

**Flood, Emmet T. EOP/WHO**

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**From:** Flood, Emmet T. EOP/WHO  
**Sent:** Monday, September 17, 2018 5:46 PM  
**To:** Bradley A Brooker; Eisenberg, John A. EOP/NSC; Boente, Dana (DO) (FBI); Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG); Gauhar, Tashina (ODAG); (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (OGC) (FBI); Jason Klitenic (b)(3) per ODNI; Browning, Dawn M. (OGC) (FBI)  
**Subject:** RE: Documents

Brad, thank you for this. I have one thought to add.

For Part (1)-(c) below: The President has today directed that pages 10-12 and 17-34 of the 4<sup>th</sup> FISA (3<sup>rd</sup> renewal) Application be reviewed for his declassification. (b) (5)

(b) (5) At this time, all that is needed is review of those select pages from that particular application.

Thanks, all.

Emmet Flood  
Special Counsel to the President  
(b) (6)

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**From:** Bradley A Brooker (b)(3), (b)(6) per ODNI  
**Sent:** Monday, September 17, 2018 5:34 PM  
**To:** Flood, Emmet T. EOP/WHO (b) (6); Eisenberg, John A. EOP/NSC (b) (6); Boente, Dana (DO) (FBI) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI; Brad Weinsheimer (b) (6); Gauhar, Tashina (ODAG) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (OGC) (FBI) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI; (b)(3), (b)(6) per ODNI - Jason Klitenic (b)(3), (b)(6) per ODNI (b)(3) per ODNI (b)(3), (b)(6) per ODNI 'Browning, Dawn M. (OGC) (FBI)' (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI  
**Subject:** Documents

All,

There have been a number of phone calls today and I wanted to send around a short note to ensure we are all operating under the same set of instructions and timeline:

- (1) By close of business tonight, FBI will forward to me (on the high side) any proposed redactions it may have to the three sets of documents.
  - a. Gang of 8 Documents: ODNI has the set of Gang of 8 documents with minimal redactions that sit in the reading room at DOJ. We are operating under the presumption that those redactions will remain. Any new proposed redactions should be made to that set of documents and should be done in redbox (not blacked out) so we can quickly identify them.
  - b. 302s: ODNI has a clean set of these documents. Any proposed redactions should be done in redbox (not blacked out) so we can quickly identify them.
  - c. FISA Applications: ODNI only has the copies that were previously approved for public release in response to the FOIA request. To that end, we will need FBI to send us their proposed

redactions to the original applications that reflect a new version that can be publicly released. Any proposed redactions should be done in redbox (not blacked out) so we can quickly identify them.

(2) ODNI will consolidate those redactions with any additional redactions we might propose tomorrow morning.

(3) Once that is complete, we will send soft copies of the documents, as redacted, to the White House.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,  
Brad

Brad Brooker  
Principal Deputy General Counsel  
Office of the Director of National Intelligence Office of General Counsel

(b)(3), (b)(6) per ODNI

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**Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)**

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Sent:** Monday, September 17, 2018 6:13 PM  
**To:** O'Callaghan, Edward C. (ODAG)  
**Subject:** Re: Draft statement in response to incoming

Why aren't you asleep? Also please never leave us.

> On Sep 17, 2018, at 6:07 PM, O'Callaghan, Edward C. (ODAG) <ecocallaghan@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

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> I may modify slightly to say (b) (5)

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> Edward C. O'Callaghan

> 202-514-2105

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>> On Sep 18, 2018, at 12:53 AM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

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>> DAG has reviewed. This would come from DOJ spox:

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>> (b) (5)

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**Maguire, Jacqueline (BH) (FBI)**

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**From:** Maguire, Jacqueline (BH) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Monday, September 17, 2018 6:30 PM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Cc:** Ellis, Corey F. (ODAG); O'Callaghan, Edward C. (ODAG); Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG)  
**Subject:** Re: Draft statement in response to incoming

Good with us - cleared with DD.

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

From: "Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)" <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>  
Date: 9/17/18 6:27 PM (GMT-05:00)  
To: "Maguire, Jacqueline (BH) (FBI)" (b)(7)(E) per FBI  
Cc: "Ellis, Corey F. (ODAG) (JMD)" <Corey.F.Ellis@usdoj.gov>, "O'Callaghan, Edward C. (ODAG) (JMD)" <Edward.C.O'Callaghan@usdoj.gov>, "Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG) (JMD)" (b)(6)  
Subject: Re: Draft statement in response to incoming

We'd like to add (b)(5)

On Sep 17, 2018, at 6:06 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <[siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov)> wrote:

Let me know when your side is good

On Sep 17, 2018, at 6:05 PM, Maguire, Jacqueline (BH) (FBI) (b)(7)(E) per FBI wrote:

Copy - thanks - will make our folks here aware.

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

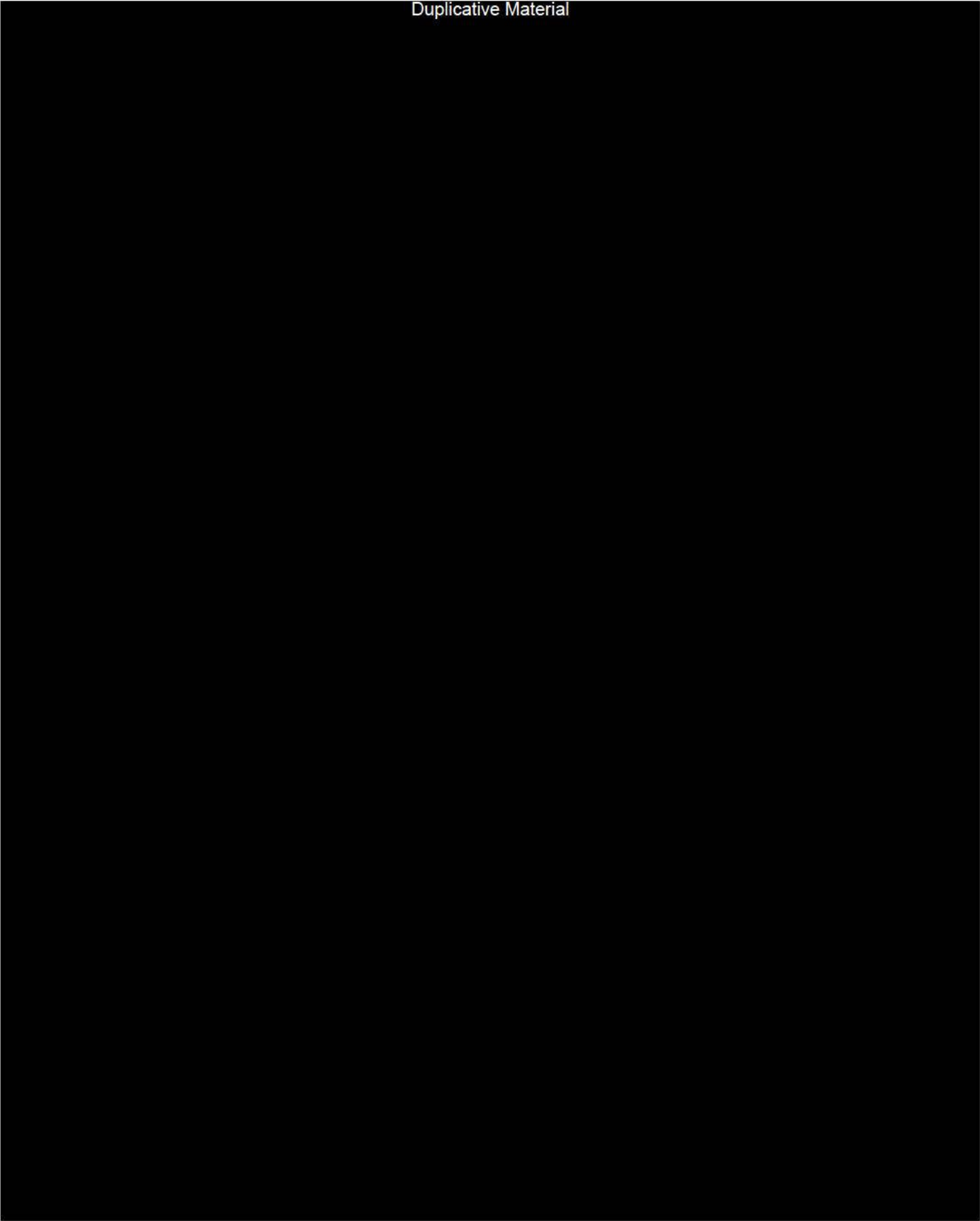
From: "Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)" <[Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov)>  
Date: 9/17/18 5:55 PM (GMT-05:00)  
To: "Maguire, Jacqueline (BH) (FBI)" (b)(7)(E) per FBI  
Cc: "Ellis, Corey F. (ODAG) (JMD)" <[Corey.F.Ellis@usdoj.gov](mailto:Corey.F.Ellis@usdoj.gov)>, "O'Callaghan, Edward C. (ODAG) (JMD)" <[Edward.C.O'Callaghan@usdoj.gov](mailto:Edward.C.O'Callaghan@usdoj.gov)>, "Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG) (JMD)"

[Edward.C.O.Cannagran@usdoj.gov](mailto:Edward.C.O.Cannagran@usdoj.gov), Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG) (PMB)

(b) (6)

Subject: Draft statement in response to incoming

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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Sent:** Monday, September 17, 2018 6:39 PM  
**To:** Rosenstein, Rod (ODAG)  
**Cc:** Boyd, Stephen E. (OLA); O'Callaghan, Edward C. (ODAG)  
**Subject:** Cleared by FBI:

Added (b) (5). Last chance, you good?

(b) (5)

**Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG)**

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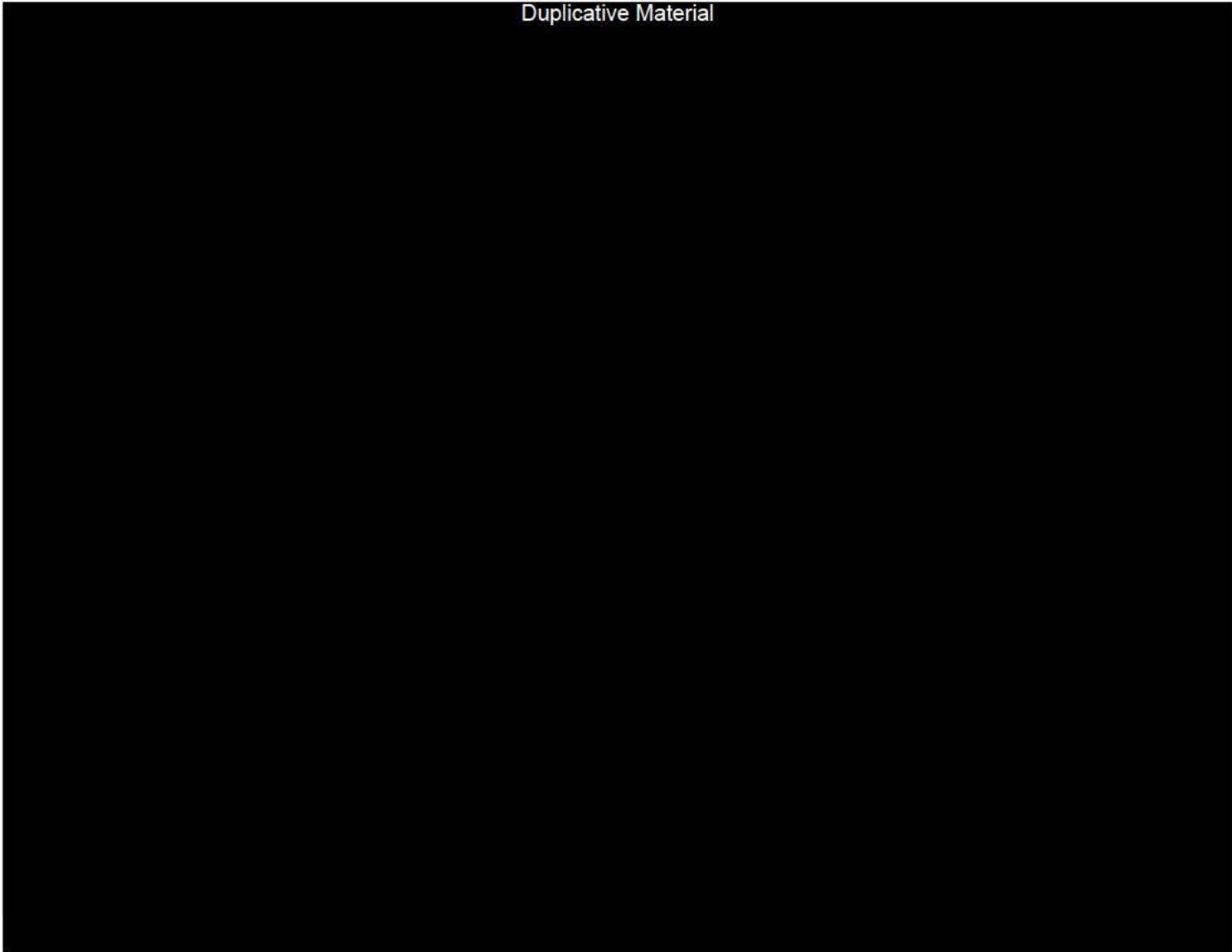
**From:** Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG)  
**Sent:** Monday, September 17, 2018 6:44 PM  
**To:** Aaron Zebley (AMZ@jmd.usdoj.gov)  
**Subject:** FW: Documents

FYSA.

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**From:** Flood, Emmet T. EOP/WHO (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, September 17, 2018 5:46 PM  
**To:** Bradley A Brooker (b)(3), (b)(6) per ODNI; Eisenberg, John A. EOP/NSC  
(b) (6); Boente, Dana (DO) (FBI) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI Weinsheimer, Bradley  
(ODAG) (b) (6); Gauhar, Tashina (ODAG) <tagauhar@jmd.usdoj.gov>; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per  
(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (OGC) (FBI) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI >; (b)(3), (b)(6) per ODNI - Jason Klitenic (b)(3) per ODNI  
(b)(3), (b)(6) per ODNI; Browning, Dawn M. (OGC) (FBI) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI  
**Subject:** RE: Documents

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Ellis, Corey F. (ODAG)

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**From:** Ellis, Corey F. (ODAG)  
**Sent:** Monday, September 17, 2018 6:45 PM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Cc:** Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG); Maguire, Jacqueline (BH) (FBI); O'Callaghan, Edward C. (ODAG)  
**Subject:** Re: Draft statement in response to incoming

The DAG is sending something momentarily

Corey F. Ellis

(b) (6)

On Sep 17, 2018, at 6:44 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <[siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov)> wrote:

(b) (5)

On Sep 17, 2018, at 6:41 PM, Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG)

<(b) (6)> wrote:

(b) (5)

Brad,

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Sent:** Monday, September 17, 2018 6:26 PM  
**To:** Maguire, Jacqueline (BH) (FBI) (b)(7)(E) per FBI  
**Cc:** Ellis, Corey F. (ODAG) <[cfellis@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:cfellis@jmd.usdoj.gov)>; O'Callaghan, Edward C. (ODAG) <[ecocallaghan@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:ecocallaghan@jmd.usdoj.gov)>; Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG) <(b) (6)>  
**Subject:** Re: Draft statement in response to incoming

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**Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG)**

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**From:** Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG)  
**Sent:** Monday, September 17, 2018 6:45 PM  
**To:** AMZ  
**Subject:** RE: 3rd renewal

Correct, [REDACTED] (b) (5)

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**From:** AMZ  
**Sent:** Monday, September 17, 2018 5:40 PM  
**To:** Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG) <[REDACTED]> (b) (6)  
**Subject:** 3rd renewal

Just [REDACTED] (b) (5)

[REDACTED] Thanks.

Aaron Zebley  
Special Counsel's Office  
202.514.0512

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**Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)**

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Sent:** Monday, September 17, 2018 6:55 PM  
**To:** O'Callaghan, Edward C. (ODAG)  
**Cc:** Rosenstein, Rod (ODAG); Ellis, Corey F. (ODAG); Boyd, Stephen E. (OLA)  
**Subject:** Re: Cleared by FBI:

Ok. W that change, I'm good and think we should go.

> On Sep 17, 2018, at 6:53 PM, O'Callaghan, Edward C. (ODAG) <ecocallaghan@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

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> [REDACTED] (b) (5)

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> Edward C. O'Callaghan

> 202-514-2105

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>> On Sep 18, 2018, at 1:46 AM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

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>> [REDACTED] (b) (5)

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>>> On Sep 17, 2018, at 6:45 PM, Rosenstein, Rod (ODAG) <rrosenstein@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

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>>> How about:

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>>> [REDACTED] (b) (5)

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**O'Malley, Devin (OPA)**

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**From:** O'Malley, Devin (OPA)  
**Sent:** Monday, September 17, 2018 7:20 PM  
**To:** O'Malley, Devin (OPA)  
**Cc:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Subject:** Statement from the Department of Justice

**Please attribute the following to a Department of Justice spokesperson:**

“When the President issues such an order, it triggers a declassification review process that is conducted by various agencies within the intelligence community, in conjunction with the White House Counsel, to seek to ensure the safety of America's national security interests. The Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation are already working with the Director of National Intelligence to comply with the President's order.”

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

## Bradley A Brooker

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**From:** Bradley A Brooker  
**Sent:** Monday, September 17, 2018 7:31 PM  
**To:** Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG); Boente, Dana (DO) (FBI); Gauhar, Tashina (ODAG); (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (OGC) (FBI); Jason Klitenic (b)(3) per ODNI; Browning, Dawn M. (OGC) (FBI)  
**Cc:** AMZ  
**Subject:** RE: Documents

One follow-up. We just got off the phone with Emmet, it is really important that we keep to the timeline below to ensure our voices are heard during the process.

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**Sent:** Monday, September 17, 2018 7:26 PM  
**To:** 'Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG)' (b)(6); Boente, Dana (DO) (FBI) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI; Gauhar, Tashina (ODAG) <Tashina.Gauhar2@usdoj.gov>; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (OGC) (FBI) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI; (b)(3), (b)(6) per ODNI - Jason Klitenic (b)(3) per ODNI (b)(3), (b)(6) per ODNI; Browning, Dawn M. (OGC) (FBI) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI  
**Cc:** AMZ <AMZ@usdoj.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Documents

I talked to Jim Quarles in SCO this afternoon and shared the timeline with him to ensure we are all on the same page.

(b)(5) per ODNI

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**From:** Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG) (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Monday, September 17, 2018 6:59 PM  
**To:** Bradley A Brooker (b)(3), (b)(6) per ODNI >; Boente, Dana (DO) (FBI) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI >; Gauhar, Tashina (ODAG) <Tashina.Gauhar2@usdoj.gov> (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (OGC) (FBI) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI >; (b)(3), (b)(6) per ODNI (b)(3) per ODNI (b)(3), (b)(6) per ODNI; Browning, Dawn M. (OGC) (FBI) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI  
**Cc:** AMZ <AMZ@usdoj.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Documents

I have dropped off WHCO from this thread. (b)(5)

[REDACTED]

Brad Weinsheimer

Associate Deputy Attorney General

Office: 202-305-7848

Cell: (b) (6)

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From: Bradley A Brooker (b)(3), (b)(6) per ODNI

Sent: Monday, September 17, 2018 5:34 PM

To: Flood, Emmet T. EOP/WHO (b) (6); Eisenberg, John A. EOP/NSC

(b) (6); Boente, Dana (DO) (FBI) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI; Weinsheimer, Bradley

(ODAG) (b) (6) Gauhar, Tashina (ODAG) <tagauhar@jmd.usdoj.gov> (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per (OGC) (FBI) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI; (b)(3), (b)(6) per ODNI - Jason Klitenic (b)(3) per ODNI

(b)(3), (b)(6) per ODNI; Browning, Dawn M. (OGC) (FBI) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI

Subject: Documents

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**Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG)**

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**From:** Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 18, 2018 7:31 AM  
**To:** Gauhar, Tashina (ODAG)  
**Subject:** Re: Documents

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On Sep 18, 2018, at 7:01 AM, Gauhar, Tashina (ODAG) <[tagauhar@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:tagauhar@jmd.usdoj.gov)> wrote:

I am sure they have seen the news, (b) (5) ?

On Sep 18, 2018, at 5:55 AM, Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG) <(b) (6)> wrote:

Correct, my understanding is the 4th application, the third renewal. (b) (5)  
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On Sep 17, 2018, at 11:43 PM, Gauhar, Tashina (ODAG) <[tagauhar@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:tagauhar@jmd.usdoj.gov)> wrote:

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(b) (5) ?

Thanks.

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**From:** AMZ  
**Sent:** Monday, September 17, 2018 9:23 PM  
**To:** Boente, Dana (DO) (FBI) <[DBoente@fbi.gov](mailto:DBoente@fbi.gov)>; Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG) <(b) (6)>; Bradley A Brooker <(b)(3), (b)(6) per ODNI>; Gauhar, Tashina (ODAG) <[tagauhar@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:tagauhar@jmd.usdoj.gov)>; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (OGC) (FBI) <(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI>; (b)(3), (b)(6) per ODNI - Jason Klitenic <(b)(3) per ODNI>; (b)(3), (b)(6) per ODNI Browning, Dawn M. (OGC) (FBI) <(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI>; JLQ <[JLQ3@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:JLQ3@jmd.usdoj.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Documents

We coordinated with FBI on 1(b) (302s) by reviewing and not adding to their redactions (we just passed that information to the FBI this evening).

We have conducted a separate review of 1(a) (Gang of 8 documents)

we have conducted a separate review of 1(a) (OAG or O documents) and 1(c) as modified by WHCO (selected pages from FISA renewal #3) for investigative equities (both documents contain investigative information). We will contact Brad W and Brad B in the morning with our redactions to 1(a) and 1(c), after one final review.

Thanks.  
Aaron

Aaron Zebley  
Special Counsel's Office  
202.514.0512

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**From:** Boente, Dana (DO) (FBI) <(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 17, 2018 7:56 PM  
**To:** Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG) <(b)(6)>; Bradley A Brooker <(b)(3), (b)(6) per ODNI>; Gauhar, Tashina (ODAG) <tagauhar@jmd.usdoj.gov>; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (OGC) (FBI) <(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI>; (b)(3), (b)(6) per ODNI - Jason Klitenic <(b)(3) per ODNI>; (b)(3), (b)(6) per ODNI; Browning, Dawn M. (OGC) (FBI) <(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI>  
**Cc:** AMZ <AMZ@jmd.usdoj.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Documents

To my knowledge they have not coordinated with us. I briefly spoke with Dave Archey earlier this evening, but that conversation was limited to the fact that Jim Quarles coordinates their issues with ODNI. I believe that the FBI's proposed redactions were provided (or will be provided) to ODNI this evening.

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**From:** Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG) <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 17, 2018 6:59 PM  
**To:** Bradley A Brooker <(b)(3), (b)(6) per ODNI>; Boente, Dana (DO) (FBI) <(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI>; Gauhar, Tashina (ODAG) (JMD) <Tashina.Gauhar2@usdoj.gov>; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (OGC) (FBI) <(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI>; (b)(3), (b)(6) per ODNI - Jason Klitenic <(b)(3) per ODNI>; (b)(3), (b)(6) per ODNI; Browning, Dawn M. (OGC) (FBI) <(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI>  
**Cc:** AMZ <AMZ@usdoj.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Documents

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AMZ

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**From:** AMZ  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 18, 2018 10:42 AM  
**To:** Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG)  
**Cc:** Gauhar, Tashina (ODAG)  
**Subject:** RE:

DELIBERATIVE

Two potential issues: (b) (5)

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

Thanks much.  
Aaron

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**From:** Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 18, 2018 10:32 AM  
**To:** AMZ <AMZ@jmd.usdoj.gov>  
**Cc:** Gauhar, Tashina (ODAG) <tagauhar@jmd.usdoj.gov>  
**Subject:** RE:

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**From:** AMZ  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 18, 2018 10:25 AM  
**To:** Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG) (b) (6)  
**Cc:** Gauhar, Tashina (ODAG) <tagauhar@jmd.usdoj.gov>  
**Subject:** RE:

Thanks very much. In case it matters to the exercise, (b) (5)

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Thanks.  
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**From:** Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 18, 2018 10:17 AM  
**To:** AMZ <[AMZ@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:AMZ@jmd.usdoj.gov)>  
**Cc:** Gauhar, Tashina (ODAG) <[tagauhar@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:tagauhar@jmd.usdoj.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE:

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**From:** AMZ  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 18, 2018 10:12 AM  
**To:** Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG) (b) (6)  
**Cc:** Gauhar, Tashina (ODAG) <[tagauhar@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:tagauhar@jmd.usdoj.gov)>  
**Subject:**

DELIBERATIVE

Brad, The WH statement about declassification includes the following:

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Thanks much.  
Aaron

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O'Callaghan, Edward C. (ODAG)

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**From:** O'Callaghan, Edward C. (ODAG)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 18, 2018 10:52 AM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Cc:** Boyd, Stephen E. (OLA); Ellis, Corey F. (ODAG)  
**Subject:** Re: Mediaite: Adam Schiff: Wray and Rosenstein Warned Trump's Order to Release Russia Docs Crosses 'Red Line'

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Edward C. O'Callaghan  
202-514-2105

On Sep 18, 2018, at 5:40 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <[siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov)> wrote:

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** DoJ Real Time News Clips <[alert-doj@rendon.com](mailto:alert-doj@rendon.com)>  
**Date:** September 18, 2018 at 10:29:24 AM EDT  
**To:** "Sarah Isgur Flores; Director, Office of Public Affairs, DOJ"  
<[sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov)>  
**Subject:** Mediaite: Adam Schiff: Wray and Rosenstein Warned Trump's Order to Release Russia Docs Crosses 'Red Line'  
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House Intelligence Committee ranking minority member Rep. Adam Schiff (D-CA) is saying that FBI Director Christopher Wray and Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein — President Donald Trump's own Department of Justice appointees — have told him that the president's order to declassify documents related to the Russia investigation cross a red line.

Appearing on New Day, the House Democrat rebutted comments from his colleague, House Intelligence Committee chairman Devin Nunes (R-CA) — who has called it "laughable" to think the release of the documents endangers national security.

"This is not just Democrats on the Intelligence Committee saying that," Schiff said. This is from the FBI, the Republican appointed director of the FBI who has told us in terms of this being a red line and it should be treated at the Gang of Eight level. This is what the deputy attorney general appointed by the administration, Republican president, has told us. That ought to be respected."

According to Schiff, the documents in question are so sensitive that not only should the public not be allowed to see them, but even other members of Congress should be restricted.

"We have been told by the FBI and Justice Department that some of this material not only shouldn't be shared with the public, but shouldn't be shared even with other members of the Congress outside of the Gang of Eight," Schiff said.

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**Lasseter, David F. (OLA)**

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**From:** Lasseter, David F. (OLA)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 18, 2018 5:29 PM  
**To:** Gauhar, Tashina (ODAG); Ellis, Corey F. (ODAG)  
**Subject:** RE: Call with HJC Staff

Gotcha...thanks Tash

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**From:** Gauhar, Tashina (ODAG)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 18, 2018 5:14 PM  
**To:** Lasseter, David F. (OLA) <[dlasseter@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:dlasseter@jmd.usdoj.gov)>; Ellis, Corey F. (ODAG) <[cfellis@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:cfellis@jmd.usdoj.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Call with HJC Staff

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**From:** Lasseter, David F. (OLA)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 18, 2018 4:58 PM  
**To:** Gauhar, Tashina (ODAG) <[tagauhar@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:tagauhar@jmd.usdoj.gov)>; Ellis, Corey F. (ODAG) <[cfellis@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:cfellis@jmd.usdoj.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Call with HJC Staff

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**From:** Gauhar, Tashina (ODAG)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 18, 2018 4:37 PM  
**To:** Lasseter, David F. (OLA) <[dlasseter@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:dlasseter@jmd.usdoj.gov)>; Ellis, Corey F. (ODAG) <[cfellis@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:cfellis@jmd.usdoj.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Call with HJC Staff

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**From:** Lasseter, David F. (OLA)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 18, 2018 4:34 PM  
**To:** Gauhar, Tashina (ODAG) <[tagauhar@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:tagauhar@jmd.usdoj.gov)>; Ellis, Corey F. (ODAG) <[cfellis@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:cfellis@jmd.usdoj.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Call with HJC Staff

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**From:** Gauhar, Tashina (ODAG)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 18, 2018 4:32 PM  
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**Subject:** Fwd: Call with HJC Staff

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**From:** DAVID KRIS (b) (6)  
**Date:** September 18, 2018 at 4:28:50 PM EDT  
**To:** Tashina Gauhar <[tashina.gauhar2@usdoj.gov](mailto:tashina.gauhar2@usdoj.gov)>  
**Subject:** Call with HJC Staff

Hello, Tash. I wanted to advise DOJ, as a courtesy, that today I was invited to talk to HJC staff about declassification of the Page FISAs et al., and that I intend to do so on Thursday at 11 AM Eastern Time. It will be via telephone and of course will be entirely unclassified. Thanks, and I hope you are well.

-- David

**Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG)**

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**From:** Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 18, 2018 8:28 PM  
**To:** Gauhar, Tashina (ODAG)  
**Subject:** Cover letter language  
**Attachments:** Declassification Cover Letter.docx

Thoughts?

Brad Weinsheimer  
Associate Deputy Attorney General  
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**Gauhar, Tashina (ODAG)**

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**From:** Gauhar, Tashina (ODAG)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 18, 2018 10:22 PM  
**To:** Evans, Stuart (NSD)  
**Subject:** FW: Joint Senate and House Minority Letter - President Trump's Declassification Order  
**Attachments:** 20180918 - House and Senate Minority Letter to DNI Coats DAG Rosenstein and DFBI Wray.pdf

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**From:** Bradley A Brooker (b)(3), (b)(6) per ODNI  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 18, 2018 6:23 PM  
**To:** Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG) (b) (6) Gauhar, Tashina (ODAG) <tagauhar@jmd.usdoj.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: Joint Senate and House Minority Letter - President Trump's Declassification Order

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**From:** Bitar, Maher (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 18, 2018 6:20 PM  
**To:** (b)(3) per ODNI (b)(3), (b)(6) per ODNI Boyd, Stephen E. (OLA) (b) (6) Tyson, Jill C. (DO) (OGA) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI  
**Cc:** Wyndee.Parker (b) (6); Kuiken, Michael (Schumer) (b) (6); Bergreen, Timothy (b) (6); Casey, Mike (Intelligence) (b) (6); Lasseter, David F. (OLA) <David.F.Lasseter@usdoj.gov> (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (DO) (FBI) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI; Bennett, Wells (b) (6); Bradley A Brooker (b)(3), (b)(6) per ODNI  
**Subject:** Joint Senate and House Minority Letter - President Trump's Declassification Order

(b)(3) per ODNI Stephen, and Jill –

Please find attached an urgent letter from House Democratic Leader Pelosi, Senate Democratic Leader Schumer, SSCI Vice Chairman Warner, and HPSCI Ranking Member Schiff to Director Coats, Deputy Attorney General Rosenstein, and Director Wray regarding the President's September 17, 2018 declassification directive to ODNI, DOJ, and FBI. Please note, in particular, the briefing request outlined at the end of the letter.

Please confirm receipt on behalf of ODNI, the Department, and the Bureau.

Thanks,  
Maher

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Maher Bitar  
General Counsel (Minority)  
U.S. House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence (HPSCI)  
HVC-304 - The Capitol

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**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

September 18, 2018

The Honorable Daniel Coats  
Director  
Office of the Director of National Intelligence  
Washington, D.C. 20511

The Honorable Rod J. Rosenstein  
Deputy Attorney General of the United States  
United States Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, Northwest  
Washington, D.C. 20530

The Honorable Christopher Wray  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
935 Pennsylvania Avenue, Northwest  
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Director Coats, Deputy Attorney General Rosenstein, and Director Wray:

We write to express profound alarm at President Donald Trump's decision on September 17, 2018 to intervene in an ongoing law enforcement investigation that may implicate the President himself or those around him. The action he has taken, to direct your agencies to selectively disclose classified information that he believes he can manipulate publicly to undermine the legitimacy and credibility of the Special Counsel's investigation, is a brazen abuse of power. Any decision by your offices to share this material with the President or his lawyers will violate longstanding Department of Justice policies, as well as assurances you have provided to us.

On June 5, 2018, we first wrote to Deputy Attorney General Rosenstein and Director Wray to express deep concern that the President and his legal team sought to abuse the President's power to interfere with the Special Counsel's ongoing investigation and undermine the Department of Justice and Federal Bureau of Investigation's lawful and appropriate activities. We underscored that providing the White House and the President's lawyers access to classified information and investigatory material of the utmost sensitivity – including information related to the Special Counsel's investigation that implicates the President's own campaign and associates – would grossly violate our system of checks and balances, fundamental norms, and long-standing, well-founded, and established procedure. Absent an indictment, moreover, the subjects of federal investigation should not be able to access law enforcement or related national security information for any reason.

On June 27, 2018, we wrote again to memorialize the verbal assurance you provided us that DOJ and FBI would not provide the White House or any of the President's attorneys with access to sensitive information briefed to a small group of designated Members.



On July 12, 2018, we also wrote to Director Coats to express alarm that this information was being made more broadly available within the Congress, in direct contravention of your assurances. In this letter, we noted that during our meetings with all of you on these sensitive matters we discussed at great length the importance of protecting sources and methods and ongoing investigations. As you recall, all of the meetings' attendees agreed that the information discussed was among the most sensitive type of information and should be protected accordingly. Director Coats' July 13, 2018 written response to our letter, moreover, underscored his agreement that protecting sources and methods must be a top concern.

Pursuant to the President's order, announced yesterday evening in a White House press statement, DOJ stated publicly that a declassification review process has been triggered, that DOJ and FBI are "already working with the Director of National Intelligence," and that this review would be "conducted by various agencies within the intelligence community, in conjunction with the White House Counsel [...]." The involvement of the White House Counsel, or any component of the White House, is highly improper and profoundly troubling. President Trump and the White House should not be given access to any sensitive law enforcement or national security information related to an ongoing federal investigation examining conduct by the President, his campaign, or his associates.

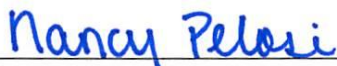
In light of the assurances you provided, we request an immediate briefing to the Gang of Eight from you prior to any disclosure of the affected material by your agencies to anyone at the White House. Among other issues of concern, we will need you to clarify in person:

- the exact review process that will be undertaken, including the White House's role in and visibility into this process and the specific White House officials expected to be involved;
- your agencies' proposed redactions and plans to protect investigative equities and sources and methods, including efforts to mitigate harm that may result from these disclosures; and
- how you intend to comply with statutes binding on the President and executive branch officers and employees, including the Privacy Act.

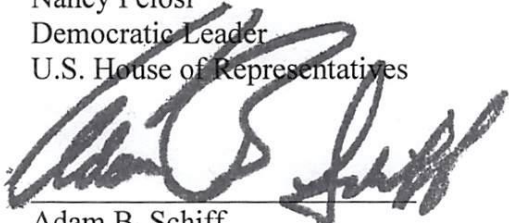
Your agencies' review, and any communication with the White House on the substance of the material, should not proceed further until you have briefed the Gang of Eight in person.

Thank you for your immediate attention and we appreciate meeting as soon as possible.

Sincerely,



Nancy Pelosi  
Democratic Leader  
U.S. House of Representatives



Adam B. Schiff  
Ranking Member  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence



Charles E. Schumer  
Democratic Leader  
U.S. Senate



Mark R. Warner  
Vice Chairman  
U.S. Senate  
Select Committee on Intelligence

**Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG)**

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**From:** Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 19, 2018 7:38 AM  
**To:** Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG)  
**Subject:** (b) (5)

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**Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG)**

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**From:** Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 19, 2018 8:09 AM  
**To:** Bradley A Brooker; Boente, Dana (DO) (FBI); Gauhar, Tashina (ODAG); (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per (b)(3), (b)(6) per ODNI (OGC) (FBI); Jason Klitenic (b)(3) per ODNI  
**Subject:** RE: Documents  
**Attachments:** Declassification Cover Letter.docx  
**Importance:** High

We have drafted language to be used in a cover memo or letter to be sent to the WH. I would appreciate your prompt review in the next hour or so, as we need to get this finalized this morning, if possible. Thanks, Brad.

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**From:** Bradley A Brooker (b)(3), (b)(6) per ODNI  
**Sent:** Monday, September 17, 2018 7:31 PM  
**To:** Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG) (b) (6) Boente, Dana (DO) (FBI) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI >; Gauhar, Tashina (ODAG) <tagauhar@jmd.usdoj.gov>; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (OGC) (FBI) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI >; (b)(3), (b)(6) per ODNI - Jason Klitenic (b)(3), (b)(6) per ODNI <(b)(3), (b)(6) per ODNI; Browning, Dawn M. (OGC) (FBI) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI  
**Cc:** AMZ <AMZ@jmd.usdoj.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Documents

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**Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG)**

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**From:** Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 19, 2018 8:12 AM  
**To:** Ellis, Corey F. (ODAG); Peterson, Andrew (ODAG); Boyd, Stephen E. (OLA); Lasseter, David F. (OLA); O'Callaghan, Edward C. (ODAG)  
**Cc:** Gauhar, Tashina (ODAG)  
**Subject:** Cover letter/memo  
**Attachments:** Declassification Cover Letter.docx

We have drafted language to be used in a cover memo or letter to be sent to the WH. I would appreciate your prompt review in the next hour or so, as we need like to get this to the DAG for his review this morning, if possible. Please also let me know your thoughts on whether this should be a memo or letter. Sorry for the rush. Thanks, Brad.

Brad Weinsheimer  
Associate Deputy Attorney General  
Office: 202-305-7848  
Cell: (b) (6)  
(b) (6)

**Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG)**

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**From:** Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 19, 2018 8:13 AM  
**To:** Aaron Zebley (AMZ@jmd.usdoj.gov)  
**Subject:** FW: Documents  
**Attachments:** Declassification Cover Letter.docx  
**Importance:** High

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**From:** Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 19, 2018 8:09 AM  
**To:** 'Bradley A Brooker' (b)(3), (b)(6) per ODNI; Boente, Dana (DO) (FBI) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI>; Gauhar, Tashina (ODAG) <tagauhar@jmd.usdoj.gov>; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (OGC) (FBI) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI; (b)(3), (b)(6) per ODNI - Jason Kittenic (b)(3), (b)(6) per ODNI; (b)(3) per ODNI (b)(3), (b)(6) per ODNI  
**Subject:** RE: Documents  
**Importance:** High

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**Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG)**

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**From:** Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 19, 2018 8:26 AM  
**To:** Engel, Steven A. (OLC)  
**Subject:** President's directive concerning declassifying documents

Steven:

Because Ed is out this week, I am helping to coordinate in ODAG our response to the President's direction to prepare for declassification certain documents relating to the Russia investigation. We have not actually received a written order or directive, but are proceeding based on representations from the President's lawyer Emmet Flood. (b) (5)

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

This morning, we are meeting with Emmet Flood to explain our redactions and position. (b) (5)

[REDACTED]

I don't know that there is anything for OLC to do right now, but I thought you would want to know the current state of play.

Thanks, Brad.

Brad Weinsheimer  
Associate Deputy Attorney General  
Office: 202-305-7848  
Cell: (b) (6)  
(b) (6)

**Lasseter, David F. (OLA)**

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**From:** Lasseter, David F. (OLA)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 19, 2018 8:33 AM  
**To:** Boyd, Stephen E. (OLA); Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG)  
**Cc:** Ellis, Corey F. (ODAG); Peterson, Andrew (ODAG); O'Callaghan, Edward C. (ODAG); Gauhar, Tashina (ODAG)  
**Subject:** RE: Cover letter/memo

I have no comments or edits

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**From:** Boyd, Stephen E. (OLA)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 19, 2018 8:28 AM  
**To:** Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG) (b) (6)  
**Cc:** Ellis, Corey F. (ODAG) <cfellis@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Peterson, Andrew (ODAG) <anpeterson@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Lasseter, David F. (OLA) <dlasseter@jmd.usdoj.gov>; O'Callaghan, Edward C. (ODAG) <ecocallaghan@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Gauhar, Tashina (ODAG) <tagauhar@jmd.usdoj.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Cover letter/memo

Good here.

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On Sep 19, 2018, at 8:12 AM, Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG) (b) (6) wrote:

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**O'Callaghan, Edward C. (ODAG)**

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**From:** O'Callaghan, Edward C. (ODAG)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 19, 2018 8:35 AM  
**To:** Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG)  
**Cc:** Ellis, Corey F. (ODAG); Peterson, Andrew (ODAG); Boyd, Stephen E. (OLA); Lasseter, David F. (OLA); Gauhar, Tashina (ODAG)  
**Subject:** Re: Cover letter/memo

Looks good. (b) (5) Couple of suggestions: (b) (5)

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Edward C. O'Callaghan  
202-514-2105

On Sep 19, 2018, at 3:12 PM, Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG) <(b) (6)> wrote:

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**Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG)**

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**From:** Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 19, 2018 8:54 AM  
**To:** Bradley A Brooker; Boente, Dana (DO) (FBI); Gauhar, Tashina (ODAG); (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (OGC) (FBI); Jason Klitenic (b)(3), (b)(6) per ODNI (b)(3) per ODNI  
**Subject:** RE: Documents

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**From:** Bradley A Brooker (b)(3), (b)(6) per ODNI  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 19, 2018 8:41 AM  
**To:** Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG) (b) (6) Boente, Dana (DO) (FBI) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI >; Gauhar, Tashina (ODAG) <tagauhar@jmd.usdoj.gov>; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI OGC) (FBI) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI >; (b)(3), (b)(6) per ODNI - Jason Klitenic (b)(3) per ODNI (b)(3), (b)(6) per ODNI  
**Subject:** Re: Documents  
**Importance:** High

I am about to go off-line for a few hours, but I think we need to clarify one thing so we are all on the same page. (b) (5)

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**From:** "Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG)" <(b) (6)>  
**Date:** Wed, Sep 19, 2018, 8:10 AM  
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**Subject:** RE: Documents

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**Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG)**

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**From:** Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 19, 2018 9:44 AM  
**To:** Ellis, Corey F. (ODAG); Peterson, Andrew (ODAG); Boyd, Stephen E. (OLA); Lasseter, David F. (OLA); O'Callaghan, Edward C. (ODAG)  
**Cc:** Gauhar, Tashina (ODAG)  
**Subject:** RE: Cover letter/memo  
**Attachments:** Declassification Cover Letter 091918.docx

Here is the latest version in redline. Thanks, Brad.

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**From:** Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 19, 2018 8:12 AM  
**To:** Ellis, Corey F. (ODAG) (cfellis@jmd.usdoj.gov) <cfellis@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Peterson, Andrew (ODAG) <anpeterson@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Boyd, Stephen E. (OLA) (b) (6); Lasseter, David F. (OLA) <dlasseter@jmd.usdoj.gov>; O'Callaghan, Edward C. (ODAG) <ecocallaghan@jmd.usdoj.gov>  
**Cc:** Gauhar, Tashina (ODAG) (tagauhar@jmd.usdoj.gov) <tagauhar@jmd.usdoj.gov>  
**Subject:** Cover letter/memo

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**O'Callaghan, Edward C. (ODAG)**

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**From:** O'Callaghan, Edward C. (ODAG)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 19, 2018 9:59 AM  
**To:** Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG)  
**Cc:** Ellis, Corey F. (ODAG); Peterson, Andrew (ODAG); Boyd, Stephen E. (OLA); Lasseter, David F. (OLA); Gauhar, Tashina (ODAG)  
**Subject:** Re: Cover letter/memo

This looks good to me. (b) (5)

Edward C. O'Callaghan  
202-514-2105

On Sep 19, 2018, at 4:44 PM, Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG) (b) (6) wrote:

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**Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG)**

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**From:** Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 19, 2018 10:00 AM  
**To:** (b)(3), (b)(6) per ODNI - Jason Klitenic  
**Cc:** (b)(3) per ODNI  
**Subject:** RE: Documents

Is the FBI able to apply the redactions on the 302s and then send them to you?

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**From:** (b)(3), (b)(6) per ODNI - Jason Klitenic  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 19, 2018 9:33 AM  
**To:** Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG) (b) (6)  
**Subject:** RE: Documents

Brad, I just left you a voicemail as follow up to call we just had. Can you please call me when you break free. Thanks.

Jason Klitenic  
General Counsel  
Office of the Director of National Intelligence


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**From:** Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG) (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 19, 2018 8:55 AM  
**To:** Bradley A Brooker (b)(3), (b)(6) per ODNI; Boente, Dana (DO) (FBI) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI; Gauhar, Tashina (ODAG) <[Tashina.Gauhar2@usdoj.gov](mailto:Tashina.Gauhar2@usdoj.gov)> (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (OGC) (FBI) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI; (b)(3), (b)(6) per ODNI - Jason Klitenic  
**Subject:** RE: Documents

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**Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG)**

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**From:** Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 19, 2018 10:18 AM  
**To:** Rosenstein, Rod (ODAG)  
**Cc:** Ellis, Corey F. (ODAG); Peterson, Andrew (ODAG); Gauhar, Tashina (ODAG); Boyd, Stephen E. (OLA); O'Callaghan, Edward C. (ODAG)  
**Subject:** cover letter  
**Attachments:** Declassification Cover Letter 091918 (002).docx

Sir:

Attached is a draft cover letter for production of the document we have been discussing. It has been cleared though ODAG and OLA, and shared with the FBI, SCO, and ODNI (b) (5)

Thanks, Brad.

Brad Weinsheimer  
Associate Deputy Attorney General  
Office: 202-305-7848  
Cell: (b) (6)  
(b) (6)

**Boente, Dana (DO) (FBI)**

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**From:** Boente, Dana (DO) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 19, 2018 10:19 AM  
**To:** Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG)  
**Cc:** (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (CD) (FBI); Gauhar, Tashina (ODAG)  
**Subject:** RE: Documents

Can one of you inform the visitors' entrance folks? He does not have badge access.

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**From:** Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG) [mailto:(b)(6)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 19, 2018 9:41 AM  
**To:** Boente, Dana (DO) (FBI) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI  
**Cc:** (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (CD) (FBI) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI; Gauhar, Tashina (ODAG) (JMD)  
<Tashina.Gauhar2@usdoj.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Documents

Ok, thanks.

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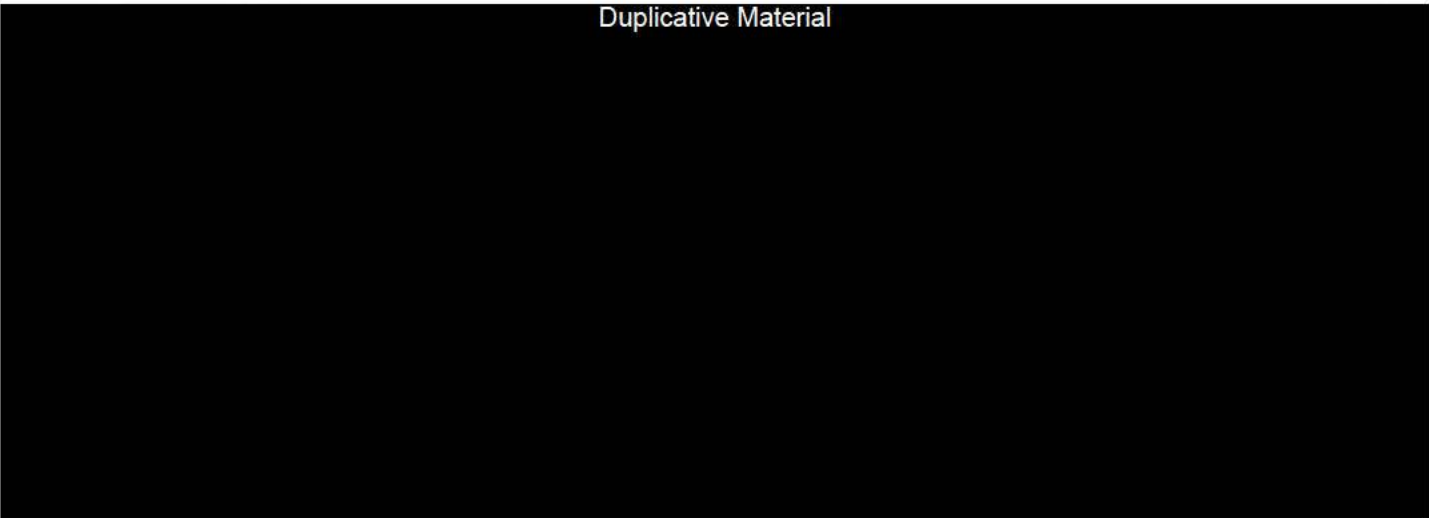
**From:** Boente, Dana (DO) (FBI) <DBoente@fbi.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 19, 2018 9:27 AM  
**To:** Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG) (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Weingart, Robert N. (CD) (FBI) <rnweingart@fbi.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Documents

Brad, AD Bill Priestap and I recommend that (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI also attend. He led the FBI redaction effort and would be able to explain the reasons for FBI redactions, if any level of detail is required.

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**From:** Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG) [mailto:(b)(6)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 19, 2018 8:55 AM  
**To:** Bradley A Brooker (b)(3), (b)(6) per ODNI; Boente, Dana (DO) (FBI) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI; Gauhar, Tashina (ODAG) (JMD) <Tashina.Gauhar2@usdoj.gov>; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (OGC) (FBI) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI  
(b)(3), (b)(6) per ODNI - Jason Klitenic (b)(3) per ODNI (b)(3), (b)(6) per ODNI  
**Subject:** RE: Documents

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(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (OGC) (FBI)

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**From:** (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (OGC) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 19, 2018 10:31 AM  
**To:** (b)(3) per ODNI Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG); Bradley A Brooker; Boente, Dana (DO) (FBI); Gauhar, Tashina (ODAG); Jason Klitenic Miller, Karen D. (OGC) (FBI)  
**Subject:** RE: Documents

Adding Karen Davis Miller.

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI

Chief, Counterterrorism Law Unit IV  
National Security & Cyber Law Branch  
Office of the General Counsel  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI

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**From:** (b)(3) per ODNI (b)(3), (b)(6) per ODNI  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 19, 2018 9:53 AM  
**To:** Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG) (JMD) <(b)(6)> Bradley A Brooker (b)(3), (b)(6) per ODNI; Boente, Dana (DO) (FBI) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI; Gauhar, Tashina (ODAG) (JMD) <Tashina.Gauhar2@usdoj.gov>; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (OGC) (FBI) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI, (b)(3), (b)(6) per ODNI - Jason Klitenic (b)(3), (b)(6) per ODNI  
**Subject:** RE: Documents

Absolutely. Being drafted now.

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**From:** Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG) (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 19, 2018 9:40 AM  
**To:** (b)(3) per ODNI (b)(3), (b)(6) per ODNI; Bradley A Brooker (b)(3), (b)(6) per ODNI; Boente, Dana (DO) (FBI) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI; Gauhar, Tashina (ODAG) <Tashina.Gauhar2@usdoj.gov>; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (OGC) (FBI) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI; (b)(3), (b)(6) per ODNI - Jason Klitenic  
**Subject:** RE: Documents

Thanks. If you can share that when you have it, we would appreciate that.

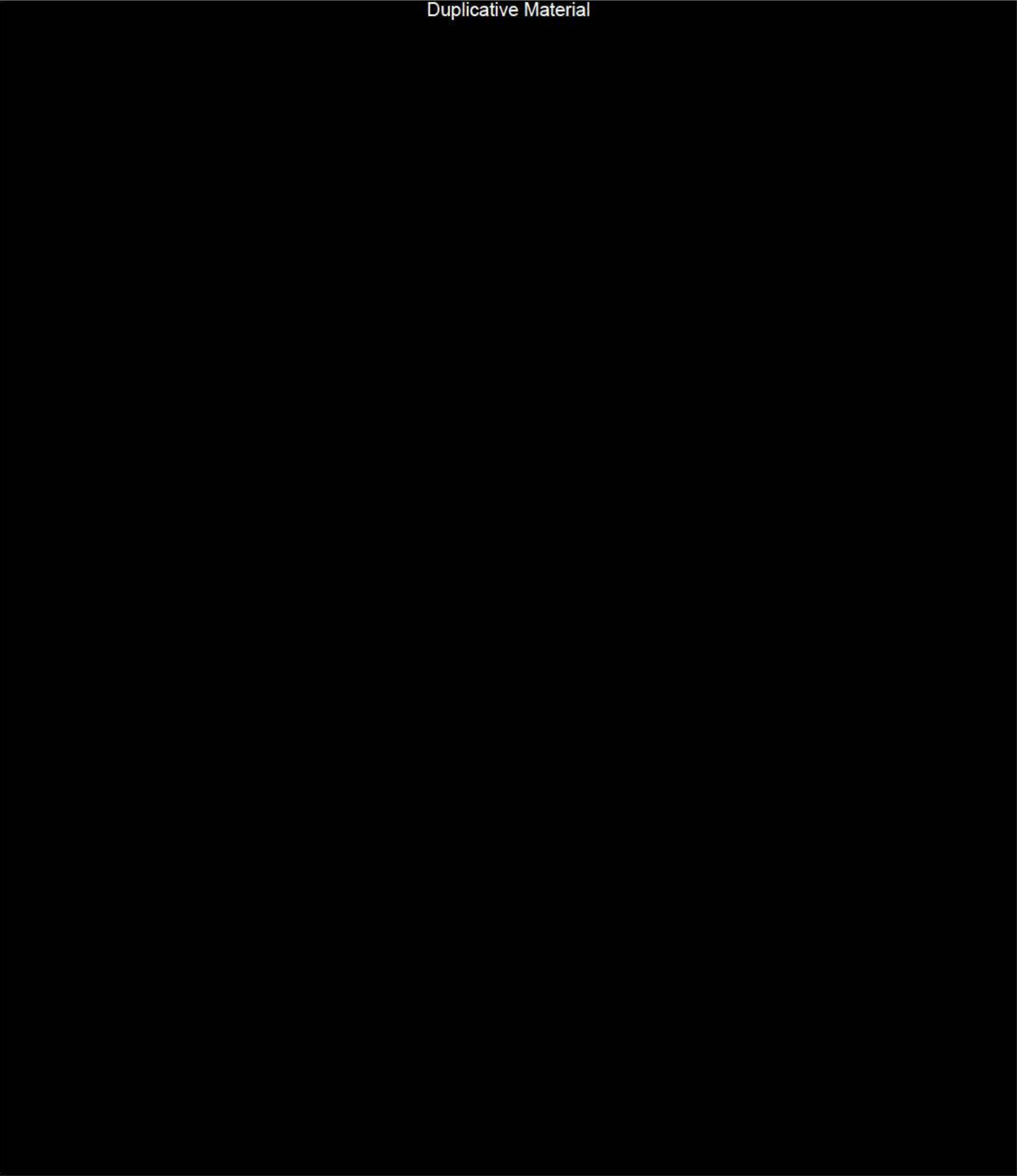
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**From:** (b)(3) per ODNI (b)(3), (b)(6) per ODNI  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 19, 2018 9:38 AM  
**To:** Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG) (b)(6) Bradley A Brooker (b)(3), (b)(6) per ODNI; Boente, Dana (DO) (FBI) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI; Gauhar, Tashina (ODAG) <tagauhar@jmd.usdoj.gov>; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (OGC) (FBI) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI, (b)(3), (b)(6) per ODNI - Jason Klitenic (b)(3), (b)(6) per ODNI  
**Subject:** RE: Documents

On the cover letter, we have reviewed it – our only suggestion is (b)(5)  
(b)(5) per ODNI

From: Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG) <(b) (6)>  
Sent: Wednesday, September 19, 2018 8:55 AM  
To: Bradley A Brooker (b)(3), (b)(6) per ODNI; Boente, Dana (DO) (FBI) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI; Gauhar, Tashina (ODAG) <[Tashina.Gauhar2@usdoj.gov](mailto:Tashina.Gauhar2@usdoj.gov)>; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (OGC) (FBI) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI (b)(3), (b)(6) per ODNI - Jason Klitenic  
(b)(3), (b)(6) per ODNI (b)(3) per ODN (b)(3), (b)(6) per ODNI  
Subject: RE: Documents

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**Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG)**

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**From:** Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG)  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 20, 2018 10:44 AM  
**To:** Bradley A Brooker; (b)(3) per ODNI; Boente, Dana (DO) (FBI); Gauhar, Tashina (ODAG); (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (OGC) (FBI); (b)(3), (b)(6) per ODNI - Jason Klitenic  
**Subject:** RE: Documents

No, not as yet. (b) (5)

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**From:** Bradley A Brooker (b)(3), (b)(6) per ODNI  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 20, 2018 10:37 AM  
**To:** Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG) (b) (6); (b)(3) per ODNI  
(b)(3), (b)(6) per ODNI Boente, Dana (DO) (FBI) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI Gauhar, Tashina (ODAG) <tagauhar@jmd.usdoj.gov>; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (OGC) (FBI) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI; (b)(3), (b)(6) per ODNI - Jason Klitenic  
(b)(3), (b)(6) per ODNI  
**Subject:** RE: Documents

Did DOJ finalize its letter and send it? And, if so, to whom?

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**From:** Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG) (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 19, 2018 9:40 AM  
**To:** (b)(3) per ODNI (b)(3), (b)(6) per ODNI; Bradley A Brooker (b)(3), (b)(6) per ODNI >; Boente, Dana (DO) (FBI) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI; Gauhar, Tashina (ODAG) <Tashina.Gauhar2@usdoj.gov>; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (OGC) (FBI) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI (b)(3), (b)(6) per ODNI - Jason Klitenic  
**Subject:** RE: Documents

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Engel, Steven A. (OLC)

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**From:** Engel, Steven A. (OLC)  
**Sent:** Friday, September 21, 2018 8:53 AM  
**To:** Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG)  
**Subject:** Re: President's directive concerning declassifying documents

Great.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 21, 2018, at 8:36 AM, Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG) <(b) (6)> wrote:

Steve: (b) (5)  
(b) (5)  
(b) (5). Thanks, Brad.

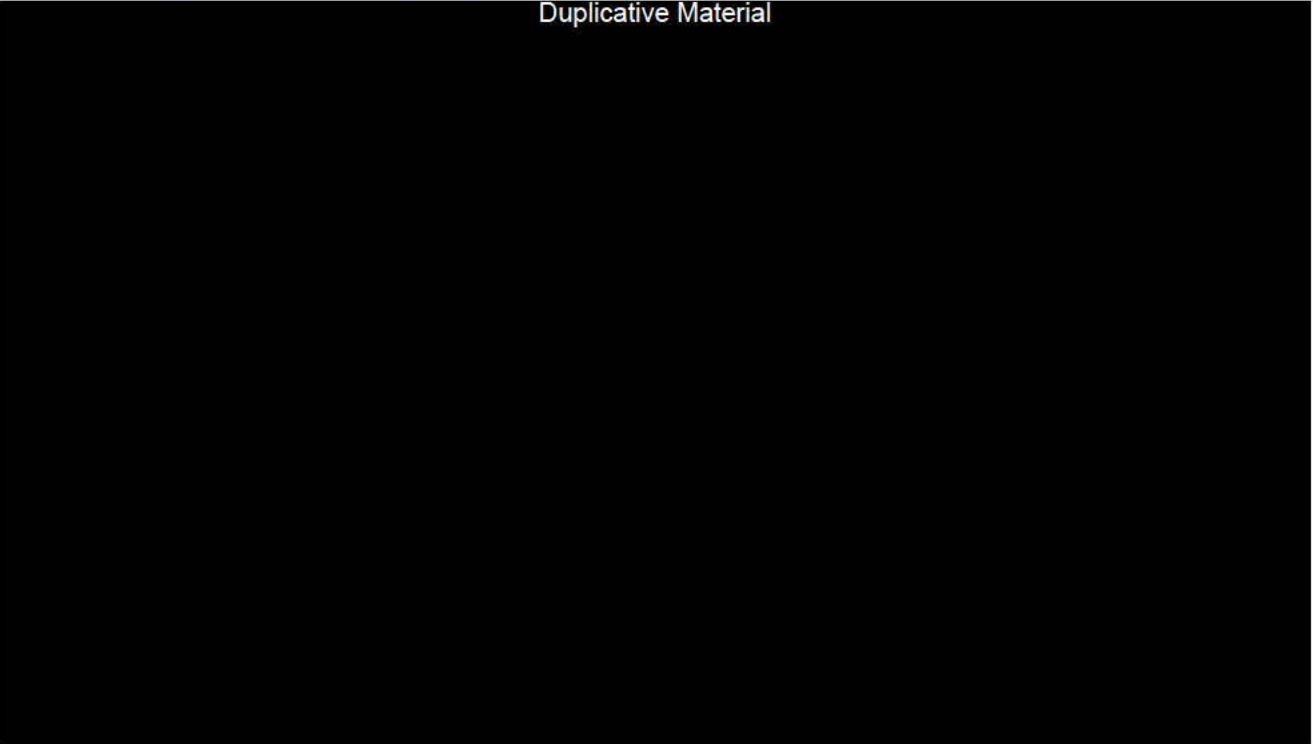
On Sep 19, 2018, at 4:25 PM, Engel, Steven A. (OLC) <(b) (6)> wrote:

Brad: Thanks for giving me the heads up. (b) (6)  
(b) (6) but if you want to discuss anything this evening or tomorrow, I would be happy to make myself available. Steve

Sent from my iPad

On Sep 19, 2018, at 8:26 AM, Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG)  
<(b) (6)> wrote:

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**Lasseter, David F. (OLA)**

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**From:** Lasseter, David F. (OLA)  
**Sent:** Friday, September 21, 2018 1:25 PM  
**To:** Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG)  
**Subject:** Re: Declassification decision

Rgr

David F. Lasseter

> On Sep 21, 2018, at 13:15, Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG) <[REDACTED]> (b) (6)  
wrote:

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> [REDACTED] (b) (5)

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

> From: Lasseter, David F. (OLA)

> Sent: Friday, September 21, 2018 1:14 PM

> To: Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG) [REDACTED] (b) (6)

> Subject: Declassification decision

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> [REDACTED] (b) (5) ?

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> David F. Lasseter

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Not Responsive Record		
FBI	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI	<p><b><u>Stories</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Multiple outlets have inquired about the President's directive to declassify a number of documents pertaining to the Russia investigation. The FBI is declining comment.</li><li>• Continued media interest in reports of allegations against Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh and whether the FBI will reopen its background investigation. OPA pointed towards a statement released by DOJ which explains the Department's process.</li><li>• The Miami Herald asked about FBI interaction with Cuban Americans in Miami and New York. The FBI provided a statement saying we openly meet with people in our communities as part of our work to protect our communities.</li></ul> <p><b><u>Announcements</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Crime in the US, 2017</i> will be released on Monday at 9:00 am eastern. Please see the attached draft Press Release that will go out at the same time. It will show a slight decrease in violent crime overall, and slight upticks in assaults and rapes.</li><li>• Two statements swill go out (one over the weekend and one early next week) regarding Director Wray's international travel.</li></ul>



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Next Thursday, the FBI will announce Greg Alyn Carlson as the newest addition to the Ten Most Wanted Fugitive List. Carlson is wanted out of the Los Angeles Field Office for his alleged involvement in multiple sexual assaults in Los Angeles, California.</li></ul> <p><u>Events</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• N/A</li></ul>

**Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)**

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 22, 2018 9:37 PM  
**To:** O'Callaghan, Edward C. (ODAG)  
**Cc:** Boyd, Stephen E. (OLA)  
**Subject:** Re: Fox News: Congressional sources 'blind-sided' by Trump decision to back off FISA declassification

Yeah it's a mess bc many reporters thought the tweets meant the IG is reviewing the declassification/redactions.

On Sep 22, 2018, at 8:33 PM, O'Callaghan, Edward C. (ODAG) <[ecocallaghan@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:ecocallaghan@jmd.usdoj.gov)> wrote:

So this is just responding to tweets I suppose.

Edward C. O'Callaghan  
202-514-2105

On Sep 22, 2018, at 9:25 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <[siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov)> wrote:

No

On Sep 22, 2018, at 7:54 PM, O'Callaghan, Edward C. (ODAG)  
<[ecocallaghan@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:ecocallaghan@jmd.usdoj.gov)> wrote:

Did the WH statement in declass come out yesterday? I have not seen it in open sources.

Edward C. O'Callaghan  
202-514-2105

On Sep 22, 2018, at 6:38 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
<[siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov)> wrote:

**Congressional sources 'blind-sided' by  
Trump decision to back off FISA  
declassification**  
Fox News  
Catherine Herridge  
September 22, 2018  
<http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2018/09/22/congressional-sources-blind-sided-by-trump-decision-to-back-off-fisa-declassification.html>

Three congressional sources told Fox News they were "blind-sided" and "demoralized" by President Trump's decision to back away from the immediate declassification of Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) records related to former aide Carter Page.

They said they hope Trump will reconsider in light of new allegations against Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein that have since emerged.

Trump agreed on Friday to delay the release of key files related to the investigation into Russian meddling in the 2016 elections, urging the inspector general to review the documents on an "expedited basis" amid Justice Department concerns their publication may have a "negative impact" on the probe.

Two sources with direct knowledge of the House Republicans' records request said the declassification of the Page surveillance renewal from June 2017, signed by Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein, would answer many questions about the so-called "insurance policy" discussed by former FBI agent Peter Strzok and FBI lawyer Lisa Page in mid-August 2016. (Their texts have come under intense scrutiny over recent months, amid allegations that they reflect a coordinated agency strategy to damage Trump.)

The sources said the members were careful to identify records with limited national security interests, and FBI/Justice Department concerns about exposing sources and methods were "overblown" and consistent with the department's steps earlier this year to temporarily block the release of the FISA memos.

They added that the text messages on the phones of former FBI Director James Comey, former Deputy Director Andrew McCabe, DOJ official Bruce Ohr, Strzok and

Page - ordered for release - were exchanged on non-secure lines, and for that reason should not contain sources methods or classified information.

If they do, then the parties have been "grossly negligent" in handling national security information, the sources said.

The sources note The New York Times' bombshell report on Rosenstein this week – it said he had talked of wearing a wire in talks with Trump, and of building support to remove him via the 25th Amendment – offer more evidence that the probe of Russian election meddling had shifted to an obstruction case against the president, even though the investigation by May 2017 had not found collusion between his 2016 campaign and Russia.

Fox News reported earlier this week that texts between Strzok and Page two hours after Comey's firing are under fresh congressional scrutiny after Page's recent testimony to Senate investigators.

Two hours after Comey's termination became public on May 9, 2017, Strzok, a now-former FBI agent, texted Page, his then-colleague and lover: "We need to open the case we've been waiting on now while Andy is acting."

"Andy" is a reference to McCabe who temporarily took over the bureau with Comey's firing by Trump until Christopher Wray was confirmed as director in August 2017.

Page, a former FBI attorney, replied to Strzok: "We need to lock in (redacted). In a formal chargeable way. Soon."

Strzok concurred. "I agree. I've been pushing and I'll reemphasize with Bill." "Bill" is believed to be Bill Priestap, the head of the FBI's counterintelligence division.



Ellis, Corey F. (ODAG)

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**From:** Ellis, Corey F. (ODAG)  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 22, 2018 9:46 PM  
**To:** O'Callaghan, Edward C. (ODAG)  
**Subject:** Re: Fox News: Congressional sources 'blind-sided' by Trump decision to back off FISA declassification

I'll send my last email with Emmett

Corey F. Ellis

(b) (6)

On Sep 22, 2018, at 9:38 PM, O'Callaghan, Edward C. (ODAG) <[ecocallaghan@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:ecocallaghan@jmd.usdoj.gov)> wrote:


This must just be based on tweets then.

Edward C. O'Callaghan  
202-514-2105

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)" <[siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov)>  
**Date:** September 22, 2018 at 6:38:52 PM EDT  
**To:** "O'Callaghan, Edward C. (ODAG)" <[ecocallaghan@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:ecocallaghan@jmd.usdoj.gov)>, "Boyd, Stephen E. (OLA)" (b) (6)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Fox News: Congressional sources 'blind-sided' by Trump decision to back off FISA declassification

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## United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-6025

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September 19, 2018

The Honorable Christopher Wray  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
935 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20535-0001

Dear Director Wray,

I write today to express concern over risks to the safety of the men and women in our law enforcement and intelligence communities and to the independence of the Department of Justice, including the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), following President Trump's recent order to "immediately" declassify selective portions of documents and text messages related to the investigation of Russian interference in the 2016 presidential election.

Such a declassification presents a clear risk to exposing highly-sensitive information that was gathered to provide the legal basis for the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act application on former Trump campaign aide, Carter Page. As you well know, the U.S. Intelligence Community (USIC) often faces profound dangers in collecting such intelligence and providing this information to the U.S. Government. Up until the President's September 17<sup>th</sup> order, there has always been the implicit understanding that sources and methods will not be released for political purposes, which puts lives at risk. This order has the potential to have a further chilling effect on information-sharing agreements between agencies of the USIC and their foreign partners.

I am also concerned that President Trump's order threatens to obstruct the ongoing investigation by Special Counsel Robert Mueller into the Kremlin's election interference and disrupt the FBI's ability to maintain independence. President Trump's decision to personally insert himself into the investigative process constitutes a dangerous attempt to infringe upon the impartiality of the Department of Justice and the FBI.

I urge you to make every attempt during this process to ensure that any documents released do not expose the sources and methods of intelligence collection or impede ongoing investigations.

To ensure that the safety of FBI employees and the independence of your investigations remain at the forefront of any review or release of materials, I respectfully request a response to the following questions:

1. Has Attorney General Sessions recused himself from this matter? If so, who is in charge of the review at the Department?
2. Were you consulted before the President publicly released this order?
3. Would compliance with President Trump's order result in the release of information related to any ongoing investigations or intelligence operations or compromise any sources and methods used by the USIC?
4. What steps are being taken to ensure that sensitive information or personally identifiable information is not released or attributed to any current or former FBI employees during this process?
5. What steps are you taking to ensure the independence of the current investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 presidential election or any other related investigation in light of the President's order?

Finally, I request that you brief members of the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies subcommittee of the Senate Appropriations Committee on the process and results of the completed declassification review prior to releasing the declassified information to the general public. I know we are both concerned that this information will ultimately reach the hands of America's adversaries, as well.

I thank you for your attention to this matter, and request that you respond by October 1, 2018.

Sincerely,



Jeanne Shaheen  
United States Senator

CC: The Hon. Jeff Sessions, Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice  
The Hon. Rod Rosenstein, Deputy Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice