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From: Kellie Fiedorek [[mailto:\(b\)\(6\)@adflegal.org](mailto:(b)(6)@adflegal.org)]
Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2017 5:34 PM
To: Hanrahan, Peggi (OAG) <phanrahan@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: invitation

Hi Peggi,

Hope you're doing well! I've attached an invitation from our President and CEO, Mike Farris, for General Sessions to keynote the closing banquet of our Religious Liberty Summit on Thursday, July 13th at the Ritz Carlton Laguna Niguel in Dana Point, CA. This banquet concludes a four day invitation-only, off-the-record gathering of strategic allies, including state attorneys general, state solicitors general, partners and senior associates in top firms, public intellectuals, and business and church leaders.

We expect to have around 500 people in attendance at the closing dinner, which will also be off-the-record. We will of course cover General Sessions' airfare, hotel, and other expenses, as well as provide an honorarium, to the extent permitted by law.

If you have any questions at all, my direct number is (b) (6). We would be so honored if General Sessions is able to attend!

Best,
Kellie



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May 16, 2017

The Honorable Jeff Sessions
Attorney General of the United States
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

In July, Alliance Defending Freedom is convening an invitation-only, off-the-record Summit on Religious Liberty. This event will bring together strategic allies, including state attorneys general, partners and senior associates in top firms, public intellectuals, and business and church leaders to develop legal and cultural strategies to ensure religious liberty flourishes throughout the United States.

We would be honored to have you join us as the keynote speaker at our closing banquet on the evening of Thursday, July 13th at the Ritz-Carlton Laguna Niguel in Dana Point, California. Recent years have brought unprecedented government intrusion on Americans' most cherished freedoms. But as a stalwart leader in the fight for religious liberty and respect for conscience, your appointment as Attorney General marks the beginning of a new era in our country and makes you the ideal person to address this important gathering. We anticipate having close to 500 people in attendance.

We will, of course, cover your expenses and provide you with an honorarium and a suite at the Ritz-Carlton for the duration of your stay (to the extent permitted by law).

Please let us know if you have any questions. Our Event Director, Johanna Seiter, is available by email at (b)(6)@ADFlegal.org, or by telephone at (b)(6).

Thank you for considering this invitation and for your friendship over the years. We are very grateful for you, and are routinely in prayer for you as you faithfully carry out your new role.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Michael P. Farris'.

Michael Farris
President, CEO, and General Counsel
Alliance Defending Freedom

Tucker, Rachael (OAG)

From: Tucker, Rachael (OAG)
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 11:07 AM
To: (b)(6)@ADFlegal.org
Subject: tomorrow
Attachments: tomorrow

From: Tucker, Rachael (OAG)
To: (b)(6) @ADLegal.org
Subject: tomorrow
Date: Monday, July 10, 2017 11:06:53 AM

Hey Kellie,

Can you give me a call when you get a chance? Thanks,

Rachael

Rachael Tucker
Counselor to the Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice
202.616.7740

Ehrsam, Lauren (OPA)

From: Ehrsam, Lauren (OPA)
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 1:26 PM
To: (b) (6)
Subject: RE: AG Sessions remarks

Hi Jeryl,

Thank you for your question. The Justice Department declines to comment, however, the speech was released July 13, 2017 and may be found here: <http://thefederalist.com/2017/07/13/heres-the-speech-jeff-sessions-delivered-to-christian-first-amendment-lawyers/>

Best regards,
Lauren

Lauren Ehrsam
Spokeswoman and Media Affairs Specialist
O: (202) 307-0046 C: (b) (6)

From: Jeryl Bier [mailto:(b) (6)]
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2017 10:14 PM
To: Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: AG Sessions remarks

When will the DOJ be posting AG Sessions remarks to the ADF on 7/11/17? If the remarks will not be posted, why not?

Thanks,
Jeryl Bier
Freelance Writer
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Text on What's App, Confide

Ehrsam, Lauren (OPA)

From: Ehrsam, Lauren (OPA)
Sent: Friday, July 14, 2017 6:22 PM
To: Press
Cc: Sutton, Sarah E. (OPA); Laco, Kelly (OPA)
Subject: Re: CBN News Request for Comment

Hi Mak,

Thank you for your question. We would refer you back to the, especially the parts on religious liberties.

Thank you!
Lauren

From: Martin, Mark [<mailto:mark.martin@cbn.org>]
Sent: Friday, July 14, 2017 4:08 PM
To: Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: CBN News Request for Comment

Hello,

CBN News of The Christian Broadcasting Network is doing a story on the controversy surrounding Attorney General Jeff Sessions' speech at Alliance Defending Freedom's Summit on Religious Liberty this week. We are requesting comment from Attorney General Sessions regarding the following statement issued by Richard Cohen, president of the Southern Poverty Law Center:

"It was inappropriate for Attorney General Sessions to lend his credibility to the group by appearing before it, and it was ironic that he would suggest that the rights of ADF sympathizers are under attack when the ADF is doing everything in its power to deny the equal protection of the laws to the LGBT community."

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Mark Martin
Reporter/Anchor
CBN News
The Christian Broadcasting Network

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Ehrsam, Lauren (OPA)

From: Ehrsam, Lauren (OPA)
Sent: Friday, July 14, 2017 6:20 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Cc: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Re: CBN News Request for Comment

Sounds good!

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 14, 2017, at 3:17 PM, Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

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

On Jul 14, 2017, at 6:16 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

(b) (5) So maybe we just point them back to the speech.

On Jul 14, 2017, at 5:54 PM, Ehrsam, Lauren (OPA) <lehram@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

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On Jul 14, 2017, at 2:25 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

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On Jul 14, 2017, at 5:06 PM, Ehrsam, Lauren (OPA) <lehram@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

Hi Sarah,

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Thank you,
Lauren

On Jul 14, 2017, at 2:00 PM, Press
<Press@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

Thanks!

From: Martin, Mark
[<mailto:mark.martin@cbn.org>]
Sent: Friday, July 14, 2017 4:08
PM
To: Press
<Press@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: CBN News Request
for Comment

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Prior, Ian (OPA)

From: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Sent: Friday, July 14, 2017 6:18 PM
To: Ehram, Lauren (OPA)
Cc: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Re: CBN News Request for Comment

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Ian D. Prior
Principal Deputy Director of Public Affairs
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On Jul 14, 2017, at 5:54 PM, Ehram, Lauren (OPA) <lehram@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

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Prior, Ian (OPA)

From: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Sent: Friday, July 14, 2017 5:05 PM
To: Ehram, Lauren (OPA)
Subject: RE: CBN News Request for Comment

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Ian D. Prior
Principal Deputy Director of Public Affairs
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From: Ehram, Lauren (OPA)
Sent: Friday, July 14, 2017 5:01 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Fwd: CBN News Request for Comment

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From: Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Date: July 14, 2017 at 2:00:29 PM PDT
To: "Ehram, Lauren (OPA)" <lehram@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: "Sutton, Sarah E. (OPA)" <sesutton@jmd.usdoj.gov>, "Laco, Kelly (OPA)" <klaco@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: FW: CBN News Request for Comment

Thanks!

From: Martin, Mark [<mailto:mark.martin@cbn.org>]
Sent: Friday, July 14, 2017 4:08 PM
To: Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: CBN News Request for Comment

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Ehrsam, Lauren (OPA)

From: Ehrsam, Lauren (OPA)
Sent: Friday, July 14, 2017 5:04 PM
To: Laco, Kelly (OPA); Sutton, Sarah E. (OPA)
Subject: Fwd: Media inquiry re. Sessions speech

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Ehrsam, Lauren (OPA)" <lehksam@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Date: July 14, 2017 at 2:03:19 PM PDT
To: "antonia.blumberg@huffpost.com" <antonia.blumberg@huffpost.com>
Subject: **Re: Media inquiry re. Sessions speech**

Yes, these are the remarks. The Department of Justice has no further comment.

On background, and off the record, the remarks were published like you would an oped.

Thank you,
Lauren

Lauren Ehrsam
Spokeswoman and Media Affairs Specialist
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Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 14, 2017, at 2:00 PM, Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

Thanks!

From: Antonia Blumberg [<mailto:antonia.blumberg@huffpost.com>]
Sent: Friday, July 14, 2017 4:29 PM
To: Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Media inquiry re. Sessions speech

Hi there,

I'm a reporter at HuffPost and am writing an article about Attorney General Jeff Sessions' speech to members of the Alliance Defending Freedom this week. The Federalist [published a transcript](#) of the speech -- can you confirm that this is the official transcript Sessions delivered to the group?

Thank you.

Antonia

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Antonia Blumberg
Reporter | HuffPost

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Prior, Ian (OPA)

From: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Sent: Friday, July 14, 2017 11:12 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: RE: I'm told DOJ did give Sessions speech to The Federalist

I literally just walked to your office to say the same thing

Ian D. Prior
Principal Deputy Director of Public Affairs
Office: 202.616.0911
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From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Friday, July 14, 2017 11:11 AM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Fwd: I'm told DOJ did give Sessions speech to The Federalist

This is getting fun.

Begin forwarded message:

From: Dominic Holden <dominic.holden@buzzfeed.com>
Date: July 14, 2017 at 10:48:12 AM EDT
To: "Prior, Ian (OPA)" <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>, "Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)" <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>
Subject: I'm told DOJ did give Sessions speech to The Federalist

Hi, Ian and Sarah.

I've been informed that the Justice Department did give Sessions's remarks to the ADF summit on July 11 to The Federalist.

A few questions:

Do Sessions or Justice Dept. officials deny having released the remarks to The Federalist?

Given my understanding that you did, why did you release the remarks only to a conservative media outlet and not to news outlets?

Why didn't you release it publicly, when the DARE speech and other events in closed-door settings were made public through official channels?

Did Sessions say anything in his remarks that are not in the prepared remarks published by The Federalist?

If you want to talk on the phone, I'm here for you. And I'm always happy to chat on background or off the record as needed. I just want to get the story right. My cell: (b) (6)

Thank you.

Dominic

Dominic Holden | Political Reporter | **BuzzFeed**
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Ehrsam, Lauren (OPA)

From: Ehrsam, Lauren (OPA)
Sent: Friday, July 14, 2017 11:11 AM
To: Sutton, Sarah E. (OPA); Laco, Kelly (OPA)
Subject: FW: Seeking info on AGs remarks to ADF

From: Ehrsam, Lauren (OPA)
Sent: Friday, July 14, 2017 11:11 AM
To: 'cjohnson@washblade.com' <cjohnson@washblade.com>
Subject: RE: Seeking info on AGs remarks to ADF

Hi Chris,

Thank you for your question. We are able to confirm that they are his remarks and accurate. The Department of Justice has no further comment.

Thank you,
Lauren

From: Chris Johnson [<mailto:cjohnson@washblade.com>]
Sent: Friday, July 14, 2017 9:32 AM
To: Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Seeking info on AGs remarks to ADF

Greetings!

The Federalist has posted remarks attributed to the attorney general during his appearance at the Alliance Defending Freedom summit. Can you confirm they're accurate?

If so, the attorney general said DOJ guidance on religious freedom is forthcoming. Do you have any information about the timing or nature of this guidance?

Thanks.

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Chris Johnson
Washington Blade
Chief Political & White House Reporter
Follow me on Twitter:
<https://twitter.com/chrisjohnson82>

Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Friday, July 14, 2017 10:16 AM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: Re: AG's remarks at Tuesday's ADF event

Perfect

On Jul 14, 2017, at 10:09 AM, Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

Let's start responding in gifs

<https://giphy.com/gifs/C4V08pAw6f1eM>

Ian D. Prior
Principal Deputy Director of Public Affairs
Office: 202.616.0911
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On Jul 14, 2017, at 10:07 AM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

Lol

Begin forwarded message:

From: Alex Amend <alex.amend@splcenter.org>
Date: July 14, 2017 at 9:39:44 AM EDT
To: "Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov"
<Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: AG's remarks at Tuesday's ADF event

Good morning,

I'm writing from the Southern Poverty Law Center and would like to ask for comment on how and when the DOJ decided to publish the Attorney General's prepared remarks at The Federalist.

When did the DOJ decide to publish the Attorney General's remarks at The Federalist? What was the arrangement? Any clarification would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you,
Alex

Alex Amend

Director of Research, Intelligence Project
Southern Poverty Law Center

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Creighton, Kelly M (OPA)

From: Creighton, Kelly M (OPA)
Sent: Friday, July 14, 2017 8:45 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA); Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: RE: Alliance Defending Freedom

I think this will work. There may be some pushback because the remarks are not on a ".gov" site, but hopefully, this will help OIP clear out the requests.

Thanks!

KC

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2017 7:14 PM
To: Creighton, Kelly M (OPA) <kcreighton@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Alliance Defending Freedom

Posted! <http://thefederalist.com/2017/07/13/heres-the-speech-jeff-sessions-delivered-to-christian-first-amendment-lawyers/#.WWfKfD7wHHo.twitter>

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: Creighton, Kelly M (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2017 1:34 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Alliance Defending Freedom

Are we releasing/posting the remarks from this event? OIP has received about a dozen requests for the prepared remarks.

Thanks.

Kelly Creighton
Office Manager
Office of Public Affairs
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Room 1321
Washington, DC 20530
p 202.353.1847
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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2017 7:09 PM
To: Williams, Pete (NBCUniversal)
Subject: ADF

<http://thefederalist.com/2017/07/13/heres-the-speech-jeff-sessions-delivered-to-christian-first-amendment-lawyers/#.WWfKfD7wHHo.twitter>

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Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2017 6:11 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: Re: Sessions comment to ADF in The Federalist?

Yeah. (b) (5)

On Jul 13, 2017, at 6:08 PM, Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

He already wrote his hit piece: https://www.buzzfeed.com/dominicholden/jeff-sessions-speech-religious-freedom?utm_term=.wf6xp25JAp#wrRWl5Y6E1

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Ian D. Prior
Principal Deputy Director of Public Affairs
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From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2017 6:07 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Sessions comment to ADF in The Federalist?

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Dominic Holden <dominic.holden@buzzfeed.com>
Date: July 13, 2017 at 3:36:55 PM EDT
To: "Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)" <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>, "Prior, Ian (OPA)" <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>
Subject: Sessions comment to ADF in The Federalist?

Are these the full complete remarks? And was this released by your office to The Federalist?

<http://thefederalist.com/2017/07/13/heres-the-speech-jeff-sessions-delivered-to-christian-first-amendment-lawyers/#.WWfKfD7wHHo.twitter>

Dominic Holden | Political Reporter | **BuzzFeed**

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Prior, Ian (OPA)

From: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2017 6:09 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: RE: Sessions comment to ADF in The Federalist?

No sh*t Sherlock

However, a person familiar with the situation told BuzzFeed News that the Justice Department had provided the remarks to The Federalist.

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

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2017 6:07 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Sessions comment to ADF in The Federalist?

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Prior, Ian (OPA)

From: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2017 5:29 PM
To: Horwitz, Sari
Subject: adf

<http://thefederalist.com/2017/07/13/heres-the-speech-jeff-sessions-delivered-to-christian-first-amendment-lawyers/>

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

Prior, Ian (OPA)

From: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2017 5:28 PM
To: Kelly Cohen
Cc: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: RE: AG's ADF remarks

Not at this time

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

From: Kelly Cohen [mailto:kcohen@washingtonexaminer.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2017 5:01 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: AG's ADF remarks

thank you thank you. do either of have anything more to add about the religious guidance the AG talked about?

and happy almost friday!

kelly cohen
justice reporter, washington examiner

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On Thu, Jul 13, 2017 at 4:37 PM, Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov> wrote:

confirmed

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

From: Kelly Cohen [mailto:kcohen@washingtonexaminer.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2017 4:36 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: AG's ADF remarks

Hi guys, Can you confirm to me that these are the Attorney General's remarks as given on Tuesday to ADF?
Thanks! <http://thefederalist.com/2017/07/13/heres-the-speech-jeff-sessions-delivered-to-christian-first-amendment-lawyers/>

kelly cohen

justice reporter, washington examiner

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Prior, Ian (OPA)

From: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2017 5:16 PM
To: Neuhauser, Alan
Subject: RE: Sessions' Remarks to Alliance Defending Freedom

Accurate.

I do not know on the second

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

From: Neuhauser, Alan [mailto:ANeuhauser@usnews.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2017 4:54 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Sessions' Remarks to Alliance Defending Freedom

Hi Ian,

It looks like The Federalist has a copy of the attorney general's remarks to the Alliance Defending Freedom on July 11. We're not planning a story on this, but can you confirm that these look accurate?

If they are accurate, in the remarks, the attorney general mentions that the Justice Department "is finalizing the guidance" on religious liberty protections and that he expects "I will soon issue it." Do you know when those might be issued?

Thank you very much.

Best,
Alan

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Alan Neuhauser
Reporter | U.S. News & World Report
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Prior, Ian (OPA)

From: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2017 5:16 PM
To: Ehram, Lauren (OPA)
Subject: RE: Confirm Speech given by AG Sessions to Alliance Defending Freedom

On background, we published it on the Federalist – like you would an op-ed

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

From: Ehram, Lauren (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2017 4:49 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Confirm Speech given by AG Sessions to Alliance Defending Freedom

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Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Rafi Schwartz <rafi.schwartz@fusion.net>
Date: July 13, 2017 at 4:46:28 PM EDT
To: "Ehram, Lauren (OPA)" <Lauren.Ehram@usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: Confirm Speech given by AG Sessions to Alliance Defending Freedom

Hi Lauren,

Thanks so much for the quick reply! Do you have any idea how the speech made it to The Federalist, and did the DOJ have any plans to release the transcript themselves at any point?

Best,
-Rafi

On Thu, Jul 13, 2017 at 4:39 PM, Ehram, Lauren (OPA) <Lauren.Ehram@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Yes.

Thank you,
Lauren

Lauren Ehram

Spokeswoman and Media Affairs Specialist

O: (202) 307-0046 C: (b) (6)

Sent from my iPhone

From: Rafi Schwartz [mailto:]

Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2017 3:50 PM

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

Subject: Confirm Speech given by AG Sessions to Alliance Defending Freedom

Hello,

My name is Rafi Schwartz, and I'm a reporter with Fusion.

Can the DOJ confirm the following is the speech delivered by AG Sessions at an Alliance Defending Freedom event on July 11?

Thank you.

<http://thefederalist.com/2017/07/13/heres-the-speech-jeff-sessions-delivered-to-christian-first-amendment-lawyers/#.WWfKfD7wHHo.twitter>

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Prior, Ian (OPA)

From: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2017 4:19 PM
To: Ehram, Lauren (OPA)
Subject: Re: Confirm Speech given by AG Sessions to Alliance Defending Freedom

Yes

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

On Jul 13, 2017, at 4:17 PM, Ehram, Lauren (OPA) <lehram@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

May I confirm?

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From: Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Date: July 13, 2017 at 4:15:42 PM EDT
To: "Ehram, Lauren (OPA)" <lehram@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: "Laco, Kelly (OPA)" <klaco@jmd.usdoj.gov>, "Sutton, Sarah E. (OPA)" <sesutton@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: FW: Confirm Speech given by AG Sessions to Alliance Defending Freedom

Thanks,
Theresa

From: Rafi Schwartz [<mailto:rafi.schwartz@fusion.net>]
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2017 3:50 PM
To: Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Confirm Speech given by AG Sessions to Alliance Defending Freedom

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Prior, Ian (OPA)

From: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2017 3:58 PM
To: Jarrett, Laura
Cc: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Re: Is this for real/accurate?

Yes

Ian D. Prior
Principal Deputy Director of Public Affairs
Office: 202.616.0911
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On Jul 13, 2017, at 3:57 PM, Jarrett, Laura <Laura.Jarrett@turner.com> wrote:

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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2017 3:31 PM
To: M.Z. Hemingway
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: Re: go for it--send me and ian the link when its up

Ian let's get this to folks who asked

On Jul 13, 2017, at 3:10 PM, M.Z. Hemingway (b) (6) > wrote:

UP: <http://thefederalist.com/2017/07/13/heres-the-speech-jeff-sessions-delivered-to-christian-first-amendment-lawyers/>

On Thu, Jul 13, 2017 at 11:25 AM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
<Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Remarks of the Attorney General to the Alliance Defending Freedom

July 11, 2017

Remarks as prepared for delivery

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Sarah Isgur Flores

Director of Public Affairs

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From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2017 2:28 PM
To: Howard Koplowitz
Subject: RE: Remarks to Alliance Defending Freedom

Off the record: We don't traditionally ever send out remarks from events closed press. Oftentimes the remarks themselves are more bullets or short hand and therefore there's nothing formal to send. In this case, we are publishing his remarks with the federalist. I expect they'll have it up shortly.

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From: Howard Koplowitz [mailto:HKoplowitz@al.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2017 2:14 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Remarks to Alliance Defending Freedom

Hi Sarah,

Are those remarks going to be publicly released? And if not, what's the reasoning for not releasing? Thanks.

Best,

Howard Koplowitz

Reporter



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From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2017 2:24 PM
To: Brand, Rachel (OASG); Tucker, Rachael (OAG); Hunt, Jody (OAG)
Cc: Crowell, James (ODAG); Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: ADF remarks

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To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA); Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: adf edits in the car

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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2017 4:45 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: Re: Alliance Defending Freedom event

I can't believe that headline. What a joke for a group that has had 50 cases before the Supreme Court.

On Jul 12, 2017, at 1:37 PM, Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

<http://abcnews.go.com/Politics/jeff-sessions-addresses-anti-lgbt-hate-group-doj/story?id=48593488>

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Here are the requests now:

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Laura Jarrett
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Buzzfeed
Blade

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

Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2017 4:13 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: Alliance Defending Freedom event

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On Jul 12, 2017, at 1:04 PM, Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Jarrett, Laura" <Laura.Jarrett@turner.com>
Date: July 12, 2017 at 4:03:04 PM EDT
To: "Prior, Ian (OPA)" <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>
Subject: Alliance Defending Freedom event

I know we talked about this yesterday, but just wanted to circle back and double check you guys are sure you don't want to release Sessions' remarks to the Alliance Defending Freedom group, or even provide a readout of what happened?

I have to do something on it given that the group has cases in front of SCOTUS and just want to make sure.

Thanks.

From: USDOJ-Office of Public Affairs (SMO)
<<mailto:USDOJ-Office.of.Public.Affairs@usdoj.gov>>
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2017 11:29 AM
To: USDOJ-Office of Public Affairs (SMO) <USDOJ-Office.of.Public.Affairs@usdoj.gov>
Subject: DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE PRESS GUIDANCE FOR JULY 11, 2017

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PRESS GUIDANCE

Tuesday, July 11, 2017

ATTORNEY GENERAL

1:30 p.m. CDT

Attorney General Jeff Sessions will travel to Dallas, Texas, to give remarks at the 30th

D.A.R.E. International
Training Conference
about the opioid epidemic.
Gaylord Texan Resort &
Convention Center
1501 Gaylord Trail
Grapevine, Texas 76051
OPEN PRESS

5:30 p.m. PDT

Attorney General Jeff
Sessions will give remarks
at the Alliance Defending
Freedom: Summit on
Religious Liberty.
Orange County, CA
CLOSED PRESS

PRESS RELEASES

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

The Antitrust Division will issue one press release today.
(Abueg)

The Criminal Division will issue three press releases today.
(Hornbuckle)

EVENTS/HEARINGS

There are no scheduled public events

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O'Malley, Devin (OPA)

From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2017 4:44 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Dana Point
Attachments: speech 7-12-17.docx; ATT00001.txt

INTRO:

Ladies and gentlemen. Tonight we have with us a true champion of the Constitution of the United States. And a man that does not shrink back from defending every one of the Bill of Rights. We are particularly pleased of course at Alliance Defending Freedom and our allied organizations that we have a man that understands, believes in and defends the First Amendment of the United States Constitution. Our speaker tonight has an exemplary public record, and rather than detail that for you, I will let the man speak for himself. It is our great honor, our esteemed privilege to welcome tonight the 84th Attorney General of the United States, The Honorable Jeff Sessions.

[Applause]

SESSIONS:

Thank you.

Wow.

Thank you all.

Great.

Thank you. Please. Thank you.

Thank you a lot.

Thank you.

This is great. You have made my day. I was kind of getting worn down, now I feel a lot better. Such a fabulous group. And Mike, I just salute you and the accomplishments you and all of you have been involved in over these years since I guess 1993 and have become a force really, an intellectual powerhouse that's impacting our country, and I appreciate what you do. You contribute to making this country better. I had the experience on the armed services committee that travels around the world a lot as we tried to help countries to form good governments and write them constitutions and hand it to them, but it didn't work so well. It hasn't worked so well. We have an incredibly unique _____, a treasure of intellectual and legal strength that has benefitted this country in ways almost unimaginable.

A lot of it we inherited, we inherited those traditions. We had jury trials before there was a United States government. We had parliament or something like that in our colonies, and so we were used to a lot of those things. So we built on them, but I guess you just don't walk in and give somebody this kind of thing and have them understand it when their entire cultural and legal tradition has been quite different. We've been blessed. A lot of it's not to our credit, we've just been blessed. The First Amendment is really one of the most important parts of that great Constitution that we all revere so much. I would like to share a few thoughts to you about where I think we are in Washington. I don't pretend to try to answer all the questions that some of you who are esteemed scholars have spent extraordinary amounts of time studying, but I love our Constitution. I believe in the right to free expression of religious faith, and we'll see where we're going. Hopefully we'll make some progress in the next few years.

[Applause]

SESSIONS: Of course your clients vary a lot from pastors to nuns to geologists, all of whom benefit from your legal work because religious liberty and respect for religion have strengthened our country, I believe, from the beginning. In fact it was largely in order to protect and enjoy these rights that this country was set on and founded in the first place, as those in this room, the scholars that you are, know. Some of our people that came to our country early on had religious notions and other notions that the establishment of the day couldn't put up with. I have called, have said with great affection, there were some religious nuts in this group that came here. But I mean it with affection and admiration. They would not yield. They would not give in, and they chose to move rather than having their right to worship as they chose curtailed. So our concepts of religious freedom came to us through the development of the western heritage of faith and reason. In America, Madison and Jefferson advanced those concepts particularly. Their victory was to declare religious freedom to be a matter of conscience inherent in each individual. Not as a matter of toleration granted from the top down, but inherent in the people up. Gary Wills said it that that argument for the Virginia Declaration of Freedom of religious freedom that they wrote represents today the single best articulation of religious freedom ever written. So this is what we're talking about, it's a powerful, fierce defense of religious freedom of conscience and the ability of the mind to make its own decisions. So I propose that in America, our understanding of religious freedom can only be understood in that heritage and within that heritage. Our founders wisely recognized that religion is not an accident of history or a passing circumstance. It is a core part of the human experience, and it is as close to a uniform, universal phenomenon as any. Each one of us considers with awe the stars in the sky and the moral code within our hearts.

Even today in a rapidly changing world, a majority of the American people _____ that religion is very important in their lives. The founding fathers respected religion. They respected it as a reality. Not as some vague concept or some value. Within this insight into human nature, they took care to reserve a permanent place for religion in America. And that space is the very first line of our Bill of Rights. And not just that line. Twelve of the thirteen colonies authored state constitutions that protected the free exercise of religion. Six of the thirteen states had established churches, but almost every state made accommodations for religious minorities like Quakers or _____. They did not insist that all follow the same doctrines or be a part of the same religious church. Every state constitution at the time of our founding, and now, mentions God. Our first president, George Washington, called for a national day of prayer, and he wrote to a Jewish congregation in Rhode Island that in America, all _____ possess a light, liberty of conscience. In his farewell address, President Washington called religion the indispensable support of political prosperity and a great pillar of human happiness. He warned, "Let us with caution indulge the supposition that morality can be maintained without religion. Reason and experience both forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principle."

So I think that was an important concept. And I think, as you look at the development of the American governmental system, it seems to me that a big part of what they conceived, was that good government was a search for truth. And they set up systems that would advance the search for truth. And they believed inherently that there was a truth, an objective truth that could be ascertained, not easily all the time, but could be ascertained and that we should seek that truth. And once we obtain truth, then we can make good decisions that would be good for the country, and you had therefore jury trials with cross-examination and unbiased jurors define the truth. You has legislative bodies with the right to free speech and the right of speech at assembly, and debate and so forth in our country. And it was all, I think, working on that supposition. So I do wonder sometimes whether or not without a belief in an

orderly, ordered, created universe, without a belief in objective truth, maybe our country will have more difficulties will have more difficulties than some people imagine in the future.

Thomas Jefferson did not mention on his tombstone that he had served as president. He named the _____ that as his accomplishments, that he had founded the University of Virginia, authored the Declaration of Independence and authored the Statute of Religious Freedom in Virginia. That's what he claimed _____ or wanted to be known for. So this national commitment to religious freedom has continued throughout our history, and it has remained just as important to our prosperity and unity ever since. When de Tocqueville visited this country he noted, "In France, I had almost always seen the spirit of religion and the spirit of freedom marching in opposite directions. Freedom and religion, opposite directions. But in America, I've found they were imminently united, and that they reigned in common over the same country." I thought that was a good insight, and I think, to some degree, it's correct.

And of course it was faith that inspired Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to march and to strive to make this country stronger. This was a religious movement that he led. It was faith that was driving it, and a faith, really, that truth would overcome. And truth would win out if it were properly told. He said that we "must not seek to solve the problem of segregation merely for political reasons, but in the final analysis, we must get rid of segregation because it is sinful." It undermined the promises he described that each individual has certain basic rights that are neither derived from nor conferred by the state. They are gifts from the hands of Almighty God.

[Applause]

I think that's so American. I like that so much, so I'm glad you do too. So our freedom as citizens has always been inextricably linked with our religious freedom as a people. It has protected both the freedom to worship and the freedom not to believe if that's your choice. To an amazing degree, the value of religion is totally missed by so many people today. In this Washington beltway, I can tell you more than most places. The inside-the-beltway crowd has no idea how much good is being done in this country every day by our faith communities.

[Applause]

As a group of business men, my home town _____ some of the best people in the entire city, they meet at 6 o'clock once a week to pray and study. This is not a bad thing, is it? I think it's a good thing. So at churches and _____ teach right behavior and law, they give purpose to life, they support an orderly society, they support lawfulness, personal discipline, comforting the sick, supporting families, giving support to those in need. They are there at birth and death. Government's going to fill that role? I don't think so.

[Applause]

The cultural climate has become less hospitable to people of faith and to religious belief, and in recent years, many Americans have felt that their freedom to practice and express their faith has been under attack. The feeling is understandable. Just last year, a Harvard Law professor publicly urged judges to "take aggressively liberal positions. The culture war is over. They lost. We won. Taking a hard line is better than trying to accommodate the losers." Now how about that. So I think we do have some opponents out there. People who don't share the great heritage we've been given. And a lot of people are concerned about what this changing cultural climate means for the future of religious liberty in our

country as I know you are. The challenges our nation faces today concerning our historic First Amendment right to the free exercise of our faith has become acute. I believe that this recent election was significantly impacted by this concern, and that this motivated many voters. President Trump made a promise that was heard. In substance, he said he respected people of faith, and he promised to protect them in the free exercise of their faith.

[Applause]

And I think he was well received by a lot of people. How then should we deal with this matter? America has never thought itself to be a theocracy. I know you don't believe that. Our founders, at least the most articulate of them, believed our government existed as a protector of religious rights for Americans, rights that were essential to being a created human being. The government did not exist to promote religious doctrine or to take sides in religious disputes that had, they well knew, caused wars and death in Europe. Nor was it the government's role to _____ the _____, as Bill Buckley said, to make a heaven on earth. The government's role was to provide the great secular structure that would provide and protect the rights of all citizens to fulfill their duty to relate to God as their conscience dictated and to guarantee the citizens' rights to exercise their faith. The government would not take sides and would not get between God and man. Religious rights were natural rights not subject to government infringement as the Virginia Assembly once so eloquently declared.

Any review of our nation's policies must understand this powerful constraint on government, and recognize its soundness. Yet, this understanding, in no way, can be held to contend that the government should be hostile to people of faith and is obligated to somehow deprive public life of all religious expression. In all of this litigation and debate, this Department of Justice, if the Lord allows me to continue, will never allow this secular government of ours to _____ institution of religious faith, to demand that sincere religious beliefs be abandoned.

[Applause]

We will not require American citizens to give intellectual ascent to doctrines that are contrary to their religious beliefs.

[Applause]

And they must be allowed to exercise those beliefs as the First Amendment guarantees. We will defend freedom of conscience resolutely that that—

[Applause]

Those rights are unalienable. That is our heritage, and we will defend it. Since he was elected, President Trump has been an unwavering defender of religious liberty. He's promised under the Trump administration "The federal government will never ever penalize any person for their protected religious beliefs."

[Applause]

And he is fulfilling that promise. First, President Trump appointed an outstanding Supreme Court Justice in Justice Neil Gorsuch.

[Applause]

I thought you would agree.

[Laughter]

So I've had confidence that he'll be faithful to the full meaning of the First Amendment and protect the rights of all Americans. The President has also directed me to issue a guidance on how to apply federal religious liberty protections. The Department is finalizing and still working on this guidance. I will soon issue it to the best of my ability. But—

[Applause]

You know. You don't just waltz into this thing and write up a guidance in a couple of weeks you know. It's a rather serious matter when it gets down to it.

[Laughter]

It's good for your humility to think about it honestly, actually. So this guidance will also help agencies follow the religious freedom restoration act Congress passed RFRA so that if the federal government imposes a burden on somebody's religious practice, it better have a compelling reason. That is a demanding standard, and it is the law of the land. We will follow it just as faithfully as we follow other federal laws. If we're going to ensure that religious liberty is adequately protected and our country remains free, then we must ensure that RFRA is fully followed. Under this administration, religious Americans will be treated neither as an afterthought nor as a problem to be managed.

[Applause]

The federal government will actively find ways to accommodate people and their faiths. The protections enshrined in the Constitution and our laws protect all Americans including when we work together, speak in the public square and when we interact with our government. We don't waive our constitutional rights when we participate fully in the public life and civic society.

[Applause]

We don't take off your First Amendment free exercise of religion when you go to the city hall to complain, in my view, you still have those rights. So this administration, and the upcoming guidance will be animated by that same American view that has led us for 241 years that every American has the right to believe, to worship and to exercise their faith. It has served this country well, and it has made us not only one of the most tolerant countries in the world, it has also helped make us the freest, most generous and most religious _____ country. Thank you all for what you do. God bless you. We will strive to be worthy of the responsibilities that we have. Thank you.

[Applause]

Prior, Ian (OPA)

From: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2017 4:36 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: RE: Alliance Defending Freedom event

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From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2017 4:33 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: Alliance Defending Freedom event

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Prior, Ian (OPA)

From: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2017 1:19 PM
To: Ehram, Lauren (OPA)
Subject: Re: Pete Madden / ABC News / Remarks from Alliance Defending Freedom

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On Jul 12, 2017, at 1:17 PM, Ehram, Lauren (OPA) <lehram@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Ross, Theresa M. (OPA)" <tmross@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Date: July 12, 2017 at 12:53:54 PM EDT
To: "Ehram, Lauren (OPA)" <lehram@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: **Pete Madden / ABC News / Remarks from Alliance Defending Freedom**

Hey Lauren,

This is the ABC News reporter that is asking for a copy of the AG's remarks last night. It sounds like from talking with him that you confirmed the speech took place and he reached back out to you with more questions. Just wanted to let you know he called to follow up on his questions.

Pete Madden
Pete.a.madden@abc.com

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Thanks!

Theresa Ross
Office of Public Affairs
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

Prior, Ian (OPA)

From: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2017 1:04 PM
To: Sofia Resnick
Subject: Re: PRESS QUESTION

No prob. It happens!

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On Jul 12, 2017, at 1:02 PM, Sofia Resnick <resnick.sofia@rewire.news> wrote:

Sorry, Ian! I was just forwarding that along to an editor. Please disregard.

Thank you!
Sofia

On Wed, Jul 12, 2017 at 12:55 PM, Sofia Resnick <resnick.sofia@rewire.news> wrote:
For fact-checking purposes for my story about Sessions' speech at the ADF summit.

Thanks!
Sofia

On Tue, Jul 11, 2017 at 2:25 PM, Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov> wrote:
Nothing further to add. As it's closed press, remarks will not be sent out

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On Jul 11, 2017, at 2:24 PM, Sofia Resnick <resnick.sofia@rewire.news> wrote:

Hi, Ian,

I'm a reporter for *Rewire*. Is there any information you can share with me about today's Alliance Defending Freedom Summit on Religious Liberty, which Attorney General Jeff Sessions is scheduled to speak at at 5:30pm PT? Any info about the summit, who's speaking, etc?

I understand the summit is closed to the press, but will Mr. Sessions' remarks be made public afterwards?

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Thanks so much,
Sofia

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From: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2017 12:00 PM
To: Ehram, Lauren (OPA)
Cc: Pettit, Mark T. (OPA)
Subject: Re: NBC News request: Sessions ADF speech (due asap)

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> On Jul 12, 2017, at 11:58 AM, Ehram, Lauren (OPA) <lehram@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:
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> +Pettit -Abueg
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Press
> Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2017 11:43 AM
> To: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
> Cc: Ehram, Lauren (OPA) <lehram@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Abueg, Mark (OPA) <mabueg@jmd.usdoj.gov>
> Subject: FW: NBC News request: Sessions ADF speech (due asap)
>
> Thanks! -Emajae'
>
> -----Original Message-----
> From: OHara, Mary Emily (NBCUniversal) [mailto:MaryEmily.OHara@nbcuni.com]
> Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2017 11:35 AM
> To: Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov>; **(b) (6)**
> Subject: NBC News request: Sessions ADF speech (due asap)
>
> I'm covering Attorney General Sessions' speech at the Alliance Defending Freedom summit last night for NBC News.
>
> Is there a transcript of the speech? Can DOJ comment on the public outcry over the AG speaking at an event organized by ADF, which was designated a hate group by Southern Poverty Law Center?
>
> Thanks,
> Mary
>
>
> Sent from my iPhone

Prior, Ian (OPA)

From: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2017 11:44 AM
To: Ehram, Lauren (OPA)
Cc: Pettit, Mark T. (OPA)
Subject: Re: ABC News Inquiry

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On Jul 12, 2017, at 11:43 AM, Ehram, Lauren (OPA) <lehram@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

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From: Madden, Pete A. [<mailto:Pete.A.Madden@abc.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2017 11:08 AM
To: Ehram, Lauren (OPA) <lehram@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: ABC News Inquiry

Thanks, Lauren. Can you provide us with a copy of his remarks?

From: "Ehram, Lauren (OPA)" <Lauren.Ehram@usdoj.gov>
Date: Wednesday, July 12, 2017 at 11:04 AM
To: "Madden, Pete A." <Pete.A.Madden@disney.com>
Subject: RE: ABC News Inquiry

Hi Pete,

Thank you for your question. I can confirm that he addressed the Alliance Defending Freedom in California last night.

Thank you,
Lauren

Lauren Ehram
Spokeswoman and Media Affairs Specialist
O: (202) 307-0046 C: (b) (6)

From: Madden, Pete A. [<mailto:Pete.A.Madden@abc.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2017 9:45 AM

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

Subject: ABC News Inquiry

Hello,

My name is Pete Madden, and I'm a reporter for ABC News. I'm reaching out to confirm that Attorney General Jeff Sessions addressed members of the Alliance Defending Freedom in California last night and to request a copy of his remarks. I can be reached here or at (b) (6)

Thanks for your help,
Pete

Pete Madden // Brian Ross Unit // pete.a.madden@abc.com // [@pamadden](#)

Ehrsam, Lauren (OPA)

From: Ehrsam, Lauren (OPA)
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2017 11:03 AM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA); Press
Cc: Pettit, Mark T. (OPA)
Subject: RE: ABC News Inquiry

Will do.

From: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2017 11:02 AM
To: Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Ehrsam, Lauren (OPA) <lehram@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Pettit, Mark T. (OPA) <mtpettit@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: ABC News Inquiry

Lauren,

Please confirm and that's it

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On Jul 12, 2017, at 11:00 AM, Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

Thanks! –Emajae'

From: Madden, Pete A. [<mailto:Pete.A.Madden@abc.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2017 9:45 AM
To: Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: ABC News Inquiry

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Prior, Ian (OPA)

From: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2017 6:25 PM
To: cjohnson@washblade.com
Subject: FW: Seeking comment on ADF speech

Chris,

On first question I can confirm.

Decline comment on second.

Thx

Ian D. Prior
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From: Chris Johnson [<mailto:cjohnson@washblade.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2017 4:29 PM
To: Blazucki, Sarah J. (OJP) <Sarah.J.Blazucki@ojp.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Seeking comment on ADF speech

Sarah,

I saw an AP report Sen. Sessions is set to speak today at event for Alliance Defending Freedom. Can you confirm that for me?

If so, what will be the nature of his remarks? Should it signify his support for litigation before SCOTUS filed by ADF on behalf of the Masterpiece Cakeshop case?

Thanks.

--
Chris Johnson
Washington Blade
Chief Political & White House Reporter
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Prior, Ian (OPA)

From: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2017 2:13 PM
To: Dominic Holden
Subject: Re: Sessions at ADF summit?

Decline comment

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On Jul 11, 2017, at 2:08 PM, Dominic Holden <dominic.holden@buzzfeed.com> wrote:

Hey, Ian.

I'm curious about Sessions speaking tonight at the Alliance Defending Freedom summit. How'd did that come about, what's his goal in speaking there, and what will he talk about?

Given that ADF has cases before federal courts, including some slated for SCOTUS, Sessions's support for the organization in his official capacity raises questions about whether Justice Department now plans to back ADF in its litigation going forward. Is that what Sessions is signaling here?

Happy to talk on background if you prefer. On my cell: (b) (6)

Dominic

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From: USDOJ-Office of Public Affairs (SMO)
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2017 11:28 AM
To: USDOJ-Office of Public Affairs (SMO)
Subject: DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE PRESS GUIDANCE FOR JULY 11, 2017



Department of Justice

PRESS GUIDANCE

Tuesday, July 11, 2017

ATTORNEY GENERAL

- 1:30 p.m. CDT Attorney General Jeff Sessions will travel to Dallas, Texas, to give remarks at the 30th D.A.R.E. International Training Conference about the opioid epidemic.
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There are no scheduled public events

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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2017 11:25 AM
To: Tucker, Rachael (OAG)
Subject: Fwd: adf

Where we are right now. He hasn't engaged on this draft yet.

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Stafford, Steven (OPA)

From: Stafford, Steven (OPA)
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2017 11:22 AM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Cc: Laco, Kelly (OPA); Pettit, Mark T. (OPA); O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Subject: Re: *** SENDING IN 5 *** DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE PRESS GUIDANCE FOR JULY 11, 2017
Attachments: image001.jpg; image002.png

I don't have any information

On Jul 11, 2017, at 10:52 AM, Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

Devin will know

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From: Laco, Kelly (OPA)
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2017 10:52 AM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Pettit, Mark T. (OPA) <mtpettit@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Stafford, Steven (OPA) <sstafford@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: *** SENDING IN 5 *** DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE PRESS GUIDANCE FOR JULY 11, 2017

I don't have.

From: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2017 10:49 AM
To: Pettit, Mark T. (OPA) <mtpettit@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Laco, Kelly (OPA) <klaco@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Stafford, Steven (OPA) <sstafford@jmd.usdoj.gov>
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Kelly do you have? I don't.

Maybe Steve has some details?

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Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2017 10:48 AM

To: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: *** SENDING IN 5 *** DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE PRESS GUIDANCE FOR JULY 11, 2017

Could you ship me the info for the ADF I don't think that came across my desk.

Mark T. Pettit
Confidential Assistant
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From: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2017 10:40 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Pettit, Mark T. (OPA) <mtpettit@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: *** SENDING IN 5 *** DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE PRESS GUIDANCE FOR JULY 11, 2017

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From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2017 10:39 AM
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Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: *** SENDING IN 5 *** DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE PRESS GUIDANCE FOR JULY 11, 2017

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On Jul 11, 2017, at 9:38 AM, Pettit, Mark T. (OPA) <mtpettit@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

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Prior, Ian (OPA)

From: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2017 11:17 AM
To: Pettit, Mark T. (OPA)
Subject: Re: how does this look?
Attachments: image001.jpg; image002.png

Think that's fine but send it around again with a five min warning

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

On Jul 11, 2017, at 11:15 AM, Pettit, Mark T. (OPA) <mtpettit@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2017 10:56 AM
To: Parker, Susan (USATXN)
Subject: Fwd: adf

Remarks of the Attorney General to the Alliance Defending Freedom

July 11, 2017

Thank you for that introduction.

And thank you for the important work that you do every day to uphold and protect the right to religious liberty in this country. This is especially true today.

While your clients vary from pastors to nuns to geologists, all of us benefit from that good work—because religious liberty and respect for religion have strengthened this country from the beginning.

In fact it was largely in order to protect this right that this country was settled and founded in the first place as those in this room especially know.

Our concepts of religious freedom came to us through the Western heritage of faith and reason. In America, Madison and Jefferson advanced those concepts. Their victory was to declare religious freedom to be a matter of conscience inherent in each individual, not as a matter of toleration granted from the top. I propose that in America our understanding of religious freedom can only be understood within that heritage.

Our Founders wisely recognized that religion is not an accident of history or a passing circumstance. It is at the core of the human experience, and as close to a universal phenomenon as any. Each one of us looks with awe at the stars in the sky and at the moral code within our hearts. Even today, in a rapidly changing world, a majority of the American people still tell Gallup that religion is “very important” in their lives.

With this insight into human nature, our Founders took care to reserve a permanent space for freedom of religion in America. That space is the very first line of the Bill of Rights.

And not just that line. Twelve of the thirteen colonies authored state constitutions that protected the free exercise of religion. Six of the original 13 states had established churches, but almost every state made accommodations for religious minorities like Quakers or Mennonites. They did not insist on or accept the same doctrines. Every state constitution at the time of our Founding—and now—mentions God.

Our first president, George Washington, called for a national day of prayer. And he wrote to a Jewish congregation in Rhode Island that in America, “all possess alike liberty of conscience.”

In his farewell address, President Washington famously called religion the “indispensable support of political prosperity [and a] great pillar of human happiness.” He warned, “let us with caution indulge the supposition that morality can be maintained without religion...Reason and experience both forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principle.”

And Thomas Jefferson did not mention on his tombstone that he had served as president. That wasn't what he was most proud of. He was much more proud of three accomplishments: that he had founded the University of Virginia, authored the Declaration of Independence, and authored the statute of religious freedom in Virginia.

This national commitment to religious freedom continued throughout our history, and it has remained just as important to our prosperity and strength ever since.

When Alexis de Tocqueville visited this country, he noted "in France I had almost always seen the spirit of religion and the spirit of freedom marching in opposite directions. But in America I found they were intimately united and that they reigned in common over the same country."

And of course it was faith and a desire to "carry the gospel of freedom" that inspired Martin Luther King, Jr. to march and strive to make this country stronger yet. He said that we "must not seek to solve the problem" of segregation merely for political reasons, but "in the final analysis, we must get rid of segregation because it is sinful." It undermined the promise, as he described it, that "each individual has certain basic rights that are neither derived from nor conferred by the state...they are gifts from the hands of the Almighty God."

So you see our freedom as a nation has always been inextricably linked with our religious freedom as a people. It has protected both the freedom to worship and the freedom not to believe as well.

The value of religion is totally missed by many today. Our inside-the-beltway crowd has no idea how much good is being done in this country every day by our faith communities. They teach right behavior, they give purpose to life, and they support order, lawfulness, and personal discipline while comforting the sick, supporting families, and giving support to those in need. They are there at birth and death.

I will say, however, that in recent years, the cultural climate has become less hospitable to people of faith and to religious belief. And in recent years, many Americans have felt that their freedom to practice their faith has been under attack.

This feeling is understandable. Just last year, a Harvard Law professor publicly urged judges to “take aggressively liberal positions...The culture wars are over. They lost; we won...Taking a hard line is better than trying to accommodate the losers.”

A lot of people are concerned about what this changing cultural climate means for the future of religious liberty in this country.

The challenges our nation faces today concerning our historic First Amendment right to the “free exercise” of our faith have become acute. I believe that this recent election was significantly impacted by this concern and that this motivated many voters. President Trump made a promise that was heard. In substance, he said he respected people of faith and he promised to protect them in the free exercise of their faith. This promise was well received.

How then should we deal with this matter? America has never thought itself to be a theocracy. Our founders, at least the most articulate of them, believed our government existed as a protector of religious rights of Americans that were essential to be a created human being.

The government did not exist to promote religious doctrine nor to take sides in religious disputes that had, as they well knew, caused wars and death in Europe. Nor was it the government’s role to immanetize the eschaton, as Bill Buckley reminded us. The government’s role was to provide the great secular structure that would protect the rights of all citizens to fulfill their duty to relate to God as their conscience dictated and to guarantee the citizen’s right to exercise that faith.

The government would not take sides, and would not get between God and man. Religious rights were natural rights, not subject to government infringement, as the Virginia Assembly once declared.

Any review of our nation's policies must understand this powerful constraint on our government and recognize its soundness. Yet, this understanding in no way can be held to contend that government should be hostile to people of faith and is obligated to deprive public life of religious expression.

In all of this litigation and debate, this Department of Justice will never allow this secular government or any temporal powers to attempt, by power or infringement, to demand that sincere religious beliefs be abandoned. We will not seek to require the renunciation of thousands of years of religious teaching, doctrine, or write. Even the exercise of those sincerely held religious beliefs that are considered to be politically incorrect or unpopular—especially those beliefs—is protected. We will defend freedom of conscience resolutely. That is inalienable. That is our heritage.

Since he was elected, President Trump has been an unwavering defender of religious liberty. He has promised that under a Trump Administration, “the federal government will never, ever penalize any person for their protected religious beliefs.”

And he is fulfilling that promise. First, President Trump appointed an outstanding Supreme Court Justice with a track record of applying the law as written, Neil Gorsuch. I have complete confidence that he will be faithful to the full meaning of the First Amendment and protect the rights of all Americans.

The President has also directed me to issue guidance on how to apply federal religious liberty protections. The Department is finalizing this guidance, and I will soon issue it.

It will make it clear that the federal government may not discriminate against people because of their religion—whether in rulemaking or in enforcement of the law, or in

employment, grant making, or contracting, or in any other actions.

The guidance will also help agencies follow the Religious Freedom Restoration Act. Congress enacted RFRA so that, if the federal government imposes a burden on somebody's religious practice, it had better have a compelling reason. That is a demanding standard, but it's the law of the land. We will follow it just as zealously as we follow every other federal law. If we're going to ensure that religious liberty is adequately protected and our country remains free, then we must ensure that RFRA is followed.

Under this administration, religious Americans will be treated neither as an afterthought nor as a problem to be solved. The federal government will actively—not reactively—find ways to accommodate people of all faiths. The protections enshrined in the Constitution and our laws protect all Americans including when we work together, speak in the public square, and when we interact with our government. We don't waive our constitutional rights when we participate fully in public life and civic society.

This administration, and the upcoming guidance, will be animated by that same American view that has led us for 241 years: that every American has a right to believe, worship, and exercise their faith in the public square. It has served this country well, and it has made us not only one of the tolerant countries in the world, it has also helped make us the most prosperous, most generous, and the strongest. Thank you.

Pettit, Mark T. (OPA)

From: Pettit, Mark T. (OPA)
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2017 10:41 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: RE: *** SENDING IN 5 *** DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE PRESS GUIDANCE FOR JULY 11, 2017

I definitely can!

Mark T. Pettit
Confidential Assistant
Office of Public Affairs
U.S. Department of Justice
Office: 202.514.1449
Cell: (b) (6)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2017 10:39 AM
To: Pettit, Mark T. (OPA) <mtpettit@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: *** SENDING IN 5 *** DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE PRESS GUIDANCE FOR JULY 11, 2017

Also ADF is closed press but shouldn't we list it?

On Jul 11, 2017, at 9:38 AM, Pettit, Mark T. (OPA) <mtpettit@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

Duplicative

Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 11:19 PM
To: (b) (6) @gmail.com
Subject: Fwd: RE:
Attachments: 170711 ADF v4.docx; ATT00001.htm

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Stafford, Steven (OPA)" <sstafford@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Date: July 10, 2017 at 11:21:27 AM CDT
To: "Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)" <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE:

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 11:51 AM
To: Stafford, Steven (OPA) <sstafford@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: FW:

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

From: Hanrahan, Peggi (OAG)
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 10:47 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject:

Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 6:56 PM
To: Tucker, Rachael (OAG)
Subject: Re: ADF speech

We aren't very close. Redoing it from the ground floor tonight. So this will come down to the wire on the flight tomorrow.

On Jul 10, 2017, at 6:51 PM, Tucker, Rachael (OAG) <ratucker@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

When y'all get a near final version will you send to me? Thanks!

Rachael Tucker
Counselor to the Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice
202.616.7740

Tucker, Rachael (OAG)

From: Tucker, Rachael (OAG)
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 1:37 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: RE: Vegas

Thanks for this. Yeah, I'm going. Can you send me a draft of ADF once it's near completion?

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 1:30 PM
To: Tucker, Rachael (OAG) <ratucker@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: FW: Vegas

Here's the current staff draft. (b) (5)

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Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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Tucker, Rachael (OAG)

From: Tucker, Rachael (OAG)
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 11:07 AM
To: kfiedorek@ADFLegal.org
Subject: tomorrow

Hey Kellie,

Can you give me a call when you get a chance? Thanks,

Rachael

Rachael Tucker
Counselor to the Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice
202.616.7740

Hanrahan, Peggi (OAG)

From: Hanrahan, Peggi (OAG)
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 10:47 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Attachments: Remarks of the Attorney General to the Alliance Defending Freedom.docx

From: Bryant, Errical (OAG)
To: [Tucker, Rachael \(OAG\)](#)
Subject: RE:
Date: Monday, July 10, 2017 9:47:59 AM
Attachments: [Alliance Defending Freedom.docx](#)

Day of Contact | (This should be the person that will coordinate with the Attorney General's Advance staff on the day of the event.)

Name: Kellie Fiedorek and Johanna Seiter

Title: Legal Counsel/Alliance Advancement Operations Director Organization: Alliance Defending Freedom

Phone (Office): 202-888-7633/480-388-8163

Phone (Cell): (b) (6)

E-mail: kfiedorek@ADFlegal.org/jseiter@ADFlegal.org

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

From: Tucker, Rachael (OAG)
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 9:27 AM
To: Bryant, Errical (OAG) <ebryant@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject:

Can you put me in touch with a person on the ground at Dana Point? I need to know who he may meet when he's there, etc. thanks!

Rachael

ATTORNEY GENERAL

EVENT INFORMATION REQUEST FORM

INSTRUCTIONS: Please fill out all the fields that are applicable to your event. Once completed, please return it by e-mail to AG.Schedule84@usdoj.gov. If you have any questions about the information requested, please do not hesitate to contact Errical at the e-mail addresses listed above.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Event Name: Alliance Defending Freedom Summit on Religious Liberty

Sponsoring Organization(s): Alliance Defending Freedom

Nature of Event: The ADF Summit on Religious Liberty will bring together leaders in law, public policy, business, and the church to examine the current state of religious liberty and develop legal and cultural strategies to allow freedom to flourish in the United States and around the world.

Proposed Date & Time of Attorney General's Participation: Tuesday, July 11, 2017, 8:00PM – 10:00PM

Complete Event Date(s) & Time(s): Sunday, July 9, 4:00PM – Thursday, July 13, 10:00PM

Proposed Length of Remarks: 30-45 minutes at the discretion of General Sessions

Proposed Duration of the Attorney General's Participation: The session will begin at 8:00PM, and conclude after General Sessions remarks. There will be a dessert reception to follow that will be held on the Monarch Bay Courtyard.

VENUE INFORMATION

Event Venue: The Ritz-Carlton, Laguna Niguel

Event Room Floor: Conference Level/Lobby Level
Ballroom

Event Room Name and/or Number: The Ritz-Carlton

Table Name and/or Number: N/A

Green Room Floor: Conference Level/Lobby Level

Green Room Name/ and or Number: The Plaza

Venue Street Address: One Ritz-Carlton Drive

Venue City, State & Zip Code: Dana Point, CA 92629

Venue Telephone Number: 949-240-2000

EVENT CONTACT INFORMATION

Organization Contact | Please provide the information for the event coordinator. (This should be the person that will answer any additional questions from the Scheduling Office regarding the details and/or logistics of the event.)

Name: Johanna Seiter

Title: Alliance Advancement Operations Director

Organization: Alliance Defending Freedom

Phone (Office): 480-388-8163

Phone (Cell) (b) (6)

E-mail: jseiter@ADFlegal.org

Is this individual available by e-mail at all times? Yes No

If not, what is the best way to reach this individual? Cell Office Other

Day of Contact | (This should be the person that will coordinate with the Attorney General's Advance staff on the day of the event.)

Name: Kellie Fiedorek and Johanna Seiter

Title: Legal Counsel/Alliance Advancement Operations Director

Organization: Alliance Defending Freedom

Phone (Office): 202-888-7633/480-388-8163

Phone (Cell): (b) (6)

E-mail: kfiedorek@ADFlegal.org/jseiter@ADFlegal.org

Speech Contact | Please provide the information for the person the Attorney General's speech writers can coordinate.

Name: Kellie Fiedorek

Title: Legal Counsel

Organization: Alliance Defending Freedom

Phone (Office): 202-888-7633

Phone (Cell): (b) (6)

E-mail: kfiedorek@ADFlegal.org

Press Contact | Please provide the information for the person who will be coordinating media participation.

Name: N/A

Title: Click here to enter text.

Organization: Click here to enter text.

Phone (Office): Click here to enter text.

Phone (Cell): Click here to enter text.

E-mail: Click here to enter text.

Security Contact | Please provide the information for the person with whom the Attorney General's Protection Detail- can coordinate (specify security or facilities person).

Name: Eddie McBride

Title: Physical Security Coordinator

Organization: Alliance Defending Freedom

Phone (Office): 480-388-8008

Phone (Cell): (b) (6)

E-mail: emcbride@ADFlegal.org

Venue Contact | Please provide the information for the person with whom the Attorney General's advance can coordinate.

Name: (b) (6)

Title: Manager, Meetings and Special Events

Organization: The Ritz-Carlton, Laguna Niguel

Phone (Office): (b) (6)

Phone (Cell): Click to Enter Text

E-mail: (b) (6)@ritzcarlton.com

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Program for the Event | Please attach the complete program or agenda for the event in the return e-mail. If not yet available, please provide a draft of the complete program.

Is the Attorney General expected to deliver remarks? Yes No

Is the Attorney General expected to take questions from the audience? Yes No

Name and title of the person introducing the Attorney General: TBD (We will provide this information as soon as it is available.)

Agenda for the Attorney General's Portion of the Program | Please attach a run of show/agenda for the Attorney General's portion of the program. We are finalizing the draft and will send over by the end of the week.

Event Speakers* | Please list the name, title, and organization of the event speakers. (If it is a multi-day or full day event, please list only the information of the speakers during the Attorney General’s portion of the program.)

None.

AUDIENCE INFORMATION

Expected Size: 450-500

Description/Composition of the Audience: Partners and senior associates in AmLaw 100 firms, state attorneys general, state solicitors general, other leaders from the public sector, legal scholars, and business and church leaders.

VIPS Attendees | Please list the name, title, and organization of any VIP attendees. (If more than 10 VIPS will attend, please include the full list of these individuals with their name, title, and organization in the return e-mail.)

1. Doug Peterson, Attorney General, Nebraska
2. Ken Paxton, Attorney General, Texas
3. Brad Schimel, Attorney General, Wisconsin
4. Alan Wilson, Attorney General, South Carolina
5. Scott Keller, Solicitor General, Texas
6. Lee Rudofsky, Solicitor General, Arkansas
7. Lawrence Van Dyke, Solicitor General, Nevada
8. Misha Tseytlin, Solicitor General, Wisconsin
9. Liz Murrill, Solicitor General, Louisiana
10. Rick Warren, Pastor of Saddleback Church

EVENT SETUP INFORMATION

Event Setup | Please attach a diagram of the venue if available.

Setup Description

Where will the Attorney General be before remarks are given? Audience Off-Stage Stage
 Other In the Green Room (The Plaza).

Will there be a stage or riser? Stage Riser Neither

Will there be a podium available? Yes No

The Attorney General prefers to use a teleprompter for speeches. Will there be a teleprompter? Yes No

Will there be screens providing live images of the event? Yes No

What kind of microphone will be available? Wireless headset; podium mic – whatever the Attorney General prefers.

Describe your backdrop. Video wall. There will be a static image of the world behind the General when he speaks.

Describe the audience setup. Please see attached diagram.

Seating Arrangements* | Please list the name, title, and organization of the individuals that will be seated with the Attorney General. (If more than 10 people will be seated with the Attorney General, please include the full list of the individuals with their name, title, and organization in the return e-mail.)

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PRESS INFORMATION

Will the event be open or closed to the press? Open Press Closed Press

Will the organization(s) have a photographer present? Yes No

Will the event be video taped? Yes No

Will the event be recorded (audio)? Yes No

If the event is open to the press . . .

Will it be internal or external press? Internal External

If it is external press, will the press be credentialed or non-credentialed? Credentialed

Non-credentialed

Will the press be in a specific section or roaming? Specific Section Roaming

What type of press will be present? Print Still Camera

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

Attire: Business Business Casual Casual

Additional Comments and/or Information: Click to Enter Text

ETHICS INFORMATION

Use of the Attorney General's Name | Please note that any use of the Attorney General's name in publicity materials must be cleared by the Department of Justice. In general, within 30 days of the event, you may list the Attorney General's name on an invitation and/or website as the keynote speaker along with the rest of the program. However, promotional materials such as "Save the Date" cards may not include the Attorney General's name. Please direct all question to Errical Bryant at Errical.Bryant@usdoj.gov .

Is your organization a recipient of grants from the Department of Justice ? Yes No

If so, which grant and when? Click to Enter Text

Are you a 501(C)3? Yes No

Is your organization a Registered Lobbying Organization? Yes No

Is this a fund-raising event? Yes No

If so, what group(s), organization(s), and/or individual(s) benefit(s) from the event? N/A

Are tickets being sold for the event? Yes No

If so, what is the face value of the ticket? N/A

If there is no ticket value for this event, what is the estimated cost of attendance?

Is there a meal being served at the event? Yes No

If so, what is the cost of the Attorney General's meal

Will the Attorney General be receiving an award? Yes No

Note: The Attorney General cannot receive gifts over \$20.00.

Is there a monetary reward? Yes No

If so, what are the criteria for receiving the award? [Click to Enter Text](#)

Please list past recipients of the award. [Click to Enter Text](#)

Please provide a physical description of the award. [Click to Enter Text](#)

Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Saturday, July 08, 2017 1:48 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA); Stafford, Steven (OPA)
Subject: next round of edits coming from him...

But this way you and I are working off same copy:

Draft #3 – Stafford
7/8/2017 – 12 p.m.
1630 words (16 minutes)

**Remarks of the Attorney General to the Alliance Defending Freedom
July 11, 2017**

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Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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Stafford, Steven (OPA)

From: Stafford, Steven (OPA)
Sent: Friday, July 07, 2017 2:08 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: (b) (5) reference in ADF

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I'll keep looking

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

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Friday, July 7, 2017 1:56 PM
To: Stafford, Steven (OPA) <sstafford@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: (b) (5) reference in ADF

Yeah let's swap or make more clear-(b) (5)

> On Jul 7, 2017, at 1:54 PM, Stafford, Steven (OPA) <sstafford@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

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

> From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
> Sent: Friday, July 7, 2017 1:53 PM
> To: Stafford, Steven (OPA) <sstafford@jmd.usdoj.gov>
> Subject: (b) (5) reference in ADF

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O'Malley, Devin (OPA)

From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Sent: Friday, July 07, 2017 11:06 AM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Subject: Fwd: Vegas (time sensitive)
Attachments: Trip Schedule - Dallas_Santa Ana_Las Vegas(10_12 Jul 17)_Short Version.doc; ATT00001.htm

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Darden, Silas V. (OAG)" <svdarden@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Date: July 6, 2017 at 3:59:14 PM CDT
To: "Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)" <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: "Terwilliger, Zachary (ODAG)" <zterwilliger@jmd.usdoj.gov>, "Barnett, Gary E. (OAG)" <gebarnett@jmd.usdoj.gov>, "O'Malley, Devin (OPA)" <domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov>, "Moore, Paul (OAG)" <pmoore@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Vegas (time sensitive)

Sarah,

You were correct on Dana Point. Errical said the final time is 5:30. I was not aware.

All times have been adjusted according to the call. Please let me know if you have any questions/edits.

Thanks,
Silas

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, July 6, 2017 4:23 PM
To: Darden, Silas V. (OAG) <svdarden@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Terwilliger, Zachary (ODAG) <zterwilliger@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Barnett, Gary E. (OAG) <gebarnett@jmd.usdoj.gov>; O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Moore, Paul (OAG) <pmoore@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: Vegas (time sensitive)

Non-Responsive Records

On Jul 6, 2017, at 4:16 PM, Darden, Silas V. (OAG) <svdarden@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

Non-Responsive Records

ADF Speech - The last email I received on the ADF speech was on 3 July with a question regarding flight times to get the AG in Dana Point to make remarks at 5 pm. Happy to adjust the time, but we may need to hold in Texas for a bit.

Non-Responsive Records

On Jul 6, 2017, at 2:15 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

Gary/Zach can we huddle on this at some point?

Non-Responsive Records

Also my understanding was the ADF speech was 530 but this has it at 5. This is important bc we told them we couldn't get there early or stay after. So need to be precise on the time for that.

Non-Responsive Records

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Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: Darden, Silas V. (OAG)

Sent: Thursday, July 6, 2017 1:19 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Terwilliger, Zachary (ODAG) <zterwilliger@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Barnett, Gary E. (OAG) <gebarnett@jmd.usdoj.gov>; O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Moore, Paul (OAG) <pmoore@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Vegas (time sensitive)

Draft schedule attached. Please let us know if you have any concerns.

Non-Responsive Records

Thanks,
Silas

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, July 6, 2017 11:51 AM
To: Terwilliger, Zachary (ODAG) <zterwilliger@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Darden, Silas V. (OAG) <svdarden@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Moore, Paul (OAG) <pmoore@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Barnett, Gary E. (OAG) <gebarnett@jmd.usdoj.gov>; O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Vegas (time sensitive)

Adding Devin

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Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: Terwilliger, Zachary (ODAG)
Sent: Thursday, July 6, 2017 11:43 AM
To: Darden, Silas V. (OAG) <svdarden@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Moore, Paul (OAG) <pmoore@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Barnett, Gary E. (OAG) <gebarnett@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Vegas (time sensitive)

Silas and Paul,

I need to connect with you all about this as the AG wants his materials and final itinerary tomorrow evening.

Can you give me an update on the latest schedule re-Vegas? Do I need to reach out to AG Laxalt? Do I need to follow up with the office regarding the state and local invitees?

Need to nail this down in the next few hours as to what has been done and what is left to do.

Please let me know,
Zach

Zachary Terwilliger
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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, July 06, 2017 9:33 PM
To: Brand, Rachel (OASG); Panuccio, Jesse (OASG); Parker, Rachel (OASG)
Subject: FW: ADF track changes
Attachments: 170711 ADF v3.docx

Tucker made some changes to the last page tonight--I need to put this speech to bed tomorrow with the AG (as best I can) so I can move his attention to editing the vegas speech. Can yall look it over and make sure this squares with your understanding? Hope to show this to him in the am. Sorry for the rush.

S

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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

From: Stafford, Steven (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, July 6, 2017 9:31 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Tucker, Rachael (OAG) <ratucker@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: ADF track changes

NB: the only changes made were to the final page.

From: O'Malley, Devin
(OPA)</o=exchangelabs/ou=exchange administrative group
(fydibohf23spdlt)/cn=recipients/cn=9b7b3a310dcb464784468203270f
aa0f-omalley, de>
Date: Thu Jul 06 2017 17:55:47 EDT
To: Bryant, Errical (OAG)
</o=exchangelabs/ou=exchange administrative group
(fydibohf23spdlt)/cn=recipients/cn=29057b0753094a5a898ee272e671
7a5e-bryant, err>
Cc: Blank
Bcc: Blank
Subject: RE: Question on Tuesday Night Remarks
Attachments:

Wonderful, thank you!

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

From: Bryant, Errical (OAG)
Sent: Thursday, July 6, 2017 5:47 PM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: Question on Tuesday Night Remarks

Hello Devin,

According to the form the submitted, its closed press.

Thanks

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 6, 2017, at 5:32 PM, O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

Hi Errical-

Hope you're well.

Do you know if the Alliance Defending Freedom event, and specifically the AG's remarks Tuesday night, are OPEN press?

Thanks

Devin

Devin M. O'Malley

Department of Justice

Office of Public Affairs

Office: (202) 353-8763

Cell: (b) (6)

Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, July 06, 2017 9:44 AM
To: Brand, Rachel (OASG); Panuccio, Jesse (OASG); Parker, Rachel (OASG)
Subject: Fwd: Can you send me current ADF draft asap?
Attachments: 170711 ADF v2.docx; ATT00001.htm

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Stafford, Steven (OPA)" <sstafford@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Date: July 6, 2017 at 9:42:21 AM EDT
To: "Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)" <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Can you send me current ADF draft asap?

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, July 6, 2017 9:42 AM
To: Stafford, Steven (OPA) <sstafford@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Can you send me current ADF draft asap?

Tucker, Rachael (OAG)

From: Tucker, Rachael (OAG)
Sent: Wednesday, July 05, 2017 12:44 PM
To: LaCour, Alice S. (OAG)
Subject: RE: GTMO trip

Hey Alice!

I hope you had a nice 4th too! Here's what I'd say about GTMO: (b) (5)

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

There is also a speech on religious liberty on the 11th in Dana Point for the ADF Religious Liberty Summit. (b) [REDACTED] I'll give you more info on that as soon as I've got more of an idea of what direction the speech is going in.

Thanks!

Rachael

From: LaCour, Alice S. (OAG)
Sent: Wednesday, July 5, 2017 9:32 AM
To: Tucker, Rachael (OAG) <ratucker@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: GTMO trip

Good morning, Rachael!

Hope you had a nice July 4th. I am compiling the report to be sent to the WH on the AG's upcoming trips and speeches. I see that you are accompanying him to GTMO. Can you give me a one or two sentence description of the purpose of the trip? Ideally I can get this as soon as you have time.

If there are any other trips/speeches that you are POC for, I'd love to hear about them for the report as well. Thank you so much!

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Stafford, Steven (OPA)

From: Stafford, Steven (OPA)
Sent: Wednesday, July 05, 2017 9:45 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: RE: speech drafts?
Attachments: 170711 ADF.DOCX

Sounds good. Here's what I have for Dana Point right now. Rachael has read it but I do not have edits from her at this point

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Wednesday, July 5, 2017 9:11 AM
To: Stafford, Steven (OPA) <sstafford@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: FW: speech drafts?

Also speech prep is at 2 today so plan to come up to the AG's conference room for that. Probably makes sense to bring Andy so he can start hearing the boss's voice too.

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

(b) (6)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Wednesday, July 5, 2017 9:08 AM
To: Stafford, Steven (OPA) <sstafford@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: speech drafts?

I havent seen dana point or vegas—need those asap this morning.

Have you made any changes to DARE since you sent it to me?

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

(b) (6)

Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Monday, July 03, 2017 1:31 PM
To: Bryant, Errical (OAG)
Cc: Tucker, Rachael (OAG); Schedule, AG84 (OAG); Darden, Silas (OASG)
Subject: Re: Religious Liberty Summit - Alliance Defending Freedom

No prob!

On Jul 3, 2017, at 12:25 PM, Bryant, Errical (OAG) <ebryant@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

He will speak from 5:30 to 6:00 and then depart. We shouldn't have him arrive too early. I told them he had a conflict before and must depart promptly. Thanks

From: Tucker, Rachael (OAG)
Sent: Monday, July 3, 2017 1:17 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Bryant, Errical (OAG) <ebryant@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Schedule, AG84 (OAG) <AG84Schedule@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Darden, Silas (OASG) <sdarden@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Religious Liberty Summit - Alliance Defending Freedom

(b) (5)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Monday, July 3, 2017 12:01 PM
To: Bryant, Errical (OAG) <ebryant@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Schedule, AG84 (OAG) <AG84Schedule@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Darden, Silas (OASG) <sdarden@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Tucker, Rachael (OAG) <ratucker@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: Religious Liberty Summit - Alliance Defending Freedom

Definitely no on receptions etc since we need to hit the road after **(b) (5)**

On Jul 3, 2017, at 10:55 AM, Bryant, Errical (OAG) <ebryant@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

Hey Guys,

They are pressing me about the questions below. **(b) (5)**
Let me know if you think otherwise?

Sarah, what about the Hugh Hewitt part?
Thanks

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2017 10:18 PM
To: Schedule, AG84 (OAG) <AG84Schedule@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Darden, Silas (OASG) <sdarden@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Tucker, Rachael (OAG) <ratucker@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Religious Liberty Summit - Alliance Defending Freedom

This is tough. Rachael, let's figure out what ethics says about all this. I know we cant do anything after his speech. In fact, we need to RUN to the plane and get as much sleep as possible. **(b) (5)**

But either way let's figure out the parameters from ethics.

S

Sarah Isgur Flores

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(b) (6)

From: Schedule, AG84 (OAG)
Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 9:06 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Darden, Silas (OASG) <sdarden@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Tucker, Rachael (OAG) <ratucker@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: FW: Religious Liberty Summit - Alliance Defending Freedom

Hello All,

See the questions below.

Sarah the first part is solely for you. (b) (5)

- We are planning to begin his talk at 8 pm on Tuesday evening. We were wondering if he'd like to speak for 20-25 minutes, and then have a sit-down, interview format with Hugh Hewitt for about 20 minutes. We did this format with Hugh for President George W. Bush, and it was very well received. I wanted to know if General Sessions was comfortable with this format and timeline.

For this part, Rachael/Silas: (b) (5)

- Our CEO and a couple select members of our executive leadership team would like to take General Sessions to dinner Tuesday evening before his talk or breakfast Wednesday morning if he is available, or at least have time to meet for a little bit if an actual meal doesn't work. Will his schedule be able to accommodate this?

Finally, Alf: I have no preference on this request. Up to you all.

- We will be having a dessert reception afterwards—will General Sessions be planning to stay for a little bit after his talk to say hello to some of the attendees, or would he prefer a more private setting with a few select people? We will have 5 state AGs there who would love to be able to meet him either right before or after his talk.

From: Kellie Fiedorek [<mailto:KFiedorek@adflegal.org>]
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 2:56 PM
To: Schedule, AG84 (OAG) <AG84Schedule@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Religious Liberty Summit - Alliance Defending Freedom

Hi Errica,

Not a problem! I totally understand. ☺ I wanted to touch base on when General Sessions was planning to arrive and depart Laguna, and the format of his talk.

- We are planning to begin his talk at 8 pm on Tuesday evening. We were wondering if he'd like to speak for 20-25 minutes, and then have a sit-down, interview format with Hugh Hewitt for about 20 minutes. We did this format with Hugh for President George W. Bush, and it was very well received. I wanted to know if General Sessions was comfortable with this format and timeline.
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Thanks so much!

Best,
Kellie

From: Schedule, AG84 (OAG) [<mailto:AG.SCHEDULE84@usdoj.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 11:40 AM
To: Kellie Fiedorek <KFiedorek@adflegal.org>; Schedule, AG84 (OAG) <AG.SCHEDULE84@usdoj.gov>

To: Kellie Fiedorek <KFiedorek@adflegal.org>; Schedule, AG84 (OAG) <AG.SCHEDULE84@usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: ReligiousLiberty Summit - Alliance Defending Freedom

Hello Kellie,

I will be away this afternoon and tomorrow may be difficult to catch up. It might be easier to email me the questions. If not, I will try to connect with you at some point tomorrow.

Thanks

From: Kellie Fiedorek [<mailto:KFiedorek@adflegal.org>]
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 2:35 PM
To: Schedule, AG84 (OAG) <AG84Schedule@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: ReligiousLiberty Summit - Alliance Defending Freedom

Hi Errical,

Would you have a couple minutes to chat today or tomorrow? I had a couple questions for you.

Thank you!

~Kellie

From: Schedule, AG84 (OAG) [<mailto:AG.SCHEDULE84@usdoj.gov>]
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2017 8:44 AM
To: Kellie Fiedorek <KFiedorek@adflegal.org>
Subject: RE: ReligiousLiberty Summit - Alliance Defending Freedom

Thanks Kellie. Are lunches done as a group?

From: Kellie Fiedorek [<mailto:KFiedorek@adflegal.org>]
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2017 11:01 AM
To: Schedule, AG84 (OAG) <AG84Schedule@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Johanna Seiter <jseiter@adflegal.org>; Tim Chandler <tchandler@adflegal.org>
Subject: RE: ReligiousLiberty Summit - Alliance Defending Freedom

Hi Errical,

I've attached the current Agenda for the Summit on Religious Liberty. As I said on the phone, if the conflict on Thursday evening for General Sessions to speak at the Closing Banquet is not resolvable, we'd be honored to have General Sessions come on another night and we could plan a special dinner around his attendance on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday evening.

Also, Rachel would be welcome to attend as well for as much of the Summit as she's able.

Please let me know if I can answer any other questions.

Thanks so much,
Kellie

From: Schedule, AG84 (OAG) [<mailto:AG.SCHEDULE84@usdoj.gov>]
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2017 10:09 AM
To: Kellie Fiedorek <KFiedorek@adflegal.org>
Subject: RE: ReligiousLiberty Summit - Alliance Defending Freedom

Kellie,

Please contact our office regarding this request as soon as possible.

Please ask for the director of scheduling, Errical Bryant

202-514-6333

From: Schedule, AG84 (OAG)
Sent: Tuesday, June 6, 2017 4:41 PM
To: 'Kellie Fiedorek' <KFiedorek@adflegal.org>; Schedule, AG84 (OAG) <AG84Schedule@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: ReligiousLiberty Summit - Alliance Defending Freedom

Hello Kellie,
Please find the document attached. No need to hold rooms but thanks for the offer.

From: Kellie Fiedorek [<mailto:KFiedorek@adflegal.org>]
Sent: Tuesday, June 6, 2017 3:32 PM
To: Schedule, AG84 (OAG) <AG84Schedule@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Religious Liberty Summit - Alliance Defending Freedom

Hi,

We are so honored that he will be able to attend! My cell number is (b) (6). Unfortunately, I don't think the scheduling document attached, but if you re-send I will fill that out and get it back to you. How many rooms should we reserve for General Sessions and those accompanying him, and for how many nights?

We are thrilled he will be our keynote speaker—thank you so much.

Best,
Kellie

From: Schedule, AG84 (OAG) [<mailto:AG.SCHEDULE84@usdoj.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 2:29 PM
To: Kellie Fiedorek <KFiedorek@adflegal.org>; Schedule, AG84 (OAG) <AG.SCHEDULE84@usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Religious Liberty Summit - Alliance Defending Freedom

Thank you for contacting the office of Attorney General Jeff Sessions. I would like to confirm the Attorney General's attendance to the Alliance Defending Freedom Religious Liberty Summit as the Guest Speaker.

The AG and a member of his staff will attend the event scheduled for Thursday, July 13th at 8:00pm-8:20pm.

In your request, you are listed as the group point of contact. To confirm the AG's attendance, please email me your cell number. Should any last minute scheduling changes arise, I will endeavor to call you as soon as possible. Attached is a scheduling document. We asked that you complete and returned within 24 business hours of receiving this confirmation.

The Attorney General is looking forward to the event. Please feel free to contact our office should you have any questions.

Please be advised that this appointment is subject to cancellation due to the Attorney General's availability.

From: Kellie Fiedorek [<mailto:KFiedorek@adflegal.org>]
Sent: Wednesday, May 24, 2017 5:16 PM
To: Schedule, AG84 (OAG) <AG84Schedule@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Religious Liberty Summit - Alliance Defending Freedom

Thank you. Please find attached the completed Speaker Request Form, as well as a copy of the original formal invitation. Please let me know if you need any additional information.

Best,
Kellie

From: Schedule, AG84 (OAG) [<mailto:AG.SCHEDULE84@usdoj.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, May 24, 2017 12:07 PM
To: Kellie Fiedorek <KFiedorek@adflegal.org>
Subject: Religious Liberty Summit - Alliance Defending Freedom

Thank you for requesting Attorney General Jeff Sessions as a speaker at your upcoming engagement. Ideally, the AG would like to speak to every group that places a request, regrettably this isn't always possible. While we will make every effort to honor your request, appointments are scheduled based on the

Attorney General's availability and the appropriate ethical guidelines.

To assist with this request, please complete the attached form.

In the event your request is granted, additional information may be requested. Should you have additional questions, please feel free to contact me. I look forward to speaking with you soon. As always, it's a pleasure serving you.

All the best,

From: Kellie Fiedorek [<mailto:KFiedorek@adflegal.org>]
Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2017 5:34 PM
To: Hanrahan, Peggi (OAG) <phanrahan@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: invitation

Hi Peggi,

Hope you're doing well! I've attached an invitation from our President and CEO, Mike Farris, for General Sessions to keynote the closing banquet of our Religious Liberty Summit on Thursday, July 13th at the Ritz Carlton Laguna Niguel in Dana Point, CA. This banquet concludes a four day invitation-only, off-the-record gathering of strategic allies, including state attorneys general, state solicitors general, partners and senior associates in top firms, public intellectuals, and business and church leaders.

We expect to have around 500 people in attendance at the closing dinner, which will also be off-the-record. We will of course cover General Sessions' airfare, hotel, and other expenses, as well as provide an honorarium, to the extent permitted by law.

If you have any questions at all, my direct number is (b) (6). We would be so honored if General Sessions is able to attend!

Best,
Kellie

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Subject: Re: Religious Liberty Summit - Alliance Defending Freedom

Fine w me. So get in, give speech and leave.

On Jul 3, 2017, at 12:16 PM, Tucker, Rachael (OAG) <ratucker@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

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Cc: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA); Schedule, AG84 (OAG); Darden, Silas (OASG)
Subject: Re: Religious Liberty Summit - Alliance Defending Freedom
Attachments: image001.png

I will have answers very shortly on some of these. Will circle up with Sarah to discuss.

On Jul 3, 2017, at 11:55 AM, Bryant, Errical (OAG) <ebryant@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

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4:45 p.m. PST **Wheels Down: Santa Ana International Airport (KSNA)**

4:50 – 5:20 p.m. PST **En Route: Ritz Carlton Laguna Niguel**
Location: 1 Ritz Carlton Dr
Dana Point, CA 92629
Phone: (949) 240-2000

5:30 p.m. PST **Speech – Alliance Defending Freedom: Summit on Religious Liberty**

6:00 – 6:30 p.m. PST **En Route: Atlantic Aviation**
Location: 19711 Campus Dr # 100,
Santa Ana, CA 92707
Phone: (949) 851-5061

6:45 p.m. PST **Wheels Up: Santa Ana International Airport (KSNA)**

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