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**Smith, James M**

**From:** Choi, Eun Young  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 6:07 PM  
**To:** Newman, David A  
**Cc:** Dickerson, Julie E; Benedict, Margot G.; Atkinson, Lawrence  
**Subject:** (TS//NF) FW: NSO Group and FBI --- ~~TOP SECRET//NOFORN~~

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**From:** (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) NSD USA GOV <(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 5:06 PM  
**To:** Choi, Eun Young <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** Hickey Adam NSD USA GOV <(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)> <(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) NSD USA GOV <(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)>;  
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**From:** MacIntyre, Mirriam-Grace C. [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 23, 2021 3:44 PM  
**To:** Choi, Eun Young  
**Subject:** FW: Meeting Request to Discuss [REDACTED] (b)(5) per NSC

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Hi Eun Young –

Here's the information for the call tomorrow.

As for other policy process POCs:  
Cyber – [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
Arms Control – [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
Transnational Repression – [REDACTED] (b) (6)

Thanks for your help in tracking down DOJ's response.

Kind Regards,  
Mirriam

**From:** MacIntyre, Mirriam-Grace C.  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 22, 2021 3:24 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]

BROWN, JAMES R. (LS) (FBI)  
KOHLER, ALAN E. JR. (CD) (FBI)  
FLORIS, NIKKI L. (CD) (FBI)

GABRIEL, KACEY D. (LD) (FBI)

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All –

Just confirming that our NSC #INTEL call with FBI will be held on Friday, 24 September at 1600-1630. Please dial [REDACTED] to be patched into the call.

b7E-1 per FBI

We look forward to our conversation.

Kind Regards,  
Mirriam

**Mirriam-Grace MacIntyre**  
Director for Counterintelligence  
National Security Council

TS: (b) (6) | U (b) (6)  
U: (b) (6)

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Monday, September 20, 2021 2:53 PM

**To:** MacIntyre, Mirriam-Grace C. (b) (6)

**Cc:** [REDACTED]

BROWN, JAMES R. (LS) (FBI)

GABRIEL, KACEY D. (LD) (FBI)

; KOHLER, ALAN E. JR. (CD) (FBI)

FLORIS, NIKKI L. (CD) (FBI)

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Hello Ms. MacIntyre,

Friday would be a good time for FBI if that time is still available.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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b7E-1

From: MacIntyre, Mirriam-Grace C. (b) (6)

Sent: Friday, September 17, 2021 5:56 PM

To: [Redacted]

KOHLER, ALAN E. JR. (CD) (FBI)

FLORIS, NIKKI L. (CD) (FBI)

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b7E-1

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Colleagues,

b1-1 per FBI

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b7E-2,3

Thank you for your participation in our recent (b)(5) per NSC

(b)(1), (b)(5) per NSC

[Redacted]

(S)

As we detailed in the attached SOC, we are reaching out to agencies over the course of the next week to engage on this matter. We would like to schedule a time for a meeting via SVTC with Senior Director for Intelligence Maher Bitar prior to September 29. Please include any relevant individuals from your organization; we will have several fully cleared Directors from the Intelligence Directorate at the NSC discuss this matter.

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27 September: 10:00 – 1430

Best,  
Mirriam

Mirriam-Grace MacIntyre  
Director for Counterintelligence

National Security Council

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**Smith, James M**

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**From:** MacIntyre, Mirriam-Grace C. [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 11:24 AM  
**To:** Choi, Eun Young; Newman, David A  
**Cc:** Bressler, Jonathan A.; Pohl, Jill H.; Suntoke, Jamshed  
**Subject:** FOR CLEARANCE: Talking Points for [REDACTED] (b)(1), (b)(5) \*\*NEED BY 11:45AM\*\*  
**Attachments:** 20211104 Talking Points for [REDACTED] (b)(1), (b)(5).docx  
  
**Importance:** High

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Eun Young/David -

Per Maher's email to you yesterday, [REDACTED] (b)(1); (b)(5) per NSC [REDACTED] and we anticipate FBI will come up. Can you please review the TPs and let us know if you have any edits. Apologies for the very short turn on this, but we have a short suspense.

Kind Regards,  
Mirriam

Mirriam-Grace MacIntyre  
Director for Counterintelligence  
National Security Council  
TS: (b) (6) | U: [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
U: [REDACTED] (b) (6)

**From:** MacIntyre, Mirriam-Grace C.  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 11:18 AM  
**To:** Krueger, Thomas G. [REDACTED] (b) (6) >; Bressler, Jonathan A. [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Cc:** Suntoke, Jamshed [REDACTED] (b) (6) >; Pohl, Jill H. [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Subject:** FOR CLEARANCE: Talking Points for [REDACTED] (b)(1), (b)(5) \*\*NEED BY 11:45AM\*\*  
**Importance:** High

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Thomas/Jonathan –

Sorry for the quick turn on this, but please review these talking points (b)(1); (b)(5) per NSC

If you could please get it to me by 11:45, it would be much appreciated!

Kind Regards,  
Mirriam

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DATE: 10/20/2023 BY: NSICG/[REDACTED]

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**Smith, James M**

**From:** Goldfoot, Josh A.  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 21, 2021 2:37 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED] Choi, Eun Young; Downing, Richard W.; Lynch, John; UGORETZ, TONYA L. (CYD) (FBI)  
**Cc:** Hickey Adam NSD USA GOV; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) NSD USA GOV; [REDACTED]; Downing, Richard W.  
**Subject:** RE: (TS//NF) FW: FLAG: [REDACTED] (b)(1); (b)(5) per NSC --- TOP SECRET//NOFORN

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~~Classified By: Josh Goldfoot, PDC CCIPS  
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(U//FOUO) [REDACTED] (b)(5) per NSC; (b)(7)(E) 2 per FBI per FBI

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 20, 2021 1:54 PM  
**To:** Choi, Eun Young [REDACTED] (b) (6); Downing, Richard W. [REDACTED] (b) (6) Lynch, John  
[REDACTED] (b) (6); Goldfoot, Josh A. [REDACTED] (b) (6); UGORETZ, TONYA L. (CYD) (FBI) b6/b7C-1 per FBI  
b7E-1  
**Cc:** Hickey Adam NSD USA GOV [REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C); [REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) NSD USA GOV  
**Subject:** RE: (TS//NF) FW: FLAG: [REDACTED] (b)(1); (b)(5) per NSC --- TOP SECRET//NOFORN

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b7E-2,3

This update from OTD: [REDACTED]

**From:** Choi, Eun Young <[REDACTED] (b) (6)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 20, 2021 10:07 AM  
**To:** Downing, Richard W. [REDACTED] (b) (6); Lynch, John [REDACTED] (b) (6); Goldfoot, Josh A. [REDACTED] (b) (6); UGORETZ, TONYA L. (CYD) (FBI)

Cc: Adam Hickey (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) ; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
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Richard/John/Josh – for your awareness, and cc'ing [redacted] and Tonya. I think we need to flag the [redacted] issue re FBI; does anyone know how far along we are on this?

b7E- 2 per FBI

From: Scott, Andrew C. (b) (6)

Sent: Monday, July 19, 2021 4:49 PM

To: [redacted] (b)(3), (b)(6) ; [redacted] (b)(3), (b)(6)  
[redacted] (b)(1), (b)(3)  
[redacted] (b) (6)  
[redacted] (b) (6)  
[redacted] (b) (6)

Eun Young (b) (6) ; Hickey Adam NSD USA GOV Tonya Ugoretz ; Choi,

Cc: Bair, Robert S. (b) (6) ; Hickey Adam NSD USA GOV (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) b6/b7C-1 per FBI

Subject: FLAG: [redacted] (b)(1); (b)(5) per NSC b7E-1

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~~Classified By: AScott, Acting Senior Director for Cyber Policy  
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Colleagues –

For awareness, in light of the news over the weekend [redacted] (b)(1); (b)(5)  
[redacted] (b)(5) per NSC; (b)(7)(E)

Best,  
Andrew

Andrew Scott  
Acting Senior Director for Cyber Policy  
National Security Council Staff  
[redacted] (b) (6) || [redacted] (b) (6)

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**Smith, James M**

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**From:** Newman, David A  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 6:49 PM  
**To:** 'Bitar, Maher B.'; Choi, Eun Young  
**Cc:** MacIntyre, Mirriam-Grace C.; Bressler, Jonathan A.  
**Subject:** ~~(S//NF)~~ RE: [REDACTED] (b)(1) Re NSO Entity List Announcement ---~~SECRET//NOFORN~~

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~~Classified By: David Newman, ODAG  
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Thanks, Maher. We greatly appreciate your flagging this, and you rightly predicted that this would be the reaction to the developments this week.

[REDACTED] (b)(5) per NSC  
[REDACTED]

7E-2,3 per FBI

[REDACTED] (b)(5) per NSC; (b)(7)(E) 2, 3 per FBI  
[REDACTED]

Appreciate your looping us into this effort and all your work.

--David

**From:** Bitar, Maher B. [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 4, 2021 1:56 PM  
**To:** Newman, David A [REDACTED] (b) (6) >; Choi, Eun Young [REDACTED] (b) (6) >  
**Cc:** MacIntyre, Mirriam-Grace C. [REDACTED] (b) (6) >; Bressler, Jonathan A. [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Subject:** FW: [REDACTED] (b)(1) Re NSO Entity List Announcement

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~~Classified By: Maher Bitar, SAP and Senior Director for Intelligence  
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David, Eun Young -

For your situational awareness, I wanted to flag the email below (b)(1) in response to the Entity List designation of NSO Group. As we previewed earlier, (b)(5) per NSC

7E-2,3 per FBI

There's also a new assertion about FBI that is news to us - (b)(5) per NSC; (b)(7)(E) 2, 3 per FBI  
This contradicts assertions elsewhere by NSO Group, but let us know if you are aware of anything related to this.

Thanks again for all of your help,

Maher

**From:** Sawyer, Julie L. (b)(6) >  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 4, 2021 12:36 PM  
**To:** Bitar, Maher B. (b)(6); Krueger, Thomas G. (b)(6) >; MacIntyre, Mirriam-Grace C. (b)(6) >  
**Cc:** McGurk, Brett H. (b)(6); Leaf, Barbara A. (b)(6) >; Jain, Jinanshu C. (b)(6)  
**Subject:** FW: (b)(1) Re NSO Entity List Announcement

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~~Classified By: Julie Sawyer, Director for Israel and Palestinian Affairs  
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Hi all,  
See points below (b)(1) on the NGO listing. (b)(1); (b)(5) per NSC  
. I, for one, never got a straight answer on #2, and am totally blind on #3.  
Thanks,  
Julie

**From:** Shrier, Jonathan L. (b)(6) @state.sgov.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 4, 2021 12:08 PM  
**To:** Lempert, Yael (b)(6) @state.sgov.gov>; (b)(6) @state.sgov.gov>; Amr, Hady A (b)(6) @state.sgov.gov>; (b)(6) @state.sgov.gov>; McGurk, Brett H. (b)(6) >; Leaf, Barbara A. (b)(6) >; 'Sawyer, Julie L.' (b)(6) >  
**Cc:** (b)(6) @state.sgov.gov>  
**Subject:** [SNET] (b)(1) Re NSO Entity List Announcement

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Jonathan

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~~Classified By: Jonathan Shrier - DCM, Office (b)(1); (b)(5), Agency: U.S. Department of State~~

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**Smith, James M**

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**From:** Choi, Eun Young  
**Sent:** Monday, December 6, 2021 2:17 PM  
**To:** Newman, David A; Dickerson, Julie E  
**Subject:** ~~(TS//NF)~~ Draft TP

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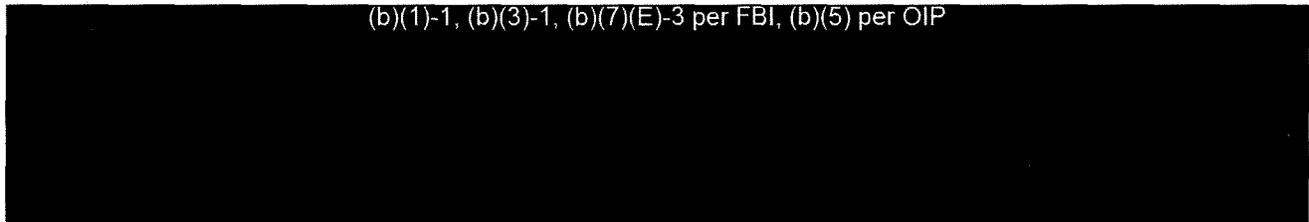
What about this:

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b3-1  
b7E-3

*If it is noted that FBI was customer of NSO Group:*

(b)(1)-1, (b)(3)-1, (b)(7)(E)-3 per FBI, (b)(5) per OIP

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**From:** Choi, Eun Young  
**Sent:** Monday, September 20, 2021 10:48 AM  
**To:** Savransky, Natalya T; Dickerson, Julie E  
**Subject:** RE: ~~(S)~~FW: Meeting Request to Discuss [REDACTED] (b)(5) per NSC  
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I'm dealing with this but it's a bit more complicated than this suggests. Happy to include whomever.

**From:** Savransky, Natalya T [REDACTED] (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Monday, September 20, 2021 10:41 AM  
**To:** Dickerson, Julie E [REDACTED] (b) (6); Choi, Eun Young [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Subject:** ~~(S)~~FW: Meeting Request to Discuss [REDACTED] (b)(5) per NSC --- ~~SECRET//NOFORN~~

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~~Classified By: Natalya Savransky, OAAG  
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Julie, EYC – do you know/have suggestions as to who should be tracking this?

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[REDACTED] (b) (6); Newell Sean NSD USA GOV < [REDACTED] (b) (6); Ahmad Ali NSD USA GOV  
[REDACTED] (b) (6); [REDACTED] (b) (6); [REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) NSD USA GOV  
[REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C); [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Cc:** Suntoke, Jamshed [REDACTED] (b) (6); Pohl, Jill H. < [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Subject:** Meeting Request to Discuss [REDACTED] (b)(5) per NSC

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Colleagues,

Thank you for your participation in our recent

(b)(5) per NSC

(b)(1), (b)(5) per NSC

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Best,  
Mirriam

Mirriam-Grace MacIntyre  
Director for Counterintelligence  
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**Smith, James M**

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**Sent:** Wednesday, October 6, 2021 12:50 PM  
**To:** Choi, Eun Young  
**Cc:** Newman, David A; MacIntyre, Mirriam-Grace C.; Cedarbaum, Jonathan G.; Deeks, Ashley S.; Bressler, Jonathan A.; Suntoke, Jamshed; Pohl, Jill H.; Gustafson, Marc F.  
**Subject:** RE: (TS) [REDACTED] (b)(1), (b)(3) RE: NSC RFI for DOJ - [REDACTED] (b)(5) per NSC

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Completely understand and much appreciated.

Maher

**From:** Choi, Eun Young [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 6, 2021 12:23 PM  
**To:** Bitar, Maher B. [REDACTED] (b) (6) >  
**Cc:** Newman, David A [REDACTED] (b) (6); MacIntyre, Mirriam-Grace C. [REDACTED] (b) (6); Cedarbaum, Jonathan G. [REDACTED] (b) (6) >; Deeks, Ashley S. [REDACTED] (b) (6); Bressler, Jonathan A. [REDACTED] (b) (6) >; Suntoke, Jamshed < [REDACTED] (b) (6) >; Pohl, Jill H. [REDACTED] (b) (6) >; Gustafson, Marc F. [REDACTED] (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** (TS) [REDACTED] (b)(1), (b)(3) RE: NSC RFI for DOJ - [REDACTED] (b)(5) per NSC ~~TOP SECRET~~/ [REDACTED] (b)(1), (b)(3) ~~(TS)~~

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Thanks Maher. We're working on trying to get information about the below items, although unfortunately we will need additional time to do so. Once we have a sense of that, we will get back to you. Thank you.

**From:** Bitar, Maher B. [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 5, 2021 8:24 PM  
**To:** Choi, Eun Young [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Cc:** Newman, David A < [REDACTED] (b) (6) >; MacIntyre, Mirriam-Grace C. [REDACTED] (b) (6); Cedarbaum, Jonathan G. [REDACTED] (b) (6) >; Deeks, Ashley S. < [REDACTED] (b) (6) >; Bressler, Jonathan A. [REDACTED] (b) (6) >; Suntoke, Jamshed [REDACTED] (b) (6) >; Pohl, Jill H. [REDACTED] (b) (6) >; Gustafson, Marc F. [REDACTED] (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** RE: (S//NF) RE: NSC RFI for DOJ - [REDACTED] (b)(5) per NSC

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Eun Young -

Thank you again for our earlier conversation and for taking the time to canvass across the Department and its components for the information requested below.

(b)(1), (b)(3), (b)(5) per NSC

(b)(1), (b)(3), (b)(5) per NSC; (b)(7)(E)-3 per FBI

Please let us know if you have any questions and thank you again,

Maher

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Maher Bitar  
Special Assistant to the President and  
Senior Director for Intelligence Programs  
National Security Council

U: (b) (6) | TS: (b) (6)  
U: (b) (6)

**From:** Choi, Eun Young (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 30, 2021 5:37 PM  
**To:** Bitar, Maher B. <(b) (6)>  
**Cc:** Newman, David A. (b) (6); MacIntyre, Mirriam-Grace C. (b) (6);  
Cedarbaum, Jonathan G. (b) (6); Deeks, Ashley S. (b) (6); Bressler,  
Jonathan A. (b) (6); Suntoke, Jamshed (b) (6); Pohl, Jill H.  
(b) (6); Gustafson, Marc F. (b) (6); Newman, David A  
(b) (6); MacIntyre, Mirriam-Grace C. (b) (6); Cedarbaum, Jonathan G.  
(b) (6); Deeks, Ashley S. (b) (6); Bressler, Jonathan A.  
(b) (6); Suntoke, Jamshed (b) (6); Pohl, Jill H. (b) (6);  
Gustafson, Marc F. (b) (6)  
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Hi – we’re hoping to be in a position to provide information by early next week. Thank you.

**From:** Bitar, Maher B. <(b) (6)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 29, 2021 11:51 AM  
**To:** Choi, Eun Young (b) (6)  
**Cc:** Newman, David A. (b) (6); MacIntyre, Mirriam-Grace C. (b) (6);  
Cedarbaum, Jonathan G. <(b) (6)>; Deeks, Ashley S. (b) (6); Bressler,  
Jonathan A. <(b) (6)>; Suntoke, Jamshed (b) (6); Pohl, Jill H.  
(b) (6); Gustafson, Marc F. (b) (6); Newman, David A  
(b) (6); MacIntyre, Mirriam-Grace C. (b) (6); Cedarbaum, Jonathan G.  
(b) (6); Deeks, Ashley S. (b) (6); Bressler, Jonathan A.  
(b) (6); Suntoke, Jamshed (b) (6); Pohl, Jill H. (b) (6);  
Gustafson, Marc F. (b) (6)  
**Subject:** RE: (S//NF) RE: NSC RFI for DOJ (b)(5) per NSC

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Thank you for the heads up and for working this. How much time do you anticipate?

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Maher Bitar  
Special Assistant to the President and  
Senior Director for Intelligence Programs  
National Security Council  
U: (b) (6) | TS: (b) (6)  
U: (b) (6)

**From:** Choi, Eun Young <(b) (6)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 29, 2021 11:48 AM  
**To:** Bitar, Maher B. <(b) (6)>  
**Cc:** Newman, David A <(b) (6)>; MacIntyre, Mirriam-Grace C. <(b) (6)>; Cedarbaum, Jonathan G. <(b) (6)>; Deeks, Ashley S. <(b) (6)>; Bressler, Jonathan A. <(b) (6)>; Suntoke, Jamshed <(b) (6)>; Pohl, Jill H. <(b) (6)>; Gustafson, Marc F. <(b) (6)>; Newman, David A <(b) (6)>; MacIntyre, Mirriam-Grace C. <(b) (6)>; Cedarbaum, Jonathan G. <(b) (6)>; Deeks, Ashley S. <(b) (6)>; Bressler, Jonathan A. <(b) (6)>; Suntoke, Jamshed <(b) (6)>; Pohl, Jill H. <(b) (6)>; Gustafson, Marc F. <(b) (6)>  
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Mahe – we are working diligently on gathering the facts regarding your inquiry below, but as we discussed yesterday with Jonathan Cedarbaum, we will need some more time to respond.

Thank you, and apologies for the delay.

**From:** Bitar, Maher B. <(b) (6)>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 24, 2021 7:34 PM  
**To:** Choi, Eun Young <(b) (6)>; Choi, Eun Young <(b) (6)>  
**Cc:** Newman, David A <(b) (6)>; MacIntyre, Mirriam-Grace C. <(b) (6)>; Cedarbaum, Jonathan G. <(b) (6)>; Deeks, Ashley S. <(b) (6)>; Bressler, Jonathan A. <(b) (6)>; Suntoke, Jamshed <(b) (6)>; Pohl, Jill H. <(b) (6)>; Gustafson, Marc F. <(b) (6)>; Newman, David A <(b) (6)>; MacIntyre, Mirriam-Grace C. <(b) (6)>; Cedarbaum, Jonathan G. <(b) (6)>; Deeks, Ashley S. <(b) (6)>; Bressler, Jonathan A. <(b) (6)>; Suntoke, Jamshed <(b) (6)>; Pohl, Jill H. <(b) (6)>; Gustafson, Marc F. <(b) (6)>  
**Subject:** NSC RFI for DOJ - (b)(5) per NSC

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Eun Young –

Thank you for the helpful discussion today with FBI on (b)(5) per NSC. As discussed and pursuant to the policy process we are coordinating, we are requesting DOJ’s written response to clarify the following:

(b)(5) per NSC; (b)(1)-1, (b)(3)-1, (b)(7)(E)-3 per FBI

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1 per FBI  
b3-1  
7E-3

We kindly request DOJ's written response by 30 September.

(b)(5) per NSC

Thank you and please let us know if you have any questions,

Maher

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Maher Bitar  
Special Assistant to the President and  
Senior Director for Intelligence Programs  
National Security Council

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DATE 11/20/2023

FBI INFO. CLASSIFIED BY: NSICG [REDACTED]

REASON: 1.4(C)

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**Smith, James M**

**From:** MacIntyre, Mirriam-Grace C. [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Friday, October 22, 2021 5:43 PM  
**To:** Choi, Eun Young; Newman, David A  
**Cc:** Bressler, Jonathan A.; Bitar, Maher B.  
**Subject:** Following up on NSC RFI for DOJ - [REDACTED] (b)(5) per NSC

Classification: ~~TOP SECRET~~ [REDACTED] (b)(1), (b)(3) ~~(TS)~~

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b3-1  
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~~Classified By: mmacintyre  
 Derived From: NSC SCG  
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Good afternoon, Eun Young and David,

Thank you again for taking the time to speak with us last week. I'm writing on behalf of Maher Bitar to see if you had any updates on the questions we asked during our discussion. We are preparing to update our leadership early next week on this and want to ensure we are accurately representing DOJ's response.

Thanks for your help with all of this. Hope you have a good weekend.

Kind Regards,  
Mirriam

Mirriam-Grace MacIntyre  
 Director for Counterintelligence  
 National Security Council

TS: (b) (6) | U [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
 U: [REDACTED] (b) (6)

**From:** Choi, Eun Young [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 6, 2021 12:23 PM  
**To:** Bitar, Maher B. [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Cc:** Newman, David A. [REDACTED] (b) (6); MacIntyre, Mirriam-Grace C. [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
 Cedarbaum, Jonathan G. [REDACTED] (b) (6); Deeks, Ashley S. [REDACTED] (b) (6); Bressler,  
 Jonathan A. [REDACTED] (b) (6); Suntoke, Jamshed [REDACTED] (b) (6); Pohl, Jill H.  
 [REDACTED] (b) (6); Gustafson, Marc F. [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Subject:** ~~(TS)~~ [REDACTED] (b)(1), (b)(3) RE: NSC RFI for DOJ - [REDACTED] (b)(5) per NSC ~~TOP~~  
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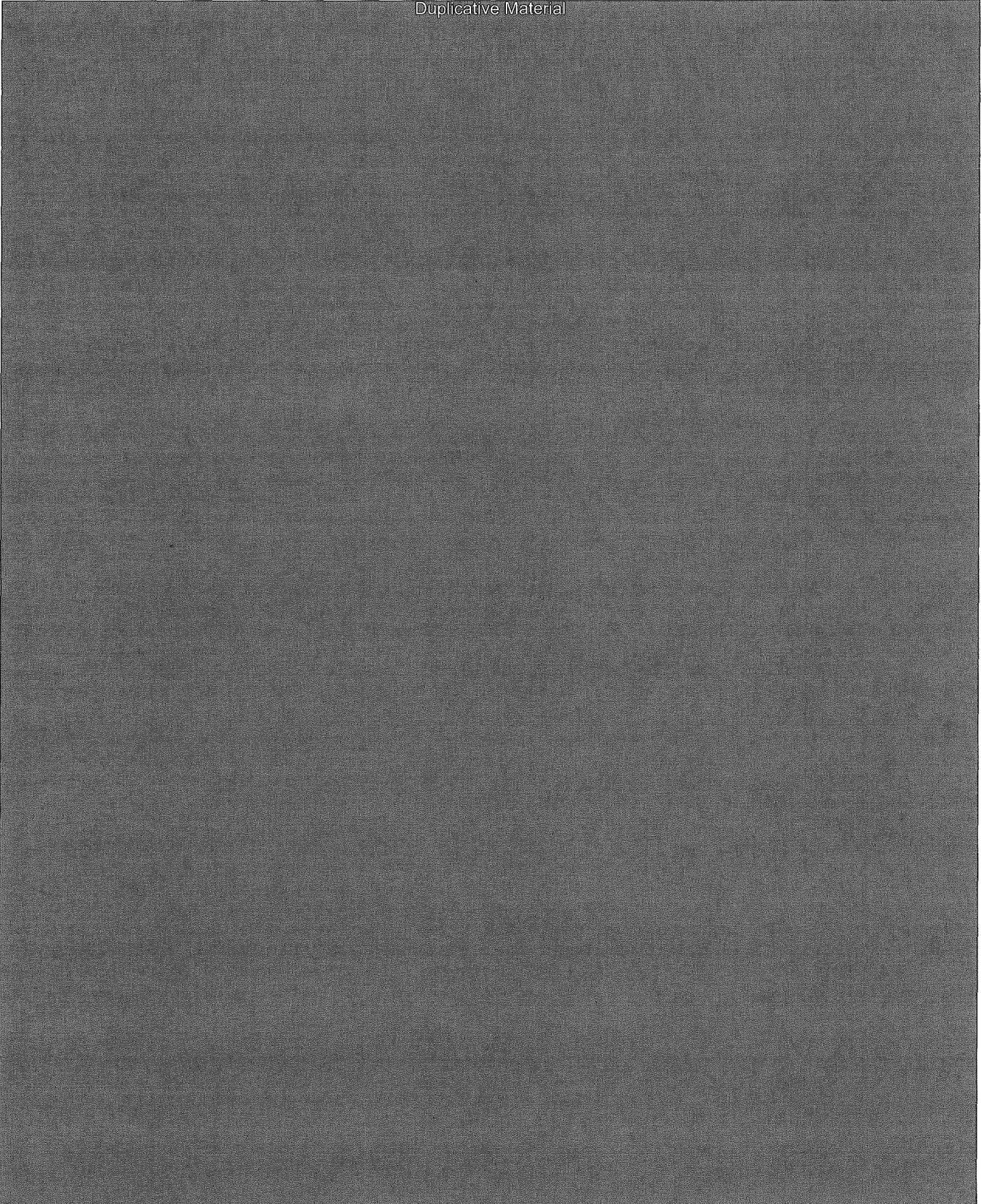
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**Smith, James M**

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**From:** Choi, Eun Young  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 14, 2021 3:50 PM  
**To:** Newman, David A  
**Subject:** ~~(TS)~~ (b)(1), (b)(3) 2021.10.14 - (b)(5) per NSC ~~TOP SECRET~~ (b)(1), (b)(3)  
**Attachments:** 2021.10.14 - (b)(5) per NSC docx ~~(TS)~~

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For your further review.

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b7E-1

**Smith, James M**

**From:** Choi, Eun Young  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 23, 2021 2:07 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]; PALMER, STEVEN (ER) (FBI); 'MCNALLY, RICHARD'; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: ~~(S//NF)~~ RE: Meeting Request to Discuss [REDACTED] (b)(5) per NSC  
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~~Classified By: Eun Young Choi ODAG  
Derived From: NSC SCG  
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Checking on this again. Thanks.

**From:** Choi, Eun Young  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 22, 2021 3:50 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]; PALMER, STEVEN (ER) (FBI); [REDACTED]; MCNALLY, RICHARD  
**Subject:** ~~(S//NF)~~ RE: Meeting Request to Discuss [REDACTED] (b)(5) per NSC --- ~~SECRET//NOFORN~~

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b7E-1

~~Classified By: Eun Young Choi ODAG  
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Hey all – you good with doing this on Friday still? From the convo we had, I think I was under the impression they wanted to ask substantive questions, but this is a string coming out of the general call for responses. Thanks.

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 21, 2021 4:37 PM  
**To:** 'MacIntyre, Mirriam-Grace C.' [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Cc:** Choi, Eun Young [REDACTED] (b) (6) >; [REDACTED]; PALMER, STEVEN [REDACTED]; MCNALLY, RICHARD [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Meeting Request to Discuss [REDACTED] (b)(5) per NSC --- ~~SECRET//NOFORN~~

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Ms. MacIntyre,

Ms. Choi from ODAG/Cyber will join in on the call with FBI.

Thanks,

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

b6/b7C-1 per FBI  
b7E-1

From: MacIntyre, Mirriam-Grace C. [Redacted] (b) (6)

Sent: Monday, September 20, 2021 6:32 PM

To: [Redacted]

Cc: [Redacted]

BROWN, JAMES R. (LS) (FBI)

GABRIEL, KACEY D. (LD) (FBI)

KOHLER, ALAN E. JR. (CD) (FBI)

FLORIS, NIKKI L. (CD) (FBI)

Suntoke, Jamshed

(b) (6)

; Pohl, Jill H.

(b) (6)

Subject: RE: Meeting Request to Discuss [Redacted] (b)(5) per NSC

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~~Classified By: mmacintyre~~

~~Derived From: NSC SCG~~

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Yes, does 1600-1630 work for FBI?

Kind Regards,  
Mirriam

Mirriam-Grace MacIntyre  
Director for Counterintelligence  
National Security Council

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U [REDACTED] (b) (6)

b6/b7C-1 per FBI  
b7E-1

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, September 20, 2021 2:53 PM

To: MacIntyre, Mirriam-Grace C. [REDACTED] (b) (6) >

Cc: [REDACTED]

BROWN, JAMES R. (LS) (FBI)

GABRIEL, KACEY D. (LD) (FBI)

KOHLER, ALAN E. JR. (CD) (FBI)

FLORIS, NIKKI L. (CD) (FBI)

Subject: RE: Meeting Request to Discuss [REDACTED] (b)(5) per NSC --- ~~SECRET//NOFORN~~

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b7E-1

Hello Ms. MacIntyre,

Friday would be a good time for FBI if that time is still available.

Thank you,  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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b7E-1

From: MacIntyre, Mirriam-Grace C. [REDACTED] (b) (6) >

Sent: Friday, September 17, 2021 5:56 PM

To: [REDACTED]

KOHLER, ALAN E. JR. (CD) (FBI)

; FLORIS, NIKKI L. (CD) (FBI)

Subject: Meeting Request to Discuss [REDACTED] (b)(5) per NSC

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Colleagues,

Thank you for your participation in our recent

(b)(5) per NSC

(b)(1), (b)(5) per NSC

[REDACTED]

~~(S)~~

As we detailed in the attached SOC, we are reaching out to agencies over the course of the next week to engage on this matter. We would like to schedule a time for a meeting via SVTC with Senior Director for Intelligence Maher Bitar prior to September 29. Please include any relevant individuals from your organization; we will have several fully cleared Directors from the Intelligence Directorate at the NSC discuss this matter.

The below time frames are currently available. Please contact the individuals on the cc line of this email as soon as possible to coordinate scheduling:

20 September: 10:00 – 11:00

12:30 – 13:30

21 September: 10:00 – 11:00

16:00 onward

22 September: 12:00 – 13:00

13:30 onward

24 September: 1400 - 1700

27 September: 10:00 – 1430

Best,

Miriam

Miriam-Grace MacIntyre

Director for Counterintelligence

National Security Council

TS: (b) (6) | U: (b) (6)

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**Smith, James M**

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**From:** PALMER, STEVEN (ER) (FBI) [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 21, 2021 5:34 PM  
**To:** Choi, Eun Young; [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Newman, David A; MCNALLY, RICHARD; [REDACTED]

**Subject:** [REDACTED] Atkinson, Lawrence; GABRIEL, KACEY D. (LD) (FBI); BROWN, JAMES R. (OTD) (FBI)  
RE: (S//NF) Follow Up Qs re [REDACTED] (b)(5) per NSC [REDACTED] ---TOP SECRET//NOFORN

**Attachments:** [REDACTED]

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(NF) Below are our answers to the questions [REDACTED]

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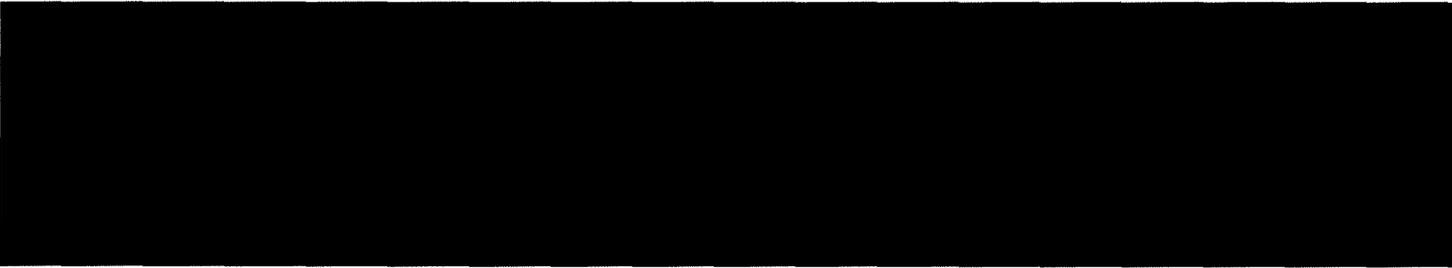
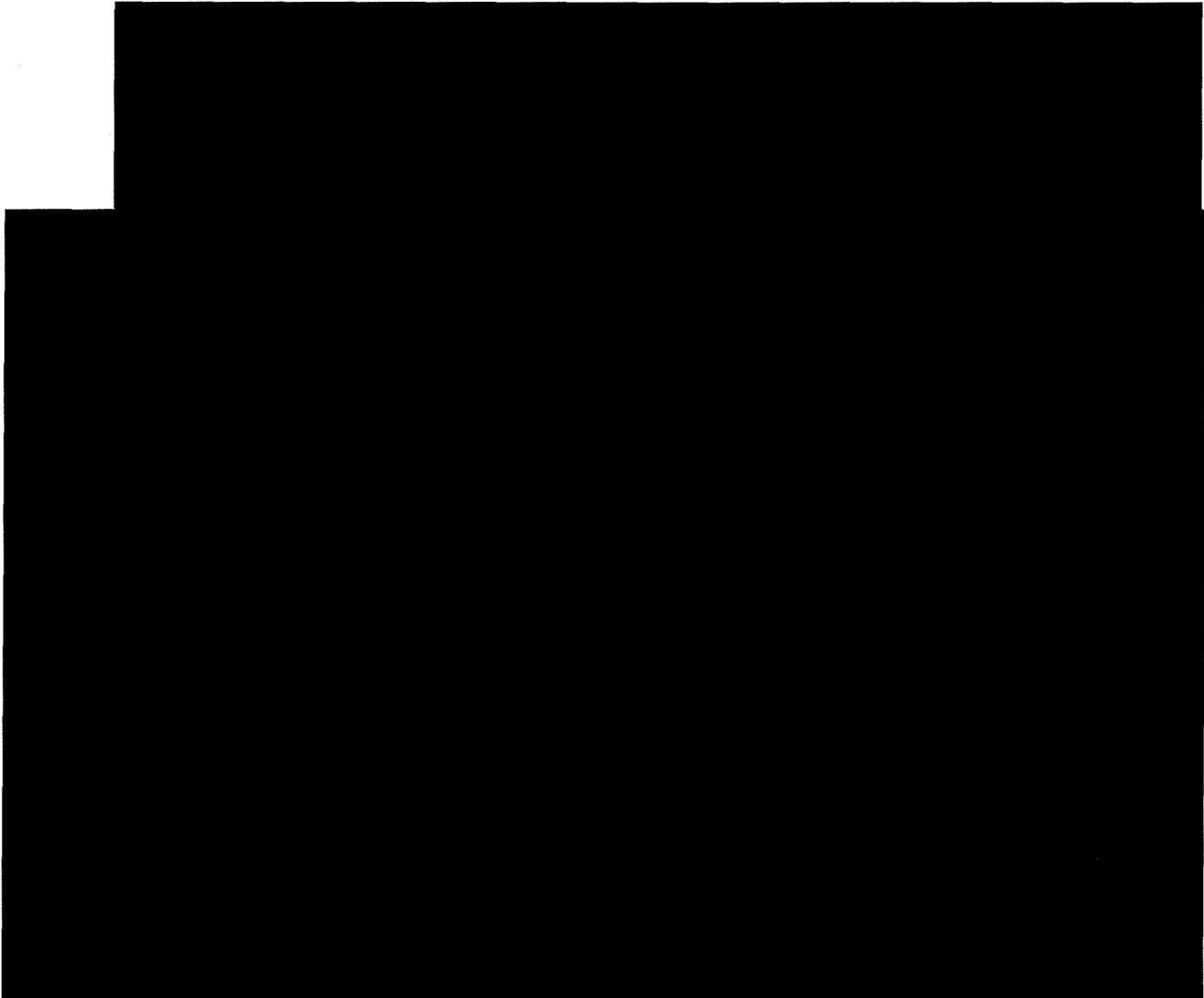
We would be happy to offer a brief or set up a call where we can answer any further questions and provide any information you might need in order to make sure we're providing the information you need. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] We will provide that as soon as possible.

~~(S)~~

As stated below and in other replies, in all cases, the tool was never deployed operationally in any capacity in any location under these contracts. We were researching how we would build a process where it could be used lawfully under Title III.

~~(S)~~



Thank you

Steve

b1-1 per FBI  
b3-1  
b5-1  
b7E-2,3

From: Choi, Eun Young (b) (6)

b6/b7C-1 per FBI  
b7E-1

Sent: Thursday, October 21, 2021 10:58 AM

To: [Redacted]

Cc: Newman, David A (b) (6); PALMER, STEVEN (ER) (FBI); MCNALLY, RICHARD

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Atkinson, Lawrence

(b)(1), (b)(5) per NSC

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Hi, checking in on this. Please advise as to when we can get some answers. We'd also appreciate the documents today. Thank you.

From: Choi, Eun Young

Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 6:17 PM

To: [Redacted]

Cc: Newman, David A (b) (6); 'PALMER, STEVEN (ER) (FBI)'; 'MCNALLY, RICHARD'

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Atkinson, Lawrence

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Also please send all (b) (5)

(S) [Redacted] Thanks.

From: Choi, Eun Young

Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 5:29 PM

To: [Redacted]

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b7E-1

Cc: Newman, David A (b) (6); PALMER, STEVEN (ER) (FBI); MCNALLY, RICHARD

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b7E-2,3

(b)(1)-1, b(3)-1, (b)(7)(E)-2, 3 per FBI; (b)(5)



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If we could get answers to these questions by anytime tomorrow, we would appreciate it.

Thanks,

Eun Young

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FBI INFO. CLASSIFIED BY: NSICG/ [REDACTED]

REASON: 1.4(C)

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**Smith, James M**

**From:** BROWN, JAMES R. (OTD) (FBI) [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 13, 2021 9:07 AM  
**To:** Choi, Eun Young; PALMER, STEVEN (ER) (FBI); MCNALLY, RICHARD; [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] Newman, David A; GABRIEL, KACEY D. (LD) (FBI)  
**Subject:** RE: (TS) [REDACTED] (b)(1), (b)(3) ) RE: NSC RFI for DOJ - [REDACTED] (b)(5) per NSC  
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[REDACTED]

Hello Eun Young,

[REDACTED] (b)(1)-1, (b)(3)-1, (b)(6)/(b)(7)(C)-1, (b)(7)(E)-1, 2, 3, 8 per FBI; (b)(5)  
 [REDACTED] (TS)

Please let us know if you have more questions.

b1-1 per FBI  
b3-1  
b6/b7C-1  
b7E-1,2,3,8

Robert

Assistant Director FBI OTD

[REDACTED]

**From:** Choi, Eun Young [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 12, 2021 8:03 PM  
**To:** PALMER, STEVEN (ER) (FBI) [REDACTED] MCNALLY, RICHARD [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] Newman, David A [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
 BROWN, JAMES R. (OTD) (FBI) [REDACTED]; GABRIEL, KACEY D. (LD) (FBI)  
**Subject:** RE: (TS) [REDACTED] (b)(1), (b)(3) RE: NSC RFI for DOJ - [REDACTED] (b)(5) per NSC  
 [REDACTED] ---TOP SECRET [REDACTED] (b)(1), (b)(3)

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Steve, thanks for this. For #4 below, could you let us know who at CID would be the right people to contact on this question? Thanks.

From: PALMER, STEVEN (ER) (FBI) [REDACTED]  
Sent: Friday, October 8, 2021 12:08 PM  
To: Choi, Eun Young (b)(6); MCNALLY, RICHARD [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Cc: [REDACTED] Newman, David A (b)(6);  
BROWN, JAMES R. (OTD) (FBI) GABRIEL, KACEY D. (LD) (FBI)  
Subject: RE: (TS) (b)(1), (b)(3) RE: NSC RFI for DOJ - (b)(5) per NSC ---TOP---  
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Below is our response to the questions. Please let me know you need more information.

(b)(1), (b)(3); (b)(7)(E) 2, 3 - per FBI; (b)(5) per NSC, OIP

[REDACTED]

(b)(1), (b)(3); (b)(7)(E) 2, 3 - per FBI; (b)(5) per NSC

Thank you

Steve

From: Choi, Eun Young [REDACTED] (b) (6)

Sent: Wednesday, October 6, 2021 11:36 AM

To: PALMER, STEVEN (ER) (FBI) [REDACTED]; MCNALLY, RICHARD [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED] Newman, David A [REDACTED] (b) (6) >

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Hi – can you provide further written responses to the below, (b)(1), (b)(3) ? If you could also provide an ETA on response, I'd appreciate it. (Hopefully by tomorrow, if possible).

Thanks,

Eun Young

From: Bitar, Maher B. (b) (6)  
Sent: Tuesday, October 5, 2021 8:24 PM  
To: Choi, Eun Young (b) (6) >  
Cc: Newman, David A. (b) (6); MacIntyre, Mirriam-Grace C. (b) (6);  
Cedarbaum, Jonathan G. <(b) (6)>; Deeks, Ashley S. (b) (6) >; Bressler,  
Jonathan A. (b) (6); Suntoke, Jamshed (b) (6) >; Pohl, Jill H.  
(b) (6) Gustafson, Marc F. <(b) (6)>  
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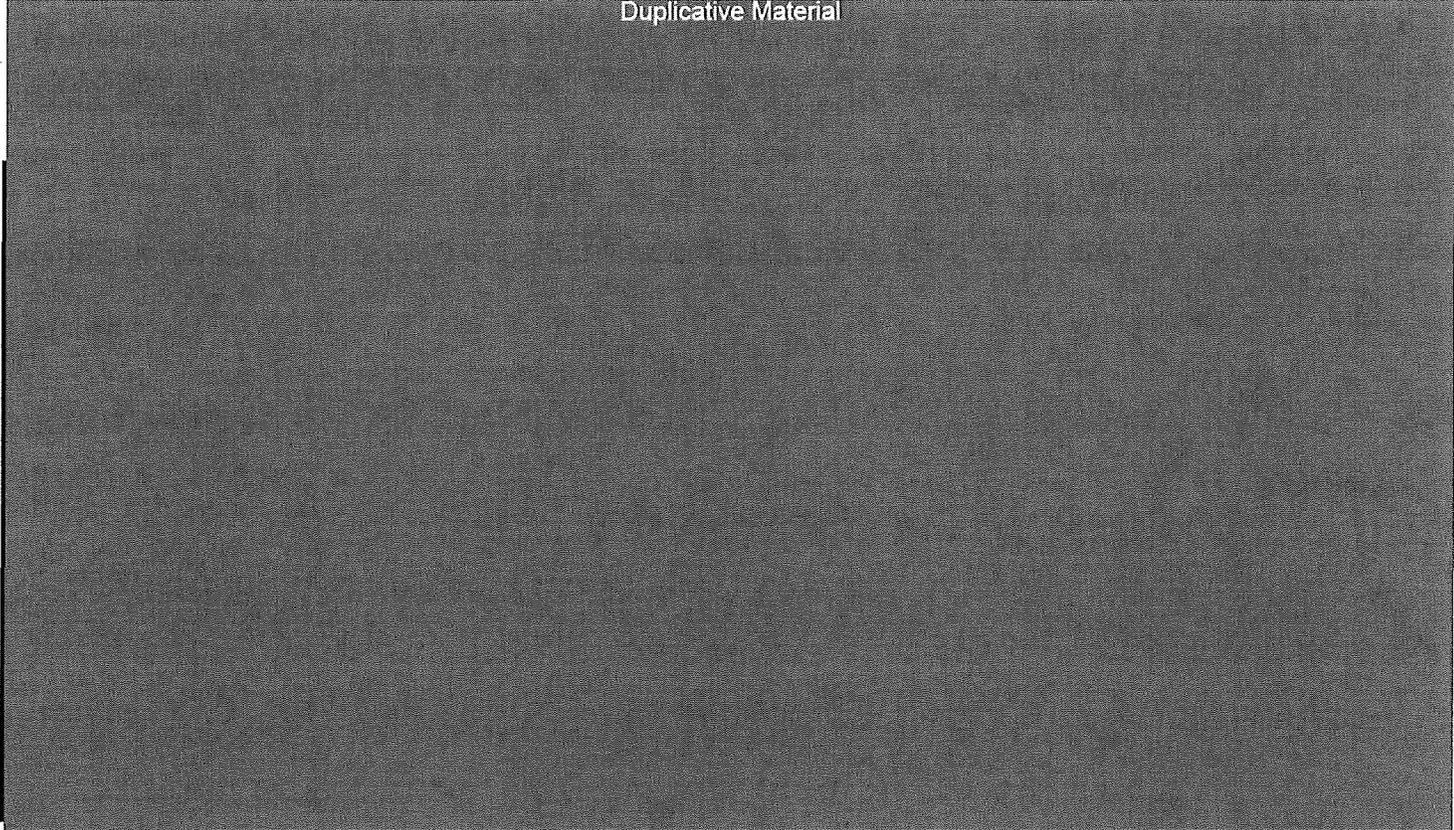
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**Smith, James M**

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**From:** Choi, Eun Young  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 14, 2021 5:45 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Newman, David A  
**Subject:** RE: (TS) [REDACTED] (b)(1), (b)(3) RE: NSC RFI for DOJ - [REDACTED] (b)(5) per NSC  
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Sorry, it's been a long day. I meant, so long as you don't have any reason to doubt that OTD is accurate in its description of CID having ceased pursuing the tool, I think we're fine. Thanks.

**From:** Choi, Eun Young  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 14, 2021 5:44 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Newman, David A (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: (TS) [REDACTED] (b)(1), (b)(3) ) RE: NSC RFI for DOJ - [REDACTED] (b)(5) per NSC ---TOP SECRET [REDACTED] (b)(1), (b)(3)

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Not necessarily, so long as you don't have any doubts as to the veracity that OTD making the representation that CID also stepped down.

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 14, 2021 9:38 AM

**To:** Choi, Eun Young (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Newman, David A (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: (TS) [REDACTED] (b)(1), (b)(3) RE: NSC RFI for DOJ - [REDACTED] (b)(5) per NSC ---TOP SECRET [REDACTED] (b)(1), (b)(3)

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Sorry, just back from travel. Still need this? I don't know—the guy who was leading left to become an SAC not long ago—but can find out.

From: Choi, Eun Young <(b) (6)>

Sent: Tuesday, October 12, 2021 8:03 PM

To: [Redacted]

Cc: Newman, David A (b) (6) >

Subject: FW: (b)(1), (b)(3) RE: NSC RFI for DOJ - (b)(5) per NSC ---TOP

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~~(TS)~~

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[Redacted] - do you know who the people would be from CID for #4? Thanks.

From: Choi, Eun Young

Sent: Tuesday, October 12, 2021 8:03 PM

To: 'PALMER, STEVEN (ER) (FBI)' [Redacted] MCNALLY, RICHARD [Redacted]

Cc: [Redacted] Newman, David A <(b) (6)>

BROWN, JAMES R. (OTD) (FBI) GABRIEL, KACEY D. (LD) (FBI)

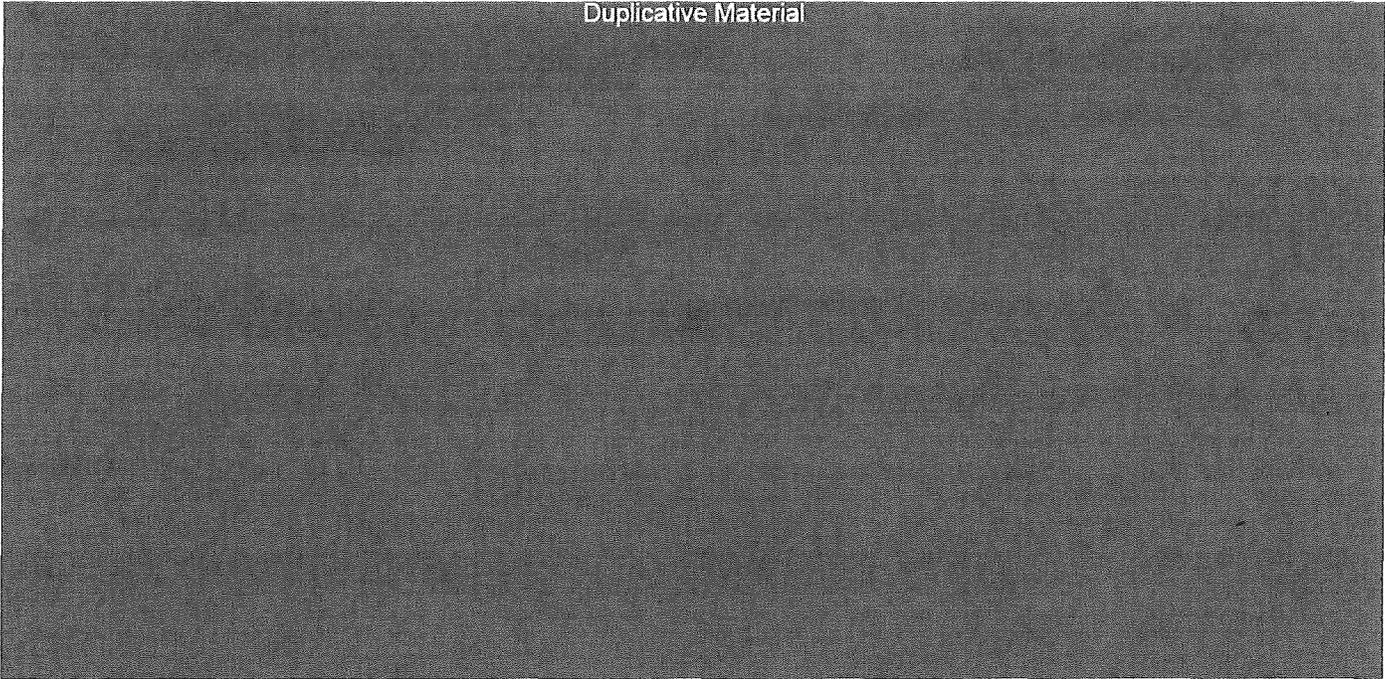
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**Smith, James M**

**From:** Goldfoot, Josh A. b6/b7C-1 per FBI  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 20, 2021 12:21 PM  
**To:** Choi, Eun Young; Downing, Richard W.; Lynch, John; [REDACTED] 'UGORETZ,  
TONYA L. (CYD) (FBI)'  
**Cc:** Hickey Adam NSD USA GOV; [REDACTED] NSD USA GOV; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: (TS//NF) FW: FLAG: [REDACTED] (U); (b)(5) per NSC ~~TOP SECRET//NOFORN~~

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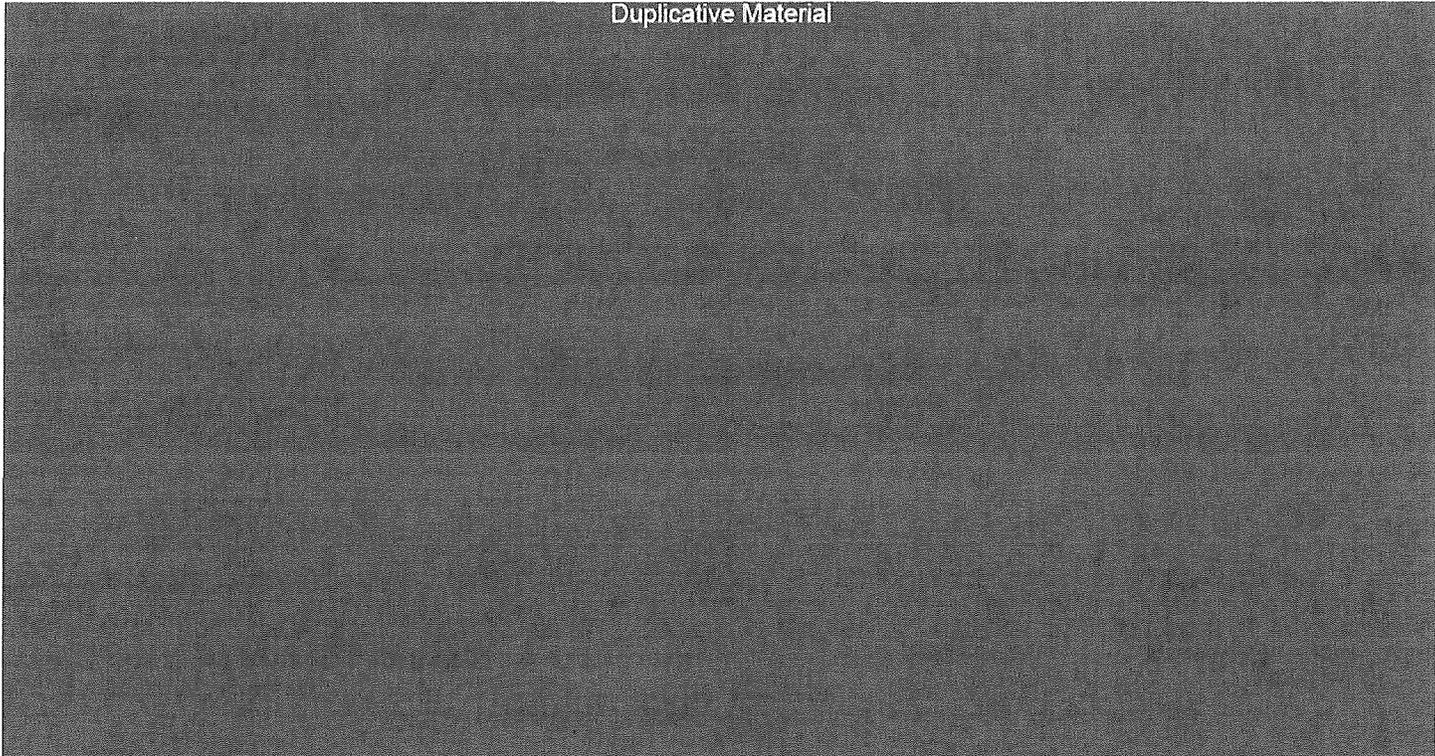
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(U) [REDACTED] b6/b7C-1 per FBI

**From:** Choi, Eun Young [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 20, 2021 10:07 AM  
**To:** Downing, Richard W. [REDACTED] (b) (6) >; Lynch, John [REDACTED] (b) (6) >; Goldfoot, Josh A.  
[REDACTED] (b) (6) >; [REDACTED] (b)(6), (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(E) per FBI 'UGORETZ, TONYA L. (CYD) (FBI)'  
[REDACTED] (b)(7)(E) per FBI >  
**Cc:** Hickey Adam NSD USA GOV [REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) > [REDACTED] (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) NSD USA GOV  
[REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** (TS//NF) FW: FLAG: [REDACTED] (b)(1); (b)(5) per NSC ~~TOP SECRET//NOFORN~~

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**Smith, James M**

**From:** MacIntyre, Mirriam-Grace C. [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 21, 2021 4:52 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Choi, Eun Young; [REDACTED] PALMER, STEVEN (ER) (FBI); MCNALLY, RICHARD;  
**Subject:** RE: Meeting Request to Discuss [REDACTED] (b)(5) per NSC

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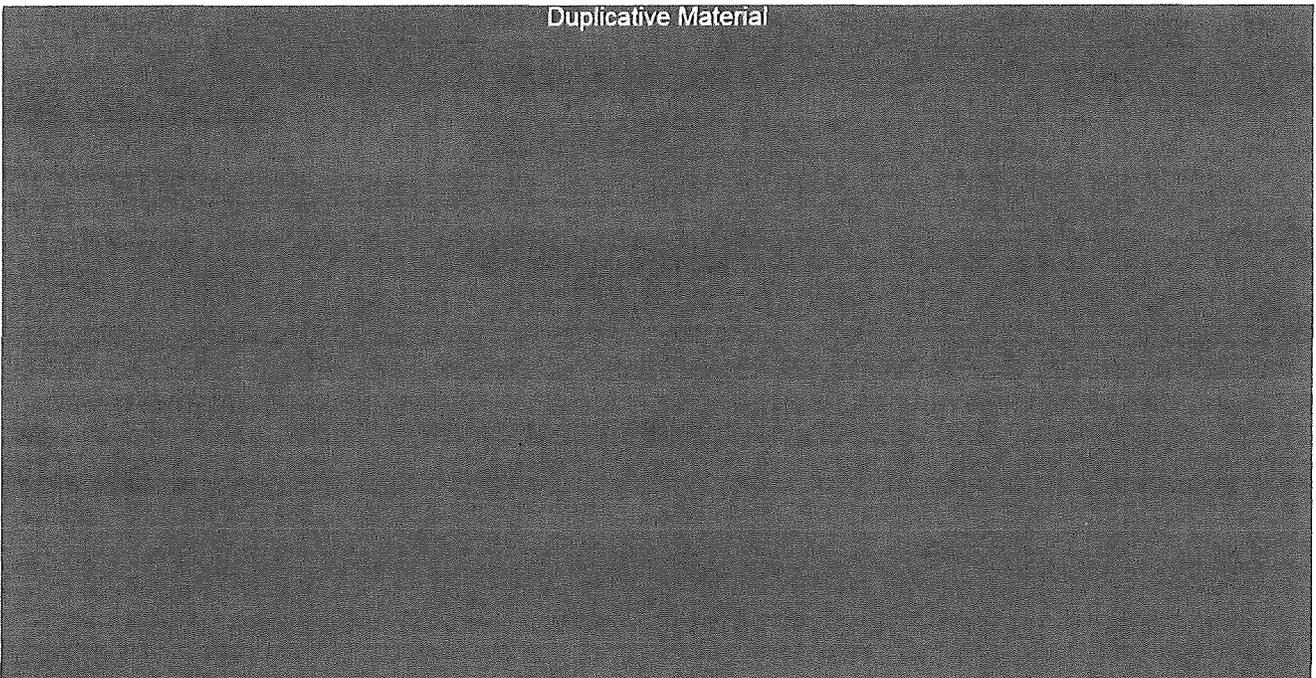
Excellent. Thank you [REDACTED]

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Kind Regards,  
Mirriam

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 21, 2021 4:37 PM  
**To:** MacIntyre, Mirriam-Grace C. [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Cc:** 'Choi, Eun Young' [REDACTED] (b) (6); [REDACTED] PALMER, STEVEN (ER) (FBI); [REDACTED] MCNALLY, RICHARD  
**Subject:** RE: Meeting Request to Discuss [REDACTED] (b)(5) per NSC ~~SECRET//NOFORN~~

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**Smith, James M**

**From:** Choi, Eun Young  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 21, 2021 1:40 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Newman, David A  
**Subject:** FW: ~~(TS//NF)~~ Follow Up Qs re [REDACTED] (b)(5) per NSC --- ~~TOP SECRET//NOFORN~~

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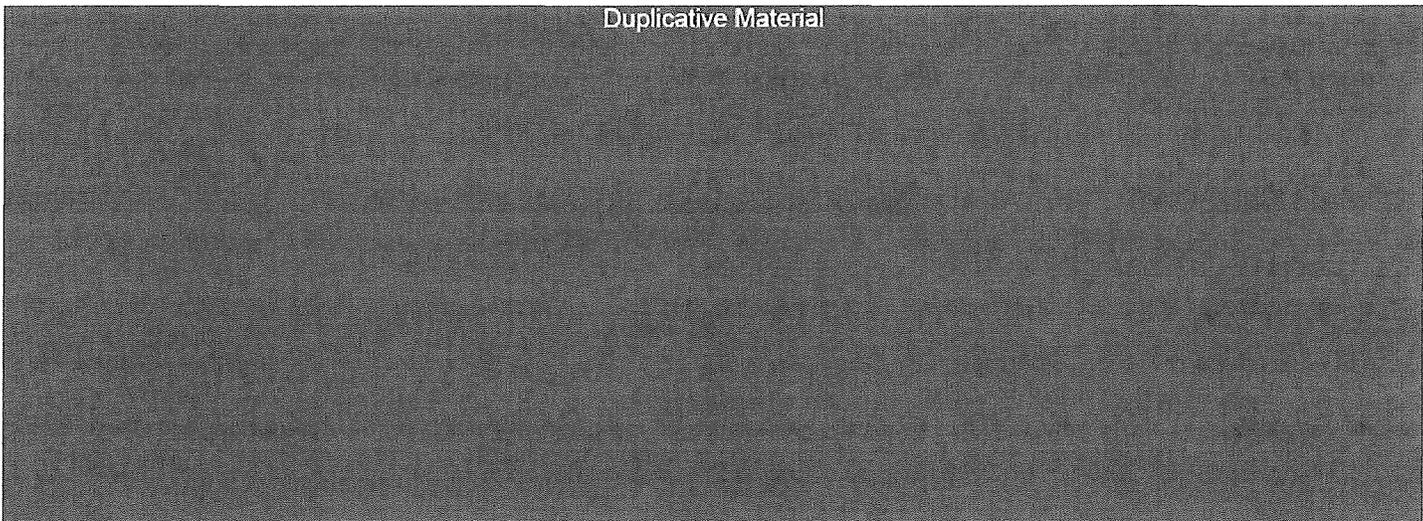
[REDACTED] - any chance we could at least get the documents in short order (understanding that you might be engaging OGC and others for the other questions).

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b7E-1

**From:** Choi, Eun Young  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 21, 2021 10:58 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Newman, David A (b) (6); 'PALMER, STEVEN (ER) (FBI) [REDACTED] 'MCNALLY, RICHARD'  
[REDACTED] Atkinson, Lawrence  
(b) (6)  
**Subject:** RE: ~~(TS//NF)~~ Follow Up Qs re [REDACTED] (b)(5) per NSC --- ~~TOP SECRET//NOFORN~~

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**Smith, James M**

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**From:** Choi, Eun Young  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 19, 2021 6:18 PM  
**To:** Newman, David A; Atkinson, Lawrence  
**Subject:** FW: ~~(TS//NF)~~ Follow Up Qs re [REDACTED] (b)(5) per NSC --- TOP SECRET//NOFORN

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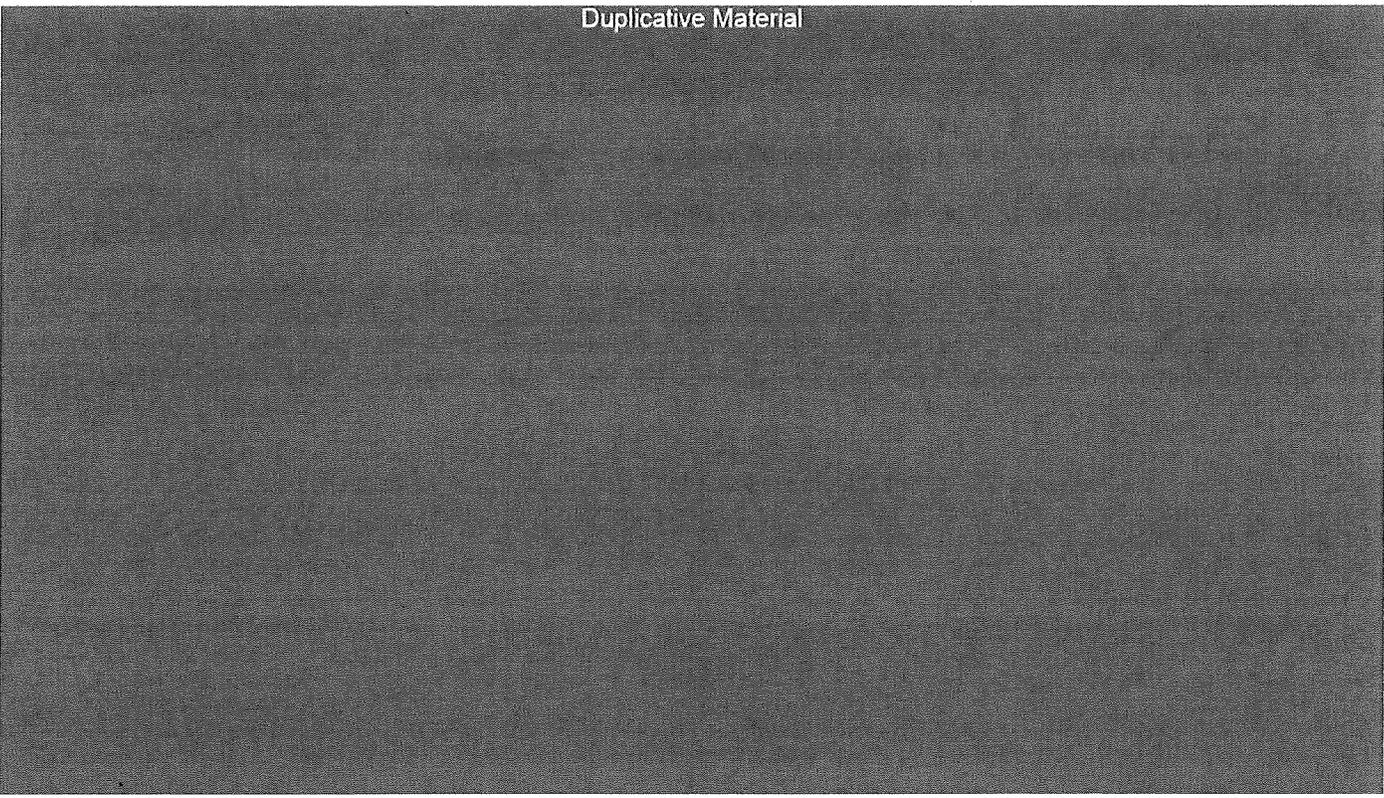
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FYI – I talked to [REDACTED] about it, who said that he would prefer engaging the DD and the GC on this question to do the deep factual dive in the first instance. He’s going to get back to us tomorrow AM as to how they are going to proceed.

**From:** Choi, Eun Young  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 19, 2021 6:17 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Newman, David A (b) (6); 'PALMER, STEVEN (ER) (FBI)' [REDACTED] 'MCNALLY, RICHARD' [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Atkinson, Lawrence  
(b) (6)  
**Subject:** RE: ~~(TS//NF)~~ Follow Up Qs re [REDACTED] (b)(5) per NSC --- TOP SECRET//NOFORN

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**Smith, James M**

**From:** Choi, Eun Young b1-1 per FBI  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 7, 2021 4:25 PM b3-1  
**To:** [REDACTED] b6/b7C-1  
**Subject:** FW: (TS) [REDACTED] (b)(1), (b)(3) RE: NSC RFI for DOJ - [REDACTED] (b)(5) per NSC b7E-8  
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Hey [REDACTED] - any way you could help move this along? Thanks.

b6/b7C-1

**From:** Choi, Eun Young  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 7, 2021 9:13 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED] PALMER, STEVEN (ER) (FBI) [REDACTED]; MCNALLY, RICHARD  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] Newman, David A [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Subject:** RE: (TS) [REDACTED] (b)(1), (b)(3) RE: NSC RFI for DOJ - [REDACTED] (b)(5) per NSC ~~TOP SECRET~~ [REDACTED] (b)(1), (b)(3)

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[REDACTED] (b)(1), (b)(3)  
[REDACTED] Thanks.

**From:** [REDACTED] b1-1 per FBI  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 6, 2021 2:45 PM b3-1  
**To:** Choi, Eun Young [REDACTED] (b) (6); PALMER, STEVEN (ER) (FBI) [REDACTED] MCNALLY, RICHARD b6/b7C-1  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]; Newman, David A [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Subject:** RE: (TS) [REDACTED] (b)(1), (b)(3) RE: NSC RFI for DOJ - [REDACTED] (b)(5) per NSC ~~TOP SECRET~~ [REDACTED] (b)(1), (b)(3) b7E-1, 8

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b7E-8

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The hyperlink (b)(1), (b)(3) is not working for us. Could you please forward the actual file so we can review/respond?

Thanks,  
Michelle

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From: Choi, Eun Young (b)(5) per NSC

Sent: Wednesday, October 6, 2021 11:36 AM

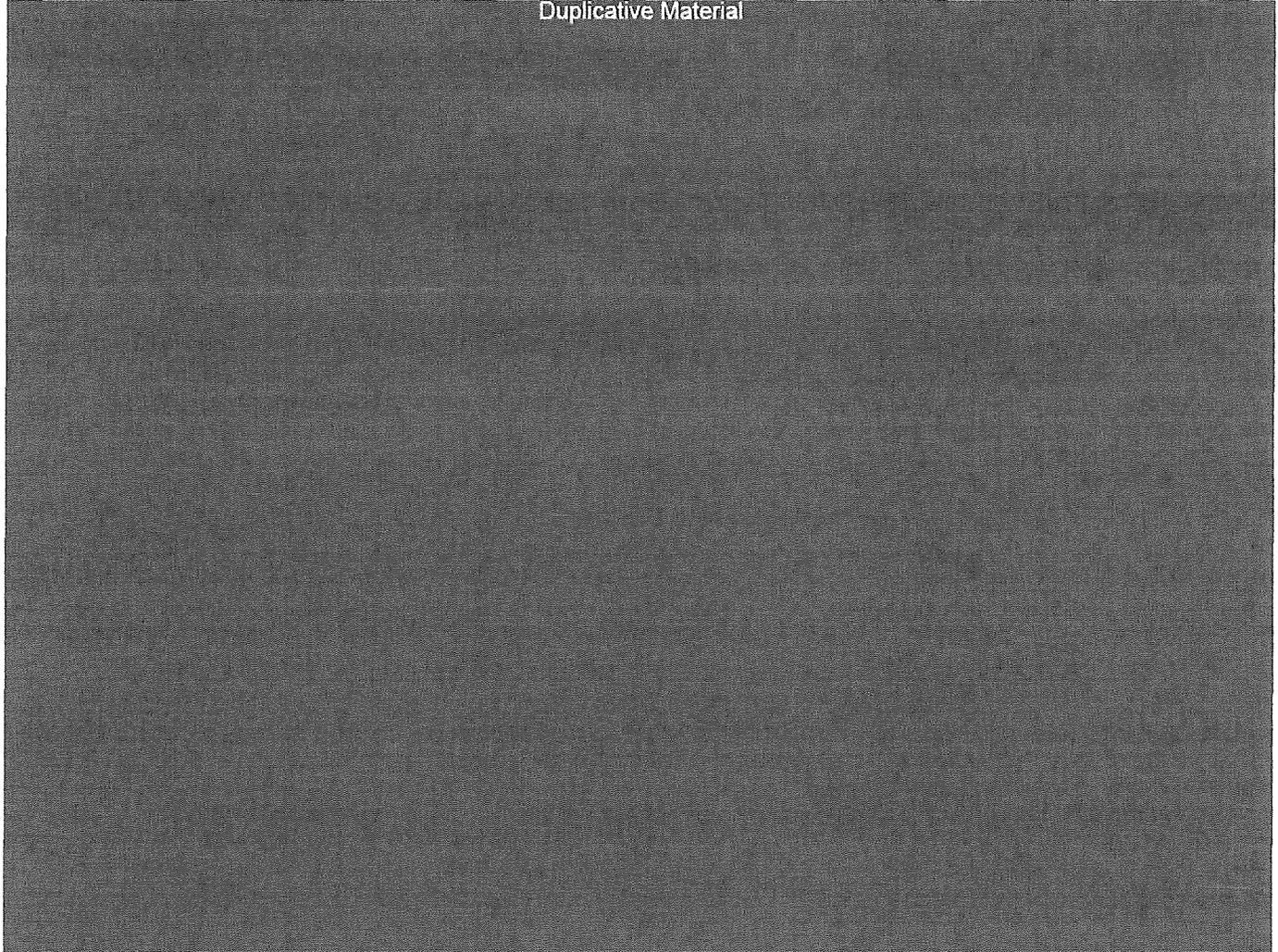
To: PALMER, STEVEN (ER) (FBI) MCNALLY, RICHARD

[redacted]

Cc: Newman, David A (b) (6)

Subject: ~~(TS)~~ (b)(1), (b)(3) RE: NSC RFI for DOJ - (b)(5) per NSC --- ~~TOP SECRET~~ (b)(1), (b)(3)

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**Smith, James M**

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Thursday, September 23, 2021 4:00 PM

**To:** 'MacIntyre, Mirriam-Grace C.'; [REDACTED]

BROWN, JAMES R. (LS) (FBI);

GABRIEL, KACEY D. (LD) (FBI); KOHLER, ALAN E. JR. (CD) (FBI);

FLORIS, NIKKI L. (CD) (FBI); [REDACTED]

MCNALLY, RICHARD; Choi, Eun Young

**Subject:**

RE: Meeting Request to Discuss [REDACTED] (b)(5) per NSC ---

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b7E-1

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~~Classified By: [REDACTED]~~

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Talk to you tomorrow.

**From:** MacIntyre, Mirriam-Grace C. [REDACTED] (b) (6)

**Sent:** Wednesday, September 22, 2021 3:24 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

BROWN, JAMES R. (LS) (FBI)

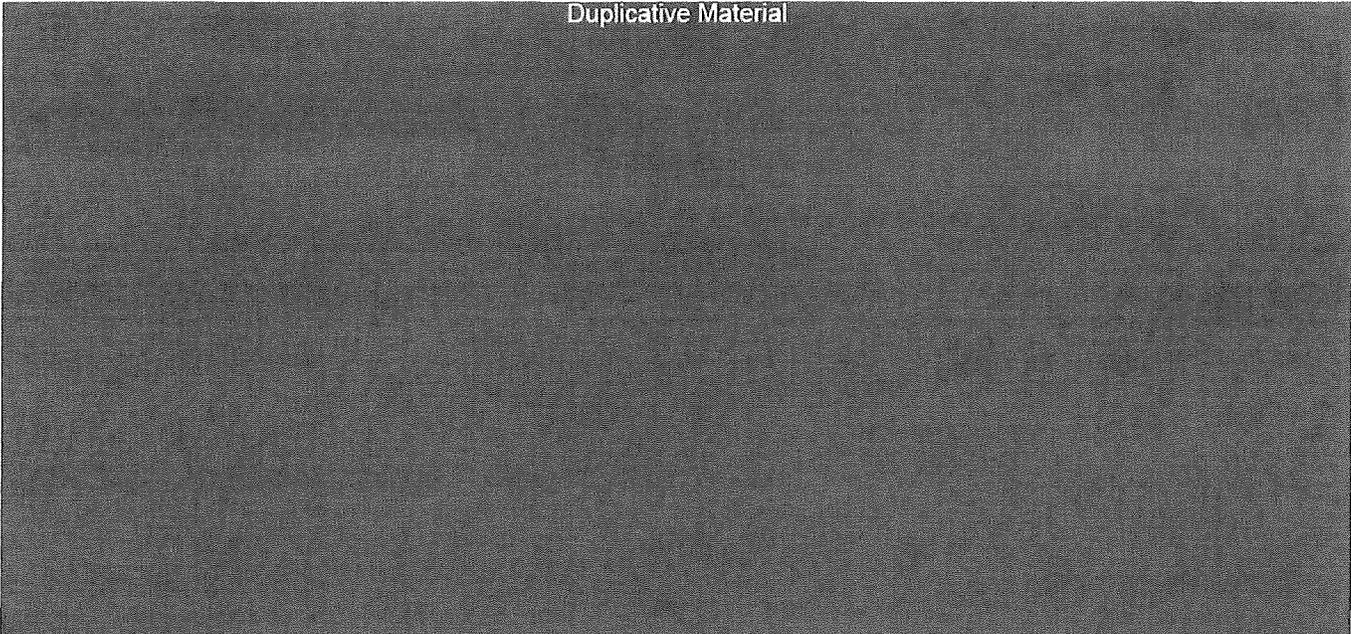
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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 20, 2021 1:05 PM  
**To:** Choi, Eun Young  
**Cc:** PALMER, STEVEN (ER) (FBI); [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: ~~(TS//NF)~~ RE: (b)(5) per NSC Follow-Up --- ~~TOP SECRET//NOFORN~~

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Hello,

b6/b7C-1 per FBI

[REDACTED] and I are available to talk Tues morning if you are available. Otherwise, we could talk this afternoon.

**From:** Choi, Eun Young [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, September 20, 2021 11:03 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** PALMER, STEVEN (ER) (FBI)  
**Subject:** ~~(TS//NF)~~ RE: (b)(5) per NSC Follow-Up --- ~~TOP SECRET//NOFORN~~

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b6/b7C-1 per FBI  
b7E-1, 2, 3

Hi all, nice to meet you. Any chance I could set up a time to talk to you all to discuss not just [REDACTED] but also the recent do-out from NSC regarding the following:

[REDACTED] (b)(7)(E)-2, 3 per FBI; (b)(5) per NSC

If one of you guys have a moment to chat briefly about this, that would be great. Thanks.

**From:** [REDACTED] (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI  
**Sent:** Friday, September 17, 2021 2:55 PM  
**To:** Choi, Eun Young [REDACTED] (b)(5) per NSC

Cc: PALMER, STEVEN (ER) (FBI) [REDACTED]

Subject: (b)(5) per NSC [REDACTED] -Up --- TOP SECRET//NOFORN

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b7E-1, 2, 3

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[REDACTED]

Eun Young,

Following up on our call:

Just spoke with OTD. I can confirm what we discussed over the phone. (b)(1)-1, (b)(3)-1, (b)(7)(E)- 2, 3 per FBI; (b)(5)

(TS)

For OTD points of contact, I would like to introduce and have cc'd Section Chief Steve Palmer, Assistant Section Chief [REDACTED]. They would be the best POCs for questions about the acquisition of the [REDACTED] license.

b1-1 per FBI  
b3-1  
b6/b7C-1  
b7E-1, 2, 3

Respectfully,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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**Smith, James M**

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**From:** Choi, Eun Young  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 6, 2021 11:44 AM  
**To:** (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) NSD USA GOV  
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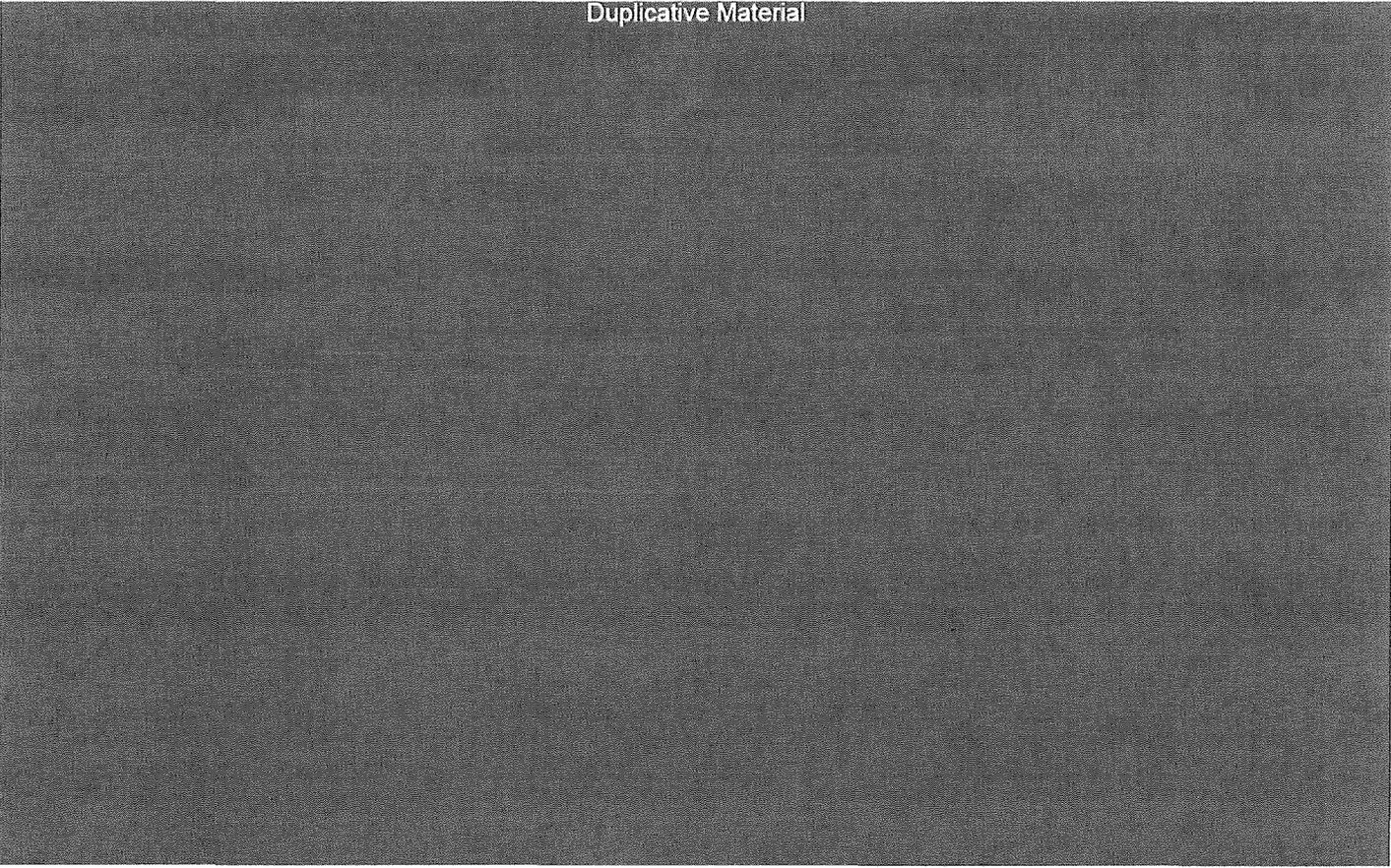
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**From:** Bitar, Maher B. [REDACTED] (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 5, 2021 8:24 PM  
**To:** Choi, Eun Young [REDACTED] (b)(6) >  
**Cc:** Newman, David A. [REDACTED] (b)(6) >; MacIntyre, Mirriam-Grace C. <[REDACTED] (b)(6)>;  
Cedarbaum, Jonathan G. [REDACTED] (b)(6) >; Deeks, Ashley S. [REDACTED] (b)(6) >; Bressler,  
Jonathan A. [REDACTED] (b)(6) >; Suntoke, Jamshed [REDACTED] (b)(6) >; Pohl, Jill H.  
[REDACTED] (b)(6) >; Gustafson, Marc F. [REDACTED] (b)(6) >  
**Subject:** RE: (S//NF) RE: NSC RFI for DOJ - [REDACTED] (b)(5) per NSC



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**Smith, James M**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 23, 2021 3:55 PM  
**To:** Choi, Eun Young  
**Subject:** FW: Meeting Request to Discuss [REDACTED] (b)(5) per NSC  
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**From:** MacIntyre, Mirriam-Grace C. [REDACTED] (b) (6) >

**Sent:** Wednesday, September 22, 2021 3:24 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

BROWN, JAMES R. (LS) (FBI)

GABRIEL, KACEY D. (LD) (FBI)

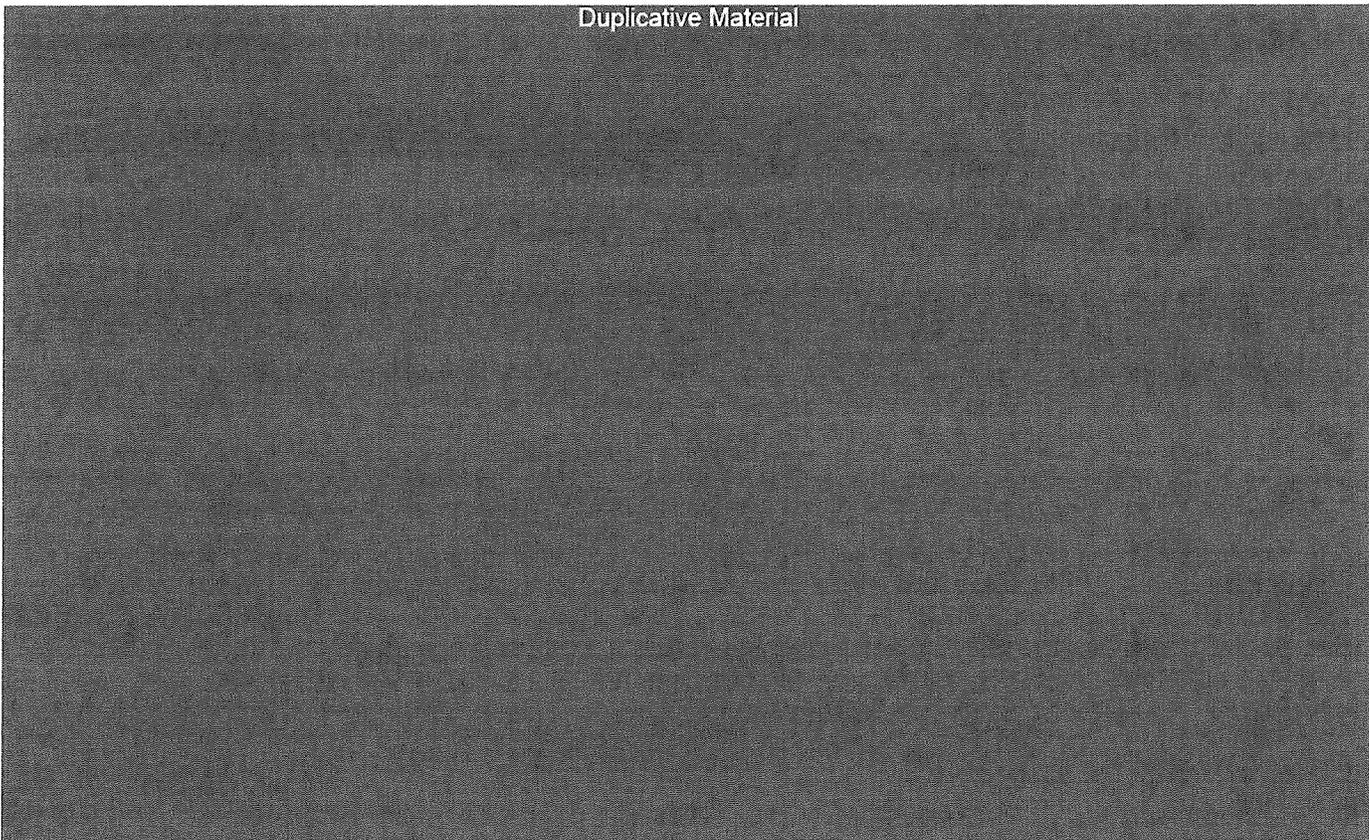
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FLORIS, NIKKI L. (CD) (FBI)

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REASON: 1.4(C)  
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**From:** Choi, Eun Young  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 14, 2021 3:50 PM  
**To:** Newman, David A  
**Subject:** ~~(TS)~~ (b)(1), (b)(3) 2021.10.14 - (b)(6) ---TOP SECRET (b)(1), (b)(3)  
**Attachments:** 2021.10.14 - (b)(6) .docx ~~(TS)~~

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For your further review.

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REASON: 1.4(C)

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**Smith, James M**

**From:** [REDACTED] b6/b7C-1 per FBI  
b7E-1  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 29, 2021 10:52 AM  
**To:** Choi, Eun Young  
**Cc:** Newman, David A.; [REDACTED] PALMER, STEVEN (ER) (FBI); MCNALLY, RICHARD;

**Subject:** RE: (S//NF) FW: NSC RFI for DOJ - [REDACTED] (b)(5) per NSC ---SECRET//NOFORN---  
**Attachments:** [REDACTED] (b)(5) per NSC Summary - FBI.docx

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Ms. Choi,

Please find attached FBI's response.

Feel free to call if you have any questions.

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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b7E-1

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 28, 2021 11:33 AM  
**To:** 'Choi, Eun Young' [REDACTED] (b) (6) >; [REDACTED] PALMER, STEVEN (ER) (FBI) [REDACTED] >; MCNALLY, RICHARD < [REDACTED] (b)(7)(E) per FBI [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Newman, David A [REDACTED] (b) (6) >; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: (S//NF) FW: NSC RFI for DOJ - [REDACTED] (b)(5) per NSC ---SECRET//NOFORN---

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Adding [REDACTED]

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From: Choi, Eun Young [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
Sent: Monday, September 27, 2021 2:52 PM  
To: [REDACTED] PALMER, STEVEN (ER) (FBI) [REDACTED]; MCNALLY,  
RICHARD [REDACTED]  
Cc: Newman, David A [REDACTED] (b) (6) >; [REDACTED]  
Subject: RE: (S//NF)-FW: NSC RFI for DOJ - [REDACTED] (b)(5) per NSC --- ~~SECRET//NOFORN~~

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Adding [REDACTED]. Thanks.

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From: Choi, Eun Young  
Sent: Monday, September 27, 2021 1:27 PM  
To: [REDACTED] 'PALMER, STEVEN (ER) (FBI)' [REDACTED] 'MCNALLY,  
RICHARD'  
Cc: Newman, David A [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
Subject: (S//NF)-FW: NSC RFI for DOJ - [REDACTED] (b)(5) per NSC --- ~~SECRET//NOFORN~~

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Hi all. Could you all take a stab at drafting responses to the below for FBI? It would be helpful if we could get something from you all by Wednesday AM (9/29), that would be great. Thanks.

From: Bitar, Maher B. [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
Sent: Friday, September 24, 2021 7:34 PM  
To: Choi, Eun Young [REDACTED] (b) (6) >; Choi, Eun Young [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
Cc: Newman, David A [REDACTED] (b) (6) >; MacIntyre, Mirriam-Grace C. [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
Cedarbaum, Jonathan G. [REDACTED] (b) (6) >; Deeks, Ashley S. < [REDACTED] (b) (6) >; Bressler,  
Jonathan A. [REDACTED] (b) (6) >; Suntoke, Jamshed [REDACTED] (b) (6) >; Pohl, Jill H.  
[REDACTED] (b) (6) >; Gustafson, Marc F. < [REDACTED] (b) (6) >; Newman, David A  
[REDACTED] (b) (6) >; MacIntyre, Mirriam-Grace C. < [REDACTED] (b) (6) >; Cedarbaum, Jonathan G.  
[REDACTED] (b) (6) >; Deeks, Ashley S. [REDACTED] (b) (6) >; Bressler, Jonathan A.  
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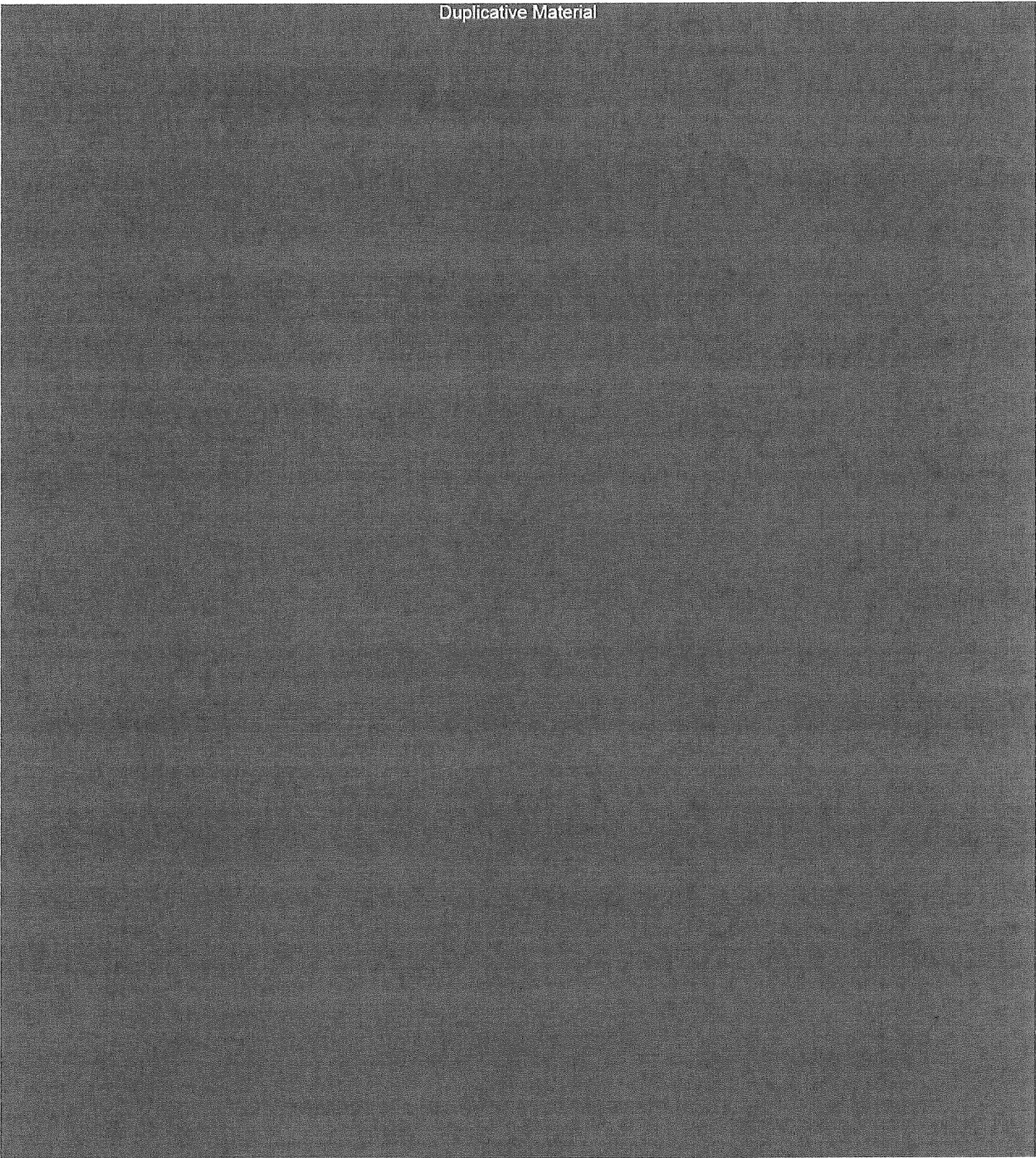
Gustafson, Marc F. <

(b) (6)

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**From:** Bitar, Maher B. [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, December 6, 2021 9:52 PM  
**To:** Dickerson, Julie; Skurnik, Matthew; Skurnik, Matthew; Kelleher, Diane; 'Gonzalo Suarez'; Amr, Hady A; Katkar, Emily L; Grimm, Brian M; 'Shrier, Jonathan L'; Memmott, Larry L; Zaatar, Nadine R; 'Sonderman, Renee P'; 'Matthew Jonas'; Newman, David; [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Cc:** MacIntyre, Mirriam-Grace C.; Sawyer, Julie L.; Pohl, Jill H.; Stewart, Mallory A.; Krueger, Thomas G.; Bressler, Jonathan A.  
**Subject:** RE: (S//NF) RE: Follow-Up: Engagement with [REDACTED] on NSO Group

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~~Classified By: Maher Bitar, Senior Director for Intelligence Programs  
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Thank you, Julie. This is very helpful and much appreciated.

**From:** Dickerson, Julie [mailto:[REDACTED] (b) (6)]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 6, 2021 8:22 PM  
**To:** Skurnik, Matthew [REDACTED] (b) (6); Skurnik, Matthew [REDACTED] (b) (6); Kelleher, Diane [REDACTED] (b) (6); Bitar, Maher B. [REDACTED] (b) (6); 'Gonzalo Suarez' [REDACTED] (b) (6) @state.sgov.gov>; Amr, Hady A [REDACTED] (b) (6) state.sgov.gov>; [REDACTED] (b) (6) @state.sgov.gov>; Grimm, Brian M [REDACTED] (b) (6) @state.sgov.gov>; 'Shrier, Jonathan L' [REDACTED] (b) (6) @state.sgov.gov>; Memmott, Larry L [REDACTED] (b) (6) @state.sgov.gov>; [REDACTED] (b) (6) @state.sgov.gov>; Newman, David [REDACTED] (b) (6) @state.sgov.gov>;  
**Cc:** MacIntyre, Mirriam-Grace C. [REDACTED] (b) (6); Sawyer, Julie L. [REDACTED] (b) (6); Pohl, Jill H. [REDACTED] (b) (6); Stewart, Mallory A. [REDACTED] (b) (6); Krueger, Thomas G. [REDACTED] (b) (6); Bressler, Jonathan A. [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
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(U) Hi All,

(U) Pursuant to the first due-out below, please find attached CIV's general guidance [REDACTED] (b)(5) per NSC [REDACTED]. We will standby to review State and Commerce proposed talking points.

~~(S//NF)~~ We would also like to provide the following talking point, as needed: [REDACTED] (b)(5) per NSC [REDACTED]

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b3-1  
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b7E-3

(U) Thank you,  
(U) Julie

(U) Counsel to the Deputy Attorney General  
(U) Department of Justice  
(U) (b) (6) | (b) (6)

From: Bitar, Maher B. (b) (6)

Sent: Monday, December 6, 2021 5:10 PM

To: 'Gonzalo Suarez' (b) (6) @state.sgov.gov>; Amr, Hady A (b) (6) @state.sgov.gov>; (b) (6)

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(b) (6) ; (b) (6)

Cc: MacIntyre, Mirriam-Grace C. < (b) (6) >; Sawyer, Julie L. (b) (6)  
Pohl, Jill H. (b) (6) >; Stewart, Mallory A. (b) (6) Krueger, Thomas G.  
(b) (6) ; Bressler, Jonathan A. (b) (6) >; MacIntyre, Mirriam-Grace C.  
(b) (6) >; Sawyer, Julie L. < (b) (6) >; Pohl, Jill H.  
(b) (6) >; Stewart, Mallory A. (b) (6) Krueger, Thomas G.  
(b) (6) ; Bressler, Jonathan A. (b) (6) >

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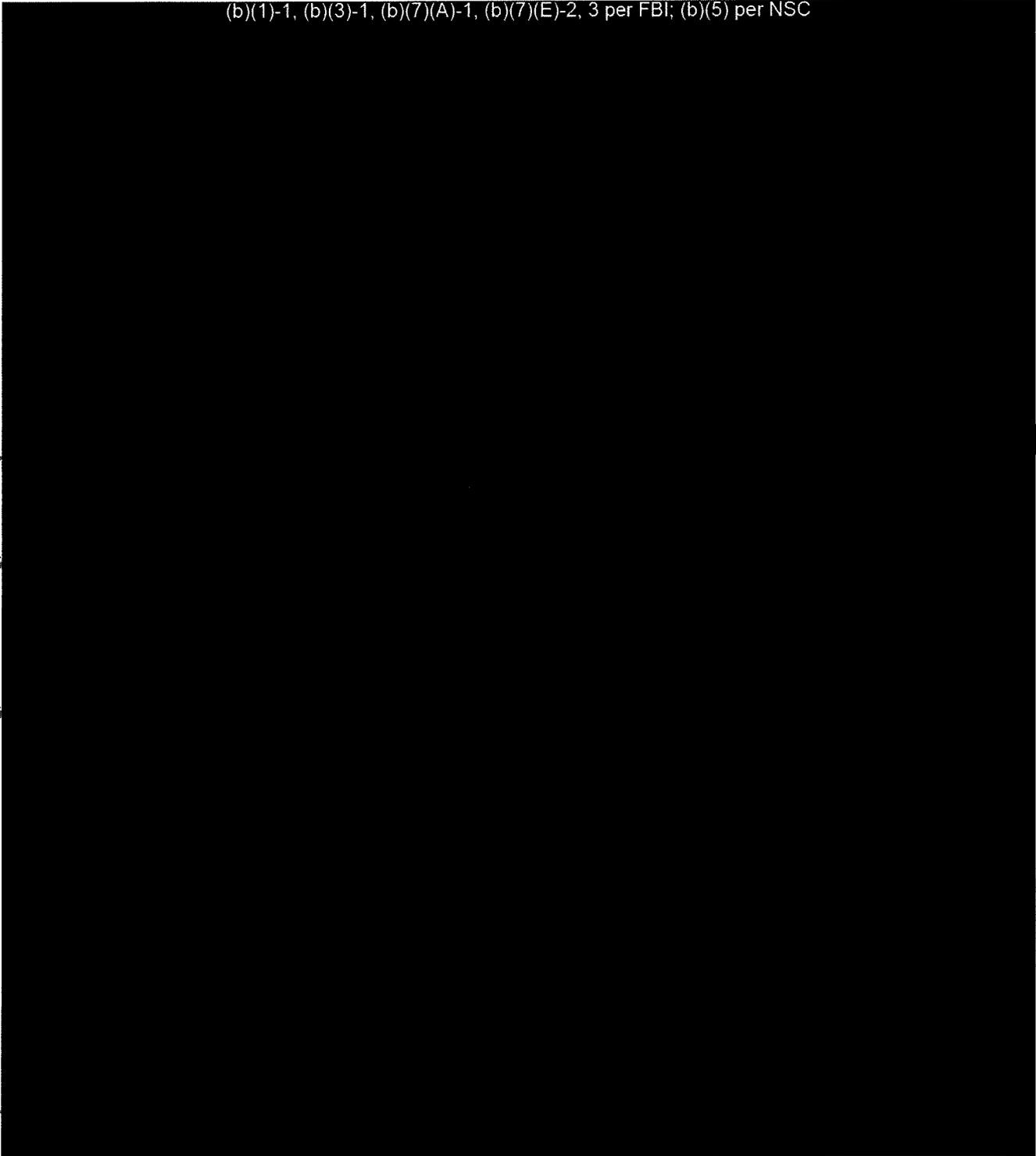
Colleagues –

Thanks for joining today's meeting to coordinate messaging to the (b)(1), (b)(7)(E), (b)(5) per NSC on NSO Group, and thanks in particular to the Department of Justice for joining to share overall guidance.

Unfortunately, colleagues at Main State were disconnected before we were able to conclude the meeting. We therefore agreed to begin this consolidated email chain with all key agencies and offices represented – NSC staff, State (ISN and NEA), Commerce, and DOJ. Please add anyone we've missed.

Below are key due outs:

(b)(1)-1, (b)(3)-1, (b)(7)(A)-1, (b)(7)(E)-2, 3 per FBI; (b)(5) per NSC



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Thanks,

Maher

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Maher Bitar

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