages between Mr. Peter Strzok and Ms. Lisa Page indicate a highly politicized FBI environment during both the Clinton and Russia investigations. For example, one text message from Ms. Page proclaims to Mr. Strzok, "God(,) Trump is a loathsome human."^[1]

Some of these texts appear to go beyond merely

expressing a private political opinion, and appear to cross the line into taking some official action to create an “insurance policy” against a Trump presidency. Mr. Strzok writes the following to Ms. Page:

I want to believe the path you threw out for consideration in Andy’s office – that there’s no way he gets elected – but I’m afraid we can’t take that risk. It’s like an **insurance policy** in the unlikely event you die before you’re 40...^[2]

Presumably, “Andy” refers to Deputy FBI Director Andrew McCabe. So whatever was being discussed extended beyond just Page and Strzok at least to Mr. McCabe, who was involved in supervising both investigations.^[3]

Another text from Ms. Page to Mr. Strzok on April 2, 2016, says the following:

So look, you say we text on that phone when we talk about hillary because it can’t be traced, you were just venting bc you feel bad that you’re gone so much but it can’t be helped right now.

That text message occurred during Mr. Strzok’s involvement in the Clinton investigation and days before he interviewed Huma Abedin and Cheryl Mills on April 5, 2016 and April 9, 2016, respectively. Thus, the mention of “hillary” may refer to Secretary Clinton and therefore could indicate that Mr. Strzok and Ms. Page engaged in other communications about an ongoing investigation on a different phone in an effort to prevent it from being traced.

Any improper political influence or motives in the course of any FBI investigation must be brought to light and fully addressed. Former Director Comey’s claims that the FBI “doesn’t give a rip about politics” certainly are not consistent with the evidence of discussions occurring in the Deputy Director’s office around August 15, 2016.

Accordingly, please answer the following no later than December 27, 2017:

1. On what date did you become aware of the text messages between Mr. Strzok and Ms. Page and on what date were they sent?

- page and on what date were they each removed from the Special Counsel's office?
2. Are there any other records relating to the conversation in Andrew McCabe's office shortly before the text described above on August 15, 2016? If so please produce them to the Committee.
 3. Please provide all records relating to Andrew McCabe's communications with Peter Strzok or Lisa Page between August 7, 2016 and August 23, 2016.
 4. What steps have you taken to determine whether Mr. Strzok, Mr. Page, and Mr. McCabe should face disciplinary action for their conduct?
 5. My understanding is that the Inspector General's current investigation is limited to the handling of the Clinton email matter only. What steps have you taken to determine whether steps taken during the campaign to escalate the Russia investigation might have been a result of the political animus evidenced by these text messages rather than on the merits?
 6. Has the Department identified the referenced "that phone" Mr. Strzok and Ms. Page used to discuss Secretary Clinton? What steps has the Department taken to review the records on this other phone that allegedly "can't be traced." If none, please explain why not? If steps have been taken, please detail them and provide all records reviewed.

I anticipate that your written reply and any responsive documents will be unclassified.

Please send all unclassified material directly to the Committee. In keeping with the requirements of Executive Order 13526, if any of the responsive documents do contain classified information, please segregate all unclassified material within the classified documents, provide all unclassified information directly to the Committee, and provide a classified addendum to the Office of Senate Security. Although the Committee complies with all laws and regulations governing the handling of classified information, it is not bound, absent its prior agreement, by any handling restrictions.

Should you have any questions, please contact Josh Flynn-Brown of my Judiciary Committee staff at (202)

224-5225.

Sincerely,

Charles E. Grassley
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary

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O'Malley, Devin (OPA)

From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Sent: Wednesday, December 27, 2017 1:21 PM
To: Mears, William
Subject: RE: Fox News Inquiry - Transgenders in the Military

Hey Bill-

Lauren from our team is going to reach out to you.

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

From: Mears, William [mailto:William.Mears@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Wednesday, December 27, 2017 1:10 PM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Fox News Inquiry - Transgenders in the Military

Hi Devin:

I'm helping my colleague Jake Gibson, who has the week off, and checking whether the Department plans to file an emergency application with the Supreme Court this week, over the January 1 deadline for the Defense Department to allow transgenders to join the military. Two federal appeals courts have denied the Department's request to delay implementation. Any guidance appreciated.

Bill Mears
Fox News Legal Affairs Producer
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Prior, Ian (OPA)

From: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Sent: Friday, December 22, 2017 4:55 PM
To: Gibson, Jake
Subject: Revised

 [The United States Department of Justice](#)

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2017

**ATTORNEY GENERAL JEFF SESSIONS REITERATES
SUPPORT OF DEA EFFORTS TO INVESTIGATE
HEZBOLLAH'S DRUG TRAFFICKING AND RELATED
ACTIVITIES AND ORDERS REVIEW OF PRIOR DEA
INVESTIGATIONS**

WASHINGTON – Attorney General Jeff Sessions today directed a review of the handling of Project Cassandra, a law enforcement initiative targeting Hezbollah's drug trafficking and related operations in the United States and abroad, to evaluate allegations that certain matters were not properly prosecuted and to ensure all matters are appropriately handled.

“Protecting our citizens from terrorist organizations and combatting the devastating drug crisis gripping our nation are two of the Justice Department's top priorities,” said Attorney General Sessions. “Operations designed to investigate and prosecute terrorist organizations that are also fueling that drug crisis must be paramount in this administration. The DEA has worked tirelessly on this front. I am committed to giving our hard working and dedicated DEA agents all the tools that they need to allow them to shut down these drug rings.

“While I am hopeful that there were no barriers constructed by the last administration to allowing DEA agents to fully bring all appropriate cases under Project Cassandra, this is a significant issue for the protection of Americans. We will review these matters and give full support to investigations of violent drug trafficking organizations

“The Department of Justice is absolutely committed to investigating and prosecuting international drug trafficking organizations and with the assistance of our DEA and FBI agents we will leave no stone unturned as we work to making America safer.”

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Ehrsam, Lauren (OPA)

From: Ehrsam, Lauren (OPA)
Sent: Friday, December 22, 2017 4:34 PM
To: Edwin Mora
Cc: Edwin Mora; Sutton, Sarah E. (OPA)
Subject: RE: Breitbart News: What is the FBI Doing to Keep Americans Safe this Holiday Season?

Hi Edwin,

I tried calling you earlier. Have you heard from anyone at FBI?

Lauren

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

From: Edwin Mora [mailto:emora83@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, December 22, 2017 1:51 PM
To: Ehrsam, Lauren (OPA) <lehram@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Edwin Mora <emora@breitbart.com>; Sutton, Sarah E. (OPA) <sesutton@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: Breitbart News: What is the FBI Doing to Keep Americans Safe this Holiday Season?

Hello.

I have not Lauren received any sort of response from FBI. My deadline has been extended until 4:30 pm today. Can you please give me their Press contact email address? I want to ensure I'm sending it to the appropriate place. Again, I'm not seeking something elaborate just: what the FBI is doing to keep us safe? Do they anticipate any major threats? Any security message for holiday revelers? I hope to hear from you soon.

Sent from my iPhone

> On Dec 21, 2017, at 6:52 PM, Ehrsam, Lauren (OPA) <Lauren.Ehrsam@usdoj.gov> wrote:
>
> Hi Edwin,
>
> Thank you for getting in touch. Have you had any luck with the FBI's Office of Public Affairs? I think that this would best be answered by them.
>
> Thank you,

> Lauren
>
> -----Original Message-----
> From: Edwin Mora [mailto:emora@breitbart.com]
> Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 4:33 PM
> To: Ehrsam, Lauren (OPA) <lehrsam@jmd.usdoj.gov>
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> O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov>
> Subject: Breitbart News: What is the FBI Doing to Keep Americans Safe this Holiday Season?
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> Hello everyone,
>
> I didn't know exactly who to reach. I sent the questions below yesterday. My deadline is tomorrow
> 10 am. If you cannot meet it please let me know.
>
> I would really appreciate if you could share with me efforts the FBI is undertaking to keep
> Americans safe during the holidays. I want to share with my readers any suggestions you may have
> i.e. remain vigilante and things of the sort. I've reached out the DHS already, but would definitely
> welcome your input.
>
> What specific threats is the FBI concern about this holiday season?
>
> What keeps the FBI director up at night as far as threats are concerned?
>
> Please identify the top threat facing the United States right now.
>
> What suggestions does the FBI have for revelers?
>
> How should Americans planning to go out and celebrate prepare?
>
> Is the FBI concerned about ISIS/other terrorist group's intentions to attack the homeland during
> the Christmas and New Year celebrations?
>
> What is the FBI doing to combat the ongoing threats?
>
> ***Most importantly, what is the FBI doing to keep Americans safe this holiday season?
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>
> My intention is to write a story about what the Trump administration is doing to combat the
> ongoing threats during this holiday season — basically get out any holiday message from the FBI.
>
> I hope to hear from you soon. My deadline is Friday at 10 a.m. If you cannot meet my deadline,
> please let me know. Take care.
>
> Edwin Mora

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Sent: Friday, December 22, 2017 4:23 PM
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Subject: Fwd: AG Release

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Subject: AG Release

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ATTORNEY GENERAL JEFF SESSIONS REITERATES SUPPORT OF DEA EFFORTS TO INVESTIGATE HEZBOLLAH'S DRUG TRAFFICKING AND RELATED ACTIVITIES AND ORDERS REVIEW OF PRIOR DEA INVESTIGATIONS

Attorney General Jeff Sessions today directed a review of the handling of Project Cassandra, a law enforcement initiative targeting Hezbollah's drug trafficking and related operations in the United States and abroad, to evaluate allegations that certain matters were not properly prosecuted and to ensure all matters are appropriately handled.

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<https://www.documentcloud.org/documents/4335714-FBI-Terrorism-Arrest-Complaint.html>

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Prior, Ian (OPA)

From: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Sent: Friday, December 22, 2017 9:01 AM
To: Ian Mason
Subject: FW: ATTORNEY GENERAL JEFF SESSIONS RESCINDS 25 GUIDANCE DOCUMENTS

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 The United States Department of Justice

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2017**

**ATTORNEY GENERAL JEFF SESSIONS RESCINDS 25
GUIDANCE DOCUMENTS**

WASHINGTON – Today, Attorney General Jeff Sessions announced that, pursuant to Executive Order 13777 and his [November memorandum](#) prohibiting guidance documents, he is rescinding 25 such documents that were unnecessary, inconsistent with existing law, or otherwise improper.

In making the announcement, the Attorney General said:

“Last month, I ended the longstanding abuse of issuing rules by simply publishing a letter or posting a web page. Congress has provided for a regulatory process in statute, and we are going to follow it. This is good government and prevents confusing the public with improper and wrong advice.”

“Therefore, any guidance that is outdated, used to circumvent the regulatory process, or that improperly goes beyond what is provided for in statutes or regulation should not be given effect. That is why today, we are ending 25 examples of improper or unnecessary guidance documents identified by our Regulatory Reform Task Force led by our Associate Attorney General Rachel Brand. We will continue to look for other examples to rescind, and we will uphold the rule of law.”

In March, President Donald Trump issued Executive Order 13777, which calls for agencies to establish Regulatory Reform Task Forces, chaired by a Regulatory Reform Officer, to identify existing regulations for potential repeal, replacement, or modification. The Department of Justice Task Force, chaired by Associate Attorney General Rachel Brand, began its work in May.

On November 17, the Attorney General issued a memorandum prohibiting DOJ components from using guidance documents to circumvent the rulemaking process and directed Associate Attorney General Brand to work with components to identify guidance documents that should be repealed, replaced, or modified.

The Task Force has already identified 25 guidance documents for repeal and is continuing its review of existing guidance documents to repeal, replace, or modify.

The list of 25 guidance documents that DOJ has withdrawn in 2017 is as follows:

1. ATF Procedure 75-4.
2. Industry Circular 75-10.
3. ATF Ruling 85-3.
4. Industry Circular 85-3.
5. ATF Ruling 2001-1.
6. ATF Ruling 2004-1.
7. Southwest Border Prosecution Initiative Guidelines (2013).
8. Northern Border Prosecution Initiative Guidelines (2013).
9. Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grants Program Guidance Manual (2007).
10. Advisory for Recipients of Financial Assistance from the U.S. Department of Justice on Levying Fines and Fees on Juveniles (January 2017).
11. Dear Colleague Letter on Enforcement of Fines and Fees (March 2016).
12. ADA Myths and Facts (1995).
13. Common ADA Problems at Newly Constructed Lodging Facilities (November 1999).
14. Title II Highlights (last updated 2008).
15. Title III Highlights (last updated 2008).
16. Commonly Asked Questions About Service Animals in Places of Business (July 1996).
17. ADA Business Brief: Service Animals (April 2002).

18. Prior Joint Statement of the Department of Justice and the Department of Housing and Urban Development Group Homes, Local Land Use, and the Fair Housing Act (August 18, 1999).
19. Letter to Alain Baudry, Esq., with standards for conducting internal audit in a non-discriminatory fashion (December 4, 2009).
20. Letter to Esmeralda Zendejas on how to determine whether lawful permanent residents are protected against citizenship status discrimination (May 30, 2012).
21. Common ADA Errors and Omissions in New Construction and Alterations (June 1997).
22. Common Questions: Readily Achievable Barrier Removal and Design Details: Van Accessible Parking Spaces (August 1996).
23. Website guidance on bailing-out procedures under section 4(b) and section 5 of the Voting Rights Act (2004).
24. Americans with Disabilities Act Questions and Answers (May 2002).
25. Statement of the Department of Justice on Application of the Integration Mandate of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act and Olmstead v. L.C. to State and Local Governments' Employment Service Systems for Individuals with Disabilities (October 31, 2016).

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Robbins, Christina

From: Robbins, Christina
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 11:15 AM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA); Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Req for AG Sessions - on with Harris Faulkner - 1p hour Friday

Hi Ian & Sarah –

Great to see you last week at the Christmas reception. Thank you for having me.

I wanted to reach out and see if the Attorney General would be able to join Harris Faulkner on the show tomorrow to talk about Project Cassandra and the past administration's efforts to potentially thwart the effort to stop Hezbollah, their activity and their ability to raise money.

Would he be willing to discuss this tomorrow (Friday) in the 1p hour?

If so, please let me know.

Christina Svolopoulos Robbins

DC Booking Supervisor / Producer

Fox News Channel

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To: kelly.laco@usdoj.gov
Bcc: Lewandrowski, Barbara M CIV USARMY HQDA (US); Leslie.Bentz@turner.com; Dave.Forman@nbcuni.com; desk@c-span.org; Maltas, Mike; MDoell@c-span.org
Subject: RE: Press Logistics Arlington Pan Am 12/21

For planning purposes only: Below is a list of names who will be on the platform and a general approximate timeline of the memorial ceremony. See you all this afternoon by 12:45pm—please be sure to bring a lav mic as backup for audio in case there is an issue w/ the mult. If you haven't sent me names of crew members, please do so now!

Thanks.

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

On Platform:

1. AG Sessions
2. Melanie Daniels (widow)
3. Kathy Tedeschi (relative)
4. Mary Kay Stratis (relative)
5. Kara Weipz (relative)
6. Army Chaplain Major Willie Mashack

Outline of Program:

1:30		Piper to Play
1:30 – 1:40		Melanie Daniels welcomes guests (all rise for colors / anthem)
1:50		Stephanie Bernstein gives invocation
2:03		Moment of Silence
		Reading of 270 names (bell will toll)
		Choir Sings
		Helen Englehardt speaks
		Kathy Tedeschi introduces AG Sessions
2:30pm aprox.		AG REMARKS (about 10 minutes)
		Mary Kay Stratis speaks
		Kara Weipz speaks
		Legacy Award Comm. Update / recipient
		Recipient Allison Miller speaks
		Kathy Tedeschi asks for WREATHS
		BUGLER PLAYS TAPS
		Piper plays song
		Choir sings
		Closing Comments (Melanie Daniels)
		Benediction by Army Chaplain Mashack

From: Laco, Kelly (OPA)
Sent: Wednesday, December 20, 2017 6:05 PM
To: 'kelly.laco@usdoj.gov' <klaco@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Press Logistics Arlington Pan Am 12/21

Hi all-

You are receiving this email because you or a colleague RSVP'd for the Attorney General's remarks tomorrow at Arlington National Cemetery Pan Am Flight 103 Memorial at **1:30 p.m. EST**. The contents of this email are off the record and for planning purposes only (unless otherwise specified).

Location

Arlington National Cemetery
The Cairn
Section 1: Civil War Officers Section
Arlington, VA 22211

Check-in/Security

All members of the press will be asked to present valid ID with the guard at the base of the Cemetery's entrance. Please let the guard know that you will be attending the Pan Am Memorial as a member of the press. They will then direct you to temporarily move your vehicle to the right side of Memorial Avenue. At **12:45 p.m.**, a member of Arlington National Cemetery staff will be lead a vehicle that you will follow up the hill to the speech site. There will be parking at the speech site and you can unload your gear there.

Preset/Camera logistics

Please make sure to be at the Cemetery gate by 12:40, as there will only be ONE trip up the hill with the lead vehicle (for cameras AND print media). There will be a K9 sweep of gear once it is set onsite. Cameras will be located behind the memorial attendees on risers, facing the podium centered in the front. There is a 40-50 foot throw from the camera location to the stage. Cameras will have access to a mult box, but it will be located in the front near the podium, so please bring appropriate cord to cover the distance, and mic tape for the portion of the cord that will be on the stage. We won't be able to test the mult until the AM, so I would recommend bringing a small lav mic as backup for audio, as they will only be able to fit on the podium. **The AG will most likely begin his remarks just before or around 2:30 and they will last aprox. 10 mins.**

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

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me by my cell (b) (6). I will be onsite tomorrow.

Thanks,

Kelly

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Hadden, Gavin

From: Hadden, Gavin
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 9:55 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: RE: sessions - uranium one

Thank you Sarah!

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 9:54 AM
To: Hadden, Gavin <Gavin.Hadden@FOXNEWS.COM>
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: sessions - uranium one

No--But i guess off the record I should point you to the letter where the AG said he'd have senior federal prosecutors looking at matters etc

On Dec 21, 2017, at 8:51 AM, Hadden, Gavin <Gavin.Hadden@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Available tomorrow to discuss on air?

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 9:48 AM
To: Hadden, Gavin <Gavin.Hadden@FOXNEWS.COM>
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: sessions - uranium one

Decline comment

On Dec 21, 2017, at 5:47 AM, Hadden, Gavin <Gavin.Hadden@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Good Morning Sarah...

Is this confirmed – can I report... I only see it on NBC

<https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/prosecutors-ask-fbi-agents-info-uranium-one-deal-n831436>

Thank you!

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McKay, Hollie

From: McKay, Hollie
Sent: Wednesday, December 20, 2017 9:26 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Cc: Gibson, Jake
Subject: Re: FoxNews.com/Assad regime letter

Thanks for getting back to me

Hollie McKay
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On Dec 20, 2017, at 21:21, Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov> wrote:

We are in receipt of the letter but the Department does not generally confirm, deny, or otherwise comment on the existence of investigations.

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Subject: FW: FoxNews.com/Assad regime letter

FYI – Jeremy

From: McKay, Hollie [<mailto:Hollie.McKay@FOXNEWS.COM>]

Sent: Wednesday, December 20, 2017 5:15 PM

To: Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov>

Subject: FoxNews.com/Assad regime letter

Importance: High

Hello

Hope all is well. I'm just seeking a quick comment with regards to a letter that was sent to the Hon. Jeff Sessions earlier this month from Steve Russell and Seth Moulton, requesting an investigation into the Assad regime for its role in "terrorist actions on U.S. soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan."

Is this a case the DOJ is likely to take on?

Thanks,

Hollie

Hollie McKay

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From: Laco, Kelly (OPA)
Sent: Wednesday, December 20, 2017 5:11 PM
To: Maltas, Mike
Subject: RE: Fox News RSVP: AG Session remarks at Pan Am 103 Service Dec 20th

Sounds good, thanks!

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From: Maltas, Mike [mailto:Mike.Maltas@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Wednesday, December 20, 2017 5:10 PM
To: Laco, Kelly (OPA) <klaco@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Fox News RSVP: AG Session remarks at Pan Am 103 Service Dec 20th

Hi Kelly,

Fox News would like to RSVP for AG Jeff Sessions remarks at Arlington National Cemetery Memorial service for the victims of Pan Am flight 103 tomorrow, December 20th. Thought it might - or may still - go pool for nets, but not so far. I don't have a crew name as yet, but wanted you to know before COB, that we're interested. Either I or my desk colleagues will follow up as soon as we settle on an assignment.

Thanks

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Sent: Wednesday, December 20, 2017 12:33 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Fwd: EXCLUSIVE: HPSCI plans new subpoenas as McCabe draws blank on Democrats' funding of dossier

EXCLUSIVE: HPSCI plans new subpoenas as McCabe draws blank on Democrats' funding of dossier

By James Rosen

Congressional investigators tell Fox News that Tuesday's seven-hour interrogation of Deputy FBI Director Andrew McCabe contained numerous conflicts with the testimony of previous witnesses, prompting the Republican majority staff of the House Intelligence Committee to decide to issue fresh subpoenas next week on Justice Department and FBI personnel.

While HPSCI staff would not confirm who will be summoned for testimony, all indications point to demoted DOJ official Bruce G. Ohr and DOJ General Counsel James A. Baker, who accompanied McCabe, along with other lawyers, to Tuesday's HPSCI session.

The issuance of a subpoena against the Justice Department's top lawyer could provoke a new constitutional clash between the two branches, even worse than the months-long tug of war over documents and witnesses that has already led House Speaker Paul Ryan to accuse DOJ and FBI of "stonewalling" and HPSCI Chairman Devin Nunes (R-CA) to threaten contempt-of-Congress citations against Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein and FBI Director Christopher Wray.

"It's hard to know who's telling us the truth," said one House investigator after McCabe's questioning.

Fox News is told that several lawmakers participated in the questioning of McCabe, led chiefly by Rep. Trey Gowdy (R-SC).

Sources close to the investigation say that McCabe was a "friendly witness" to the Democrats in the room, who are said to have pressed the deputy director, without success, to help them build a case against President Trump for obstruction of justice in the Russia-collusion probe. "If he could have, he would have," said one participant in the questioning.

Investigators say McCabe recounted to the panel how hard the FBI had worked to verify the contents of the anti-Trump "dossier" and stood by its credibility. But when pressed to identify what in the salacious document the bureau had actually corroborated, the sources said McCabe cited only the fact that Trump campaign adviser Carter Page had traveled to

said, McCabe cited only the fact that Trump campaign advisor Carter Page had traveled to Moscow. Beyond that, investigators said, McCabe could not even say that the bureau had verified the dossier's allegations about the specific meetings Page supposedly held in Moscow.

The sources said that when asked when he learned that the dossier had been funded by the Hillary Clinton campaign and the Democratic National Committee, McCabe claimed he could not recall – despite the reported existence of documents with McCabe's own signature on them establishing his knowledge of the dossier's financing and provenance.

The decision by HPSCI staff to subpoena Ohr comes as he is set to appear before the Senate Intelligence committee, which is conducting its own probe of Russian interference in the 2016 election.

Until earlier this month, when Fox News began investigating him, Ohr held two titles at DOJ: associate deputy attorney general, a post that placed him four doors down from his boss, Rosenstein; and director of the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Forces (OCDETF), a program described by the department as "the centerpiece of the attorney general's drug strategy."

Subsequently, Fox News disclosed that Ohr's wife Nellie, an academic expert on Russia, had worked for Fusion GPS through the summer and fall of 2016.

Former FBI Director James Comey, testifying before the House in March, described the dossier as a compendium of "salacious and unverified" allegations against then-candidate Donald Trump and his associates. The Nunes panel has spent much of this year investigating whether DOJ, under then-Attorney General Loretta Lynch, used the dossier to justify a foreign surveillance warrant against Page, a foreign policy advisor to the Trump campaign.

DOJ and FBI say they have cooperated extensively with Nunes and his team, including the provision of several hundred pages of classified documents relating to the dossier.

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Ian Mason

From: Ian Mason
Sent: Wednesday, December 20, 2017 12:00 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA); Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: Comment on Gaetz Letter

Does the DAG have a statement in response to Rep. Gaetz's follow-up letter from Mr. Rosenstein's testimony?
<https://gaetz.house.gov/media/blog-posts/letter-rod-jay-rosenstein-deputy-attorney-general-us-department-justice>

Thanks,
Ian Mason
Breitbart News

Laco, Kelly (OPA)

From: Laco, Kelly (OPA)
Sent: Tuesday, December 19, 2017 12:17 PM
To: Garnier, Terace
Subject: Re: Credentials for Fox News Channel

Full speech here: <https://www.justice.gov/opa/speech/attorney-general-sessions-delivers-remarks-administration-s-strategies-fight-violent>

On Dec 19, 2017, at 12:12 PM, Garnier, Terace <Terace.Garnier@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Good Afternoon Kelly,
Do you know where I can find out the timeframe for the new task force to start working in North Carolina and Pennsylvania?

From: "Laco, Kelly (OPA)" <Kelly.Laco@usdoj.gov>
Date: Monday, December 18, 2017 at 5:30 PM
To: Fox News <terace.garnier@foxnews.com>
Subject: Re: Credentials for Fox News Channel

Hi Terace,

Thanks! Details are below:

You are receiving this email because you or a colleague RSVP'd for the Attorney General's remarks tomorrow at the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District of North Carolina [at 10:00 am EST](#). The contents of this email are off the record and for planning purposes only (unless otherwise specified).

Location

United States Attorney's Office for the Western District of North Carolina

Multimedia Conference Room (16th Floor)

[227 West Trade St.](#)
[Charlotte, NC 28202](#)

Check-in/Security

Every member of the press must check in at the lobby desk and be escorted up to the 16th floor. There will be a security screen and a detailed credential check once you get to the 16th floor with USAO staff. Every member of the media will be required to present a valid media credential and government issued ID.

Preset/Camera logistics

Cameras/photogs may begin arriving [at 8:30 am](#). **All cameras must be set in place by 9:00 am** for a K9 sweep of the room. Print media final access time is [9:45 am](#). Cameras will be located in the back of the room, behind the speech attendees, facing the podium centered in the front. There is a 45-50 foot throw from the camera location to the stage. Cameras

will have access to a mult box in the back of the room. Press should plan to bring their own cellular boosters as there is no public wifi on the 16th floor. In addition, there will be no questions, as this is a formal speech, not a press conference.

NOTE: Due to a tight schedule in the conference room, **all media must clear the conference room directly after the conclusion of the AG's remarks.** Cameras are welcome to leave extra equipment/carts in the hallway outside of the speech room to make the transition out of the room move more quickly. We appreciate your cooperation!

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

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me by my cell (b) (6). I will be onsite tomorrow.

Thanks,

Kelly

On Dec 18, 2017, at 5:21 PM, Garnier, Terace <Terace.Garnier@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Hi Kelly,
Thanks for calling me earlier. Tomorrow I would like to cover the Sessions event and I was wondering if I can get any details that I need to know for the event.

I will be the only one shooting for Fox News.

Terace Garnier
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Garnier, Terace

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Sent: Monday, December 18, 2017 7:52 PM
To: Laco, Kelly (OPA)
Subject: Re: Credentials for Fox News Channel

Perfect,
Thank you Kelly.

Terace Garnier
Multimedia Reporter
Fox News Channel

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Twitter: @TeraceGarnier
Facebook: @TeraceGarnierFNC

From: "Laco, Kelly (OPA)" <Kelly.Laco@usdoj.gov>
Date: Monday, December 18, 2017 at 5:30 PM
To: Fox News <terace.garnier@foxnews.com>
Subject: Re: Credentials for Fox News Channel

Duplicative Material

Chuck Ross

From: Chuck Ross
Sent: Tuesday, December 19, 2017 9:56 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: Re: Bruce Ohr testimony @ Senate Intel

Thank you.

On Tue, Dec 19, 2017 at 8:52 AM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:
Yes--not from doj source but Ohr interview rescheduled at SSCI's request.

> On Dec 19, 2017, at 9:48 AM, Chuck Ross <chuck@dailycaller.com> wrote:

>

> Hi Sarah,

>

> I saw that Bruce Ohr did not appear yesterday for an interview scheduled with the Senate Intelligence Committee. Do you guys have any info on why he didn't show?

>

> Thank you for any help,

> Chuck Ross

> The Daily Caller

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Doherty, Brian

From: Doherty, Brian
Sent: Tuesday, December 19, 2017 9:40 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Hi Sarah, Happy holidays! I wanted to see if we can get back on your radar & set up an intv w/ the AG & Shannon Bream

...in January. We can pre tape!

Thanks,

Brian

Brian Doherty

Coordinating Producer, *News @ Night w/ Shannon Bream*

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Gibson, Jake

From: Gibson, Jake
Sent: Monday, December 18, 2017 4:29 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: Re: Update?

Will do.

But it definitely has been mentioned on TV by both Roberts and Herridge.

But I can work on this right now.

On Dec 18, 2017, at 4:05 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Can we get this story updated that the AG has said he has a senior federal prosecutor reviewing to determine if a second special counsel is needed? We gave y'all the scoop on that letter but somehow it never gets mentioned with y'all on tv or online.

<http://insider.foxnews.com/2017/12/16/jason-chaffetz-trump-russia-probe-attorney-general-jeff-sessions-must-go>

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O'Malley, Devin (OPA)

From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Sent: Monday, December 18, 2017 11:49 AM
To: Gibson, Jake (Fox News)
Subject: FW: JUSTICE DEPARTMENT SETTLES U.S. WORKER DISCRIMINATION CLAIMS AGAINST COLORADO AGRICULTURAL COMPANY

This is the settlement on the initial lawsuit that Fox did a lot about

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From: USDOJ-Office of Public Affairs [mailto:USDOJ-OfficeofPublicAffairs@public.govdelivery.com]
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To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: JUSTICE DEPARTMENT SETTLES U.S. WORKER DISCRIMINATION CLAIMS AGAINST COLORADO AGRICULTURAL COMPANY

 [The United States Department of Justice](#)

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2017

NOTE: The settlement agreement can be found [here](#).

**JUSTICE DEPARTMENT SETTLES U.S. WORKER
DISCRIMINATION CLAIMS AGAINST COLORADO
AGRICULTURAL COMPANY**

WASHINGTON – The Justice Department announced today that it has reached a settlement agreement with Crop Production Services Inc. (Crop Production), an agricultural company headquartered in Loveland, Colorado. The settlement resolves a [lawsuit](#) the Justice Department filed against the company on Sept. 28, 2017, alleging that the company discriminated against U.S. citizens because of a preference for foreign visa workers, in violation of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA).

The Department's lawsuit alleged that in 2016, Crop Production discriminated

The Department's lawsuit alleged that in 2016, Crop Production discriminated against at least three United States citizens by refusing to employ them as seasonal technicians at its El Campo, Texas, location because the company preferred to employ temporary foreign workers under the H-2A visa program. According to the Department's complaint, Crop Production imposed more burdensome requirements on U.S. citizens than it did on H-2A visa workers to discourage U.S. citizens from working at the facility. For instance, the complaint alleges that although U.S. citizens had to complete a background check and a drug test before being permitted to start work, H-2A visa workers were allowed to begin working without completing them and, in some cases, never completed them. The complaint also alleged that Crop Production refused to consider a limited-English proficient U.S. citizen for employment yet hired H-2A visa workers with limited-English proficiency. Ultimately, all of Crop Production's 15 available seasonal technician jobs in 2016 went to H-2A visa workers instead of U.S. workers.

Under the INA, it is unlawful for employers to intentionally discriminate against U.S. workers because of their citizenship status or to otherwise favor the employment of temporary foreign visa workers over available, qualified U.S. workers. In addition, the H-2A visa program allows employers to hire foreign visa workers only if there is not a sufficient number of qualified and available U.S. workers to fill the jobs.

The settlement agreement requires Crop Production to pay civil penalties of \$10,500.00 to the United States, undergo department-provided training on the anti-discrimination provision of the INA, and comply with departmental monitoring and reporting requirements. In a separate agreement with workers represented by Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, Crop Production agreed to pay \$18,738.75 in lost wages to affected U.S. workers.

"There will be zero tolerance for companies that violate the Immigration and Nationality Act by hiring foreign visa holders over U.S. workers," said Acting Assistant Attorney General John Gore of the Civil Rights Division. "The Division's Protecting U.S. Workers Initiative is committed to fighting discriminatory hiring practices that prevent qualified U.S. workers from obtaining jobs, and we commend Texas RioGrande Legal Aid for bringing this matter to our attention."

The settlement is part of the Division's Protecting U.S. Workers Initiative, an initiative aimed at targeting, investigating, and bringing enforcement actions against companies that discriminate against U.S. workers in favor of foreign visa workers.

The Division's Immigrant and Employee Rights Section (IER), formerly known as the Office of Special Counsel for Immigration-Related Unfair Employment Practices, is responsible for enforcing the anti-discrimination provision of the INA. The statute prohibits, among other things, [citizenship status and national origin discrimination](#) in hiring, firing, or recruitment or referral for a fee; [unfair documentary practices](#); [retaliation](#); and [intimidation](#).

For more information about protections against employment discrimination under immigration laws, call IER's worker hotline at 1-800-255-7688 (1-800-237-2515, TTY for hearing impaired); call IER's employer hotline at 1-800-255-8155 (1-800-237-2515, TTY for hearing impaired); sign up for a free [webinar](#); email IER@usdoj.gov; or visit IER's [English](#) and [Spanish](#) websites.

Applicants or employees who believe they were subjected to: different documentary requirements based on their citizenship, immigration status, or

national origin; or discrimination based on their citizenship, immigration status or national origin in hiring, firing, or recruitment or referral, should contact IER's worker hotline for assistance.

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May, Kelly

From: May, Kelly
Sent: Sunday, December 17, 2017 6:48 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Cc: Lewittes, Lee (Kushnir); Nicoletti, Christofer; Secli, Garrett
Subject: RE: F&F THIS MORNING

Sounds great. Thank you very much!

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Sunday, December 17, 2017 6:25 AM
To: May, Kelly
Cc: Lewittes, Lee (Kushnir); Nicoletti, Christofer; Secli, Garrett
Subject: Re: F&F THIS MORNING

Violent crime has gone up two years in a row.

Ag announced 40 new federal prosecutors around the country in some of the highest violent crime areas.

Ag going to Milwaukee, Toledo, charlotte

Potus ran on make America safe again and that's what the AG is going to do

On Dec 17, 2017, at 5:10 AM, May, Kelly <Kelly.May@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Good morning Sarah,

Looking forward to having you on at 7:20am this morning. Topics will be:

DOJ/FBI investigation latest
Defense Attorneys seeking new trial in Kate Steinle's case

Also, we'd like to talk about: AG Sessions going on 3-state-swing to talk violent crime reductions. Can you send us any information you have on this? As well as talking points on the pervious topics. Please let me know if you need anything.

Thank you!
Kelly

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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2017 7:43 PM
To: Herridge, Catherine; Prior, Ian (OPA); Creighton, Kelly M (OPA)
Cc: Gibson, Jake
Subject: RE: DOJ hard pass

YAY! So glad! Look forward to seeing lots more of you.

xxx

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: Herridge, Catherine [mailto:Catherine.Herridge@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2017 7:34 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Creighton, Kelly M (OPA) <kcreighton@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Gibson, Jake <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: DOJ hard pass

A brief note to confirm the hard pass was picked up today, and thank you for facilitating. Thank you for your help this year, and looking forward to being at DOJ with regularity in the New Year. Appreciated.
Catherine

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Decker, Jonathan

From: Decker, Jonathan
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2017 11:01 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: FOX AND FRIENDS

Hey Sarah,

Would you be available this Sunday by chance? Or tomorrow?

Thank you,
Jonathan

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Sutton, Sarah E. (OPA)

From: Sutton, Sarah E. (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 4:42 PM
To: Maltas, Mike; Press
Subject: RE: Fox News RSVP: AG Jeff Sessions Press Conf, 12/15

Awesome, thanks!

From: Maltas, Mike [mailto:Mike.Maltas@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 4:28 PM
To: Sutton, Sarah E. (OPA) <sesutton@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Fox News RSVP: AG Jeff Sessions Press Conf, 12/15

Attn: Sarah Sutton

Fox News would like to RSVP for AG Jeff Sessions Press Conference on Efforts to Reduce Violent Crime, Friday, December 15, 2017 at 2:30 p.m. ET
Our crew: (b) (6)

Thank you

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Gibson, Jake

From: Gibson, Jake
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 4:09 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Re: strzok

Thanks!

On Dec 14, 2017, at 3:57 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs
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From: Hankey, Mary Blanche (OLA)
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 3:44 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: strzok

Hasn't been scheduled yet.

On Dec 14, 2017, at 3:42 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

Has he been given a date for congress?

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Prior, Ian (OPA)

From: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 3:40 PM
To: Spinato, Eric
Subject: Re: ICYMI: Associate Attorney General Rachel Brand on The Briefing with Dana Perino Discussing Section 702 Re-Authorization

Yes

Ian D. Prior
Principal Deputy Director of Public Affairs
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On Dec 14, 2017, at 3:39 PM, Spinato, Eric <eric.spinato@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

It was expires end of this month-correct ?

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 14, 2017, at 3:33 PM, Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov> wrote:

On 702?

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From: Spinato, Eric [<mailto:eric.spinato@FOXNEWS.COM>]
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 3:32 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: ICYMI: Associate Attorney General Rachel Brand on The Briefing with Dana Perino Discussing Section 702 Re-Authorization

It would be great to get Ms. Brand next week, to speak with Dagen McDowell, in for Maria Bartiromo
On her FBN morning show, please let me know

She did very well with Dana today

Thank you
Eric

From: Prior, Ian (OPA) [<mailto:Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 3:27 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>
Subject: ICYMI: Associate Attorney General Rachel Brand on The Briefing with Dana Perino Discussing Section 702 Re-Authorization

<http://mms.tveyes.com/PlaybackPortal.aspx?SavedEditID=0aa7ee3b-b5b8-4132-8b89-cb227fa56a8e>

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Fenton, Amy

From: Fenton, Amy
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 3:02 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: RE: Associate Attorney General

Thank you again and I'm sure we will be in touch about other things in the future. And don't hesitate to send things my way if there is something you think Dana may be interested in.

Thank you!

Amy Fenton

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From: Prior, Ian (OPA) [mailto:ian.prior@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 2:58 PM
To: Fenton, Amy <Amy.Fenton@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: Re: Associate Attorney General

Thx!!

Ian D. Prior
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On Dec 14, 2017, at 2:57 PM, Fenton, Amy <Amy.Fenton@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Updated.

From: Prior, Ian (OPA) [mailto:ian.prior@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 2:53 PM
To: Fenton, Amy <Amy.Fenton@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: Associate Attorney General

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Singman, Brooke

From: Singman, Brooke
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 1:41 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA); Prior, Ian (OPA)
Cc: Gibson, Jake
Subject: RE: Strzok text 8/15/2016?

Copy that – thank you!

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 1:41 PM
To: Singman, Brooke <brooke.singman@FOXNEWS.COM>; Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>
Cc: Gibson, Jake <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: RE: Strzok text 8/15/2016?

Don't know who it is—only know that he is represented by counsel

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From: Singman, Brooke [mailto:brooke.singman@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 1:36 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: RE: Strzok text 8/15/2016?

Any way you can point me to his attorney?

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 1:35 PM
To: Singman, Brooke <brooke.singman@FOXNEWS.COM>; Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>
Cc: Gibson, Jake <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: RE: Strzok text 8/15/2016?

A number of committees asked for him and he was cleared to go. You'd have to talk to his attorney or the committees on where that process is.

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Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 1:32 PM
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Cc: Gibson, Jake <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM>

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

Subject: RE: Strzok text 8/15/2016?

Is there a specific committee he is cleared for? Or is this fair game? Has there been a date set, or has he just been cleared?

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

Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 1:30 PM

To: Singman, Brooke <brooke.singman@FOXNEWS.COM>; Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>

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

Subject: RE: Strzok text 8/15/2016?

I cant speak to the nature of any texts. But Strzok has been cleared to be interviewed by Congress.

xxxx

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: Singman, Brooke [<mailto:brooke.singman@FOXNEWS.COM>]

Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 12:36 PM

To: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>

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

Subject: Strzok text 8/15/2016?

Hi Sarah and Peter,

Quick Q on this text...not sure if you already were in touch with Jake on this –if so, I apologize!

Hope you're well. Can you comment on this text or provide any guidance? Is it possible Peter Strzok was referring to Andrew McCabe or could it have been someone else? Do you know what this text was about?

Text from Peter Strzok to Lisa Page 8/15/2016:

"I want to believe the path you threw out for consideration in Andy's office –that there's no way [Trump] gets elected—but I'm afraid we can't take that risk. It's an insurance policy in the unlikely event you die before you're 40."

Deadline ASAP.

Brooke Singman
Politics Reporter, Fox News Channel

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Prior, Ian (OPA)

From: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 12:12 PM
To: Gibson, Jake
Subject: RE: ICYMI: Associate Attorney General Rachel Brand Talks to WTOP's JJ Green About The Importance of Section 702 Re-Authorization

Well definitely do this. What platform? TV digital?

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From: Gibson, Jake [mailto:Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 11:55 AM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: ICYMI: Associate Attorney General Rachel Brand Talks to WTOP's JJ Green About The Importance of Section 702 Re-Authorization

Hey...

Can you set something up for me to talk to her about that and anything else she's interested in??

On Dec 14, 2017, at 11:03 AM, Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov> wrote:

<https://www.podcastone.com/episode/Target-USA----Episode-94:-North-Korea-marches-closer-to-closer-to-nuclear-weapons-1785399>

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Prior, Ian (OPA)

From: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 11:59 AM
To: Gibson, Jake
Subject: RE: ICYMI: Associate Attorney General Rachel Brand Talks to WTOP's JJ Green About The Importance of Section 702 Re-Authorization

Sure can

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Subject: Re: ICYMI: Associate Attorney General Rachel Brand Talks to WTOP's JJ Green About The Importance of Section 702 Re-Authorization

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Fenton, Amy

From: Fenton, Amy
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 11:18 AM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: RE: any word on Thursday?

Thanks! I will see you soon!

Amy Fenton

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From: Prior, Ian (OPA) [mailto:ian.prior@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 11:17 AM
To: Fenton, Amy <Amy.Fenton@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: RE: any word on Thursday?

Best thing I have is this: <https://www.fbi.gov/news/speeches/defending-the-value-of-fisa-section-702>

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From: Fenton, Amy [mailto:amy.fenton@foxnews.com]
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 9:00 AM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA) <iprior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: any word on Thursday?

Yes! I was just drafting the email now –

First of all -- I'm so glad we are able to make this work today! I feel like we have had a gazillion emails back and forth.

We have Ms Brand set at 2:45pET from the DC Bureau. We would ask she arrive about 30 minutes before hand for make up etc. We are going to talk about Section 702 and the argument to re-up.

One question – I saw a report that the WH bought 4 months of the program – is this true? Most reporting I see is that the program is over on December 31 11:59:59pm.

Also if you have any briefing material that you would like me to pass along to Dana, that would be great!

Thank you again!

Amy Fenton

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From: Prior, Ian (OPA) [<mailto:Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 8:55 AM
To: Fenton, Amy <Amy.Fenton@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: Re: any word on Thursday?

Any update on time she should be there and hit time?

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On Dec 13, 2017, at 11:45 AM, Fenton, Amy <Amy.Fenton@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Yes! We are good for tomorrow! I will email you exact time tomorrow morning.

Thank you again for being so patient.

Amy Fenton
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From: Prior, Ian (OPA) [<mailto:Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, December 12, 2017 5:20 PM
To: Fenton, Amy <Amy.Fenton@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: RE: any word on Thursday?

Ok thanks

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To: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: any word on Thursday?

I'm so sorry! I'm just seeing this— I'm traveling back from a few days off. I didn't hear back from my boss on it due to the election today. But I know Dana wants this, so I am fairly certain yes. But again I will firm tomorrow. We have a call at 8:15a so I'll try and get a firm answer then.

I'm sorry for my delay.

Amy Fenton

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On Dec 12, 2017, at 13:39, Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov> wrote:

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Gibson, Jake

From: Gibson, Jake
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 7:38 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Re: Disappointed

It was NOT me!

Thanks for everything.

On Dec 13, 2017, at 7:20 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

As I'm sure you are aware by now, the news that I provided the reporters on this email with access to the texts last night was provided to another reporter, which was a clear violation of the rules under which I provided them.

Unfortunately, this has undermined the trust that I believe is vital for all of us to do our jobs to the best of our ability, including my ability to be an advocate for all of you in this Department. As many of you pointed out on twitter, it was not uncommon—where legally and ethically allowed—to provide journalists with copies of documents provided to the Hill after they are received by the Chairman and Ranking Member of the interested committees. But, as we saw in the hearing, that was not the version of events that made a splash today and I am still at the office trying to clean this up after a lot of long nights in a row.

There is no blanket statement or threat I'm making. But I do need you all to know this will have an effect on my ability to provide you information in the future and the relationship this building has with our beat reporters moving forward.

That all being said, I do not (and cannot) believe that any of you intentionally violated this agreement and continue to hold each of you in the highest regard. Thank you for all the work you do to tell our story to the American people every day.

S

Sarah Isgur Flores
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Robbins, Christina

From: Robbins, Christina
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 4:21 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: Love sarah!

I'm always interested in Sarah Flores. She's great!

Christina Svolopoulos Robbins

DC Booking Supervisor / Producer

Fox News Channel

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Email: Christina.Robbins@FoxNews.com

From: Prior, Ian (OPA) [mailto:ian.prior@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, December 12, 2017 1:06 PM
To: Robbins, Christina <Christina.Robbins@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: RE: AG Sessions Tomorrow on attack?

Sorry forgot to respond – he was packed today.

But would you be interested in having Sarah Flores on some time?

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From: Robbins, Christina [mailto:Christina.Robbins@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 6:32 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: AG Sessions Tomorrow on attack?

Hi!

If the AG would be willing - Harris Faulkner would love to talk to him about the attack today. We could do this at 1:15p if he can do it. Or anytime in the 1p hour!

thanks.

Christina

On Dec 11, 2017, at 4:28 PM, USDOJ-Office of Public Affairs <USDOJ-OfficeofPublicAffairs@public.govdelivery.com> wrote:

 [New United States Department of Justice](#)

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2017**

**ATTORNEY GENERAL SESSIONS ISSUES STATEMENT
ON THE ATTEMPTED TERRORIST ATTACK IN NEW
YORK CITY**

WASHINGTON – Today Attorney General Jeff Sessions issued the following statement on the attempted terrorist attack in New York City:

“The President is exactly correct about the changes we need to our immigration system. We have now seen two terrorist attacks in New York City in less than two months that were carried out by people who came here as the result of our failed immigration policies that do not serve the national interest—the diversity lottery and chain migration. The 20-year-old son of the sister of a U.S. citizen should not get priority to come to this country ahead of someone who is high-skilled, well educated, has learned English, and is likely to assimilate and flourish here.

“It is a failure of logic and sound policy not to adopt a merit-based immigration system. The President has asked Congress to work with him on ending the diversity lottery and chain migration. He has proposed switching to a merit-based system of immigration similar to the Canadian and Australian systems. That means welcoming the best and the brightest and turning away not only terrorists but gang members, fraudsters, drunk drivers, and child abusers. Such a merit-based system would make us safer and welcome individuals who would be best able to assimilate and flourish in our country.”

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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 10:45 AM
To: Geoffrey Ingersoll
Cc: Pettit, Mark T. (OPA); Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: Re: I probably should have emailed you sooner

Absolutely. And my cell is (b) (6) (and I'm usually best over text).

On Dec 13, 2017, at 10:41 AM, Geoffrey Ingersoll <geoffrey@dailycaller.com> wrote:

Fantastic. I know Chuck is big on this story and so is Pfeiffer, it'd be great to get heads ups on things. Feel free to call me as well, my direct line is below my signature.

Geoffrey Ingersoll
Editor in Chief
The Daily Caller

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On Wed, Dec 13, 2017 at 10:28 AM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Absolutely. Adding mark to make sure you are on our lists. And Ian is our principle deputy who will probably be your best contact on general matters.

On Dec 13, 2017, at 10:15 AM, Geoffrey Ingersoll <geoffrey@dailycaller.com> wrote:

Hey, Sarah,

Alex Pfeiffer told me you gave him a call last night. I'm EIC at the Caller and have been going on four months now.

I'm hoping you might consider cutting me in on these future comms, because we've been covering DOJ and stories around it aggressively over the last several months.

Obviously, if Pfeiffer is indisposed, I wouldn't want a potential lead to shoot silently into the ether.

As an aside, we should get coffee or something some time.

All the best,

Geoffrey Ingersoll
Editor in Chief
The Daily Caller

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Geoffrey Ingersoll

From: Geoffrey Ingersoll
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 10:41 AM
To: Pettit, Mark T. (OPA)
Subject: Re: I probably should have emailed you sooner

Thanks, Mark!

Geoffrey Ingersoll
Editor in Chief
The Daily Caller

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On Wed, Dec 13, 2017 at 10:34 AM, Pettit, Mark T. (OPA) <Mark.T.Pettit@usdoj.gov> wrote:

I've added you to our lists!

Mark T. Pettit

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Cell: (b) (6)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 10:29 AM
To: Geoffrey Ingersoll <geoffrey@dailycaller.com>
Cc: Pettit, Mark T. (OPA) <mtpettit@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: I probably should have emailed you sooner

Duplicative Material

Chuck Ross

From: Chuck Ross
Sent: Tuesday, December 12, 2017 10:04 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Re: Strzok texts

Thanks. I'll try to track 'em down.

On Tue, Dec 12, 2017 at 8:59 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:
We provided to 5 committees on the hill. I don't have an electronic copy.

> On Dec 12, 2017, at 9:59 PM, Chuck Ross <chuck@dailycaller.com> wrote:

>

> Hi Sarah,

>

> I'm trying to track down the Strzok text messages. I guess we were about the only outlet not to receive the release. I'm seeing it was through Rosenstein's office but wasn't sure if this was a public release or a mass leak of some sort.

>

> Do you have any guidance?

>

> Thank you,

> Chuck Ross

> The Daily Caller

Murphy, Declan

From: Murphy, Declan
Sent: Tuesday, December 12, 2017 3:51 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: RE: Fox Business Making Money with Charles Payne

Ok thanks a lot for letting me know.

Best,

Declan

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, December 12, 2017 3:50 PM
To: Murphy, Declan
Subject: RE: Fox Business Making Money with Charles Payne

Sorry I cant join tonight!

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: Murphy, Declan [mailto:declan.murphy@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Tuesday, December 12, 2017 10:58 AM
To: Murphy, Declan <declan.murphy@FOXNEWS.COM>; Sarah Isgur Flores <(b) (6)>; Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Fox Business Making Money with Charles Payne

Hi Sarah,

I hope all is well. Would you be available to come back on Making Money with Charles Payne on Fox Business tonight sometime from 6-7 PM?

To talk about a merit-based immigration system.

Thanks!

Declan

Sent via the Samsung GALAXY S® 5, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

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From: "Murphy, Declan" <declan.murphy@FOXNEWS.COM>
Date: 3/3/2017 1:30 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: Sarah Isgur Flores <(b) (6)>, "Murphy, Declan" <declan.murphy@FOXNEWS.COM>
Cc: Maria Hatzikonstantinou <(b) (6)>, sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov
Subject: RE: Making Money with Charles Payne, Monday rundown

Hey Sarah,

Would you be able to come on Making Money tonight? Sometime from 6-7 PM.

Thanks!

Declan

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----- Original message -----

From: Sarah Isgur Flores <(b) (6)>
Date: 3/2/2017 7:13 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Murphy, Declan" <declan.murphy@FOXNEWS.COM>
Cc: Maria Hatzikonstantinou <(b) (6)>, sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov
Subject: Re: Making Money with Charles Payne, Monday rundown

Sorry I missed this. Didnt do any tv today anyway:)

On Thu, Mar 2, 2017 at 10:47 AM, Murphy, Declan <declan.murphy@foxnews.com> wrote:

Ok thanks!

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----- Original message -----

From: Maria Hatzikonstantinou <(b) (6)>
Date: 3/2/2017 10:46 AM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Murphy, Declan" <declan.murphy@FOXNEWS.COM>
Cc: (b) (6)
Subject: Re: Making Money with Charles Payne, Monday rundown

Hey, Declan. I added to Sarah to this trail so she can respond directly. Thank you!

On Mar 2, 2017, at 10:41 AM, Murphy, Declan <declan.murphy@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Hey Maria,

Would Sarah Isgur Flores be able to come on Making Money tonight to talk about Sessions?

Thanks!

Declan

Sent via the Samsung GALAXY S® 5, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

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Prior, Ian (OPA)

From: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Sent: Tuesday, December 12, 2017 9:39 AM
To: Singman, Brooke
Cc: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: RE: Ethics waiver?

I don't have anything more on it. Sorry

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From: Singman, Brooke [mailto:brooke.singman@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Tuesday, December 12, 2017 9:36 AM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: Ethics waiver?

Can you give me any guidance?

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 12, 2017, at 9:35 AM, Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Have to decline comment on that.

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To: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Ethics waiver?

On background or off record:

Was the waiver granted to Mueller due to the firm's ties to Manafort or Clinton/ Clinton aides ?
Or both?

From: Prior, Ian (OPA) [<mailto:Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, December 12, 2017 7:52 AM
To: Singman, Brooke <brooke.singman@FOXNEWS.COM>
Cc: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: Ethics waiver?

From DOJ official:

"The memo is protected by the deliberative process privilege (Exemption 5 of the Freedom of Information Act). This is in contrast to the communications related to the Francisco waiver, in which the deliberative discussions were expressly adopted by the decision maker."

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On Dec 12, 2017, at 7:38 AM, Singman, Brooke <brooke.singman@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Thank you! Great job on F&F!

And hi Ian. Let me know

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 12, 2017, at 7:33 AM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Ian is our expert on that.

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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

From: Singman, Brooke [<mailto:brooke.singman@FOXNEWS.COM>]

Sent: Tuesday, December 12, 2017 6:48 AM

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

Subject: Ethics waiver?

Hi Sarah!

Can you comment on record, or point me in the right direction on background, regarding Robert Mueller's ethics waiver to serve as special counsel?

Re: the process, the reasoning for the waiver, and why a different investigator who didn't need an ethics waiver was not selected to run the special counsel?

Deadline as soon as you can.

Thank you!

Brooke

Sent from my iPhone

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Freeman, Sarah

From: Freeman, Sarah
Sent: Tuesday, December 12, 2017 7:35 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Cc: Nicoletti, Christofer; Stine, Jason; Lewittes, Lee (Kushnir)
Subject: RE: Fox & Friends Topics, December 12th

Great! We were glad to have you!

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, December 12, 2017 7:32 AM
To: Freeman, Sarah <Sarah.freeman@FOXNEWS.COM>
Cc: Nicoletti, Christofer <Christofer.Nicoletti@FOXNEWS.COM>; Stine, Jason <jason.stine@FOXNEWS.COM>; Lewittes, Lee (Kushnir) <Lee.lewittes@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: RE: Fox & Friends Topics, December 12th

Thanks again—I actually think it was really helpful to clear some of that stuff up. So thanks for the opportunity.

xxx

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From: Freeman, Sarah [mailto:Sarah.freeman@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Tuesday, December 12, 2017 6:51 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Nicoletti, Christofer <Christofer.Nicoletti@FOXNEWS.COM>; Stine, Jason <jason.stine@FOXNEWS.COM>; Lewittes, Lee (Kushnir) <Lee.lewittes@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: RE: Fox & Friends Topics, December 12th

And just a quick update – we’re going to focus the interview on the attack latest & then just ask quickly about the latest on the DOJ/Mueller investigation at the end

Thanks!
Sarah Freeman

From: Freeman, Sarah
Sent: Tuesday, December 12, 2017 5:43 AM
To: sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov
Cc: Nicoletti, Christofer <Christofer.Nicoletti@FOXNEWS.COM>; Stine, Jason <jason.stine@FOXNEWS.COM>; Lewittes, Lee (Kushnir) <Lee.lewittes@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: Fox & Friends Topics, December 12th

Good Morning!

Excited to have you join us this AM.

Here are the topics we'll be discussing with you this morning:

1. NY Attack Latest – DOJ press conference happening later today
2. How the suspect will be/should be prosecuted

Let me know if you need anything!

Sarah Freeman

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Laco, Kelly (OPA)

From: Laco, Kelly (OPA)
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 7:04 PM
To: Rizzolo, Lisa
Cc: Kearns, Cailin; Kobe, David
Subject: RE: Event Tomorrow

Yes that is fine.

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From: Rizzolo, Lisa [mailto:Lisa.Rizzolo@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 7:04 PM
To: Laco, Kelly (OPA) <klaco@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Kearns, Cailin <Cailin.Kearns@FOXNEWS.COM>; Kobe, David <David.Kobe@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: Re: Event Tomorrow

Thank you very much for your response.
A booster would be much appreciated!
If we wanted a reporter to do a live right before and after the press conference is that ok?
Lisa

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 11, 2017, at 7:01 PM, Laco, Kelly (OPA) <Kelly.Laco@usdoj.gov> wrote:

They haven't had issues with Live U in the past, I would maybe bring a booster just in case, but it should work ok.

There really isn't much space around the site to park a truck. I do not know of any networks bringing a truck.

Hope that helps!

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

From: Rizzolo, Lisa [mailto:Lisa.Rizzolo@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 6:53 PM
To: Laco, Kelly (OPA) <klaco@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Kearns, Cailin <Cailin.Kearns@FOXNEWS.COM>; Kobe, David <David.Kobe@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: Event Tomorrow

Dear Kelly,

I have a couple of logistical questions.

Do you know if Live U works well from the location on the 4th floor where the press conference is being held?

If we wanted to send a satellite truck to the press conference is there parking available and would we be able to cable to the 4th floor?

Are any other networks sending satellite trucks?

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Lisa Rizzolo

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O'Malley, Devin (OPA)

From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 5:24 PM
To: Gibson, Jake (Fox News)
Subject: No other investigations

Devin M. O'Malley
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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Friday, December 29, 2017 12:19 PM
To: Boughton, Bryan
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA); Strickland, Ken (NBCUniversal); Grzech, Cherie; Siegfriedt, Anita; Nelson, Jamie; Gradison, Robin (NBCUniversal); alicia.jennings@nbcuni.com; Capra, Tony (NBCUniversal)
Subject: Re: Network Pool Handover 5pm tonight

Thank you all!

On Dec 29, 2017, at 10:38 AM, Boughton, Bryan <Bryan.Boughton@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Good morning Justice Department Friends,

Today at 5pm, FOX will formally hand off the pool chairmanship to NBC. We have enjoyed the opportunity to work with you and represent the networks for this past quarter. On behalf everyone here at FOX, I want to thank you for all of your help while we were chair. Copied on this note and listed below are our friends at NBC including my counterpart, NBC Washington Bureau Chief Ken Strickland. NBC will be the network TV pool chair through March 31st.

I have listed below the contact information of the team from NBC.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us. And beginning tonight, please direct all network pool questions to Ken and his team.

Thank you,

Bryan

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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Tuesday, December 19, 2017 9:05 PM
To: Paquette, Cherie
Subject: Re: Fox News Request

So sorry but it looks like I can't join

On Dec 19, 2017, at 12:12 PM, Paquette, Cherie <Cherie.Paquette@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Also 10:10 or 10:40am ET would be the best time slots for you.

From: Paquette, Cherie
Sent: Tuesday, December 19, 2017 12:00 PM
To: 'Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)'
Subject: RE: Fox News Request

Chain migration, border security, Trump's national security speech, DOJ & Andrew McCabe testifying - strzok texts & Bruce Ohr testifying this week

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [<mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, December 19, 2017 11:26 AM
To: Paquette, Cherie
Subject: Re: Fox News Request

What topics are y'all thinking about?

On Dec 19, 2017, at 11:03 AM, Paquette, Cherie <Cherie.Paquette@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Hey Sarah! Just wanted to check in to see if you could join us tomorrow morning. Do you have any availability in the 9am or 10am hour?

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [<mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>]
Sent: Sunday, December 17, 2017 6:37 PM
To: Paquette, Cherie
Subject: Re: Fox News Request

Probably so--but I'm traveling a the boss Monday and Tuesday. Can we touch base Tuesday and see if wed or thurs would work?

On Dec 17, 2017, at 6:12 PM, Paquette, Cherie <Cherie.Paquette@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Hi Sarah- can you join us one morning this week on America's Newsroom? 9am or 10am hour?

Cherie Paquette
Fox News Channel

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On May 10, 2017, at 10:15 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
<Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Im sorry this took me so long. I'm traveling with the AG
in the am and wont be back in time. Sorry!

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: Paquette, Cherie
[<mailto:Cherie.Paquette@FOXNEWS.COM>]
Sent: Wednesday, May 10, 2017 12:11 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Fox News Request -Thursday

Hi Sarah—

Hi Sarah—

Can you join us tomorrow morning for a 9:10am ET hit
time on America's Newsroom? To discuss the DOJ and
Comey. Please let me know if you are available.

Bill Hemmer and Shannon Bream host.

Best,
Cherie

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DOJ Communications Director Sarah Isgur Flores just
came into the press room at DOJ and declared to
multiple reporters, "everything" in this story is "false."

"There was no ask for money or additional resources"
for the Russia investigation, she said. Flores also
punctuated that info came from a conversation she
personally had with Deputy AG Rosenstein.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/05/10/us/politics/comey-russia-investigation-fbi.html?smid=tw-share&r=3>

***Days Before He Was
Fired, Comey Asked***

for Money for Russia Investigation

By **MATTHEW
ROSENBERG** and **MATT APUZZO**

Senator Richard Burr, Republican of North Carolina and chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, at the Capitol in March. Credit: Stephen Crowley/The New York Times

WASHINGTON — Days before he was fired, James B. Comey, the former F.B.I. director, asked the Justice Department for a significant increase in money and personnel for the bureau's investigation into Russia's interference in the presidential election, according to three officials with knowledge of his request.

Mr. Comey asked for the resources during a meeting last week with Rod J. Rosenstein, the deputy attorney general who wrote the Justice Department's memo that was used to justify the firing of the F.B.I. director this week.

Mr. Comey then briefed members of Congress on the meeting in recent days.

Cherie Paquette

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Paquette, Cherie

From: Paquette, Cherie
Sent: Sunday, December 17, 2017 6:39 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Re: Fox News Request

Definitely. Will check in with you on Tuesday. Thank you!!

Cherie Paquette
Fox News Channel
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On Dec 17, 2017, at 6:37 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Duplicative Material

Spinato, Eric

From: Spinato, Eric
Sent: Tuesday, December 12, 2017 3:58 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: RE: Good morning, Sarah

Okay, thank you

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, December 12, 2017 3:51 PM
To: Spinato, Eric <eric.spinato@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: RE: Good morning, Sarah

Probably not this week. Will let you know if that changes.

xxxx

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: Spinato, Eric [mailto:eric.spinato@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Tuesday, December 12, 2017 6:43 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Good morning, Sarah

Can the AG join Maria this weekend, on her FNC Sunday program
To discuss the bombing and immigration.

I look forward to hearing from you

Thank you
Eric

Eric Spinato
Senior Story Editor, Fox Business Network

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Gomez, Serafin

From: Gomez, Serafin
Sent: Tuesday, December 12, 2017 11:21 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Re: December 15, 2017 Holiday Reception

I actually missed this email! Sorry!

I miss you too! It has been too long. See you all the time in TV. You're so famous!

Serafin Daniel "Fin" Gomez
White House Producer

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On Dec 5, 2017, at 4:03 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

I miss you these days!

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: Gomez, Serafin [<mailto:Serafin.Gomez@FOXNEWS.COM>]
Sent: Tuesday, December 5, 2017 4:01 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: December 15, 2017 Holiday Reception

Thank you, Sarah!

Serafin Daniel "Fin" Gomez
White House Producer

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On Dec 5, 2017, at 3:54 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

You should have received this invite to the AG's Holiday Reception yesterday—but I know some were stuck in spam so I am forwarding to you just in case!

Hope to see you there

S

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: OAGRSVP
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2017 2:30 PM
To: OAGRSVP <OAGRSVP@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: December 15, 2017 Holiday Reception

Please join us for our annual Holiday Reception on Friday, December 15, 2017. An invitation with further details is attached.

<2017HolidayReception.pdf>

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Laco, Kelly (OPA)

From: Laco, Kelly (OPA)
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 4:32 PM
To: Maltas, Mike
Cc: Gibson, Jake
Subject: RE: Fox News RSVP AG Sessions PC in Baltimore Dec 12

Thank you!

Kelly Laco
Office of Public Affairs
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From: Maltas, Mike [mailto:Mike.Maltas@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 4:30 PM
To: Laco, Kelly (OPA) <klaco@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Gibson, Jake <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: Fox News RSVP AG Sessions PC in Baltimore Dec 12

Attn: Kelly Laco

Hi Kelly,
Fox News would like to RSVP for tomorrow's Press conference with AG Sessions and DHS Secretary Kristjen M. Nielsen on the Administration's efforts to combat MS-13 and carry out its immigration priorities in Baltimore tomorrow. Our Producer Jake Gibson has likely RSVP'd for himself. We would also like to RSVP for Fox News Photog (b) (6). Details can be relayed to Heina via dc.desk@foxnews.com

Thanks and please let me know if you need anything else.

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Gibson, Jake

From: Gibson, Jake
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 2:35 PM
To: Laco, Kelly (OPA)
Subject: Re: RSVP

Thanks much.

> On Dec 11, 2017, at 2:27 PM, Laco, Kelly (OPA) <Kelly.Laco@usdoj.gov> wrote:

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> You got it Jake!

>

> Kelly Laco

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> Department of Justice

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

> From: Gibson, Jake [mailto:Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM]

> Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 2:21 PM

> To: Laco, Kelly (OPA) <klaco@jmd.usdoj.gov>

> Subject: RSVP

>

>

> I'd like to attend the AG's news conference in Baltimore on Tuesday.

>

> Thanks very much,

>

>

> Jake Gibson

> Department of Justice Producer

> Fox News Washington

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Laco, Kelly (OPA)

From: Laco, Kelly (OPA)
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 2:31 PM
To: Neil Munro
Cc: Richards, Katy Jo. (OPA)
Subject: RE: RSVP for joint Sessions/Nielsen press event....

Thanks.

Kelly Laco
Office of Public Affairs
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From: Neil Munro [mailto:nmunro@breitbart.com]
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 2:30 PM
To: Laco, Kelly (OPA) <klaco@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RSVP for joint Sessions/Nielsen press event....

RSVP for joint Sessions/Nielsen press event....

Neil Munro at NMunro@breitbart.com

Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 2:06 PM
To: Kerry Picket
Subject: RE: follow up

Uh-greed!

xxx

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: Kerry Picket [mailto:kerry@dailycaller.com]
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 2:04 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: follow up

I'll look into it. I think it's an angle that can be explored

Kerry Picket
Reporter
The Daily Caller
www.dailycaller.com

On Dec 11, 2017, at 2:00 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Lol! I'm all for it! You know GS14 (could be 15 I don't remember) and higher basically have to be policy making roles and yet they cannot be terminated at will. I think its about converting those into career but at will employees with some sort of protection against termination for the first 120 days of a new administration or something like that.

xxx

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: Kerry Picket [mailto:kerry@dailycaller.com]
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 1:57 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: follow up

I see. Btw, I realize that most of this falls on Congress to change civil service laws more than anything else. Any particular member I should inquire with about that? J

On Mon, Dec 11, 2017 at 1:38 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

I'm not sure I think GAO had a report that there were 8 total at DOJ that converted during

it's pretty rare--I think GAO had a report that there were 8 total at DOJ that converted during the last administration. Weisman and Ohr and those folks you were mentioning are all lifetime career people.

XXXX

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: Kerry Picket [mailto:kerry@dailycaller.com]
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 1:26 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: follow up

Prior Sessions appointment.

Kerry Picket
Reporter
The Daily Caller
www.dailycaller.com

On Dec 11, 2017, at 11:05 AM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

But what do you mean about political? There are no political appointees left-- except Dana. Do you mean before we got here, did political appointees convert to career positions and now they are career staff w career protections?

On Dec 11, 2017, at 10:29 AM, Kerry Picket <kerry@dailycaller.com> wrote:

Thanks, Sarah.

As far as political v. careers, I'm aware of the differences in terms of difficulty of removing the former. However, isn't there concern about a certain number of political burrowing in right now?

Kerry Picket
Reporter
The Daily Caller
www.dailycaller.com

On Dec 11, 2017, at 9:54 AM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

I meant to send this Friday but clearly didn't. I wanted to make sure we were clear on the difference between political appointees who are 'at will' and can be removed without cause and career employees who cannot. At this point, I believe we only have one former political appointee left at DOJ—Dana Boente who as you know the President named as acting AG under the Vacancies Act to enforce the travel ban.

Otherwise, the people you were mentioning are all civil servants and can't be removed without going through the appropriate process based on a finding of misconduct or documented poor performance. I'm sure you've seen stories like this:

<http://freebeacon.com/issues/report-it-takes-at-least-170-days-to-fire-a-government-employee/>

And here's a good overview of the Hatch Act—criminal division staff and national security division staff are considered "restricted employees" who cannot host fundraisers for example but can contribute money and attend fundraisers, rallies, and meetings.

<https://osc.gov/pages/hatchact-affectsme.aspx> Other employees at the Department not in those divisions have broader latitude.

Hope this helps clear up some of these questions!

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Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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O'Malley, Devin (OPA)

From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Sent: Friday, December 8, 2017 7:43 PM
To: Jarrett, Laura; Jake Gibson; Josh Gerstein
Subject: Head start DACA quote

Attributable to me:

“The Department of Justice is pleased with the Supreme Court’s decision today putting on hold the district court’s overreach. The Department of Homeland Security acted within its lawful authority in deciding to wind down DACA in an orderly manner, and the Justice Department believes the courts will ultimately agree.”

Devin M. O'Malley
Department of Justice
Office of Public Affairs
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Murray, Andrew

From: Murray, Andrew
Sent: Friday, December 8, 2017 3:58 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Re: no go for monday

With all the DOJ news coming out, I thought I would just inquire about an interview with "Fox and Friends" Tuesday - Friday of next week in case there is a day an time that works. Lot's to discuss!

Andrew Murray
Producer, Politics
"Fox & Friends"
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On Dec 7, 2017, at 11:59 AM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Somrry!

xxx

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs
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Willey, Anna

From: Willey, Anna
Sent: Thursday, December 7, 2017 9:29 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: RE: Annual Holiday Reception

Sarah –

Great. I will be her guest 😊. You can go ahead and RSVP her for 2!

We are looking forward to it. Thank you,

Anna Willey
Executive Assistant
Fox News Channel

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Thursday, December 07, 2017 9:01 PM
To: Willey, Anna <Anna.Willey@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: RE: Annual Holiday Reception

Yes she can!

xxx

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: Willey, Anna [mailto:Anna.Willey@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Tuesday, December 5, 2017 5:53 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Annual Holiday Reception

Hi Sarah –

I am Shannon Bream's personal assistant and she forwarded me your email about the Annual Holiday reception. She is wondering if she is allowed to bring a plus one? Let me know, and we will RSVP shortly after!

Thanks,

Anna Willey
Executive Assistant
Fox News Channel

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Willey, Anna

From: Willey, Anna
Sent: Wednesday, December 6, 2017 8:32 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: RE: Annual Holiday Reception

Absolutely. Let me know!

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [<mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, December 06, 2017 8:26 PM
To: Willey, Anna <Anna.Willey@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: RE: Annual Holiday Reception

Can I circl back with you?

xxxx

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: Willey, Anna [<mailto:Anna.Willey@FOXNEWS.COM>]
Sent: Tuesday, December 5, 2017 5:53 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Annual Holiday Reception

Duplicative Material

Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, December 7, 2017 9:00 PM
To: Baier, Bret
Subject: RE: December 15, 2017 Holiday Reception

No problem!

xxx

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: Baier, Bret [mailto:bret.baier@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Tuesday, December 5, 2017 4:17 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: December 15, 2017 Holiday Reception

Sure

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

On Dec 5, 2017, at 4:16 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Let me ask upstairs—is it ok if I circle back with you?

xxx

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: Baier, Bret [mailto:bret.baier@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Tuesday, December 5, 2017 3:58 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: December 15, 2017 Holiday Reception

Thank I'll be there. Maybe with mrs Baier?

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

On Dec 5, 2017, at 3:56 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

You should have received this invite to the AG's Holiday Reception yesterday—but I know some were stuck in spam so I am forwarding to you just in case!

I know some were stuck in Spain so I am forwarding to you just in case:

Hope to see you there

S

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: OAGRSVP
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2017 2:30 PM
To: OAGRSVP <OAGRSVP@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: December 15, 2017 Holiday Reception

Please join us for our annual Holiday Reception on Friday, December 15, 2017. An invitation with further details is attached.

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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, December 7, 2017 9:00 PM
To: Patterson, Jazzmin
Subject: RE: December 15, 2017 Holiday Reception

Yes she may!

xxx

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: Patterson, Jazzmin [mailto:jazzmin.Patterson@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Thursday, December 7, 2017 1:55 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: December 15, 2017 Holiday Reception

Hi Sarah,

Just circling back to see if Martha would be able to bring her husband to this event. Thank you for your help!

Warmly,
Jazzmin

Jazzmin Patterson
Executive Assistant to Martha MacCallum
'The Story with Martha MacCallum' FNC
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Cell: (b) (6)

From: Patterson, Jazzmin
Sent: Tuesday, December 05, 2017 4:16 PM
To: 'Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)'
Subject: RE: December 15, 2017 Holiday Reception

Of course! Thank you kindly for all of your help.

Jazzmin Patterson
Executive Assistant to Martha MacCallum
'The Story with Martha MacCallum' FNC
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From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, December 05, 2017 4:16 PM
To: Patterson, Jazzmin
Subject: RE: December 15, 2017 Holiday Reception

Let me ask upstairs—is it ok if I circle back with you?

xxx

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: Patterson, Jazzmin [<mailto:jazzmin.Patterson@FOXNEWS.COM>]
Sent: Tuesday, December 5, 2017 4:14 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: December 15, 2017 Holiday Reception

Hello Sarah,

Martha would love to join. We are wondering, however, if it would be possible for Martha to bring her husband as a plus one.

Thank you kindly,
Jazzmin

Jazzmin Patterson
Executive Assistant to Martha MacCallum
'The Story with Martha MacCallum' FNC
Tel: (b) (6)
Cell: (b) (6)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [<mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, December 05, 2017 3:53 PM
Subject: FW: December 15, 2017 Holiday Reception

You should have received this invite to the AG's Holiday Reception yesterday—but I know some were stuck in spam so I am forwarding to you just in case!

Hope to see you there

S

xxx

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: OAGRSVP
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2017 2:30 PM
To: OAGRSVP <OAGRSVP@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: December 15, 2017 Holiday Reception

Please join us for our annual Holiday Reception on Friday, December 15, 2017. An invitation with further details is attached.

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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, December 7, 2017 5:17 PM
To: Chuck Ross
Subject: RE: Inquiry on Bruce Ohr demotion over Fusion GPS contacts

I can confirm Ohr no longer works in ODAG

xxx

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: Chuck Ross [mailto:chuck@dailycaller.com]
Sent: Thursday, December 7, 2017 12:44 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Inquiry on Bruce Ohr demotion over Fusion GPS contacts

Hi Sarah,

I'm seeing Fox's reporting on the demotion of Bruce Ohr over his contacts with Fusion GPS.

I was wondering if I could get confirmation and perhaps any additional background on those contacts.

Thank you for any help,
Chuck Ross
The Daily Caller

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Laco, Kelly (OPA)

From: Laco, Kelly (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, December 7, 2017 4:11 PM
To: McDonough, Constance
Subject: RE: Hi Kelly -- Pool Chair Question: ATTORNEY GENERAL SESSIONS WILL HOST ROUNDTABLE ON DRUG POLICY WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE HERITAGE FOUNDATION

Thanks so much!

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

From: McDonough, Constance [mailto:Constance.mcdonough@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Thursday, December 7, 2017 4:07 PM
To: Laco, Kelly (OPA) <klaco@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: Hi Kelly -- Pool Chair Question: ATTORNEY GENERAL SESSIONS WILL HOST ROUNDTABLE ON DRUG POLICY WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE HERITAGE FOUNDATION

Hey Kelly,
I have assigned ABC to cover the photo spray and opening remarks. Their desk should be reaching out to you shortly to RSVP.

From: Laco, Kelly (OPA) <Kelly.Laco@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 7, 2017 11:57:49 AM
To: McDonough, Constance
Subject: RE: Hi Kelly -- Pool Chair Question: ATTORNEY GENERAL SESSIONS WILL HOST ROUNDTABLE ON DRUG POLICY WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE HERITAGE FOUNDATION

5 mins of opening talking points that pool can cover.

Kelly Laco
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From: Laco, Kelly (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, December 7, 2017 11:54 AM
To: 'McDonough, Constance' <Constance.mcdonough@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: RE: Hi Kelly -- Pool Chair Question: ATTORNEY GENERAL SESSIONS WILL HOST ROUNDTABLE ON DRUG POLICY WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE HERITAGE FOUNDATION

Yes, just his brief opening remarks to the group. I don't think it will be anything formal or long.

I am getting confirmation on how long exactly.

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From: McDonough, Constance [<mailto:Constance.mcdonough@FOXNEWS.COM>]
Sent: Thursday, December 7, 2017 11:51 AM
To: Laco, Kelly (OPA) <klaco@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: Hi Kelly -- Pool Chair Question: ATTORNEY GENERAL SESSIONS WILL HOST ROUNDTABLE ON DRUG POLICY WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE HERITAGE FOUNDATION

Hey Kelly,
I believe I just heard a co-worker of mine on the phone with you regarding this spray tomorrow. Are there also opening remarks that the pool can cover? Thanks

From: McDonough, Constance
Sent: Thursday, December 7, 2017 11:30:59 AM
To: Laco, Kelly (OPA)
Subject: Re: Hi Kelly -- Pool Chair Question: ATTORNEY GENERAL SESSIONS WILL HOST ROUNDTABLE ON DRUG POLICY WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE HERITAGE FOUNDATION

awesome, thanks Kelly!

From: Laco, Kelly (OPA) <Kelly.Laco@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 7, 2017 11:28:20 AM
To: McDonough, Constance
Subject: RE: Hi Kelly -- Pool Chair Question: ATTORNEY GENERAL SESSIONS WILL HOST ROUNDTABLE ON DRUG POLICY WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE HERITAGE FOUNDATION

That's fine. As long as whoever is pool could sends me names this evening at some point, that would be great!

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

From: McDonough, Constance [<mailto:Constance.mcdonough@FOXNEWS.COM>]
Sent: Thursday, December 7, 2017 11:22 AM
To: Laco, Kelly (OPA) <klaco@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: Hi Kelly -- Pool Chair Question: ATTORNEY GENERAL SESSIONS WILL HOST ROUNDTABLE ON DRUG POLICY WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE HERITAGE FOUNDATION

ok perfect. When are RSVP's due? I am sending the guidance out to the networks now and would usually assign at 4:30p, unless RSVP's must be in earlier than that. I didnt see it noted below but wanted to double check.

From: Laco, Kelly (OPA) <Kelly.Laco@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 7, 2017 11:14:36 AM
To: McDonough, Constance
Subject: RE: Hi Kelly -- Pool Chair Question: ATTORNEY GENERAL SESSIONS WILL HOST ROUNDTABLE ON DRUG POLICY WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE HERITAGE FOUNDATION

DRUG POLICY WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE HERITAGE FOUNDATION

Hi Connie,

We are mandating one pool just due to the set up of the conference room. A pool producer is welcome to accompany the camera.

Hope that helps and please let me know if anything else comes up!

Thanks,

Kelly

Kelly Laco

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From: McDonough, Constance [<mailto:Constance.mcdonough@FOXNEWS.COM>]

Sent: Thursday, December 7, 2017 11:07 AM

To: Laco, Kelly (OPA) <klaco@jmd.usdoj.gov>

Subject: Hi Kelly -- Pool Chair Question: ATTORNEY GENERAL SESSIONS WILL HOST ROUNDTABLE ON DRUG POLICY WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE HERITAGE FOUNDATION

Hey Kelly,

I have a couple questions regarding this 10a round table tomorrow. Is this mandated pool because of spacing? Also, it says there is only room for the pool camera and still photographers. Does that mean that a pool producer is not allowed in the room for an editorial presence? I know the networks will not feel comfortable covering/sending only a camera to shoot this without editorial access.

From: USDOJ-Office of Public Affairs <USDOJ-OfficeofPublicAffairs@public.govdelivery.com>

Sent: Thursday, December 7, 2017 9:12 AM

To: 087-DC desk email

Subject: ATTORNEY GENERAL SESSIONS WILL HOST ROUNDTABLE ON DRUG POLICY WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE HERITAGE FOUNDATION

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2017

ATTORNEY GENERAL SESSIONS WILL HOST ROUNDTABLE ON

**ATTORNEY GENERAL SESSIONS WILL HOST ROUNDTABLE ON
DRUG POLICY WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE HERITAGE
FOUNDATION**

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

WASHINGTON – Attorney General Jeff Sessions will host a roundtable on drug policy with representatives from the Heritage Foundation on **Friday, December 8, 2017.**

WHO

Attorney General Jeff Sessions

WHAT

Attorney General Jeff Sessions will host a roundtable on drug policy.

WHEN

10:00 a.m. EST
5th Floor Conference Room
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20530

POOL SPRAY AT THE TOP – CLOSED FOR DISCUSSION

There will be a pool spray at the top, final gather time is 9:50 a.m. EST. Due to space, the pool spray is limited to the pool camera and still photographers only. The roundtable is closed press.

NOTE: All media must RSVP and present government-issued photo I.D. (such as a driver's license) as well as valid media credentials. The RSVP and any inquiries regarding logistics should be directed to Kelly Laco in the Office of Public Affairs at (b) (6) or kelly.laco@usdoj.gov. Please RSVP with the email address of the person(s) attending the event, so that we may reach them directly if details change.

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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, December 7, 2017 3:43 PM
To: Wolk, Jezzamine
Subject: RE: Fox News tonight?

I don't think I'll be able to join on this—sorry!

xxx

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

(b) (6)

From: Wolk, Jezzamine [mailto:jezzamine.wolk@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Thursday, December 7, 2017 1:02 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Fox News tonight?

Would you be available tonight to discuss this with us? Please let me know 😊

From: Wolk, Jezzamine
Sent: Thursday, December 07, 2017 12:07 PM
To: 'Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)'
Subject: RE: Fox News tonight?

<http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2017/12/07/top-doj-official-demoted-amid-probe-contacts-with-trump-dossier-firm.html>

EXCLUSIVE: Top DOJ official demoted amid probe of contacts with Trump dossier firm

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Thursday, December 07, 2017 11:50 AM
To: Wolk, Jezzamine

TO: Wolk, Jezzamine

Subject: RE: Fox News tonight?

What would the topics be?

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Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: Wolk, Jezzamine [<mailto:jezzamine.wolk@FOXNEWS.COM>]

Sent: Thursday, December 7, 2017 11:45 AM

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

Subject: Fox News tonight?

Hi Sarah!

My name is Jezzamine, and I'm a producer for the primetime Fox news show "The Story" with Martha MacCallum (7PM). Hope you are well! Was wondering if by any chance you'd be available to join us tonight? We'd love to have you on.

Please let us know. Happy to arrange travel!

Best,

Jezzamine Wolk

Booking Producer, The Story with Martha MacCallum

Jezzamine.Wolk@foxnews.com

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Gibson, Jake

From: Gibson, Jake
Sent: Thursday, December 7, 2017 11:44 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Re: on background as justice official

Copy and thanks.

On Dec 7, 2017, at 11:39 AM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

It is unusual for anyone to wear two hats as he has done recently.
This person is going to go back to a single focus—director of our organized crime and drug enforcement unit.
As you know, combatting transnational criminal organizations and drug trafficking is a top priority for the Attorney General.

xxx

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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O'Malley, Devin (OPA)

From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, December 7, 2017 10:56 AM
To: Alex Pfeiffer
Subject: Re: Dude this bedard story is bs

Yeah this is ice deportation numbers

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 7, 2017, at 10:43 AM, Alex Pfeiffer <pfeiffer@dailycaller.com> wrote:

It's worded poorly so maybe he isnt talking about court backlog and instead deportation order

On Thu, Dec 7, 2017 at 10:39 AM, Alex Pfeiffer <pfeiffer@dailycaller.com> wrote:
<http://www.washingtonexaminer.com/obama-blocked-deportation-of-550000-illegals-more-than-atlantas-population/article/2642694>

calling the court backlog a "temporary amnesty."

Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Wednesday, December 6, 2017 8:25 PM
To: Herridge, Catherine
Cc: Navas, Nicole (OPA)
Subject: RE: Resending interview request

Nothing for now. Thanks!

xxx

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: Herridge, Catherine [mailto:Catherine.Herridge@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Wednesday, December 6, 2017 11:01 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Navas, Nicole (OPA) <nnavas@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Resending interview request

Your note reminded me to check back again. Our most recent exclusive for Tucker Carlson on ICIG McCullough - video embedded

Thanks for the consideration.
Catherine

<http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2017/11/27/blowback-clinton-campaign-planned-to-fire-me-over-email-probe-obama-intel-watchdog-says.html>

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, May 10, 2017 9:05 PM
To: Herridge, Catherine; Prior, Ian (OPA)
Cc: Navas, Nicole (OPA)
Subject: RE: renewing interview request

We're VERY big fans of you here. Including the powers that be. But he isn't doing any interviews right now. You are on the list for down the road though for sure.

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: Herridge, Catherine [mailto:Catherine.Herridge@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Wednesday, May 10, 2017 4:46 PM

To: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Navas, Nicole (OPA) <nnavas@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: renewing interview request

I recognize you are flooded with requests, but wanted to renew my interest, as the longest serving TV beat reporter on DOJ/FBI and Intelligence. I did a very fair, direct and newsy interview with Secretary Kelly in the midst of the travel ban and wall reporting.

Including the link

<http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2017/02/02/dhs-secretary-border-wall-should-be-finished-in-two-years.html>

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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Wednesday, December 6, 2017 4:55 PM
To: Murray, Andrew
Cc: Ehram, Lauren (OPA); Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: RE: Monday, December 11th with "Fox & Friends"

Friday COB

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Sarah Isgur Flores
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From: Murray, Andrew [mailto:Andrew.Murray@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Wednesday, December 6, 2017 4:44 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Ehram, Lauren (OPA) <lehram@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Monday, December 11th with "Fox & Friends"

Do you think you will be able to confirm by Friday or not until Sunday?

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 06, 2017 2:47 PM
To: Murray, Andrew <Andrew.Murray@FOXNEWS.COM>
Cc: Ehram, Lauren (OPA) <Lauren.Ehram@usdoj.gov>; Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: Monday, December 11th with "Fox & Friends"

We'll have to keep this tentative at this point but we'd still like to do this if we can.

On Dec 6, 2017, at 2:02 PM, Murray, Andrew <Andrew.Murray@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Hi Sarah,

I wanted to follow up with you about Attorney General Sessions appear on "Fox & Friends" Monday, December 11th. If he is still available, what time would work?

Andrew

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, November 29, 2017 2:49 PM
To: Murray, Andrew <Andrew.Murray@FOXNEWS.COM>
Cc: Ehram, Lauren (OPA) <Lauren.Ehram@usdoj.gov>; Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Attorney General Sessions Available for "Fox & Friends" tomorrow (Thursday) LIVE at 8:20am ET?

Cant do tomorrow bc the AG has his HPSCI interview in the am. But wanted to ping you about

holding the 11???

xxx

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: Murray, Andrew [<mailto:Andrew.Murray@FOXNEWS.COM>]
Sent: Wednesday, November 29, 2017 2:26 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Ehrsam, Lauren (OPA) <lehram@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Attorney General Sessions Available for "Fox & Friends" tomorrow (Thursday) LIVE at 8:20am ET?

Hi Sarah,

Please let us know if we can schedule Attorney General Sessions for a LIVE interview tomorrow (Thursday) at 8:20am ET about his announcement on **NEW TOOLS IN COMBATTING THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC**.

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/ag-jeff-sessions-holds-press-conference-on-combatting-opioid-epidemic-live-stream/>

Thanks in advance,

Andrew Murray
Producer, Politics
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From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [<mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, November 16, 2017 5:57 PM
To: Murray, Andrew <Andrew.Murray@FOXNEWS.COM>
Cc: Ehrsam, Lauren (OPA) <Lauren.Ehrsam@usdoj.gov>; Prior, Ian (OPA) <ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Details for "Fox & Friends" Tomorrow (Friday) LIVE at 6:30am ET

Actually! Can I get a car after all? My address is (b) (6). Maybe 540am so I'm there a little before 6?

xxx

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: Murray, Andrew [<mailto:Andrew.Murray@FOXNEWS.COM>]
Sent: Thursday, November 16, 2017 11:56 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Ehrsam, Lauren (OPA) <lehram@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Details for "Fox & Friends" Tomorrow (Friday) LIVE at 6:30am ET

Hi Sarah,

I understand that you have been in touch with our executive producers and are confirmed to appear on "Fox & Friends" tomorrow. That's wonderful news! We would like to start the interview LIVE at 6:30am ET in our DC bureau, details are below, please let me know if you have any questions.

"Fox & Friends"

DATE: Friday, November 17th

ARRIVAL: 6:00 am ET (for make-up)

LIVE INTERVIEW: 6:30am ET with Steve Doocy, Ainsley Earhardt, and Pete Hegseth

TOPIC: How the Department of Justice is serving the American people under the Trump administration

ADDRESS: FNC DC Bureau: The Hall of the States Building: 400 North Capitol Street, NW, Suite 500

FRIDAY AM: GUEST GREETER: Erenia Michell Phone: (b) (6) (Main) or (b) (6) Bureau
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FRIDAY AM EMERGENCY CONTACT: Kyle Nolan CELL: (b) (6) Greenroom: (b) (6)
email: kyle.nolan@foxnews.com

Instructions for tomorrow: Sign in at the guard desk in lobby and receive security pass. Then take the elevators on the left side of the lobby up to the 5th floor, suite is on the left side of the hall.

Thanks in advance,

Andrew Murray
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From: Murray, Andrew
Sent: Thursday, November 16, 2017 10:43 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>
Cc: Ehram, Lauren (OPA) <Lauren.Ehram@usdoj.gov>; Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>
Subject: Attorney General Sessions available for "Fox & Friends" Next Week?

Hi Sarah,

Please let us know if there are any opportunities next week before Thanksgiving.

Andrew

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [<mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, November 14, 2017 5:18 PM
To: Murray, Andrew <Andrew.Murray@FOXNEWS.COM>
Cc: Ehram, Lauren (OPA) <Lauren.Ehram@usdoj.gov>; Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Attorney General Sessions available for "Fox & Friends" tomorrow (Wednesday)?

We'll pass—thanks!

xxx

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: Murray, Andrew [<mailto:Andrew.Murray@FOXNEWS.COM>]
Sent: Tuesday, November 14, 2017 4:30 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Ehram, Lauren (OPA) <lehram@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Attorney General Sessions available for "Fox & Friends" tomorrow (Wednesday)?

Hi Sarah,

Please let us know if Attorney General Sessions is available to join us on "Fox & Friends" for a LIVE interview (tomorrow) Wednesday about his testimony to the House Judiciary Committee today.

Thanks in advance,

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From: Ehram, Lauren (OPA) [<mailto:Lauren.Ehram@usdoj.gov>]
Sent: Monday, November 13, 2017 5:34 PM
To: Ehram, Lauren (OPA) <Lauren.Ehram@usdoj.gov>
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>
Subject: AG Sessions: Why we've made restoring the rule of law our top priority

Good afternoon! I hope you'll take a moment to read this op-ed out today by Attorney General Jeff Sessions highlighting how the Department of Justice is serving the American people under this administration, by following the laws they have duly enacted, including:

- Taking action to keep America safe.
- Settling with Tea Party groups for unfair treatment by the IRS.
- Ending the use of gov't to bankroll third-party special interest groups or the friends of whomever is in power.
- Trusting our prosecutors again and letting them do their jobs.
- Rewarding those jurisdictions that assist federal law enforcement.
- Protecting First Amendment rights to free speech and religious liberty.

And we are just getting started!

Thank you,
Lauren

Lauren Ehram
Spokeswoman and Media Affairs Specialist
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Attorney General Jeff Sessions: Why we've made restoring the rule of law our top priority
By Jeff Sessions
Fox News
<http://www.foxnews.com/opinion/2017/11/13/attorney-general-jeff-sessions-why-weve-made-restoring-rule-law-our-top-priority.html>

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

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

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

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

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

Under this administration, the Department of Justice is serving the American people by following the laws they have duly enacted—and we are just getting started.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Religious liberty is an inalienable right, and at the president’s direction, we issued legal guidance on how to properly interpret and apply legal protections for religious liberty. And it is not just freedom of worship: we do not give up our religious freedom when we are at work, when we interact with the federal government, or any other time we participate in society.

We do not give up our rights when we go to school, either. This Department is standing up for those whose rights have been violated on campus, including supporting a lawsuit by one young man who was punished for discussing his faith outside of his school’s tiny “free speech zone.” And we are examining a case where Asian-American students allege racial discrimination in one university’s admissions.

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Jeff Sessions is the Attorney General of the United States.

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Spinato, Eric

From: Spinato, Eric
Sent: Wednesday, December 6, 2017 2:31 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: RE: AG for Sunday?

Okay.
Keep me posted if able to join her next weekday
Her last week on air, is Dec. 17th
Then back on air, Jan. 4

Thank you,
Eric

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 06, 2017 2:29 PM
To: Spinato, Eric <eric.spinato@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: Re: AG for Sunday?

We'll pass for now. Thanks!

On Dec 6, 2017, at 1:13 PM, Spinato, Eric <eric.spinato@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Likely topic would be sanctuary cities, probably a little Hillary/FBI stuff. But full disclosure is that it would still be subject to news of the day.
If other breaking news occur, we would let you know beforehand, what it is and like to discuss
With him

Eric Spinato
Senior Story Editor, Fox Business Network
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Singman, Brooke

From: Singman, Brooke
Sent: Wednesday, December 6, 2017 12:10 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Re: Can we...

Leaving now

Sent from my iPhone

> On Dec 6, 2017, at 11:51 AM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

>

> Sadly I'm booked up from 1-530. Want to try tomorrow instead?

>

>> On Dec 6, 2017, at 11:48 AM, Singman, Brooke <brooke.singman@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

>>

>> Do 1 or 1:15?

>> So sorry.

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>> Sent from my iPhone

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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Wednesday, December 6, 2017 11:51 AM
To: Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM
Subject: Fwd: Can we...

Which I can't do

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Singman, Brooke" <brooke.singman@FOXNEWS.COM>
Date: December 6, 2017 at 11:47:42 AM EST
To: "Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov" <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>
Subject: Can we...

Duplicative Material

Gibson, Jake

From: Gibson, Jake
Sent: Wednesday, December 6, 2017 11:40 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Fwd: Fox obtains letter to DOJ IG re: Peter Strzok
Attachments: 2017-12-06 RHJ CEG to DOJ OIG (Strzok).pdf; ATT00001.htm

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Herridge, Catherine" <Catherine.Herridge@FOXNEWS.COM>
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Subject: Fox obtains letter to DOJ IG re: Peter Strzok

Per herridge

Attached is a letter from Johnson and Grassley sent to DOJ IG Horowitz regarding the alleged text messages exchanged between FBI employees Peter Strzok and Lisa Page - when the IG became aware of the messages, how they notified Mueller of the messages, and whether similar allegations were found involving other government officials.

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

December 6, 2017

The Honorable Michael E. Horowitz
Inspector General
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Inspector General Horowitz:

We understand that the Department of Justice Office of Inspector General (DOJ OIG) continues its review of the actions of DOJ and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) in advance of the 2016 presidential election.¹ As part of this review, your office discovered that a senior FBI agent allegedly exchanged electronic text messages “that expressed anti-Trump political views” with an FBI colleague.² We write to seek more information about the OIG’s discovery of these electronic text messages and the actions you took in response.

According to reports, FBI employees Peter Strzok and Lisa Page were involved in the exchange of text messages that exhibited political bias.³ Mr. Strzok was involved in the FBI’s investigation into former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton’s handling of classified information through her use of a private email server. Mr. Strzok personally participated in the FBI’s interviews of Secretary Clinton, Huma Abedin, Cheryl Mills, Heather Samuelson, and Jake Sullivan.⁴ Mr. Strzok most recently worked for Special Counsel Robert Mueller.⁵ Mr. Mueller’s office announced that it removed Mr. Strzok from the investigation after learning of the allegations.⁶

To understand OIG’s discovery of these text exchanges, we respectfully request the following information:

1. When and how did OIG become aware of the text messages between Peter Strzok and Lisa Page?

¹ The Department of Justice Office of Inspector General released the following statement in response to inquiries today, (2017), <https://oig.justice.gov/press/2017/2017-12-02.pdf> (last visited Dec 5, 2017).

² Michael S. Schmidt, Matt Apuzzo and Adam Goldman, *Mueller Removed Top Agent in Russia Inquiry Over Possible Anti-Trump Texts*, N.Y. TIMES, Dec. 2, 2017, <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/12/02/us/politics/mueller-removed-top-fbi-agent-over-possible-anti-trump-texts.html>.

³ Karoun Demirjian and Devlin Barret, *Top FBI official assigned to Mueller’s Russia probe said to have been removed after sending anti-Trump texts*, WASH. POST, Dec. 2, 2017, https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/two-senior-fbi-officials-on-clinton-trump-probes-exchanged-politically-charged-texts-disparaging-trump/2017/12/02/9846421c-d707-11e7-a986-d0a9770d9a3e_story.html?utm_term=.93899dad030d

⁴ Fed. Bureau of Investigation, 302s of Clinton Investigation (2015-16) (on file with Comm.).

⁵ Michael S. Schmidt, Matt Apuzzo and Adam Goldman, *Mueller Removed Top Agent in Russia Inquiry Over Possible Anti-Trump Texts*, N.Y. TIMES, Dec. 2, 2017 <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/12/02/us/politics/mueller-removed-top-fbi-agent-over-possible-anti-trump-texts.html>.

⁶ *Id.*

2. When and how did OIG notify the Special Counsel Robert Mueller of the text messages?
3. Did OIG refer these allegations to the U.S. Office of Special Counsel to pursue a potential Hatch Act inquiry? If not, why not?
4. In connection with the OIG's review of the actions of DOJ and the FBI in advance of the 2016 presidential election, has the OIG received any similar allegations involving other government officials?

Please respond as soon as possible but no later than 5:00 p.m. on December, 13, 2017, so that the Committees may begin to receive responsive information.

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs is authorized by Rule XXV of the Standing Rules of the Senate to investigate "the efficiency, economy, and effectiveness of all agencies and departments of the Government."⁷ Additionally, S. Res. 62 (115th Congress) authorizes the Committee to examine "the efficiency and economy of all branches and functions of Government with particular references to the operations and management of Federal regulatory policies and programs."⁸

If you have any questions about this request, please ask your staff to contact Brian Downey of Chairman Johnson's staff at (202) 224-4751 or Josh Flynn-Brown of Chairman Grassley's staff at (202) 224-5225. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Ron Johnson
Chairman
Committee on Homeland Security and
Governmental Affairs



Charles E. Grassley
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary

cc: The Honorable Claire McCaskill
Ranking Member
Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary

⁷ S. Rule XXV(k); *see also* S. Res. 445, 108th Cong. (2004).

⁸ S. Res. 62 § 12, 115th Cong. (2017).

Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Wednesday, December 6, 2017 10:55 AM
To: Herridge, Catherine
Subject: RE: December 15, 2017 Holiday Reception

Wonderful! See you there!

xxx

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: Herridge, Catherine [mailto:Catherine.Herridge@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Wednesday, December 6, 2017 10:54 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: December 15, 2017 Holiday Reception

Thank you very much and plan to attend.

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 5, 2017, at 3:56 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

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Hope to see you there

S

xxx

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: OAGRSVP
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2017 2:30 PM
To: OAGRSVP <OAGRSVP@jmd.usdoj.gov>
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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Tuesday, December 5, 2017 5:46 PM
To: jake.gibson@foxnews.com
Subject: FW: FoxNews.com question on House intel's possible contempt resolution

Are you taking care of this? Or do I need to respond?

xxx

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

(b) (6)

From: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Sent: Tuesday, December 5, 2017 5:39 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Fwd: FoxNews.com question on House intel's possible contempt resolution

Sending this your way

Ian D. Prior
Principal Deputy Director of Public Affairs
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](#).

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Berger, Judson" <Judson.Berger@FOXNEWS.COM>
Date: December 5, 2017 at 5:27:57 PM EST
To: "Prior, Ian (OPA)" <ian.prior@usdoj.gov>
Subject: [FoxNews.com](#) question on House intel's possible contempt resolution

Mr. Prior,
Sorry to bother so late, but I wanted to check if DOJ had any further statement about cooperating with the House Intelligence Committee with regard to their outstanding requests – for which they have threatened to draft a contempt resolution against both Deputy AG Rosenstein and Director Wray.

I saw the Sunday statement from DOJ – has there been any further progress since Monday's deadline? Thank you.

Judson Berger

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

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@juddberger

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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Tuesday, December 5, 2017 4:36 PM
To: Ian Mason
Subject: Re: December 15, 2017 Holiday Reception

So glad you can come!

On Dec 5, 2017, at 4:35 PM, Ian Mason <imason@breitbart.com> wrote:

I've RSVP'd and I look forward to seeing you there. Thank you so much for your kind invitation.

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

From: "Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)" <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 5, 2017 3:52pm
To: Undisclosed recipients
Subject: FW: December 15, 2017 Holiday Reception

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Hope to see you there

S

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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Tuesday, December 5, 2017 4:09 PM
To: mboyle
Subject: RE: December 15, 2017 Holiday Reception

Oh wow that sounds lovely!

xxx

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: mboyle [mailto:mboyle@breitbart.com]
Sent: Tuesday, December 5, 2017 4:05 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: December 15, 2017 Holiday Reception

Amazing

Tell the AG I've been down in Alabama --- LOVE IT HERE. I'm just outside Mobile right now

Sent from my iPhone

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

Yes! Lets definitely do it. We have some good immigration stuff coming out next week too.

xxx

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: mboyle [mailto:mboyle@breitbart.com]
Sent: Tuesday, December 5, 2017 3:59 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: December 15, 2017 Holiday Reception

Oh man I really wanna go but I'll be out of town. Can we maybe do something soon maybe early next year? Been too long since I've seen the attorney general!

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 5, 2017, at 2:54 PM, 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, December 5, 2017 4:07 PM
To: Wallace, Chris
Subject: RE: December 15, 2017 Holiday Reception

Merry Christmas! Hope to see you soon.

S

XXXX

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: Wallace, Chris [mailto:Chris.Wallace@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Tuesday, December 5, 2017 3:58 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: December 15, 2017 Holiday Reception

Sarah
Thanks so much.
Unfortunately, I can't make it.
Have a Merry Christmas.
Chris

Sent from my iPad

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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Tuesday, December 5, 2017 4:06 PM
To: Murray, Andrew
Subject: RE: December 15, 2017 Holiday Reception

It's a little random—but I didn't invite the F&F anchors since I assumed they would be in NYC. BUT if they want to come, just let me know and I'll certainly add them to the list!

xxx

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: Murray, Andrew [mailto:Andrew.Murray@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Tuesday, December 5, 2017 3:58 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: December 15, 2017 Holiday Reception

Thank you! Are the anchors invited or is it just producers?

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, December 05, 2017 3:53 PM
Subject: FW: December 15, 2017 Holiday Reception

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for our Annual Holiday Reception*

*Hosted by
Attorney General Jeff Sessions*

*Co-hosts
Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein
Associate Attorney General Rachel Brand*

to be held on

*Friday, December 15, 2017
From 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.*

*RSVP by noon Wednesday, December 13
to OAGRSVP@usdoj.gov
or 202-514-7738*

*Department of Justice
Room 5111*

*Guests are requested to use entrance at the
Corner of Tenth Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Invitation to be Presented Upon Arrival-Non-Transferable*

John Hines

From: John Hines
Sent: Tuesday, December 5, 2017 3:35 PM
To: Laco, Kelly (OPA)
Subject: Re: RSVP

Thank you. We look forward to it!
JH

From: "Laco, Kelly (OPA)" <Kelly.Laco@usdoj.gov>
Date: Tuesday, December 5, 2017 at 3:21 PM
To: John Hines <john.hines@oann.com>
Subject: RSVP

Hi John,

I am attending the Christmas Party tomorrow as Ninio Fetalvo's plus-one. He just told me to shoot you an email to confirm, thanks!

Kelly

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

Robbins, Christina

From: Robbins, Christina
Sent: Tuesday, December 5, 2017 11:34 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA); Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: REQ FOR AG SESSIONS

Hi!

Harris Faulkner would like to interview AG Sessions about the travel ban, the Kate Steinle verdict and the latest news. If he is able to join us this week or next in the 1p hour, please let me know. We could also tape something if needed.

Thank you!

Christina Svolopoulos Robbins

Fox News Channel

Direct: (b) (6)

Call: (b) (6)

Email: Christina.Robbins@FoxNews.com

From: USDOJ-Office of Public Affairs [mailto:USDOJ-OfficeofPublicAffairs@public.govdelivery.com]
Sent: Monday, December 04, 2017 6:20 PM
To: Robbins, Christina <Christina.Robbins@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: ATTORNEY GENERAL JEFF SESSIONS' STATEMENT ON THE SUPREME COURT'S PROCLAMATION RULING

 The United States Department of Justice

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2017**

**ATTORNEY GENERAL JEFF SESSIONS' STATEMENT ON
THE SUPREME COURT'S PROCLAMATION RULING**

WASHINGTON — Attorney General Jeff Sessions today delivered the following statement on the Supreme Court's proclamation ruling:

"This a substantial victory for the safety and security of the American people," Attorney General Jeff Sessions said. "We are pleased to have defended this order and heartened that a clear majority Supreme Court has allowed the President's lawful proclamation protecting our country's national security to go into full effect. The Constitution gives the President the responsibility and power to protect this country from all threats foreign and domestic, and this order remains vital to accomplishing those goals."

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From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Tuesday, December 5, 2017 11:23 AM
To: Spinato, Eric
Subject: RE: Hello, Sarah

What topic?

xxx

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: Spinato, Eric [mailto:eric.spinato@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Tuesday, December 5, 2017 10:48 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Hello, Sarah

Let me know if you think AG Sessions can join MB live this Sunday
And if not, maybe a pre-tape 10a ET on Friday

As always, thank you
Eric

Eric Spinato
Senior Story Editor, Fox Business Network
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Singman, Brooke

From: Singman, Brooke
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2017 4:31 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA); Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: RE: Wednesday

Great. Looking forward!

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Monday, December 04, 2017 4:08 PM
To: Singman, Brooke <brooke.singman@FOXNEWS.COM>; Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Wednesday

Yep that should still work

xxxx

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From: Singman, Brooke [mailto:brooke.singman@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2017 1:15 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Wednesday

Hi!

Hope you had a great weekend.

Confirming our meeting Wednesday at 12:30p?

Let me know if this still works.

Thanks!

Brooke Singman
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Gibson, Jake

From: Gibson, Jake
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2017 2:37 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Yates email request

Hello Sarah-

I understand Judicial Watch has Filed a FOIA request for all of Sally Yates' email records from January 30, 2017.

I also am interested in those emails. Can you pass along those records or do I need to file a FOIA?

Thank you very much,

Jake Gibson
Department of Justice Producer
Fox News Washington

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Spinato, Eric

From: Spinato, Eric
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2017 1:32 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Hello, Sarah

I thought I check back with you, to see if you think it is possible
For the AG to make his first visit with Maria this week or weekend

Thank you,
Eric

Eric Spinato
Senior Story Editor, Fox Business Network

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O'Malley, Devin (OPA)

From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2017 1:19 PM
To: Singman, Brooke
Subject: RE: Wednesday

I'm traveling to Colombia with the boss, so I'll probably be headed to Andrews at that time.

Let me know if you happen to be arriving any earlier.

Devin M. O'Malley
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From: Singman, Brooke [mailto:brooke.singman@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2017 1:12 PM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Wednesday

Hi !

Will you be at DOJ Wed? I'm planning on coming by around 12:30p. would love to meet in person!

Let me know!

Brooke

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