

DuCharme, Seth (ODAG)

From: DuCharme, Seth (ODAG)
Sent: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 10:17 PM
To: Hovakimian, Patrick (ODAG)
Cc: Rosen, Jeffrey A. (ODAG)
Subject: Re: Stone sentencing

I am tracking.

Sent from my iPhone

> On Feb 4, 2020, at 9:03 PM, Hovakimian, Patrick (ODAG) <phovakimian4@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:
>
> Papers are due from the United States on Friday, according to Metcalf.
>
> Patrick Hovakimian
> (b) (6)

Zelinsky, Aaron (USAMD)

From: Zelinsky, Aaron (USAMD)
Sent: Monday, February 10, 2020 1:59 PM
To: Metcalf, David (ODAG)
Subject: Re: I'm back in my office

Meeting with my trial team. Will let you know when done.

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 10, 2020, at 1:56 PM, Metcalf, David (ODAG) <dmetcalf@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

I just stopped by. Where are you?

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 10, 2020, at 1:43 PM, Zelinsky, Aaron (USAMD) (b)(6) per EOUSA wrote:

(b) (6)
[Redacted]

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 10, 2020, at 1:37 PM, Zelinsky, Aaron (USAMD) (b)(6) per EOUSA wrote:

Dave,

(b) (6)
[Redacted]

Best,
Aaron

Metcalfe, David (USADC)

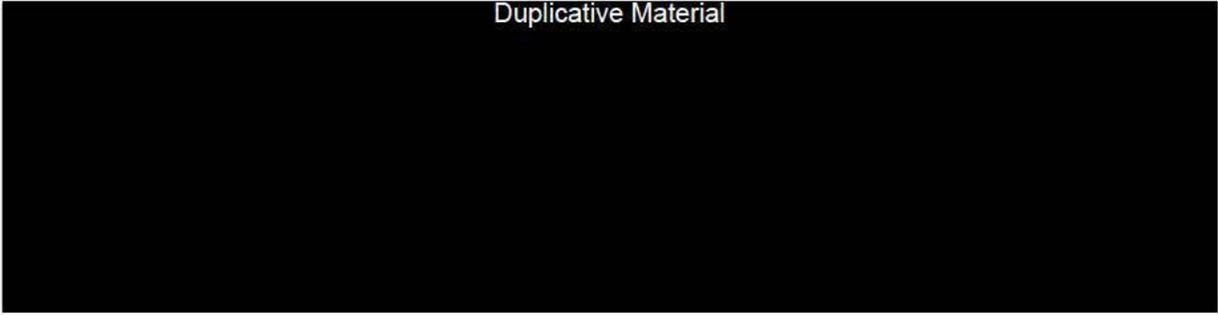
From: Metcalfe, David (USADC)
Sent: Tuesday, February 11, 2020 10:28 AM
To: Metcalfe, David (ODAG)
Subject: Fwd: Stone's Sentencing Memo

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Evangelista, Alessio (USADC)" (b)(6) per EOUSA
Date: February 11, 2020 at 10:20:49 AM EST
To: "Cooney, Joseph (USADC)" (b)(6) per EOUSA "Crabb, John D. (USADC)"
(b)(6) per EOUSA
Cc: "Metcalfe, David (USADC)" (b)(6) per EOUSA
Subject: Stone's Sentencing Memo

Duplicative Material



Metcalf, David (USADC)

From: Metcalf, David (USADC)
Sent: Tuesday, February 11, 2020 10:28 AM
To: Metcalf, David (ODAG)
Subject: Fwd: Stone sentencing memo
Attachments: stone sentencing memo 2-10-20.docx; ATT00001.htm

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Cooney, Joseph (USADC)" (b)(6) per EOUSA
Date: February 10, 2020 at 4:25:40 PM EST
To: "Metcalf, David (USADC)" (b)(6) per EOUSA, "Evangelista, Alessio (USADC)"
(b)(6) per EOUSA, "Crabb, John D. (USADC)" (b)(6) per EOUSA
Subject: FW: Stone sentencing memo

Duplicative Material



Metcalf, David (USADC)

From: Metcalf, David (USADC)
Sent: Tuesday, February 11, 2020 10:29 AM
To: Metcalf, David (ODAG)
Subject: Fwd: Stone's Sentencing Memo
Attachments: Def Sent Memo.pdf; ATT00001.htm

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Crabb, John D. (USADC)" (b)(6) per EOUSA
Date: February 11, 2020 at 10:23:58 AM EST
To: "Evangelista, Alessio (USADC)" (b)(6) per EOUSA "Cooney, Joseph (USADC)" (b)(6) per EOUSA
Cc: "Metcalf, David (USADC)" (b)(6) per EOUSA
Subject: RE: Stone's Sentencing Memo

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Metcalf, David (USADC)

From: Metcalf, David (USADC)
Sent: Tuesday, February 11, 2020 2:20 PM
To: Metcalf, David (ODAG)
Subject: CREDICOsentltr12020.pdf
Attachments: CREDICOsentltr12020.pdf; ATT00001.txt

January 20, 2020

Randy Credico
New York, New York

The Honorable Amy Berman Jackson
United States District Court for
The District of Columbia
333 Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington D.C. 20001

Dear Judge Jackson,

I am writing to respectfully yet fervently implore you not to send Roger Stone to prison when he is sentenced before your Honor. I feel so strongly about this for a number of reasons.

Let me begin by saying I stand by my testimony in your courtroom on November 7-8, 2019. In fact, I stand by all of my testimony throughout the Mueller investigation and the pre-trial conversations I had with the DC prosecution team. That being said, there was more that I wish I had the opportunity to express had I not been limited by the questions asked of me.

Most notably was after Mr. Stone's defense attorney asked if I had ever thought Mr. Stone was going to steal or harm my dog Bianca. My answer was an emphatic "No." At the time I was hoping he would follow that question with another asking if I had ever personally felt threatened by Mr. Stone. The answer would have been the same. I never in any way felt that Stone himself posed a direct physical threat to me or to my dog. I chalked up his bellicose tirades to "Stone being Stone." All bark and no bite!

As I said in the courtroom, I met Mr. Stone in 2002 during my organization's struggle to repeal New York's racist and Draconian Rockefeller Drug Laws. Stone was an invaluable benefit to the movement. He played a critical role in propelling the movement forward when he convinced his candidate to make the drug law a key issue in the Governor's race. That campaign spent millions of dollars focusing on the effects of these harsh and discriminatory laws. After the election Stone continued his commitment to the movement for at least another year. The laws were changed in 2004 and many of those serving godly life sentences were released and reunited with their families.

During those years of working to change the Rockefeller Drug Laws and other criminal justice inequities, I visited countless prisoners behind bars and their families. The damage done to the incarcerated is magnified tenfold by the damage done to their family members.

I know this damage firsthand. I am the son of a survivor of the U.S. prison system. My father spent 10 years of his life behind bars before he married and had children. The mental scars of those years never left my father's soul. As kids, my brother, sister and I

could feel the pain radiating from him as though it were our own. As adults, we all struggled with addiction and/or alcoholism. It has taken a long time to heal those wounds and live a sober life.

I was told that when fashioning a sentence, federal judges look to what is "sufficient, but not greater than necessary" to meet the goals of sentencing. I understand that Roger Stone has broken federal laws, but a prison sentence is beyond what is required in this case. It is not justice. It is cruelty. Indeed, with all of his talent and knowledge, Mr. Stone would be an ideal candidate for participation in an alternative to incarceration program that would serve and benefit needy organizations or distressed communities.

Roger Stone certainly rubs a lot of people the wrong way, particularly those on the receiving end of his wee hour lowbrow character attacks. Stone enjoys playing adolescent mind games and pulling off juvenile stunts, gags and pranks. He shamelessly invents and promotes outlandish and invidious conspiracy tales. But the bottom line is Mr. Stone, at his core, is an insecure person who craves and recklessly pursues attention. Like Billy Wilder's tragic fictional character Norma Desmond, Stone is always at the ready for that "close-up." Prison is no remedy.

When I think of my father and others in prison, I think of these words in a letter written by a tormented Oscar Wilde from his prison cell: "We who live in prison, and in whose lives there is no event but sorrow, have to measure time by throbs of pain, and the record of bitter moments."

Thank you for your kind consideration of my letter.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Randy Credico', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Randy Credico

Metcalf, David (ODAG)

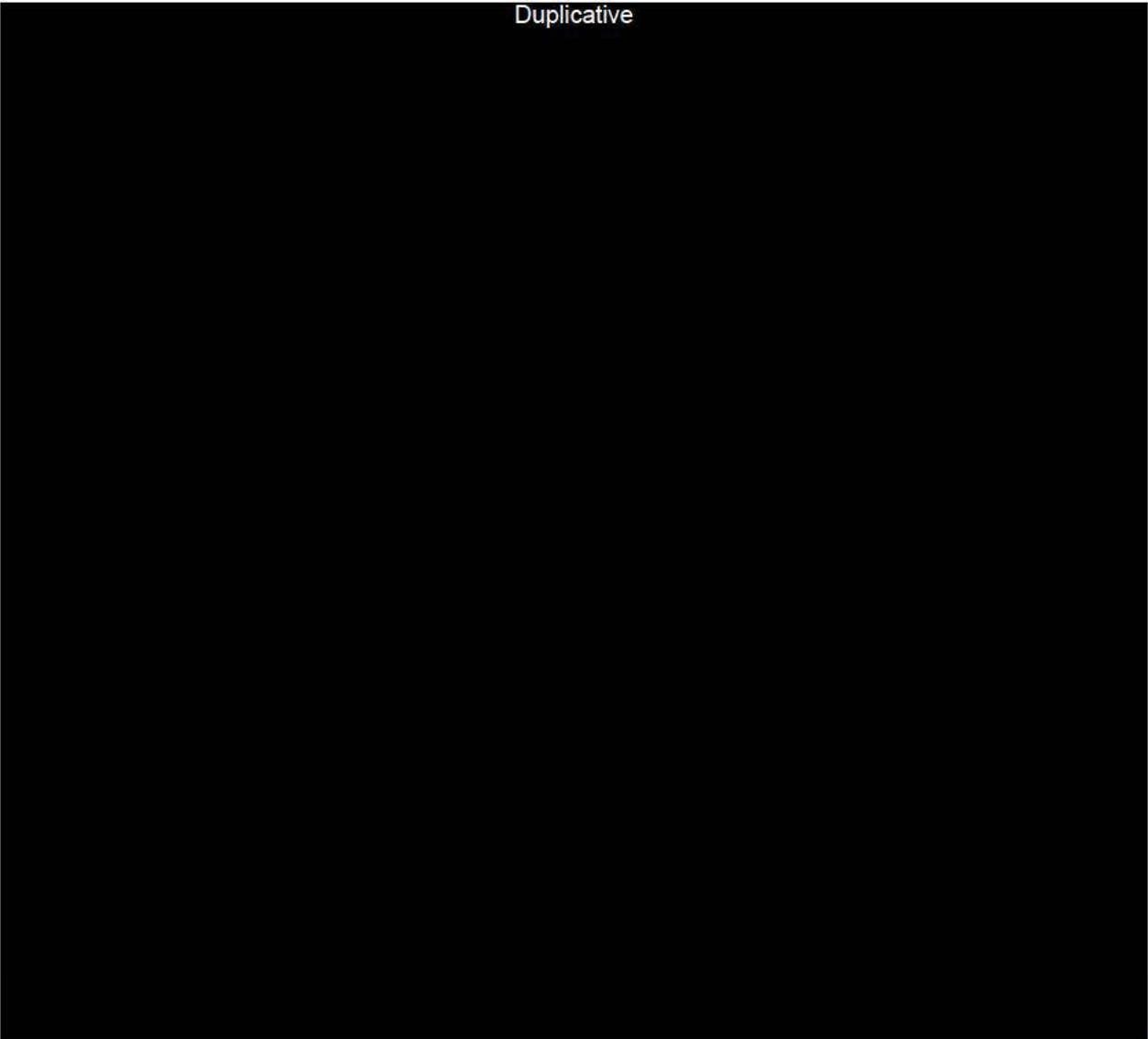
From: Metcalf, David (ODAG)
Sent: Tuesday, February 11, 2020 7:01 PM
To: Metcalf, David (USADC)
Subject: Fwd: I'm back in my office

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Zelinsky, Aaron (USAMD)" (b)(6) per EOUSA
Date: February 10, 2020 at 1:59:22 PM EST
To: "Metcalf, David (ODAG)" <dmetcalf@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: I'm back in my office

Duplicative



Ragsdale, Jeffrey (OPR)

From: Ragsdale, Jeffrey (OPR)
Sent: Wednesday, February 12, 2020 8:44 AM
To: Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG); Drouet, Suzanne (OPR)
Subject: FW: Letter
Attachments: CES Letter to DOJ IG re Stone.pdf; ATT00001.htm

fyi

From: Horowitz, Michael E.(OIG) <(b)(6) per OIG.USDOJ.GOV>
Sent: Wednesday, February 12, 2020 8:33 AM
To: Ragsdale, Jeffrey (OPR) <Jeffrey.Ragsdale@opr.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Letter

Jeff,

FYI.

Michael

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

February 11, 2020

The Honorable Michael E. Horowitz
Inspector General
U.S. Department of Justice
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Inspector General Horowitz:

According to news reports today, the Justice Department plans to weaken the sentencing recommendations of its own career prosecutors in the case of Trump confidant and campaign advisor Roger Stone, who was convicted in federal court in November for obstructing a congressional investigation, making false statements to Congress, and witness tampering. This situation has all the indicia of improper political interference in a criminal prosecution. I therefore request that you immediately investigate this matter to determine how and why the Stone sentencing recommendations were countermanded, which Justice Department officials made this decision, and which White House officials were involved.

The American people must have confidence that justice in this country is dispensed impartially. That confidence cannot be sustained if the president or his political appointees are permitted to interfere in prosecution and sentencing recommendations in order to protect their friends and associates. I urge you to conduct an expedited review of this urgent matter and issue a public report with your findings and recommendations as soon as possible.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Schumer

Ragsdale, Jeffrey (OPR)

From: Ragsdale, Jeffrey (OPR)
Sent: Wednesday, February 12, 2020 8:50 AM
To: Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG)
Subject: RE: Stone
Attachments: Stone pleadings.pdf

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

From: Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG) <bradweinsheimer@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, February 12, 2020 8:31 AM
To: Ragsdale, Jeffrey (OPR) <Jeffrey.Ragsdale@opr.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: Stone

Can you send me the pleadings?

> On Feb 12, 2020, at 8:30 AM, Ragsdale, Jeffrey (OPR) <Jeffrey.Ragsdale@opr.usdoj.gov> wrote:
>
> Sure. Peggy is on travel to Texas but I had already briefed Suzanne. Looking over the pleadings
now.

>
> -----Original Message-----
> From: Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG) <bradweinsheimer@jmd.usdoj.gov>
> Sent: Wednesday, February 12, 2020 8:10 AM
> To: Ragsdale, Jeffrey (OPR) <Jeffrey.Ragsdale@opr.usdoj.gov>
> Subject: Re: Stone

>
> Can we meet at 9:30 this morning? You should bring Peggy and Suzanne, if they are available.

>
>> On Feb 11, 2020, at 6:58 PM, Ragsdale, Jeffrey (OPR) <Jeffrey.Ragsdale@opr.usdoj.gov> wrote:
>>
>> That's accurate. Just got off the phone with OIG. Okay so far.

>>
>> Sent from my iPhone

>>
>>>> On Feb 11, 2020, at 6:12 PM, Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG) <bradweinsheimer@jmd.usdoj.gov>
v wrote:

>>>
>>> Let's talk tomorrow about the news stories relating to sentencing memos in the case. There is

a report that Sen Schumer already has asked OIG to look into improper political influence.

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

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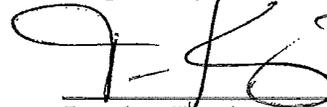
Defendant.

Criminal No. 19-cr-18-ABJ

NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL

Undersigned counsel hereby advises the Court that he has resigned as an Assistant United States Attorney and therefore no longer represents the government in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,



Jonathan Kravis

February 11, 2020

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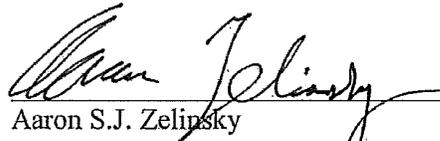
Defendant.

Criminal No. 19-cr-18-ABJ

NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL

Pursuant to Local Rule of Criminal Procedure 44.5(e), please notice the withdrawal of Aaron S.J. Zelinsky as counsel for the Government in the above-captioned matter.

Respectfully submitted,



Aaron S.J. Zelinsky
Special Assistant United States Attorney*
District of Columbia
555 4th Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20530

February 11, 2020

* The Court is advised that the undersigned attorney has resigned effective immediately after this filing as a Special Assistant United States Attorney for the District of Columbia.

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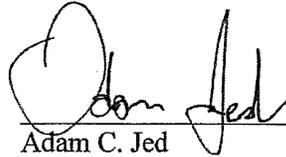
Defendant.

Criminal No. 19-cr-18-ABJ

NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL

Pursuant to Local Rule of Criminal Procedure 44.5(e), please notice the withdrawal of Aaron C. Jed as counsel for the government in the above-captioned matter.

Respectfully submitted,



Adam C. Jed
Special Assistant United States Attorney
555 4th Street NW
Washington, DC 20530

February 11, 2020

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FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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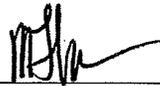
Defendant.

Crim. No. 19-CR-00018 (ABJ)

NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL

Pursuant to Local Rule of Criminal Procedure 44.5(e), please notice the withdrawal of Michael J. Marando as counsel for the government in the above-captioned matter.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael J. Marando
Assistant United States Attorney
555 4th Street NW
Washington, DC 20530

February 11, 2020

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

ROGER J. STONE, JR.,

Defendant.

Criminal No. 19-cr-18-ABJ

NOTICE OF APPEARANCE

The undersigned Assistant United States Attorney hereby notices an appearance in the above captioned case.

Respectfully submitted,

TIMOTHY J. SHEA
United States Attorney

/s/ John Crabb Jr.
Assistant United States Attorney
Acting Chief, Criminal Division
N.Y. Bar No. 2367670
United States Attorney's Office
555 4th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20530
(202) 252-1794
john.d.crabb@usdoj.gov

Escalona, Prim F. (OLA)

From: Escalona, Prim F. (OLA)
Sent: Wednesday, February 12, 2020 9:23 AM
To: Fragoso, Michael (Judiciary-Rep)
Attachments: TP.docx

Prim Escalona
Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General
Office of Legislative Affairs
(202) 305-4573

On the initial sentencing recommendation filing:

- Department leadership was shocked when they read the sentencing recommendation filed by the DC U.S. Attorney's Office Monday night.
- That recommendation was inconsistent with what the Department had previously been told would happen.
- The Department believes the sentencing recommendation (7-9 years) is excessive and extreme.
- The Department believes the sentencing recommendation is disproportionate to Stone's offenses.

On the supplemental filing:

- The supplemental filing is reasonable.
- The Department's position as explained in the supplemental filing is that the court has many factors to consider when reaching a decision about the appropriate sentence, and rather than make a particular recommendation, the Department defers to the court's judgment as to the appropriate sentence given the facts of this case.
- The Department's position and deference to the court is not remarkable.

On the timing:

- The Department's decision to change the sentencing recommendation was made shortly after the original filing was made.
- The Department's decision was made prior to the President's tweets.
- The Department had no contact with the White House about the sentencing recommendation or the decision to file the supplemental recommendation.
- The President did not direct the Department to file the supplemental sentencing recommendation.

On the attorney withdrawals:

- The Attorney General respects career employees and values their counsel, but the Attorney General makes the ultimate decision about the positions that the Department takes in court.
- He made that decision here prior to any tweets or commentary and believed that the career attorneys would properly execute that decision. That did not happen.
- The supplemental filing which was signed by a career attorney corrected that error and reflects that the Attorney General made the right call here. The sentencing guidelines in this case are too harsh, and the Department instead defers to the sound judgment of the court to render an appropriate sentence.

On Jessie Liu's nomination:

- The Attorney General thinks highly of Jessie Liu, as reflected by him naming her as chair of his Attorney General Advisory Council.
- Jessie proactively sought a job at the Treasury Department was offered the nomination.
- The Attorney General supported Jessie after she was offered the nomination:
 - He personally called Chairman Crapo in support of her nomination and hearing.
 - He was recently on the Hill for meetings in support of her nomination.
- Jessie stepped aside to pursue her nomination and allow the installation of new U.S. Attorney prior to the end of term.

Blier, William M.(OIG)

From: Blier, William M.(OIG)
Sent: Wednesday, February 12, 2020 10:35 AM
To: Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG)
Cc: Horowitz, Michael E.(OIG); Drouet, Suzanne (OPR)
Subject: Re: Stone

No need for a conference line. We'll call in about half hour.

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 12, 2020, at 9:33 AM, Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG) <bradweinsheimer@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

Great. Suzanne and I will be in my office 202-305-7848. Does that work, or do we need a conference line?

From: Blier, William M.(OIG) <(b)(6) per OIG .USDOJ.GOV>
Sent: Wednesday, February 12, 2020 10:32 AM
To: Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG) <bradweinsheimer@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Horowitz, Michael E.(OIG) <(b)(6) per OIG .USDOJ.GOV>; Drouet, Suzanne (OPR) <Suzanne.Drouet@opr.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: Stone

Yes, we can talk at 11:00, I assume EST. Let me know what number we should call.

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 12, 2020, at 9:19 AM, Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG) <bradweinsheimer@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

I understand you both are in Dallas. Are you available at 11:00 to speak with me and Suzanne Drouet from OPR. If 11:00 doesn't work, can you let me know a time that would work? Thanks, Brad.

Brad Weinsheimer
Associate Deputy Attorney General
Office: 202-305-7848
Cell: (b) (6)
Bradley.weinsheimer@usdoj.gov

Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG)

From: Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG)
Sent: Wednesday, February 12, 2020 1:26 PM
To: Blier, William M.(OIG)
Cc: Horowitz, Michael E.(OIG); Malis, Jonathan M. (OIG)
Subject: RE: stone

Thanks, very helpful.

From: Blier, William M.(OIG) (b)(6) per OIG USDOJ.GOV>
Sent: Wednesday, February 12, 2020 1:21 PM
To: Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG) <bradweinsheimer@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Horowitz, Michael E.(OIG) (b)(6) per OIG USDOJ.GOV>; Malis, Jonathan M. (OIG) (b)(6) per OIG USDOJ.GOV>
Subject: Re: stone

Brad,

We'd be happy to talk again if that would be helpful. (b) (5)

Let me know if you want to discuss.

Thanks. Bill

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 12, 2020, at 11:56 AM, Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG) <bradweinsheimer@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

I am just trying to anticipate questions that could arise as we work through this. (b) (5)

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Thanks, Brad.

Brad Weinsheimer
Associate Deputy Attorney General
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bradley.weinsheimer@usdoj.gov

White House Press Office

From: White House Press Office
Sent: Wednesday, February 12, 2020 3:07 PM
To: (b)(6) - Jeffrey Rosen Email Address
Subject: Pool Report #3 - POTUS on Roger Stone

From: Figueroa, Laura <Laura.Figueroa@newsday.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 12, 2020 2:53 PM
Subject: Pool Report #3 - POTUS on Roger Stone

Asked about his tweets, **POTUS Denied his tweets on Roger Stone were political...**

"They treated Roger Stone very badly..."

"no one even knows what he did...it's a disgrace...they ought to apologize to him"

Asked if he would pardon Stone:

"I don't want to say that yet..."

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Pool spray ongoing...notes from the top of meeting below >>

Pool was ushered into Oval Office at 2:42pm.

POTUS, sitting alongside Ecuadorian President Moreno, called Ecuador "One of the most beautiful countries in the world..."

Added: "we are working on trade deals... we're negotiating some very important pacts."

Moreno spoke, giving thanks to Trump, "both our people want to be governed with justice and equality."

Laura Figueroa
White House Correspondent
Newsday
Twitter: @Laura_Figueroa
Email: Laura.Figueroa@newsday.com

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To: patrick.hovakimian4@usdoj.gov
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REMARKS BY PRESIDENT TRUMP
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BEFORE BILATERAL MEETING

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2:42 P.M. EST

PRESIDENT TRUMP: Well, thank you very much. It's great to be with the President of Ecuador -- and it's one of the most beautiful countries in the world -- and perhaps equally as important, and maybe even more importantly, your great First Lady. Thank you very much for being here. This is a tremendous honor. Some of the most beautiful landscapes in the world and one of the most beautiful places on Earth, they say. I've heard that for a long time.

And we are working on trade deals, we're working on military options, including the purchase of a lot of our military equipment. We do make the best equipment in the world, by far. And we're negotiating some very important pacts between Ecuador and the United States.

So, Mr. President, Madam First Lady, thank you very much. Thank you very much. Appreciate it. Please.

PRESIDENT MORENO: (As interpreted.) I would like to first thank everyone for -- especially Mr. President, for his kindness and to invite us over to talk about these very important topics -- topics which are common to both countries. I'd like to thank the President for the warmth with which he has greeted us.

And I have to stress the fact that our relationship between Ecuador and the USA is a relationship of fraternity that has been going -- that dates back a very long time.

We actually have taken the foundational principles of the U.S. to -- as a basis for our own foundational principles to create the first Republic of Ecuador.

We are going to be discussing issues that are common to both nations, such as democracy, liberty, freedom, respect of human rights, the fight against organized crime, the fight against drug trafficking, the fight against corruption.

And we are going to also be speaking about the importance of investment, trade, technology transfer that are all common principles to us. We know that both our peoples want to be governed with justice and equality, and that is what both of us are striving for.

PRESIDENT TRUMP: We want to thank you very much. This is a great honor to be with you.

Okay. Do you have any questions? Yeah.

Q On Roger Stone, sir. On Roger Stone: Isn't your tweet political interference?

PRESIDENT TRUMP: No, not at all. He was treated very badly. Nine years recommended by four people that -- perhaps they were Mueller people. I don't know who they were. Prosecutors. And they -- I don't know what happened. They all hit the road pretty quickly.

Look, you had somebody -- just recently, you saw what happened. He got two months. He got sentenced to two months for leaking classified information at the highest level.

Q Who's that that you're referring to?

PRESIDENT TRUMP: They treated Roger Stone very badly. They treated everybody very badly. And if you look at the Mueller investigation, it was a scam because it was illegally set up. It was set up based on false documentation and false documents.

If you look at what happened -- how many people were hurt. Their lives were destroyed. And nothing happened with all the people that did it and launched this scam. Where's Comey? Why -- where is Comey? What's happening to McCabe? What's happening to Lisa and -- to Pete Strzok and Lisa Page? What's happening with them? It was a whole setup, it was a disgrace for our country, and everyone knows it too -- everyone -- including NBC, which gives a lot of fake news.

The fact is that Roger Stone was treated horribly and so were many other people. And their lives were destroyed.

And it turns out -- if you look at the FISA warrants and what just happened with FISA, where they found out it was fixed, that it was a dirty, rotten deal. So when you look at that, and you see what happened to Roger Stone --

But think of it: A man leaks classified information -- highly classified. They give him two months -- Roger Stone -- for doing -- nobody even knows what he did. In fact, they said he intimidated somebody. That person said he had no idea he was going to jail for that. That person didn't want to press charges. They put him in for nine years. It's a disgrace.

And, frankly, they ought to apologize to a lot of the people whose lives they've ruined.

All right. Next question. Go ahead.

Q Mr. President, it's the first time --

Q Mr. President --

PRESIDENT TRUMP: Yeah. Please, Steve.

Q -- are you considering a pardon for Roger Stone?

Q -- that (inaudible) official visit --

PRESIDENT TRUMP: Wait, wait, wait. What?

Q Oh, sorry.

Q Are you considering a pardon for Roger Stone?

PRESIDENT TRUMP: I don't want to say that yet. But I tell you what: People were hurt viciously and badly by these corrupt people.

And I want to thank -- if you look at what happened, I want to thank the Justice Department for seeing this horrible thing. And I didn't speak to them, by the way, just so you understand. They saw the horribleness of a nine-year sentence for doing nothing. You have murderers and drugs addicts; they don't get nine years. Nine years for doing something that nobody even can define what he did.

Somebody said he put out a tweet, and the tweet -- you based it on that. We have killers, we have murderers all over the place -- nothing happens. And then they put a man in jail and destroy his life, his family, his wife, his children. Nine years in jail. It's a disgrace.

In the meantime, Comey walks around making book deals. The people that launched this scam investigation -- and what they did is a disgrace. And, hopefully, it'll be treated fairly; everything else will be treated fairly.

Q Sir, aren't you speaking -- aren't you speaking to the attorney general about your tweets?

Attorney General through your tweets:

Q Mr. Donald Trump --

PRESIDENT TRUMP: Go ahead, please.

Q (As interpreted.) Mr. President, I'd like to congratulate you for the macroeconomic indicators; they're excellent. But in that number, the growth expectations are going down, especially for the growth in Ecuador, which is at zero. How can we help Latin American economies? How can we help Ecuador, Mr. President? And congratulations.

PRESIDENT TRUMP: Well, thank you. I love that question. I wish we had some people like that here. He's congratulating us on our great success as a country. And I want to congratulate you, too, because what you've done in Ecuador and your President have done a fantastic job. Thank you very much.

Q Mr. President, are you concerned about the four prosecutors?

Q Thank you, Mr. President --

PRESIDENT TRUMP: I'm not concerned about anything; concerned about nothing.

Q Does it show that there's something wrong at DOJ?

PRESIDENT TRUMP: I'm not concerned about anything. They ought to go back to school and learn, because I'll tell you, with the way they treated people, nobody should be treated like that.

Go ahead.

Q Mr. President, thank you so much. It's been 17 years since the last time a President from Ecuador visited the White House and a President of the United States did an official visit with them --

PRESIDENT TRUMP: And when was it? When was it?

Q Seventeen years ago.

PRESIDENT TRUMP: Wow.

Q It was with George W. Bush in 2003. What changed now?
What is your specific interest with Ecuador now?

And usted -- also in Spanish now -- *Presidente de Ecuador* --
(Continues question in Spanish.) (No translation provided.)
Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT TRUMP: She did a good job. Go ahead. I think I
understood it.

PRESIDENT MORENO: (As interpreted.) Ecuador has -- after
having gone through very hard times, and especially in regards to
its international relationships -- has decided to come together
again with the international community and bring refreshed
relationships to those who are -- who have the same way of
thinking as we do. We wanted to come closer to them.

(Continues answer in Spanish.) (Interpreter pauses
translation.)

(Cross-talk by reporters.)

PRESIDENT TRUMP: Don't interrupt. Don't interrupt.

(Interpreter resumes translation.)

PRESIDENT MORENO: (As interpreted.) We need to remember
that the USA is the main trade partner for Ecuador. And this is
not only in terms of trade, but because we share many common
values such as the love for liberty, democracy, justice,
solidarity, fraternity, and the respect of human rights.

PRESIDENT TRUMP: And I can tell you the thing that has
changed from our standpoint: We're the number-one economy in the
world, by far. We've never done better. We have the strongest

markets we've ever had. The market is up very substantially today: 250 points, when I last looked.

And our country has never done better, militarily. We've rebuilt our military. We've cut our taxes; we've cut regulations at a level that nobody has ever been able to cut them.

And our country is doing great, and we've really reestablished a lot of relationships, but we have certainly reestablished it with Ecuador. Ecuador had a very unusual outlook on life, but with your great President, he realizes how important it is to get along with the United States.

And I want to just congratulate him, because our relationship is very good. He's made tremendous progress.

Q Mr. President, are you open to working on a trade deal with Ecuador?

PRESIDENT TRUMP: Yeah, sure, we will. And they have incredible product. And they grow it and they make it, and we like it. So, we will. Sure. And they need our product, too.

Q Is it going to be like the USMCA? That's your model for that?

PRESIDENT TRUMP: Well, that's a great model. We just finished that, and it's a great model with Mexico and with Canada. USMCA has been very successful. Already, the fruits are really taking place. You take a look at what's happening in terms of the kind of numbers we'll be doing with the USMCA. And this, on a much smaller scale, would be interesting. We are looking at that kind of a model, yes.

Q And on Venezuela, are you going to talk about that? And are you worried about the assault on Juan Guaidó yesterday when he arrived in Caracas?

PRESIDENT TRUMP: Yeah, we'll be looking at and talking about Venezuela. And it's always close to our heart. We have millions

of people from Venezuela living in the United States very successfully. They love our country and they love Venezuela. We'll take care of the Venezuelan people.

Q Sir, some Republicans said they hope you learned a lesson from impeachment. What lesson did you learn from impeachment?

I think you were -- you weren't chosen. Steve, go ahead.

Q Thank you, sir. The Filipino President decided to --

Q (Asks question in Spanish.)

PRESIDENT TRUMP: Excuse me, one second. We'll do this gentleman and then you. Go ahead. Steve?

Q The President of the Philippines decided to sever a U.S. military pact with the United States. What was your reaction to that, sir? Is there anything to convince him otherwise?

PRESIDENT TRUMP: Well, I -- I never minded that very much, to be honest. We helped the Philippines very much. We helped them defeat ISIS. I get along -- actually, I have a very good relationship there. But I -- I really don't mind. If they would like to do that, that's fine. We'll save a lot of money. You know, my views are different than other people. I view it as, "Thank you very much. We save a lot of money."

But if you look back -- if you go back three years ago, when ISIS was overrunning the Philippines, we came in and, literally, single-handedly were able to save them from vicious attacks on their islands. But I haven't heard exactly that, what you -- the way you expressed the question.

And my relationship, as you know, is a very good one with their leader. And we'll see what happens. They'll have to tell me that.

Q Thank you, and good afternoon, Mr. President. (Asks

question in Spanish.)

(Repeats question in English.) My question is about security. We know that Ecuador has a problem with narco-traffic and some other problems. So one of the topics you're going to talk about is security. I want to know what Ecuador wants to learn from the United States in that topic.

PRESIDENT TRUMP: Well, we're doing very well on our southern border. We're doing incredibly well. We built over 100 miles now. It's substantially more than that, of wall. Very powerful wall. It's got all sorts of protections on it. We have alarm systems, we have lighting systems, we have everything you can have. It's pretty much the ultimate of what you can do in terms of that. We have great protection. We have great protection with our military.

We've been dealing also with Mexico. Mexico has 27,000 soldiers on our southern border, and they've been great. And we just set another record. As you saw, the numbers have come way down in terms of people coming through our border. Way down. They're going to be very low.

And after the wall is complete, even in the areas where we're now over 100 miles, incredibly, the traffic has virtually stopped. It's come to a halt. The wall has been a tremendous -- a tremendous thing.

So we'll have that finished by the end of next year. And sometime during next year, we'll have it finished. And we'll probably be up to close -- by the end of this year, close to 400 miles of wall. And it's made a tremendous difference.

So we have great security. We'll be discussing with Ecuador their situation and their security. They do have a problem with the narcos, and that's not good. And we will be working with them to help, okay?

Q (In Spanish.)

Q Mr. President, why (inaudible) nomination?

PRESIDENT TRUMP: One second. She's going to just answer the question.

Q He's going to answer my question.

PRESIDENT MORENO: (In Spanish.) (No translation provided.)

PRESIDENT TRUMP: Last night, as you know, we had a very interesting election, and from the standpoint of the Republican Party and myself, but from the standpoint of the Republican Party, it was a tremendous success. I got more votes than any incumbent President in many decades. That includes a lot of Presidents. And it was really incredible -- the love in New Hampshire.

And, by the way, we did the same thing in Iowa, and we were actually able to quickly count our votes. We knew within minutes after the poll how many votes we had, unlike the Democrats.

So we had a tremendous success in Iowa. And last night, we had a tremendous -- a very powerful success in New Hampshire. So it was a great honor.

But setting that record in both states was terrific, and now we're off to some areas that I like very much: Nevada, you look at that; South Carolina, you look at that. And I think we're going to do very well there. Probably setting up a major rally in South Carolina. We already have one in Nevada. So we'll be in those two locations, and we'll be at a few others also. But it's been incredible.

The rally we had in New Hampshire and in Iowa -- again, it was almost the same; it was -- they were both spectacular. You could have put them in a big stadium. We were already in large arenas, but you could've put them in a big stadium. We could've sold it out numerous times, so it was really, really terrific. And we appreciate it. Yeah, we appreciate it.

Q Who is the Democratic front-runner, sir?

PRESIDENT TRUMP: That's a good question. I would say Bernie looks like he's doing very well.

Q Why is he surging?

PRESIDENT TRUMP: I think people like his message. He's got energy. His people have energy. But they like his message. But a lot of people don't like that particular message. But there is a group that probably agrees with it. And, you know, whoever it is, we'll take them on. But it would certainly seem that Bernie Sanders has the advantage right now.

Q Will you debate whoever wins? Will you debate whoever wins?

PRESIDENT TRUMP: Sure. I look forward to it, actually.

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Okay. Thank you very much, everybody. I appreciate it. Thank you very much. Thank you. Thank you very much.

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REMARKS BY PRESIDENT TRUMP
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BEFORE BILATERAL MEETING

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PRESIDENT TRUMP: Well, thank you very much. It's great to be with the President of Ecuador -- and it's one of the most beautiful countries in the world -- and perhaps equally as important, and maybe even more importantly, your great First Lady. Thank you very much for being here. This is a tremendous honor. Some of the most beautiful landscapes in the world and one of the most beautiful places on Earth, they say. I've heard that for a long time.

And we are working on trade deals, we're working on military options, including the purchase of a lot of our military equipment. We do make the best equipment in the world, by far. And we're negotiating some very important pacts between Ecuador and the United States.

So, Mr. President, Madam First Lady, thank you very much. Thank you very much. Appreciate it. Please.

PRESIDENT MORENO: (As interpreted.) I would like to first thank everyone for -- especially Mr. President, for his kindness and to invite us over to talk about these very important topics -- topics which are common to both countries. I'd like to thank the President for the warmth with which he has greeted us.

And I have to stress the fact that our relationship between Ecuador and the USA is a relationship of fraternity that has been going -- that dates back a very long time.

We actually have taken the foundational principles of the U.S. to -- as a basis for our own foundational principles to create the first Republic of Ecuador.

We are going to be discussing issues that are common to both nations, such as democracy, liberty, freedom, respect of human rights, the fight against organized crime, the fight against drug trafficking, the fight against corruption.

And we are going to also be speaking about the importance of investment, trade, technology transfer that are all common principles to us. We know that both our peoples want to be governed with justice and equality, and that is what both of us are striving for.

PRESIDENT TRUMP: We want to thank you very much. This is a great honor to be with you.

Okay. Do you have any questions? Yeah.

Q On Roger Stone, sir. On Roger Stone: Isn't your tweet political interference?

PRESIDENT TRUMP: No, not at all. He was treated very badly. Nine years recommended by four people that -- perhaps they were Mueller people. I don't know who they were. Prosecutors. And they -- I don't know what happened. They all hit the road pretty quickly.

Look, you had somebody -- just recently, you saw what happened. He got two months. He got sentenced to two months for leaking classified information at the highest level.

Q Who's that that you're referring to?

PRESIDENT TRUMP: They treated Roger Stone very badly. They treated everybody very badly. And if you look at the Mueller investigation, it was a scam because it was illegally set up. It was set up based on false documentation and false documents.

If you look at what happened -- how many people were hurt. Their lives were destroyed. And nothing happened with all the people that did it and launched this scam. Where's Comey? Why -- where is Comey? What's happening to McCabe? What's happening to Lisa and -- to Pete Strzok and Lisa Page? What's happening with them? It was a whole setup, it was a disgrace for our country, and everyone knows it too -- everyone -- including NBC, which gives a lot of fake news.

The fact is that Roger Stone was treated horribly and so were many other people. And their lives were destroyed.

And it turns out -- if you look at the FISA warrants and what just happened with FISA, where they found out it was fixed, that it was a dirty, rotten deal. So when you look at that, and you see what happened to Roger Stone --

But think of it: A man leaks classified information -- highly classified. They give him two months -- Roger Stone -- for doing -- nobody even knows what he did. In fact, they said he intimidated somebody. That person said he had no idea he was going to jail for that. That person didn't want to press charges. They put him in for nine years. It's a disgrace.

And, frankly, they ought to apologize to a lot of the people whose lives they've ruined.

All right. Next question. Go ahead.

Q Mr. President, it's the first time --

Q Mr. President --

PRESIDENT TRUMP: Yeah. Please, Steve.

Q -- are you considering a pardon for Roger Stone?

Q -- that (inaudible) official visit --

PRESIDENT TRUMP: Wait, wait, wait. What?

Q Oh, sorry.

Q Are you considering a pardon for Roger Stone?

PRESIDENT TRUMP: I don't want to say that yet. But I tell you what: People were hurt viciously and badly by these corrupt people.

And I want to thank -- if you look at what happened, I want to thank the Justice Department for seeing this horrible thing. And I didn't speak to them, by the way, just so you understand. They saw the horribleness of a nine-year sentence for doing nothing. You have murderers and drugs addicts; they don't get nine years. Nine years for doing something that nobody even can define what he did.

Somebody said he put out a tweet, and the tweet -- you based it on that. We have killers, we have murderers all over the place -- nothing happens. And then they put a man in jail and destroy his life, his family, his wife, his children. Nine years in jail. It's a disgrace.

In the meantime, Comey walks around making book deals. The people that launched this scam investigation -- and what they did is a disgrace. And, hopefully, it'll be treated fairly; everything else will be treated fairly.

Q Sir, aren't you speaking -- aren't you speaking to the attorney general through your tweets?

Attorney General through your tweets:

Q Mr. Donald Trump --

PRESIDENT TRUMP: Go ahead, please.

Q (As interpreted.) Mr. President, I'd like to congratulate you for the macroeconomic indicators; they're excellent. But in that number, the growth expectations are going down, especially for the growth in Ecuador, which is at zero. How can we help Latin American economies? How can we help Ecuador, Mr. President? And congratulations.

PRESIDENT TRUMP: Well, thank you. I love that question. I wish we had some people like that here. He's congratulating us on our great success as a country. And I want to congratulate you, too, because what you've done in Ecuador and your President have done a fantastic job. Thank you very much.

Q Mr. President, are you concerned about the four prosecutors?

Q Thank you, Mr. President --

PRESIDENT TRUMP: I'm not concerned about anything; concerned about nothing.

Q Does it show that there's something wrong at DOJ?

PRESIDENT TRUMP: I'm not concerned about anything. They ought to go back to school and learn, because I'll tell you, with the way they treated people, nobody should be treated like that.

Go ahead.

Q Mr. President, thank you so much. It's been 17 years since the last time a President from Ecuador visited the White House and a President of the United States did an official visit with them --

PRESIDENT TRUMP: And when was it? When was it?

Q Seventeen years ago.

PRESIDENT TRUMP: Wow.

Q It was with George W. Bush in 2003. What changed now?
What is your specific interest with Ecuador now?

And usted -- also in Spanish now -- *Presidente de Ecuador* --
(Continues question in Spanish.) (No translation provided.)
Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT TRUMP: She did a good job. Go ahead. I think I
understood it.

PRESIDENT MORENO: (As interpreted.) Ecuador has -- after
having gone through very hard times, and especially in regards to
its international relationships -- has decided to come together
again with the international community and bring refreshed
relationships to those who are -- who have the same way of
thinking as we do. We wanted to come closer to them.

(Continues answer in Spanish.) (Interpreter pauses
translation.)

(Cross-talk by reporters.)

PRESIDENT TRUMP: Don't interrupt. Don't interrupt.

(Interpreter resumes translation.)

PRESIDENT MORENO: (As interpreted.) We need to remember
that the USA is the main trade partner for Ecuador. And this is
not only in terms of trade, but because we share many common
values such as the love for liberty, democracy, justice,
solidarity, fraternity, and the respect of human rights.

PRESIDENT TRUMP: And I can tell you the thing that has
changed from our standpoint: We're the number-one economy in the
world, by far. We've never done better. We have the strongest

markets we've ever had. The market is up very substantially today: 250 points, when I last looked.

And our country has never done better, militarily. We've rebuilt our military. We've cut our taxes; we've cut regulations at a level that nobody has ever been able to cut them.

And our country is doing great, and we've really reestablished a lot of relationships, but we have certainly reestablished it with Ecuador. Ecuador had a very unusual outlook on life, but with your great President, he realizes how important it is to get along with the United States.

And I want to just congratulate him, because our relationship is very good. He's made tremendous progress.

Q Mr. President, are you open to working on a trade deal with Ecuador?

PRESIDENT TRUMP: Yeah, sure, we will. And they have incredible product. And they grow it and they make it, and we like it. So, we will. Sure. And they need our product, too.

Q Is it going to be like the USMCA? That's your model for that?

PRESIDENT TRUMP: Well, that's a great model. We just finished that, and it's a great model with Mexico and with Canada. USMCA has been very successful. Already, the fruits are really taking place. You take a look at what's happening in terms of the kind of numbers we'll be doing with the USMCA. And this, on a much smaller scale, would be interesting. We are looking at that kind of a model, yes.

Q And on Venezuela, are you going to talk about that? And are you worried about the assault on Juan Guaidó yesterday when he arrived in Caracas?

PRESIDENT TRUMP: Yeah, we'll be looking at and talking about Venezuela. And it's always close to our heart. We have millions

of people from Venezuela living in the United States very successfully. They love our country and they love Venezuela. We'll take care of the Venezuelan people.

Q Sir, some Republicans said they hope you learned a lesson from impeachment. What lesson did you learn from impeachment?

I think you were -- you weren't chosen. Steve, go ahead.

Q Thank you, sir. The Filipino President decided to --

Q (Asks question in Spanish.)

PRESIDENT TRUMP: Excuse me, one second. We'll do this gentleman and then you. Go ahead. Steve?

Q The President of the Philippines decided to sever a U.S. military pact with the United States. What was your reaction to that, sir? Is there anything to convince him otherwise?

PRESIDENT TRUMP: Well, I -- I never minded that very much, to be honest. We helped the Philippines very much. We helped them defeat ISIS. I get along -- actually, I have a very good relationship there. But I -- I really don't mind. If they would like to do that, that's fine. We'll save a lot of money. You know, my views are different than other people. I view it as, "Thank you very much. We save a lot of money."

But if you look back -- if you go back three years ago, when ISIS was overrunning the Philippines, we came in and, literally, single-handedly were able to save them from vicious attacks on their islands. But I haven't heard exactly that, what you -- the way you expressed the question.

And my relationship, as you know, is a very good one with their leader. And we'll see what happens. They'll have to tell me that.

Q Thank you, and good afternoon, Mr. President. (Asks

question in Spanish.)

(Repeats question in English.) My question is about security. We know that Ecuador has a problem with narco-traffic and some other problems. So one of the topics you're going to talk about is security. I want to know what Ecuador wants to learn from the United States in that topic.

PRESIDENT TRUMP: Well, we're doing very well on our southern border. We're doing incredibly well. We built over 100 miles now. It's substantially more than that, of wall. Very powerful wall. It's got all sorts of protections on it. We have alarm systems, we have lighting systems, we have everything you can have. It's pretty much the ultimate of what you can do in terms of that. We have great protection. We have great protection with our military.

We've been dealing also with Mexico. Mexico has 27,000 soldiers on our southern border, and they've been great. And we just set another record. As you saw, the numbers have come way down in terms of people coming through our border. Way down. They're going to be very low.

And after the wall is complete, even in the areas where we're now over 100 miles, incredibly, the traffic has virtually stopped. It's come to a halt. The wall has been a tremendous -- a tremendous thing.

So we'll have that finished by the end of next year. And sometime during next year, we'll have it finished. And we'll probably be up to close -- by the end of this year, close to 400 miles of wall. And it's made a tremendous difference.

So we have great security. We'll be discussing with Ecuador their situation and their security. They do have a problem with the narcos, and that's not good. And we will be working with them to help, okay?

Q (In Spanish.)

Q Mr. President, why (inaudible) nomination?

PRESIDENT TRUMP: One second. She's going to just answer the question.

Q He's going to answer my question.

PRESIDENT MORENO: (In Spanish.) (No translation provided.)

PRESIDENT TRUMP: Last night, as you know, we had a very interesting election, and from the standpoint of the Republican Party and myself, but from the standpoint of the Republican Party, it was a tremendous success. I got more votes than any incumbent President in many decades. That includes a lot of Presidents. And it was really incredible -- the love in New Hampshire.

And, by the way, we did the same thing in Iowa, and we were actually able to quickly count our votes. We knew within minutes after the poll how many votes we had, unlike the Democrats.

So we had a tremendous success in Iowa. And last night, we had a tremendous -- a very powerful success in New Hampshire. So it was a great honor.

But setting that record in both states was terrific, and now we're off to some areas that I like very much: Nevada, you look at that; South Carolina, you look at that. And I think we're going to do very well there. Probably setting up a major rally in South Carolina. We already have one in Nevada. So we'll be in those two locations, and we'll be at a few others also. But it's been incredible.

The rally we had in New Hampshire and in Iowa -- again, it was almost the same; it was -- they were both spectacular. You could have put them in a big stadium. We were already in large arenas, but you could've put them in a big stadium. We could've sold it out numerous times, so it was really, really terrific. And we appreciate it. Yeah, we appreciate it.

Q Who is the Democratic front-runner, sir?

PRESIDENT TRUMP: That's a good question. I would say Bernie looks like he's doing very well.

Q Why is he surging?

PRESIDENT TRUMP: I think people like his message. He's got energy. His people have energy. But they like his message. But a lot of people don't like that particular message. But there is a group that probably agrees with it. And, you know, whoever it is, we'll take them on. But it would certainly seem that Bernie Sanders has the advantage right now.

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Best,
Larry



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In defense of AUSA's regarding sentencing of Roger Stone

In our system of justice, Assistant United States Attorneys (AUSAs) have the important responsibilities of protecting the innocent, prosecuting the guilty, and ensuring that the rule of law is faithfully observed. It is their obligation to see that justice is well-served. The National Association of Assistant United States Attorneys (NAAUSA) has reviewed the sentencing proceedings of Roger Stone, including the government's written sentencing submissions. The four AUSAs assigned to the case did nothing wrong or improper, and their sentencing recommendation was consistent with what is regularly done in sentencing proceedings around the country.

The law requires federal judges to calculate the sentence recommended by the Guidelines Manual of the United States Sentencing Commission (the "Sentencing Guidelines") before sentencing a defendant. While a judge is not bound by the Sentencing Guidelines, he or she must consider them during the sentencing process. Congress passed a law that requires the Sentencing Commission to promulgate the Sentencing Guidelines, and Congress has an opportunity to change the Sentencing Guidelines before they take effect. AUSAs therefore, in their pre-sentence memorandum to the court, must apply the facts of the case to the requirements of the Sentencing Guidelines in order to determine an advisory sentencing guidelines range. In this instance, the facts had been determined by a jury, which found Mr. Stone guilty beyond a reasonable doubt. The AUSAs in this case did not recommend a specific sentence. They simply applied the Sentencing Guidelines to the facts of the case and recommended that the sentence should fall within that guideline range, which in this case was 87 to 108 months. That is what happens in the vast majority of sentencing proceedings around the country the government frequently recommends a sentence within the applicable sentencing guidelines range, unless unique facts of the case call for a higher or lower sentence.

NAAUSA supports the prosecutors assigned to this case who properly exercised their discretion to recommend a guidelines sentence. Recommendations on sentencing should be developed by the career prosecutors assigned to a particular case and their supervisors in the U.S. Attorney's Office. These recommendations are, and should be, made impartially and without the political influence of elected officials.

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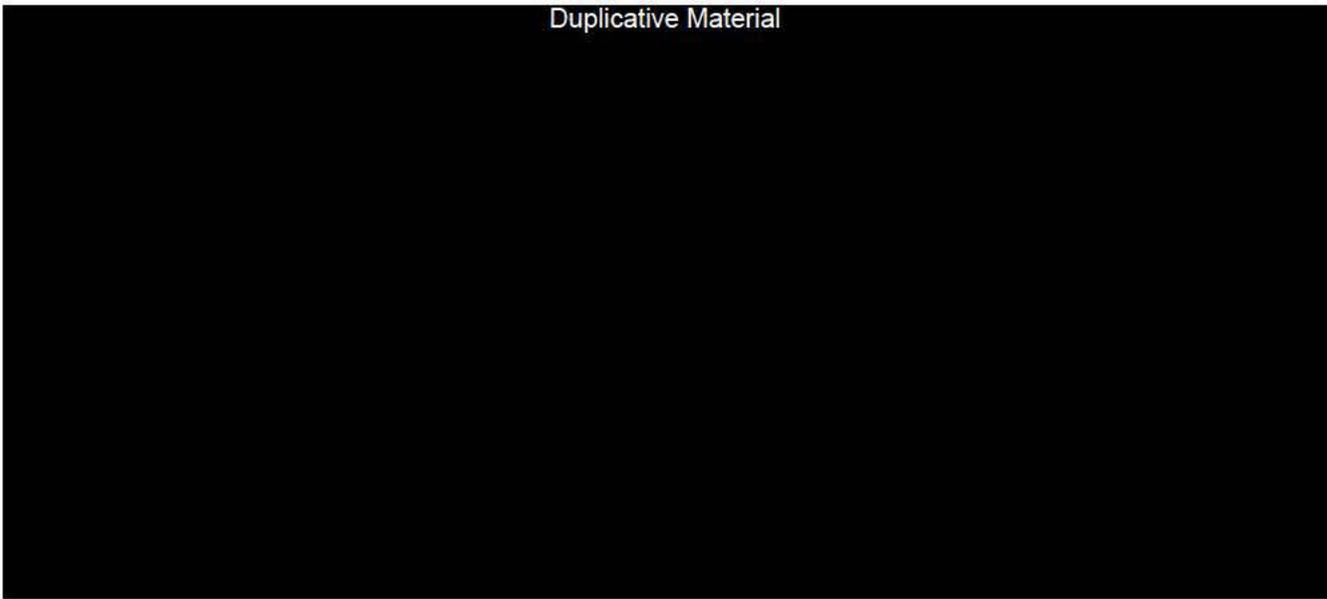
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Danielle – yes, feel free to use my name.

Thanks,
Megan

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Good afternoon Stephen and Joanne,

Attached please find a letter from Senators Warren, Markey, Van Hollen, Blumenthal, Murray, Merkley, Wyden, Sanders, and Hirono to Attorney General Barr.

We kindly ask that you confirm receipt of this letter.

Thank you,
Stephanie

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United States Senate

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February 14, 2020

The Honorable William Barr
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Attorney General Barr:

We are writing to express our alarm about and opposition to the unethical political intervention of senior Department of Justice (DOJ) officials in the case of Roger Stone, a former campaign insider and adviser to President Trump who was convicted of obstructing a congressional investigation, lying to Congress, and tampering with a witness in connection with the investigation of Russian intervention into the 2016 presidential election.¹ The interference in this case by you or other senior DOJ officials working under you is a clear violation of your duty to defend fair, impartial, and equal justice for all Americans. As a result, we call on you to resign immediately.

On Monday, February 10, the four DOJ prosecutors assigned to Mr. Stone's case recommended a sentencing range of seven to nine years in prison. Mr. Stone was found guilty of lying to the House Intelligence Committee in the committee's investigation of the 2016 election and then threatening "bodily harm" to a witness who could have exposed these lies.² In their sentencing memorandum, the prosecutors explained that "Stone chose—consciously, repeatedly, and flagrantly—to obstruct and interfere with the search for the truth on an issue of vital importance to all Americans," and that "Stone's lies to Congress and his obstructive conduct are a direct and brazen attack on the rule of law."³ Shortly after news broke about the filing, President Trump tweeted that the recommendation was "a horrible and very unfair situation" and wrote: "Cannot allow this miscarriage of justice!"⁴

Later that same day, Timothy Shea, the interim head of the U.S. Attorney's office, filed a new sentencing memorandum reversing the recommendation of the line prosecutors, stating that the

¹ U.S. Department of Justice, "Roger Stone Found Guilty of Obstruction, False Statements, and Witness Tampering," November 15, 2019, <https://www.justice.gov/usao-dc/pr/roger-stone-found-guilty-obstruction-false-statements-and-witness-tampering>.

² New York Times, "Prosecutors Recommend Roger Stone Receive Up to 9 Years in Prison," February 10, 2020, <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/02/10/us/roger-stone-prison-sentence.html>.

³ CNN, "United States of America v. Roger J. Stone, Jr., Criminal No 19-cr-18-ABJ, "Government's Sentencing Memorandum," February 10, 2020, <https://www.cnn.com/2020/02/10/politics/read-prosecutors-ask-for-7-to-9-years-in-prison-for-roger-stone/index.html>.

⁴ Tweet by Donald J. Trump, February 10, 2020, <https://twitter.com/realdonaldtrump/status/1227122206783811585>.

initial recommendation of seven to nine years “could be considered excessive and unwarranted.”⁵ Following this remarkable interference by senior DOJ officials, all four of the prosecutors assigned to Mr. Stone’s case withdrew.⁶

According to press reports, “[t]he decision to override the recommended sentence was made by officials from [your office] and [Jeffrey Rosen,] the deputy attorney general.”⁷ The day after DOJ’s abrupt about-face, however, President Trump indicated that you were directly involved, tweeting: “Congratulations to Attorney General Barr for taking charge of a case that was totally out of control,”⁸ and you confirmed your direct involvement in an interview with ABC News yesterday.⁹

This is an extraordinary turn of events. It appears to show that you and other top DOJ officials intervened in a clearly political fashion to undermine the administration of justice at the President’s behest in order to protect a well-connected political ally who committed a “direct and brazen attack on the rule of law.”¹⁰ It demonstrates that you lied to Congress during your confirmation hearing when you stated that you would “keep the enforcement process sacrosanct from political influence,” and it reveals your unwillingness or inability to maintain the integrity of the DOJ and to uphold justice and the rule of law.¹¹ While you asserted yesterday in an interview with ABC News that you were ‘not going to be . . . influenced by anybody,’ this statement is simply not credible given that it is sharply at odds with the behavior of top DOJ officials and the comments of the President over the past 72 hours.¹²

DOJ proudly describes its “sacred duty” as “ensur[ing] fair and impartial administration of justice for all Americans.”¹³ The shocking actions taken by you or your senior staff to seek

⁵ CNN, “Justice Department’s updated sentencing memo for Trump ally Roger Stone,” February 11, 2020, <https://www.cnn.com/2020/02/11/politics/roger-stone-sentencing-memo-updated/index.html>.

⁶ New York Times, “Prosecutors Quit Roger Stone Case After Justice Dept. Intervenes on Sentencing,” February 11, 2020, <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/02/11/us/politics/roger-stone-sentencing.html>.

⁷ New York Times, “Trump Praises Barr for Rejecting Punishment Recommended for Stone,” February 12, 2020, <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/02/12/us/politics/trump-stone.html?action=click&module=Top%20Stories&pgtype=Homepage>.

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⁹ ABC News, “Barr blasts Trump’s tweets on Stone case: ‘Impossible for me to do my job’: ABC News Exclusive,” February 13, 2020, <https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/barr-blasts-trumps-tweets-stone-case-impossible-job/story?id=68963276>.

¹⁰ United States of America v. Roger J. Stone, Jr., Criminal No 19-cr-18-ABJ, “Government’s Sentencing Memorandum,” February 10, 2020, <https://www.cnn.com/2020/02/10/politics/read-prosecutors-ask-for-7-to-9-years-in-prison-for-roger-stone/index.html>.

¹¹ Senate Committee on the Judiciary, “Confirmation Hearing on the Nomination of Hon. William Pelham Barr to be Attorney General of the United States,” January 15 and 16, 2019, <https://www.congress.gov/116/chr/CHRG-116shrg36846/CHRG-116shrg36846.htm>.

¹² ABC News, “Barr blasts Trump’s tweets on Stone case: ‘Impossible for me to do my job’: ABC News Exclusive,” February 13, 2020, <https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/barr-blasts-trumps-tweets-stone-case-impossible-job/story?id=68963276>.

¹³ U.S. Department of Justice, “About DOJ,” <https://www.justice.gov/about>.

special protections for Mr. Stone make a mockery of your responsibilities to seek equal justice under the law and reveal that you are unfit to head the DOJ.

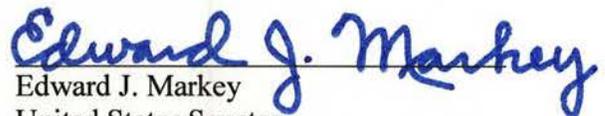
A DOJ that abandons the rule of law in order to give sweetheart deals to criminals acting on behalf of the President of the United States is as corrupt as it is unacceptable.

You and the other officials involved must be held accountable for these actions. We therefore urge you to resign from your position, effective immediately.

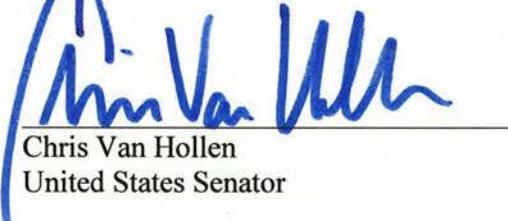
Sincerely,



Elizabeth Warren
United States Senator



Edward J. Markey
United States Senator



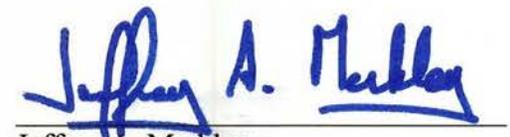
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United States Senator



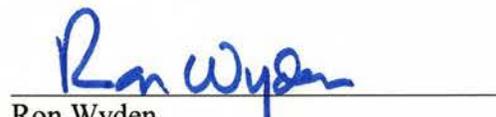
Richard Blumenthal
United States Senator



Patty Murray
United States Senator



Jeffrey A. Merkley
United States Senator



Ron Wyden
United States Senator



Bernard Sanders
United States Senator



Mazie K. Hirono
United States Senator

Hankey, Mary Blanche (OLA)

From: Hankey, Mary Blanche (OLA)
Sent: Friday, February 14, 2020 4:25 PM
To: Prim F. Escalona (OLA) (pfescalona@jmd.usdoj.gov); Megan L. Greer (OLA) (mlgreer@jmd.usdoj.gov)
Subject: FW: Letter from Senator Warren and 8 other Senators to Attorney General Barr
Attachments: 2020.02.14 Letter to AG re Roger Stone case.pdf
Importance: High

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From: DOJ Correspondence (SMO) <Ex_DOJCorrespondence@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 14, 2020 2:39 PM
To: Pings, Anne (OLA) <apings@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Hankey, Mary Blanche (OLA) <mhankey@jmd.usdoj.gov>
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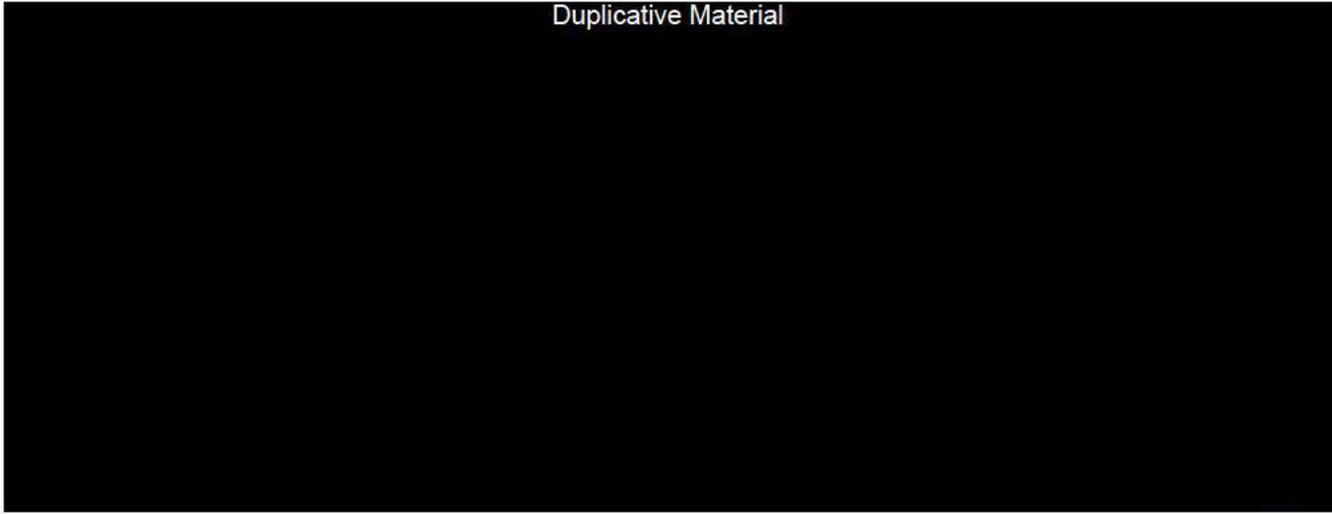
Good afternoon

Pls provide assignment guidance. Thanks.

From: Boyd, Stephen E. (OLA) (b) (6)
Sent: Friday, February 14, 2020 2:00 PM
To: DOJ Correspondence (SMO) <Ex_DOJCorrespondence@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: FW: Letter from Senator Warren and 8 other Senators to Attorney General Barr

From: Akpa, Stephanie (Warren) (b) (6) >
Sent: Friday, February 14, 2020 1:55 PM
To: Boyd, Stephen E. (OLA) (b) (6) Johnson, Joanne E. (OLA) <jojohnson@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Cohen, Brian (Warren) (b) (6)
Subject: Letter from Senator Warren and 8 other Senators to Attorney General Barr

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Escalona, Prim F. (OLA)

From: Escalona, Prim F. (OLA)
Sent: Friday, February 14, 2020 5:28 PM
To: Hankey, Mary Blanche (OLA)
Cc: Greer, Megan L. (OLA)
Subject: Re: Letter from Senator Warren and 8 other Senators to Attorney General Barr

(b) (5) Let's just close out as not requiring a response.

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 14, 2020, at 5:02 PM, Hankey, Mary Blanche (OLA) <mhankey@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

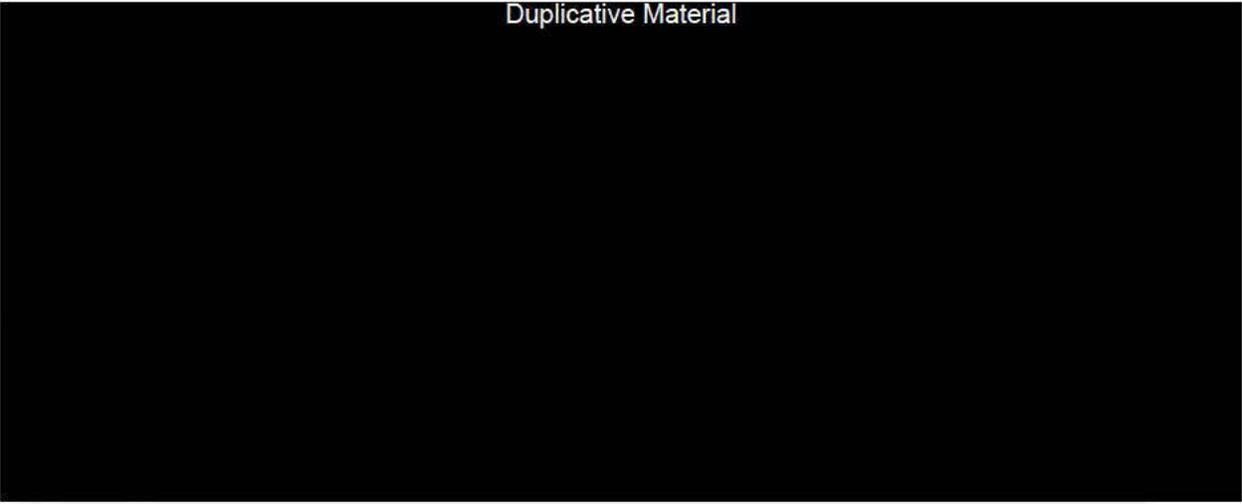
?
Roger that.

From: Greer, Megan L. (OLA) <mlgreer@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 14, 2020 4:56 PM
To: Hankey, Mary Blanche (OLA) <mhankey@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Escalona, Prim F. (OLA) <pfescalona@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Letter from Senator Warren and 8 other Senators to Attorney General Barr

I would vote that (b) (5). Otherwise, (b) (5)

From: Hankey, Mary Blanche (OLA) <mhankey@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 14, 2020 4:25 PM
To: Escalona, Prim F. (OLA) <pfescalona@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Greer, Megan L. (OLA) <mlgreer@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: FW: Letter from Senator Warren and 8 other Senators to Attorney General Barr
Importance: High

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Stephens, Taylor (OLA)

From: Stephens, Taylor (OLA)
Sent: Tuesday, February 18, 2020 10:26 AM
To: Escalona, Prim F. (OLA)
Cc: Reuss, Alexis (OLA)
Subject: Hot Topics As Discussed Last Thursday
Attachments: AG Issues List - DRAFT.docx

Hope you had a nice weekend!

Here is a compiled list from our meeting last Thursday.

Please let us know if anything is missing or you wish to add something.

We have the interns working through list of accomplishments.

Thanks,
Taylor

Ms. Taylor Stephens
Office of Legislative Affairs
U.S. Department of Justice
Office: 202-514-1260 | Cell: (b) (6)

White House Press Office

From: White House Press Office
Sent: Tuesday, February 18, 2020 2:56 PM
To: (b)(6) - Jeffrey Rosen Email Address
Subject: In-town pool report #11 -- tarmac comments part 1

From: Lindsey McPherson <lindseymcpherson@rollcall.com>
Date: February 18, 2020 at 2:52:24 PM EST
Subject: In-town pool report #11 -- tarmac comments part 1

Pool is back at the White House. Here's the first part of Trump's tarmac comments, transcribed. More TK in subsequent pool reports.

POTUS had begun talking to the out-of-town pool by the time the in-town pool joined them on the tarmac. Picking up from the first question I heard:

Q: Do you have confidence in the attorney general?

"I have total confidence."

Q: Do you agree with his statement [exact words inaudible but about Barr comments that Trump tweeting makes his job harder]?

Beginning part inaudible but something about right to speak their mind -- not clear if he was referring to Barr or himself in that moment, but he moved onto himself, saying:

"I do social media. I guess I use it well because here I am. I probably wouldn't have gotten here without social media because I certainly don't get fair press."

Familiar remarks about the "Mueller hoax" and having to use social media to fight back because he doesn't get fair press.

"Q: ..."

"So I'm very happy with social media. But I think he is doing an excellent job. He's a strong guy. I never spoke to him about the Roger Stone situation. Roger Stone, just so you know, never worked -- he didn't work for my campaign. There might have been a time way early, long before I announced, where he was somehow involved a little bit. But he was not involved in our campaign at all.

And I think it was a very, very rough thing that happened to Roger Stone. Because when you look at what happened to Comey after 78 days, horrific report, when you remember what happened to McCabe with a recommendation of prosecution and you look at all of these other people. And then you look at what happened to General Flynn, a highly respected man. Look at him. I mean his life has been destroyed.

You look at a Roger Stone for a tweet and some other things. You take a look at what's happening to these people. Somebody has to stick up for the people.

So my social media is very powerful. I guess Mark Zuckerberg recently said Trump is number one in the world in social media, which is a very nice statement. ... It means I have a voice so I'm able to fight the fake news."

Q: Lengthy question about Barr. Couldn't hear first half but second half was about Barr saying Trump is making his job impossible. "Are you making his job impossible?"

"I do make his job harder. I do agree with that. I think that's true. He's a very straight shooter. We have a great attorney general and he's working very hard. He's working against a lot of people that don't want to see good things happen, in my opinion. That's my opinion, not his opinion. That's my opinion. You'll have to ask what his opinion is.

But I will say this: Social media for me has been very important because it gives me a voice, because I don't get that voice in the press, in the media. I don't get that voice. So I'm allowed to have a voice."

Q: Do you think he can still do his job with integrity though?

"Oh yeah. He's a very -- he's a man with great integrity. The attorney general is a man with incredible integrity. Just so you understand: I chose not to be involved. I'm allowed to be totally involved. I'm

actually, I guess the chief law enforcement officer of the country, but I've chosen not to be involved. But he is a man of great integrity. But I would be -- I could be involved if I wanted to."

Lindsey McPherson

Senior House Reporter

Roll Call

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@lindsemcpherson

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McKay, Shirley A (OLA)

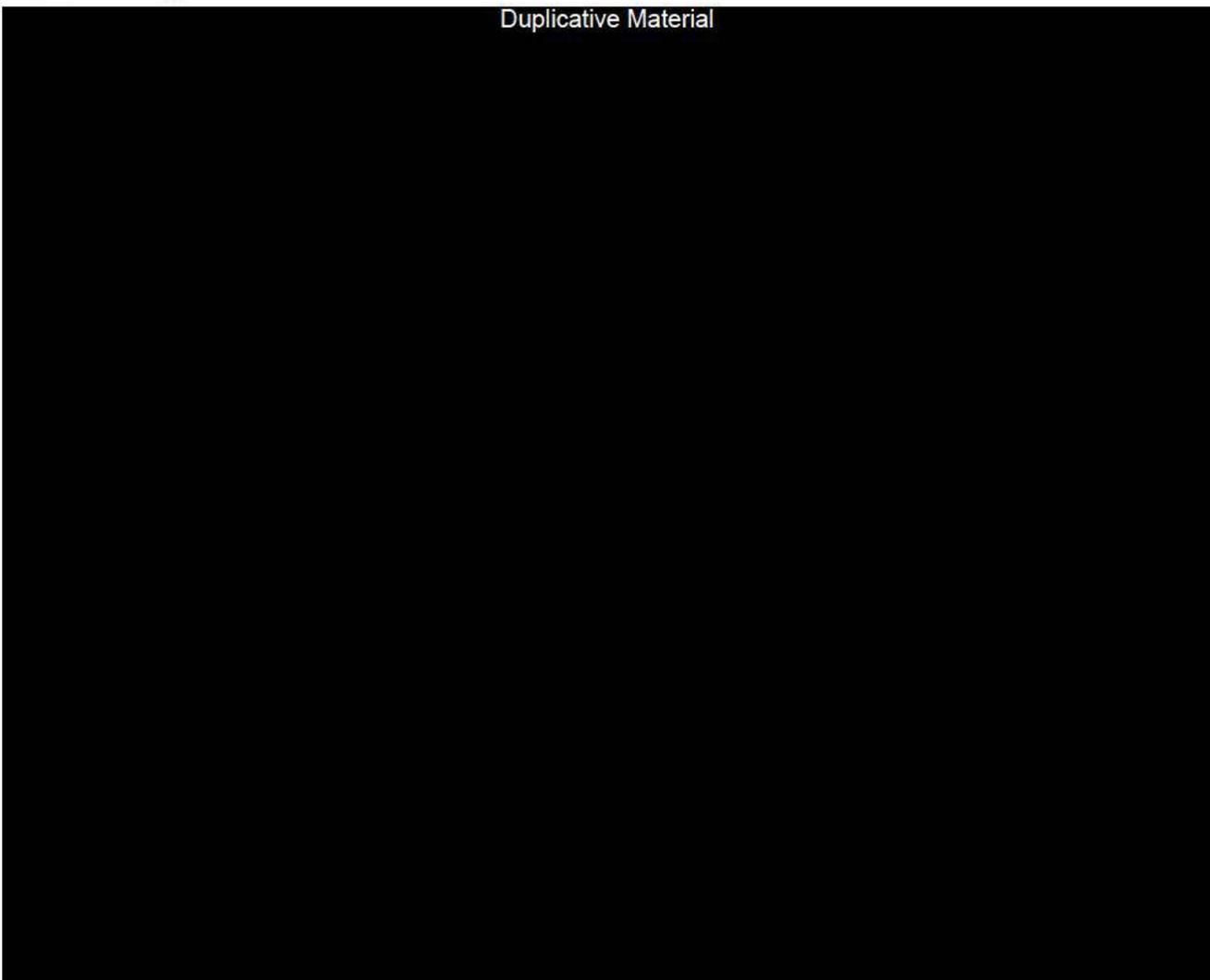
From: McKay, Shirley A (OLA)
Sent: Thursday, February 20, 2020 9:44 AM
To: Hankey, Mary Blanche (OLA); Greer, Megan L. (OLA)
Subject: FW: Letter from Senator Warren and 8 other Senators to Attorney General Barr
Attachments: 2020.02.14 Letter to AG re Roger Stone case.pdf
Importance: High

Good morning

Follow up. Pls provide assignment guidance. Thanks.

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Sent: Friday, February 14, 2020 2:39 PM
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Importance: High

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McKay, Shirley A (OLA)

From: McKay, Shirley A (OLA)
Sent: Thursday, February 20, 2020 9:54 AM
To: Hankey, Mary Blanche (OLA); Greer, Megan L. (OLA)
Subject: RE: Letter from Senator Warren and 8 other Senators to Attorney General Barr
Importance: High

Ok, thanks.

From: Hankey, Mary Blanche (OLA) <mhankey@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 20, 2020 9:46 AM
To: McKay, Shirley A (OLA) <smckay@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Greer, Megan L. (OLA) <mlgreer@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Letter from Senator Warren and 8 other Senators to Attorney General Barr

Thanks for following up Shirley. Mr. Stone will be sentenced today. We will make the assignment following that action.

From: McKay, Shirley A (OLA) <smckay@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 20, 2020 9:44 AM
To: Hankey, Mary Blanche (OLA) <mhankey@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Greer, Megan L. (OLA) <mlgreer@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: FW: Letter from Senator Warren and 8 other Senators to Attorney General Barr
Importance: High

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Hankey, Mary Blanche (OLA)

From: Hankey, Mary Blanche (OLA)
Sent: Thursday, February 20, 2020 2:59 PM
To: Stephen E. Boyd (OLA) (b) (6) Prim F. Escalona (OLA)
(pfescalona@jmd.usdoj.gov)
Subject: FW: Rep. Karen Bass letter to DOJ OIG
Attachments: CBC Barr Letter to DOJ OIG.pdf

FYSA

From: Kellner, Kenneth E. (OLA) <kkellner@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 20, 2020 1:41 PM
To: Hankey, Mary Blanche (OLA) <mhankey@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: FW: Rep. Karen Bass letter to DOJ OIG
Importance: High

See attached for your awareness.

Ken

From: DOJ Correspondence (SMO) <Ex DOJCorrespondence@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 20, 2020 9:38 AM
To: Brantley, Patricia (OIG) (b)(6) per OIG .USDOJ.GOV>
Cc: Kellner, Kenneth E. (OLA) <kkellner@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: FW: Rep. Karen Bass letter to DOJ OIG
Importance: High

Good morning Pat

Forwarding attached inquiry addressed to IG. DOJ ExecSec does not control congressional inquiries addressed to OIG. Thanks.

From: Roell, Exodie (b) (6)
Sent: Friday, February 14, 2020 4:55 PM
To: DOJ Correspondence (SMO) <Ex DOJCorrespondence@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Rep. Karen Bass letter to DOJ OIG

To: Department of Justice Office of the Inspector General

Congresswoman Karen Bass would like for Department of Justice Inspector General Michael E. Horowitz to review this letter attached. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Exodie Roe III
Director of Policy and External Affairs
Congressional Black Caucus (CBC)

Congressional Black Caucus (CBC)

Chairwoman Karen Bass (CA-37)

O: 202.225.7084



Shaw, Cynthia K. (JMD)

From: Shaw, Cynthia K. (JMD)
Sent: Thursday, February 20, 2020 3:36 PM
To: Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG)
Subject: thoughts
Attachments: thoughts.docx

Here is a deliberative process document for your consideration.

Rosen, Jeffrey A. (ODAG)

From: Rosen, Jeffrey A. (ODAG)
Sent: Thursday, February 20, 2020 8:51 PM
To: Suero, Maya A. (ODAG)
Subject: Draft Memo
Attachments: 2020 Draft Memo re OIG and OPR.docx

Maya, on Friday morning, please format the attached memo properly for DAG memo stationary, and print for me to review. I plan to discuss further with Brad, so may revise before signing, but would like to have a "final" ready for potential signing. Thanks.

Jeff

Suero, Maya A. (ODAG)

From: Suero, Maya A. (ODAG)
Sent: Friday, February 21, 2020 9:35 AM
To: Gamble, Nathaniel (ODAG)
Subject: FW: Draft Memo
Attachments: 2020 Draft Memo re OIG and OPR.docx; 2020.02.21 Draft Memo re OIG and OPR - Formatted.docx

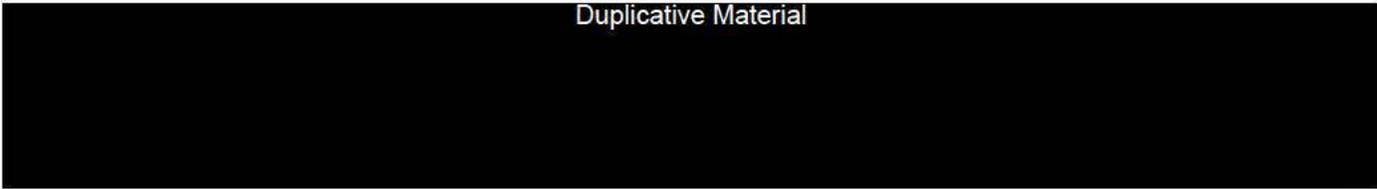
FYSA: today's correspondence with final version attached (formatted version).

Maya Suero

Special Assistant
Office of the Deputy Attorney General
Phone: 202-514-2101

From: Rosen, Jeffrey A. (ODAG) [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, February 20, 2020 8:51 PM
To: Suero, Maya A. (ODAG) <masuero@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Draft Memo

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Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG)

From: Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG)
Sent: Friday, February 21, 2020 4:59 PM
To: Grimes, Benjamin (PRAO)
Cc: Ludwig, Stacy (PRAO)
Subject: RE: f/u -- PRAO Inquiry (Feb 12, 2020)

Thanks, Ben.

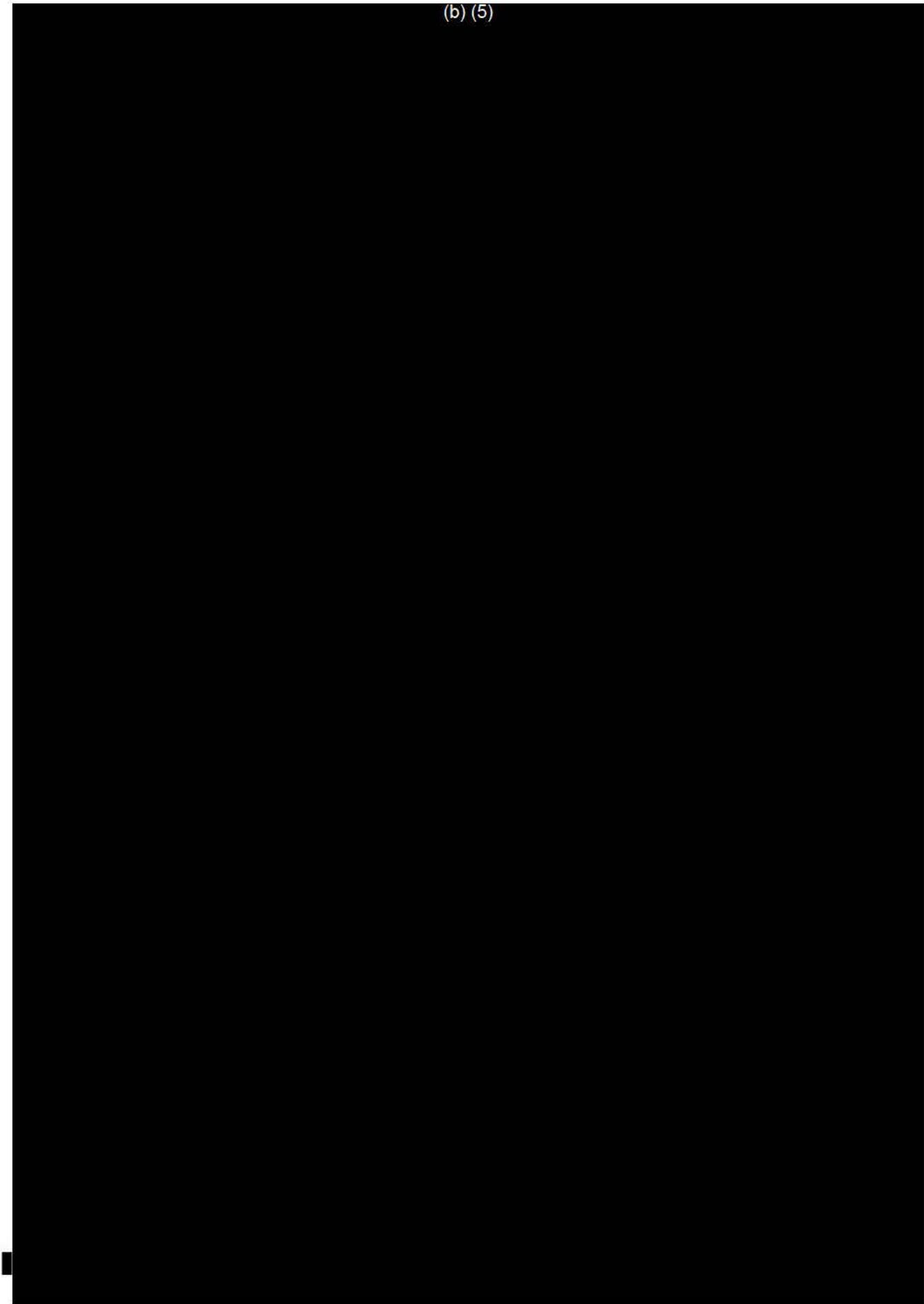
From: Grimes, Benjamin (PRAO) (b)(6) per PRAO
Sent: Friday, February 21, 2020 4:36 PM
To: Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG) <bradweinsheimer@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Ludwig, Stacy (PRAO) <sludwig@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: f/u -- PRAO Inquiry (Feb 12, 2020)

Brad,

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Ben

Benjamin K. Grimes
Deputy Director, PRAO

This advice is based upon the facts presented. If the facts are different or change, further analysis may be required. In that event, please contact PRAO by e-mail at DOJ.PRAO@usdoj.gov or by telephone at (202) 514-0458. Finally, this memorandum is confidential and is protected by the attorney-client privilege, the work product doctrine, and the deliberative process privilege. It is only for the use of Department of Justice attorneys, and the necessary use of their legal staff, during their tenure at the Department and should not be disseminated to any other individuals, whether employed by the Department of Justice or elsewhere.

Ragsdale, Jeffrey (OPR)

From: Ragsdale, Jeffrey (OPR)
Sent: Friday, February 21, 2020 6:46 PM
To: Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG)
Subject: Barr 'Unlawfully' Interfered in Stone Case: Complaint | Law & Crime

<https://lawandcrime.com/high-profile/watchdog-ag-barr-and-others-unlawfully-interfered-in-stone-and-flynn-cases/>

Ragsdale, Jeffrey (OPR)

From: Ragsdale, Jeffrey (OPR)
Sent: Friday, February 21, 2020 7:52 PM
To: Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG)
Subject: Re: New CLC complaint

Will do.

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 21, 2020, at 7:42 PM, Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG)
<bradweinsheimer@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

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_____. Thanks, Brad.

Brad Weinsheimer
Associate Deputy Attorney General
Office: 202-305-7848
Cell: (b) (6)
Bradley.weinsheimer@usdoj.gov

Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG)

From: Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG)
Sent: Saturday, February 22, 2020 7:00 AM
To: Blier, William M.(OIG)
Subject: Stone complaint to OPR

I don't know if you have seen this or not, but I wanted you to be aware that OPR now has also received a complaint. I am aware of the Schumer complaint and the New York Bar complaint to you, have you received any others? [REDACTED] (b) (5)

[REDACTED].

Also, on Monday, I would like to discuss with you [REDACTED] (b) (5)

Thanks, Brad.

<https://lawandcrime.com/high-profile/watchdog-ag-barr-and-others-unlawfully-interfered-in-stone-and-flynn-cases/>

Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG)

From: Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG)
Sent: Saturday, February 22, 2020 11:06 AM
To: Ragsdale, Jeffrey (OPR)
Subject: Re: New CLC complaint

That's fine. [REDACTED] (b) (5)

Let's plan to talk Monday morning. One issue we will need to confront is [REDACTED] (b) (5), but we should discuss.

On Feb 22, 2020, at 10:27 AM, Ragsdale, Jeffrey (OPR) <Jeffrey.Ragsdale@opr.usdoj.gov> wrote:

Brad

[REDACTED] (b) (5); [REDACTED] (b) (6) and will be at work on Monday. I am available to come in this weekend as well. I think the complaints are going to increase. Jeff [REDACTED] (b) (6)

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 21, 2020, at 7:42 PM, Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG) <bradweinsheimer@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

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Ragsdale, Jeffrey (OPR)

From: Ragsdale, Jeffrey (OPR)
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2020 10:42 AM
To: Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG)
Subject: FW: Complaints
Attachments: (b) (6) OPR Complaint.pdf; (b)(6) per EOUSA OPR complaint.pdf

These are two private citizen complaints. This is all I am aware of so far. Once adopts the CLC letter and the other is a complaint to the DC Bar.

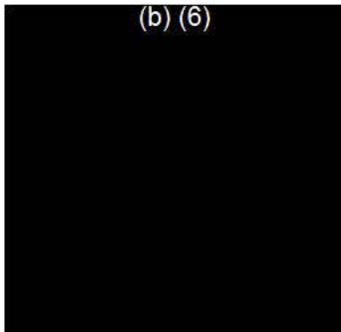
Washington-Watson, Sheila (OPR)

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Sunday, February 16, 2020 1:04 PM
To: OPR Complaints
Subject: Complaint filed with the DC Disciplinary Counsel re AG William Barr
Attachments: Disciplinary Complaint William Barr Feb 15 2020.pdf

Attached is a complaint I have filed with the DC Disciplinary Counsel regarding the violation by AG Barr of DC Rule of Professional Conduct 3.8(a) based on his showing favoritism for two defendants: Roger Stone and Michael Flynn.

Please deliver a copy to the Attorney General

(b) (6)





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(Please print or type)

Date: February 15, 2020

A. Your Name:(Dr.) _____
(Mr.) _____
(Ms.) _____ (b) (6)
(Mrs.) _____
(First) _____ (Initial) _____ (Last) _____
Address: _____
(Street) _____ (Apt. #) _____
(b) (6) _____ (b) (6) _____ (b) (6) _____
(City) _____ (State) _____ (Zip) _____
Business Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____
Email Address: _____ (b) (6) _____

(NOTE: It is very important that we have your telephone number(s) and that you inform our office if you have a change of address.)

B. Attorney Complained Of:
Name: William _____ P. _____ Barr _____
(First) _____ (Initial) _____ (Last) _____
Address: 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW _____
(Street) _____ (Apt. #) _____
Washington, DC 20530-0001 _____
(City) _____ (State) _____ (Zip) _____
Telephone No.: 202 841 7925 _____ Attorney's Bar No., if known: _____

C. Have you filed a complaint about this matter anywhere else? Yes No // If yes, please give details.

D. Do you have a written retainer agreement with the attorney? Yes No // If yes, please attach a copy.

E. Where applicable, state the name of the court where the underlying case was filed, and the case name and number.
Unoted States District Court for the District of Columbia U.S. v. Flynn and U.S. v. Stone

F. Do you have other documents that are relevant? Yes No // If yes, please give details and provide copies.
News articles regarding special treatment provided by Barr for Roger Stone and Michael Flynn

SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR REQUIRED DETAILS & SIGNATURE

G. DETAILS OF COMPLAINT: Attorney General Barr ordered the U.S. Attorneys handing
the Roger Stone matter to withdraw their sentencing recommendation already filed wiht the Court and substitute

another one with a greatly reduced sentencing recommendation. The trial attorneys all resigned from the case in protest, and one resigned from the DOJ. On orders of Barr other DOJ attorneys entered an appearance and filed a much reduced sentencing recommendation for no apparent reason except favoritism to the defendant.

In the case of Michael Flynn, he pleaded guilty and was then cooperating, but recently he sought to withdraw his guilty plea. Barr ordered an investigation of the US Attorneys handling the case thereby showing favoritism to Flynn.

AG Barr's conduct in showing favoritism Ofr these two defendants who are close tho president Trump shows favoritism to certain defendants which prosecutors are prohibited from doing under Rule 3.8(a) of the DC Rules of Profesional Conduct.

The Undersigned hereby certifies to the Office of Disciplinary Counsel that the statements in the foregoing Complaint are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Washington-Watson, Sheila (OPR)

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Friday, February 21, 2020 1:12 PM
To: OPR Complaints
Subject: Complaint: Barr, Rosen, and Shea Unlawfully Interfered in Criminal Cases Involving Associates of President Trump

Jeffrey Raggsdale, Acting Director
U.S. Department of Justice
Office of Professional Responsibility
950 Pennsylvania Ave, NW, Suite 3266
Washington, DC 20530-0001
Phone: 202-514-3365
Fax: 202-514-5050
Email: opr.complaints@usdoj.gov

Re: Complaint: Barr, Rosen, and Shea Unlawfully Interfered in Criminal Cases Involving Associates of President Trump

Dear Director:

Today, Campaign Legal Center (CLC), called for an investigation of Attorney General Bill Barr, Deputy Attorney General Jeffrey Rosen, and U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia Timothy Shea for their highly unusual involvement in criminal proceedings against associates of President Donald Trump. The complaint states their intervention in matters involving Roger Stone and Michael Flynn conflicts with legal requirements for the Department of Justice officials to act impartially and insulate themselves from political influence. The complaint outlines unlawful activity under both the Executive Branch Standards of Conduct and the DOJ's internal policies.

The public must know that the deterioration of impartiality at DOJ expands beyond Attorney General Barr and includes senior leadership. The actions of the Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General and U.S. Attorney undermine DOJ's independence and the integrity of its administration of the criminal justice system. We must have confidence that the criminal justice system does not offer special treatment if you are an associate of the President. Even the appearance of politically influenced law enforcement erodes the public's trust in government. A thorough investigation of this complaint will help restore the public's confidence that DOJ upholds its standards of insulating decisions from political influence.

Yours sincerely,

(b) (6)

cc:
Representative Steny Hoyer
House Majority Leader
Legislative Correspondence Team
1705 Longworth House Office Building
Washington DC 20515
Office: (202) 225-4131
Fax: (202) 225-4300
<https://www.majorityleader.gov/content/email-whip>

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P/F: (b) (6)

E-mail: (b) (6)

Re: Legal document:

<https://campaignlegal.org/sites/default/files/2020-02/CLC%20Complaint%20to%20DOJ%20OPR%20-%2021-20.pdf>

Ragsdale, Jeffrey (OPR)

From: Ragsdale, Jeffrey (OPR)
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2020 6:27 PM
To: Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG)
Subject: FW: meeting notes (004)
Attachments: meeting notes (004).docx

These were our talking points.

Blier, William M.(OIG)

From: Blier, William M.(OIG)
Sent: Tuesday, February 25, 2020 10:41 AM
To: Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG)
Subject: RE: Rep Hice call for an investigation

That's fine.

From: Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG)
Sent: Tuesday, February 25, 2020 5:15 AM
To: Blier, William M.(OIG) (b)(6) per OIG <[redacted]@usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: Rep Hice call for an investigation

I can stop by at 11:30.

On Feb 24, 2020, at 9:42 PM, Blier, William M.(OIG) (b)(6) per OIG <[redacted]@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Yes, I'm available. Let me know what time works for you.

Bill

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On Feb 24, 2020, at 7:17 PM, Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG) <[redacted]@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

We should talk tomorrow, and I will fill you in on our status, which has not changed. Are you available between 11 and noon? Thanks, Brad.

From: Blier, William M.(OIG) (b)(6) per OIG <[redacted]@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Sunday, February 23, 2020 12:03 PM
To: Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG) <[redacted]@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: Rep Hice call for an investigation

Brad,

Thanks for the update.

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On Feb 23, 2020, at 11:23 AM, Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG) <[redacted]@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

I don't know if you have seen it, but the Hill has posted a column from Rep Hice that pushes the OIG legislation and basically calls for an investigation of the Stone prosecutors. So now there essentially is a bipartisan call for investigation, albeit for different aspects of the conduct.

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I will keep you posted as these discussions continue. Thanks, Brad.

Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG)

From: Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG)
Sent: Tuesday, February 25, 2020 9:32 PM
To: Boyd, Stephen E. (OLA)
Subject: Re: IG Access Legislation Briefing

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On Feb 25, 2020, at 8:22 PM, Boyd, Stephen E. (OLA) (b) (6) wrote:

DAG – I’m told that Sen. Lee will be setting up a briefing next week with the SJC for IG Horowitz to advocate for the IG Access legislation. The Committee has insisted that “DOJ” also be present – (b) (5)

No immediate action necessary at this time but wanted to get this on your radar. I am happy to discuss tomorrow and would certainly welcome any thoughts.

Thanks,

Stephen