

Sofer, Gregg (USATXW)

From: Sofer, Gregg (USATXW)
Sent: Monday, October 12, 2020 3:14 PM
To: Levi, William (OAG); Kupec, Kerri (OPA)
Subject: Fwd: Washington Post inquiry

From WAPO.

Gregg

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Makowski, Lora (USATXW) (b) (6)" >
Date: October 12, 2020 at 2:11:13 PM CDT
To: "Sofer, Gregg (USATXW) (b) (6)", "Hoff, Ashley (USATXW)"
(b) (6)
Subject: Fwd: Washington Post inquiry

Here you go!

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Zapotosky, Matt (b) (6)"
Date: October 12, 2020 at 2:09:34 PM CDT
To: "Makowski, Lora (USATXW) (b) (6)" >, "Fields, Daryl
(USATXW) (b) (6)"
Subject: Washington Post inquiry

Hey Lora and Daryl--

Matt Zapotosky from the Washington Post here. I'm reaching out because we're reporting out a story on the "unmasking" investigation that U.S. Attorney Bash was conducting, and which DOJ announced publicly back in May: https://www.washingtonpost.com/national-security/barr-appoints-texas-prosecutor-to-review-obama-officials-unmasking-requests/2020/05/27/c32c6ddc-a089-11ea-9590-1858a893bd59_story.html

We're told that investigation was recently concluded, and no wrongdoing was found. That is a conclusion that is likely to upset President Trump, who has been critical of former Obama administration officials on the topic of unmasking. I know

Mr. Bash recently left as the U.S. Attorney there, so I was hoping you could help me understand a few things about that:

- 1) If that investigation has concluded, why not announce publicly that it is over, especially given the announcement by DOJ it had commenced? Can you provide a copy of whatever report or findings it produced?
- 2) Did U.S. Attorney Bash's departure have anything to do with the conclusion of that investigation, or the fact that it apparently found no wrongdoing?
- 3) Does U.S. Attorney Sofer intend to keep the case closed?

Many thanks,

Matt Zapotosky | The Washington Post

(b) (6) (cell)

Levi, William (OAG)

From: Levi, William (OAG)
Sent: Wednesday, October 14, 2020 11:48 AM
To: Boyd, Stephen E. (OLA)
Subject: Re: Unmasking Records from ODNI

I don't know what this is. Call me.

On Oct 14, 2020, at 9:30 AM, Boyd, Stephen E. (OLA) (b) (6) wrote:

This is part of a request from Grassley's staff my understanding is that he is not talking about the Bash report but rather some other document. Any thoughts? SB

1. Unmasking: On May 12, 2020, and May 19, 2020, Chairmen Grassley and Johnson requested unmasking records from ODNI. The Chairmen have recently discussed this request with DNI Ratcliffe and DAG Rosen. It's our understanding that the unmasking production is ready. However, it's our understanding that AG Barr needs to sign off on the production. Has he done so? If so, when can we expect that production? If not, why not?

Stephen E. Boyd
Assistant Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

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Thomas Burr

From: Thomas Burr
Sent: Wednesday, October 14, 2020 1:14 PM
To: Kupec, Kerri (OPA)
Subject: Can you confirm?

On record or on background?

That U.S. Attorney John Bash has concluded his review without criminal charges and does not plan to issue a public report.

Best, Thomas

Thomas Burr
Washington producer
News Nation

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Unmasking Report

From: "Newman, Ryan D. (OAG)" <(b) (6)>
To: "Thorley, Charles A. (OLA)" <(b) (6)>
Date: Tue, 15 Dec 2020 13:52:19 -0500

Hey Chad,

Could you please give me a call when you get this?

Thanks,
Ryan

Ryan D. Newman
Counselor to the Attorney General
Office of the Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice

T: (b) (6)
M: (b) (6)

Srinivasan, Karthik (USATXW)

Subject: Call re Bash Report

Location: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]#

Start: Tuesday, February 2, 2021 11:30 AM

End: Tuesday, February 2, 2021 12:00 PM

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Accepted

Organizer: Srinivasan, Karthik (USATXW)

Required Attendees: Sofer, Gregg (USATXW); Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG); Newman, David A. (ODAG); Galdo, Michael (USATXW)

Srinivasan, Karthik (USATXW)

From: Srinivasan, Karthik (USATXW)
Sent: Tuesday, February 2, 2021 12:43 PM
To: Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG)
Cc: Galdo, Michael (USATXW (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI
Subject: Email address

Brad (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (cc'd) tried to send you the report on yellow, but the email did not go through. Can you please confirm your yellow side email address or, if it's not working, is there another person she can email? Thank you.

G. Karthik Srinivasan
Assistant United States Attorney
United States Attorney's Office
Western District of Texas
[903 San Jacinto Blvd., Suite 334](#)
[Austin, Texas 78701](#)
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From: (b)(6)
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 WEINSHEIMER, GERARD (b)(6)
 [REDACTED]

To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI (FBI)
 (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI

Cc: SRINIVASAN, GIRISH (SA) (OGA)
 (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI >; GALDO, MICHAEL (SA) (OGA)
 (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI

Bcc:

Subject: (U) RE: Document for Review --- TOP SECRET//SI//NOFORN

Date: Tue Feb 02 2021 17:40:08 EST

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Received. Thanks, Brad.

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI (FBI) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI
 Sent: Tuesday, February 2, 2021 2:51 PM
 To: Weinsheimer, Gerard B <(b)(6)>
 Cc: SRINIVASAN, GIRISH (SA) (OGA) <(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI>; GALDO, MICHAEL (SA) (OGA)
 (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI
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Good Afternoon Sir -

As requested by AUSA Srinivasan, please see attached report. Please note AUSA Srinivasan and

AUSA Galdo do not check their yellow side email regularly, if you need reach them please contact them on their green side DOJ email addresses.

Thank you –

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

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

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI (FBI)
Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2020 9:31 AM
To: (b)(6) Gregg Sofer email
Cc: GALDO, MICHAEL (SA) (OGA) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI; SRINIVASAN, GIRISH (SA) (OGA) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI; BASH III, JOHN (SA) (OGA) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI
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(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI

Good Morning Gregg –

As instructed by AUSA Michael Galdo, please find attached document for review.

Thank you-

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