

Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, September 20, 2018 6:46 PM
To: Boyd, Stephen E. (OLA)
Subject: Draft

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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Friday, September 21, 2018 1:57 PM
To: Boyd, Stephen E. (OLA); O'Callaghan, Edward C. (ODAG); Ellis, Corey F. (ODAG);
Rosenstein, Rod (ODAG); Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG)
Subject: NYT story

<https://www.google.com/amp/s/www.nytimes.com/2018/09/21/us/politics/rod-rosenstein-wear-wire-25th-amendment.amp.html>

Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Friday, September 21, 2018 1:58 PM
To: Whitaker, Matthew (OAG); Barnett, Gary E. (OAG); Boyd, Stephen E. (OLA)
Subject: NYT story

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From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Friday, September 21, 2018 1:58 PM
To: Bennett, Geoff (NBCUniversal)
Subject: Re: NBC requesting statement on NYT Rosenstein report

Our statement is in the story

On Sep 21, 2018, at 12:54 PM, Bennett, Geoff (NBCUniversal) <Geoff.Bennett@nbcuni.com> wrote:

Hi – Does Deputy AG Rosenstein or the DOJ have a comment/statement to share regarding the New York Times reporting that Rosenstein might have secretly recorded the president and discussed recruiting cabinet members to invoke the 25th Amendment?

Thank you,

Geoff

Geoff Bennett
NBC News White House Correspondent
(b) (6) (cell) | @GeoffRBennett

Lynch, Sarah N. (Reuters)

From: Lynch, Sarah N. (Reuters)
Sent: Friday, September 21, 2018 2:04 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA); O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Subject: Hi can you send me the comments for the NYT Rosenstein story?

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Investigative tips always welcome....

DoJ Real Time News Clips

From: DoJ Real Time News Clips
Sent: Friday, September 21, 2018 2:07 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: NYT: Rosenstein Suggested He Secretly Record Trump and Discussed 25th Amendment

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Media: New York Times

Byline: Adam Goldman and Michael S. Schmidt

Date: 21 September 2018

Hyperlink: <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/09/21/us/politics/rod-rosenstein-wear-wire-25th-amendment.html?action=click&module=Top%20Stories&pgtype=Homepage>

The deputy attorney general, Rod J. Rosenstein, suggested last year that he secretly record President Trump in the White House to expose the chaos consuming the administration, and he discussed recruiting cabinet members to invoke the 25th Amendment to remove Mr. Trump from office for being unfit.

Mr. Rosenstein made these suggestions in the spring of 2017 when Mr. Trump's firing of James B. Comey as F.B.I. director plunged the White House into turmoil. Over the ensuing days, the president divulged classified intelligence to Russians in the Oval Office, and revelations emerged that Mr. Trump had asked Mr. Comey to pledge loyalty and end an investigation into a senior aide.

Mr. Rosenstein was just two weeks into his job. He had begun overseeing the Russia investigation and played a key role in the president's dismissal of Mr. Comey by writing a memo critical of his handling of the Hillary Clinton email investigation. But Mr. Rosenstein was caught off guard when Mr. Trump cited the memo in the firing, and he began telling people that he feared he had been used.

Mr. Rosenstein made the remarks about secretly recording Mr. Trump and about the 25th Amendment in meetings and conversations with other Justice Department and F.B.I. officials. Several people described the episodes, insisting on anonymity to discuss internal deliberations. The people were briefed either on the events themselves or on memos written by F.B.I. officials, including Andrew G. McCabe, then the acting bureau director, that documented Mr. Rosenstein's actions and comments.

None of Mr. Rosenstein's proposals apparently came to fruition. It is not clear how determined he was about seeing them through, though he did tell Mr. McCabe that he might be able to persuade Attorney General Jeff Sessions and John F. Kelly, then the secretary of homeland security and now the White House chief of staff, to mount an effort to invoke the 25th Amendment.

The extreme suggestions show Mr. Rosenstein's state of mind in the disorienting days that followed Mr. Comey's dismissal. Sitting in on Mr. Trump's interviews with prospective F.B.I. directors and facing attacks for his own role in Mr. Comey's firing, Mr. Rosenstein had an up-close view of the tumult. Mr. Rosenstein appeared conflicted, regretful and emotional, according to people who spoke with him at the time.

Mr. Rosenstein disputed this account.

"The New York Times's story is inaccurate and factually incorrect," he said in a statement. "I will not further comment on a story based on anonymous sources who are obviously biased against the department and are

advancing their own personal agenda. But let me be clear about this: Based on my personal dealings with the president, there is no basis to invoke the 25th Amendment.”

A Justice Department spokeswoman also provided a statement from a person who was present when Mr. Rosenstein proposed wearing a wire. The person, who would not be named, acknowledged the remark but said Mr. Rosenstein made it sarcastically.

But according to the others who described his comments, Mr. Rosenstein not only confirmed that he was serious about the idea but also followed up by suggesting that other F.B.I. officials who were interviewing to be the bureau’s director could also secretly record Mr. Trump.

Mr. McCabe, who was later fired from the F.B.I., declined to comment. His memos have been turned over to the special counsel investigating whether Trump associates conspired with Russia’s election interference, Robert S. Mueller III, according to a lawyer for Mr. McCabe. “A set of those memos remained at the F.B.I. at the time of his departure in late January 2018,” the lawyer, Michael R. Bromwich, said of his client. “He has no knowledge of how any member of the media obtained those memos.”

The revelations about Mr. Rosenstein come as Mr. Trump has unleashed another round of attacks in recent days on federal law enforcement, saying in an interview with the Hill newspaper that he hopes his assaults on the F.B.I. turn out to be “one of my crowning achievements” and that he only wished he had terminated Mr. Comey sooner.

“If I did one mistake with Comey, I should have fired him before I got here. I should have fired him the day I won the primaries,” Mr. Trump said. “I should have fired him right after the convention. Say, ‘I don’t want that guy.’ Or at least fired him the first day on the job.”

Days after ascending to the role of the nation’s No. 2 law enforcement officer, Mr. Rosenstein was thrust into a crisis.

On a brisk May day, Mr. Rosenstein and his boss, Mr. Sessions, joined Mr. Trump in the Oval Office, where the president informed them of his plan to oust Mr. Comey. To the surprise of White House aides who were trying to talk the president out of it, Mr. Rosenstein embraced the idea, even offering to write the memo about the Clinton email inquiry. He turned it in shortly after.

A day later, Mr. Trump announced the firing, and White House aides released Mr. Rosenstein’s memo, labeling it the basis for Mr. Comey’s dismissal. Democrats sharply criticized Mr. Rosenstein, accusing him of helping to create a cover story for the president to rationalize the termination.

“You wrote a memo you knew would be used to perpetuate a lie,” Senator Christopher Murphy, Democrat of Connecticut, wrote on Twitter. “You own this debacle.”

The president’s reliance on his memo caught Mr. Rosenstein by surprise, and he became angry at Mr. Trump, according to people who spoke to Mr. Rosenstein at the time. He grew concerned that his reputation had suffered harm and wondered whether Mr. Trump had motives beyond Mr. Comey’s treatment of Mrs. Clinton for ousting him, the people said.

A determined Mr. Rosenstein began telling associates that he would ultimately be “vindicated” for his role in the matter. One week after the firing, Mr. Rosenstein met with Mr. McCabe and at least four other senior Justice Department officials, in part to explain his role in the situation.

During their discussion, Mr. Rosenstein expressed frustration at how Mr. Trump had conducted the search for a new F.B.I. director, saying the president was failing to take the candidate interviews seriously. A handful of politicians and law enforcement officials, including Mr. McCabe, were under consideration.

To Mr. Rosenstein, the hiring process was emblematic of broader dysfunction stemming from the White House. He said both the process and the administration itself were in disarray, according to two people familiar with the discussion.

Mr. Rosenstein then raised the idea of wearing a recording device or “wire,” as he put it, to secretly tape the president when he visited the White House. One participant asked whether Mr. Rosenstein was serious, and he replied animatedly that he was.

If not him, then Mr. McCabe or other F.B.I. officials interviewing with Mr. Trump for the job could perhaps wear a wire or otherwise record the president, Mr. Rosenstein offered. White House officials never checked his phone when he arrived for meetings there, Mr. Rosenstein added, implying it would be easy to secretly record Mr. Trump.

The suggestion itself was remarkable. While informants or undercover agents regularly use concealed listening devices to surreptitiously gather evidence for federal investigators, they are typically targeting drug kingpins and Mafia bosses in criminal investigations, not a president viewed as ineffectively conducting his duties.

In the end, the idea went nowhere, the officials said. But they called Mr. Rosenstein’s comments an example of how erratically he was behaving while he was taking part in the interviews for a replacement F.B.I. director, considering the appointment of a special counsel and otherwise running the day-to-day operations of the more than 100,000 people at the Justice Department.

Mr. Rosenstein’s suggestion about the 25th Amendment was similarly a sensitive topic. The amendment allows for the vice president and majority of cabinet officials to declare the president is “unable to discharge the powers and duties of his office.”

Merely conducting a straw poll, even if Mr. Kelly and Mr. Sessions were on board, would be risky if another administration official were to tell the president, who could fire everyone involved to end the effort.

Mr. McCabe told other F.B.I. officials of his conversation with Mr. Rosenstein. None of the people interviewed said that they knew of him ever consulting Mr. Kelly or Mr. Sessions.

The episode is the first known instance of a named senior administration official weighing the 25th Amendment. Unidentified others have been said to discuss it, including an unnamed senior administration official who wrote an Op-Ed for The New York Times. That person’s identity is unknown to journalists in the Times news department.

Some of the details in Mr. McCabe’s memos suggested that Mr. Rosenstein had regrets about the firing of Mr. Comey. During a May 12 meeting with Mr. McCabe, Mr. Rosenstein was upset and emotional, Mr. McCabe wrote, and said that he wished Mr. Comey were still at the F.B.I. so he could bounce ideas off him.

Mr. Rosenstein also asked F.B.I. officials on May 14, five days after Mr. Comey’s firing, about calling him for advice about a special counsel. The officials responded that such a call was a bad idea because Mr. Comey was no longer in the government. And they were surprised, believing that the idea contradicted Mr. Rosenstein’s stated reason for backing Mr. Comey’s dismissal — that he had shown bad judgment in the Clinton email inquiry.

Mr. Rosenstein, 53, is a lifelong public servant. After graduating from the University of Pennsylvania and Harvard Law School, he clerked for a federal judge before joining the Justice Department in 1990 and was appointed United States attorney for Maryland.

Mr. Rosenstein also considered appointing as special counsel James M. Cole, himself a former deputy attorney general, three of the people said. Mr. Cole would have made an even richer target for Mr. Trump's ire than has Mr. Mueller, a lifelong Republican: Mr. Cole served four years as the No. 2 in the Justice Department during the Obama administration and worked as a private lawyer representing one of Mrs. Clinton's longtime confidants, Sidney Blumenthal.

Mr. Cole and Mr. Rosenstein have known each for years. Mr. Cole, who declined to comment, was Mr. Rosenstein's supervisor early in his Justice Department career when he was prosecuting public corruption cases.

Mr. Trump and his allies have repeatedly attacked Mr. Rosenstein, who oversees the Russia investigation because Mr. Sessions recused himself because of his role as a prominent Trump campaign supporter. Many of those same critics also have targeted Mr. McCabe, who was fired in March for failing to be forthcoming in a Justice Department inspector general investigation. Mr. McCabe's actions were referred to federal prosecutors in Washington.

The president's allies have seized on Mr. McCabe's lack of candor to paint a damning picture of the F.B.I. under Mr. Comey and assert the Russia investigation is tainted.

The Justice Department denied a request in late July from Mr. Trump's congressional allies to release Mr. McCabe's memos, citing an ongoing investigation that the lawmakers believed to be Mr. Mueller's. Mr. Rosenstein not only supervises that investigation but is considered by the president's lawyers as a witness for their defense because he also sought the dismissal of Mr. Comey, which is being investigated as possible obstruction of justice.

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Sent: Friday, September 21, 2018 2:08 PM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Cc: Reid, Paula
Subject: Re: Rosenstein

Cc: (b)(6): Scott Schools Personal Email

Subject: From schools

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From as a source who was in the room:

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On Sep 21, 2018, at 1:01 PM, O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

Send statement?

Devin M. O'Malley
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From: Reid, Paula <ReidP@cbsnews.com>
Sent: Friday, September 21, 2018 1:59 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>; O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Rosenstein

Do you have reax to Rosenstein NYT story? McCabe folks just pushed a statement that does not deny anything...

Paula Reid
Correspondent
CBS News Washington Bureau
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@PaulaReidCBS

Kyle Cheney

From: Kyle Cheney
Sent: Friday, September 21, 2018 2:14 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Re: Reaction to NYT?

Will do -- thanks for this ... good luck this afternoon.

Kyle Cheney
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From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Friday, September 21, 2018 2:09:54 PM
To: Kyle Cheney
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On Sep 21, 2018, at 1:06 PM, Kyle Cheney <kcheney@politico.com> wrote:

Hey Sarah -- just checking in for any official statement on the NYT story (either on record or on background). Wow...

Kyle Cheney
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Masood Farivar

From: Masood Farivar
Sent: Friday, September 21, 2018 2:18 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: RE: Seeking Comment - NYT Story

Thanks a lot, Sarah. Appreciate it.

Masood

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Friday, September 21, 2018 2:16 PM
To: Masood Farivar <mfarivar@voanews.com>
Subject: Re: Seeking Comment - NYT Story

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On Sep 21, 2018, at 1:07 PM, Masood Farivar <mfarivar@voanews.com> wrote:

Hi Sarah,

Do you have a comment on the following NYT story about DAG Rosenstein:

<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/09/21/us/politics/rod-rosenstein-wear-wire-25th->

[amendment.html?action=click&module=Top%20Stories&pgtype=Homepage](#)

Thanks,

Masood Farivar
Voice of America

(b) (6)

O'Malley, Devin (OPA)

From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Sent: Friday, September 21, 2018 2:20 PM
To: Carrie Johnson; Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: RE: need comment on NYT story

Just sent

Also call Ian: (b) (6)

Devin M. O'Malley
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From: Carrie Johnson <CJohnson2@npr.org>
Sent: Friday, September 21, 2018 2:09 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>; O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: need comment on NYT story

Thank you
Carrie Johnson
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Kadhim Shubber

From: Kadhim Shubber
Sent: Friday, September 21, 2018 2:30 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Cc: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Subject: Re: Query re: Rosenstein

Thank you. Would it be possible to get the statement from the DAG also?

On Fri, 21 Sep 2018 at 14:14, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:
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On Sep 21, 2018, at 1:02 PM, Kadhim Shubber <kadhim.shubber@ft.com> wrote:

Hi Sarah,

I'm just following up on the NYT piece on Rosenstein just published.

Would you be able to share the statement from Mr Rosenstein disputing the story and also the statement from the unnamed person regarding the remark about wearing a wire being sarcastic?

Kadhim

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Kadhim Shubber
US Legal and Enforcement correspondent
Financial Times

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From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Friday, September 21, 2018 2:37 PM
To: Paul HANDLEY
Subject: Re: AFP seeking comment on NYT/DAG

No it's clear from below only as person in the room. Not Scott's nameZ

On Sep 21, 2018, at 1:33 PM, Paul HANDLEY <Paul.HANDLEY@afp.com> wrote:

Thanks.

Couldn't get ian...

So now we can use the text of Schools and identify him? Did he send this today/yesterday or when?

Paul

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [<mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>]
Sent: Friday, September 21, 2018 2:16 PM
To: Paul HANDLEY <Paul.HANDLEY@afp.com>
Cc: Charlotte PLANTIVE <Charlotte.PLANTIVE@afp.com>; O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov>
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On Sep 21, 2018, at 1:10 PM, Paul HANDLEY <Paul.HANDLEY@afp.com> wrote:

Hi,

Can you comment on the allegations in the NYT article regarding DAG Rosenstein? Has he at all discussed the 25th Amendment with reference to President Trump at any time?

Respectfully,

Paul

Paul HANDLEY

US National Security Correspondent

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From: Gibson, Jake
Sent: Friday, September 21, 2018 2:37 PM
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Subject: Fwd: URGENT - Statement from Deputy Attorney General Rod J. Rosenstein

Jake Gibson
Department of Justice Producer
Fox News Washington
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From: "Baier, Bret" <bret.baier@FOXNEWS.COM>
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Cc: "Koerber, Ashley" <Ashley.koerber@FOXNEWS.COM>, "Dibella, Rick" <Rick.Dibella@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: Re: URGENT - Statement from Deputy Attorney General Rod J. Rosenstein

Ok. Tell them this is a good effort in a news spot ahead of the Sunday shows that the president watches.

Thanks.

Bret Baier
Chief Political Anchor, Fox News Channel
Executive Editor, "Special Report w/ Bret Baier"

On Sep 21, 2018, at 2:28 PM, Gibson, Jake <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

I have been told that they don't want to do it today but "it may come to that on Monday."

I'm told they will call me if they change their minds...

Jake Gibson
Department of Justice Producer
Fox News Washington
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On Sep 21, 2018, at 2:26 PM, Koerber, Ashley
<Ashley.koerber@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

ashley.koerber@foxnews.com wrote:

Jake is already working on it

Ashley Moir (Koerber)
Booking Producer
Special Report w/ Bret Baier
Fox News Channel - DC Bureau
(b) (6) (cell)

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 21, 2018, at 14:24, Baier, Bret
<bret.baier@foxnews.com> wrote:

Please put in urgent request for Rosenstein to appear
on Special report. Tonight.

Bret Baier
Chief Political Anchor, Fox News Channel
Executive Editor, "Special Report w/ Bret Baier"

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**Subject: URGENT - Statement from
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Rosenstein

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On Sep 21, 2018, at 1:30 PM, Bennett, Brian - Time U.S. <brian.bennett@time.com> wrote:

Hi Sarah,

Did Rosenstein mention in a meeting the idea of recording conversations with Trump? Did he bring up invoking the 25th Amendment with other officials present?

Best, Brian

Brian Bennett
Senior White House Correspondent
Time magazine
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Amber Jamieson

From: Amber Jamieson
Sent: Friday, September 21, 2018 2:51 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Re: Rosenstein — BuzzFeed News

Thanks Sarah

On Fri, Sep 21, 2018 at 2:47 PM Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:
Call Ian prior as former justice official (b) (6)

And here's schools as someone in the room:

Cc: (b)(6): Scott Schools Personal Email

Subject: From schools

He's in a meeting at his new position but this is what he has said and gave me authority to send CC'ing him here.

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On Sep 21, 2018, at 1:45 PM, Amber Jamieson <amber.jamieson@buzzfeed.com> wrote:

Hi Sarah,

I'm looking to a response [to the report that](#) Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein suggested secretly recording conversations with the president because of concerns about the president's behavior. Also that Rosentein discussed invoking the 25th Amendment, suggesting Attorney General Jeff Sessions as someone who might help.

I'm looking for comment from both Attorney General Jeff Sessions and Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein.

Appreciate your prompt response,



Amber Jamieson | BuzzFeed | reporter | (b) (6) | @ambiej
111 East 18th St., NY, NY 10003



Amber Jamieson | BuzzFeed | reporter | (b) (6) | @ambiej
111 East 18th St., NY, NY 10003

Bream, Shannon

From: Bream, Shannon
Sent: Friday, September 21, 2018 2:58 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Re: Should we chat re NYT story?

I'm off today, but all ears. Getting off flight shortly.

Shannon D. Bream
Anchor, *Fox News @ Night*
Chief Legal Correspondent
Fox News Channel

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 21, 2018, at 2:57 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Friday, September 21, 2018 3:08 PM
To: Sommerfeldt, Chris
Subject: Re: Regarding Rod Rosenstein

It has been reported that Andy is under criminal investigation. He may be able to shed light on that as a former official.

On Sep 21, 2018, at 2:07 PM, Sommerfeldt, Chris <csommerfeldt@nydailynews.com> wrote:

Thanks, Sarah. I'm trying to call Ian but having no luck. What do you think he may be able to shed light on in this context?

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Friday, September 21, 2018 3:03:30 PM
To: Sommerfeldt, Chris
Subject: Re: Regarding Rod Rosenstein

Schools: only as a person in the room
McCabe: you asked for the actual statement about wearing a wire. Since it never happened, I don't have it. So you'll need to ask Andy.

On Sep 21, 2018, at 2:00 PM, Sommerfeldt, Chris <csommerfeldt@nydailynews.com> wrote:

Thank you, Sarah. Obviously won't do it without your permission, but can I identify Mr. Schools in our reporting? Further, what exactly are you saying that Mr. McCabe was the source of?

Feel free to give me a call at (b) (6)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Friday, September 21, 2018 2:14:10 PM
To: Sommerfeldt, Chris
Subject: Re: Regarding Rod Rosenstein

You'd have to ask McCabe since he is the source of it.

Call Ian prior as former justice official (b) (6)

And here's Schools as someone in the room:

Cc: (b)(6): Scott Schools Personal Email
Subject: From schools

He's in a meeting at his new position but this is what

he has said and gave me authority to send CC'ing him here.

From as a source who was in the room:

I remember this meeting and remember the wire comment. The statement was sarcastic and was never discussed with any intention of recording a conversation with the president.

On Sep 21, 2018, at 1:02 PM, Sommerfeldt, Chris <csommerfeldt@nydailynews.com> wrote:

Thank you, Sarah. The statement regarding Rosenstein proposing to wear a wire is only paraphrased in the Times story. Would you be able to provide me with the actual statement? Would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you,
Chris

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Friday, September 21, 2018 1:58:18 PM
To: Sommerfeldt, Chris
Subject: Re: Regarding Rod Rosenstein

Our statement is in the story

On Sep 21, 2018, at 12:56 PM, Sommerfeldt, Chris <csommerfeldt@nydailynews.com> wrote:

Good afternoon Sarah,

Chris Sommerfeldt here with the New York Daily News.

The New York Times is reporting that Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein in the spring of 2017 tried to recruit Cabinet members to invoke the 25th Amendment to unseat President Trump. Mr. Rosenstein supposedly also proposed wearing a wire to record the President covertly.

Can you confirm either of these allegations? Do you have a statement on the matter?

Feel free to get back to me at (b) (6)

All best,

Chris

Press

From: Press
Sent: Friday, September 21, 2018 3:13 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA); O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Cc: Pettit, Mark T. (OPA); Press
Subject: FW: Media Inquiry: Rod Rosensteins' Remarks on President Donald Trump

Sophia Robichaux
Office of Public Affairs
Department of Justice
Office: (b) (6)

From: Hannah Golden (b) (6)
Sent: Friday, September 21, 2018 3:08 PM
To: Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Lilli Petersen <lilli.petersen@bustle.com>
Subject: Re: Media Inquiry: Rod Rosensteins' Remarks on President Donald Trump

Apologies for the emails -- clarifying here that I meant to say that the Times is reporting that Rosenstein had *suggested recording* Trump, not that he actually had, as you consider comments reflecting that report.

Thanks,

Hannah Golden
News Writer

[Redacted]

On Fri, Sep 21, 2018 at 11:58 AM Hannah Golden (b) (6) wrote:

As a follow-up:

The report also claims that Rosenstein had specifically told Andrew McCabe that he was thinking of pushing Attorney General Jeff Sessions and Vice President Mike Pence to lead the effort to invoke the amendment, and that McCabe and other DOJ officials had documented Rosensteins actions and words via memos.

Can the DOJ address whether such memos exist or were written regarding Rosenstein's remarks around recording the president or the 25th amendment, or the occurrence of such conversations and actions?

Hannah Golden
News Writer

[Redacted]

On Fri, Sep 21, 2018 at 11:53 AM Hannah Golden (b) (6) wrote:

Hello,

I'm a news writer reaching out on behalf of Elite Daily to request comment regarding a *New York Times* report from Friday. The report states that, per interviews with DOJ officials, Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein had suggested he had secretly recorded President Donald Trump and had suggested cabinet members invoke the 25th Amendment.

Does the DOJ have any comment on this report?

Thank you for your consideration,

Hannah Golden
News Writer

Baier, Bret

From: Baier, Bret
Sent: Friday, September 21, 2018 3:16 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Re: Let me know if you want to talk about NYT?

Sarah—.

Happy to get on the horn.

But you know an appearance on my show would drive the weekend - respond directly to the times - and would be seen by the POTUS. — do we have a spot if rod wants it

If not — I am at (b) (6)

Bret Baier
Chief Political Anchor, Fox News Channel
Executive Editor, "Special Report w/ Bret Baier"

On Sep 21, 2018, at 3:00 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

I can't put rod on today but I can walk you through my thinking at least?

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Tucker, Eric

From: Tucker, Eric
Sent: Friday, September 21, 2018 3:25 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Re: Statement?

Quick question. Scott's statement doesn't address the 25th Amendment question. Does he deny that part of this?

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 21, 2018, at 2:11 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Call Ian prior as former justice official (b) (6)

Devin will send statement

And here's schools as someone in the room:

Cc: (b)(6): Scott Schools Personal Email

Subject: From schools

He's in a meeting at his new position but this is what he has said and gave me authority to send CC'ing him here.

From as a source who was in the room:

I remember this meeting and remember the wire comment. The statement was sarcastic and was never discussed with any intention of recording a conversation with the president.

On Sep 21, 2018, at 1:10 PM, Tucker, Eric <etucker@ap.org> wrote:

Hi, can you please send whatever statement you have regarding the Rosenstein comment, including both the denial and the statement that suggests this comment was made sarcastically? Thanks.

Sent from my iPhone

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Baier, Bret

From: Baier, Bret
Sent: Friday, September 21, 2018 3:28 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: RE: Let me know if you want to talk about NYT?

Can you call now?

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

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Friday, September 21, 2018 3:00 PM
To: Baier, Bret <bret.baier@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: Let me know if you want to talk about NYT?

Duplicative Material



Press

From: Press
Sent: Friday, September 21, 2018 4:24 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA); O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Cc: Pettit, Mark T. (OPA); Press
Subject: FW: Form submission from: Media Inquiries

Sophia Robichaux
Office of Public Affairs
Department of Justice
Office: (b) (6)

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

From: no-reply@usdoj.gov <no-reply@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Friday, September 21, 2018 4:11 PM
To: Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Form submission from: Media Inquiries

Submitted on Friday, September 21, 2018 - 4:11pm EDT Submitted by anonymous user: 4.30.97.162
Submitted values are:

Name: Max Matza
Media Outlet: BBC News
Please choose the general topic of your message: Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Inquiry:
Do you have a statement from someone who was present when Mr Rosenstein and Mr McCabe held a conversation which included a reference to wire-tapping the president?
The New York Times says a DOJ spokeswoman provided a statement, saying that person believes Mr Rosenstein made the remarks sarcastically.
Thanks,
Max
Deadline: urgently
Email: max.matza@bbc.co.uk

O'Malley, Devin (OPA)

From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Sent: Friday, September 21, 2018 4:37 PM
To: Ryan Reilly; Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: RE: Statement from Deputy Attorney General Rod J. Rosenstein

I don't think we are pushing that quote around.

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

From: Ryan Reilly <ryan.reilly@huffpost.com>
Sent: Friday, September 21, 2018 4:34 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: Statement from Deputy Attorney General Rod J. Rosenstein

Thanks. And is this from WaPo from Scott too? (on condition of anonymity):

That person said the wire comment came in response to McCabe's own pushing for the Justice Department to open an investigation into the president. To that, Rosenstein responded with what this person described as a sarcastic comment along the lines of, "What do you want to do, Andy, wire the president?"

Ryan J. Reilly
HuffPost Senior Justice Reporter
202-527-9261 (Google Voice / Signal)
[@ryanjreilly](https://twitter.com/ryanjreilly)
www.huffingtonpost.com/ryan-j-reilly/

On Fri, Sep 21, 2018 at 4:24 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

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On Sep 21, 2018, at 3:12 PM, Ryan Reilly <ryan.reilly@huffpost.com> wrote:

Can you clarify the timing of this meeting? A week after Comey firing per times, which is like exactly when Mueller is named. Is this meeting before Mueller is named or after?

Ryan J. Reilly
HuffPost Senior Justice Reporter
202-527-9261 (Google Voice / Signal)
[@ryanjreilly](https://twitter.com/ryanjreilly)

www.huffingtonpost.com/ryan-j-reilly/

On Fri, Sep 21, 2018 at 4:02 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

<Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Call Ian prior as former justice official (b) (6) to talk McCabe generally

Cc: (b)(6): Scott Schools Personal Email

Subject: From schools

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On Sep 21, 2018, at 2:23 PM, Ryan Reilly <ryan.reilly@huffpost.com> wrote:

Can I get statement from person in the room?

Ryan J. Reilly
HuffPost Senior Justice Reporter
202-527-9261 (Google Voice / Signal)
@ryanreilly
www.huffingtonpost.com/ryan-j-reilly/

On Fri, Sep 21, 2018 at 2:19 PM, O'Malley, Devin (OPA)

<Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov> wrote:

"The New York Times's story is inaccurate and factually incorrect. I will not further comment on a story based on anonymous sources who are obviously biased against the department and are advancing their own personal agenda. But let me be clear about this: Based on my personal dealings with the president, there is no basis to invoke the 25th Amendment."

Devin M. O'Malley
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~ ~ (b) (6)

Cell: (b) (6)

Wallace, Chris

From: Wallace, Chris
Sent: Friday, September 21, 2018 5:03 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Re: Should we talk about NYT story?

I have read Bret's note from today.

Would Rosenstein come on the show Sunday to explain what really happened?

Sent from my iPad

On Sep 21, 2018, at 3:52 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

(b) (6)

On Sep 21, 2018, at 2:34 PM, Wallace, Chris <Chris.Wallace@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Sure.

Number to call you?

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Friday, September 21, 2018 2:59 PM
To: Wallace, Chris <Chris.Wallace@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: Should we talk about NYT story?

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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Friday, September 21, 2018 5:30 PM
To: MacCallum, Martha
Subject: Re: Tonight

Scott Schools: (b) (6)

On Sep 21, 2018, at 4:10 PM, MacCallum, Martha <Martha.MacCallum@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Copy. Let me know if there is anyone else in the room who would corroborate, on the record or on background.

Thank you.

Martha MacCallum

Anchor, The Story (7pm EST) Fox News

Assistant: Jazzmin Patterson, jazzmin.patterson@foxnews.com (b) (6)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Friday, September 21, 2018 3:54 PM
To: MacCallum, Martha <Martha.MacCallum@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: Re: Tonight

No I think we need to see how this shakes out over the weekend

On Sep 21, 2018, at 2:32 PM, MacCallum, Martha <Martha.MacCallum@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Will DAG consider coming on tonight to tell his side of the story?

Martha MacCallum

Anchor, The Story (7pm EST) Fox News

Assistant: Jazzmin Patterson, jazzmin.patterson@foxnews.com (b) (6)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Friday, September 21, 2018 3:20 PM
To: MacCallum, Martha <Martha.MacCallum@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: Re: Should we talk about NYT story?

(b) (6)

On Sep 21, 2018, at 2:19 PM, MacCallum, Martha <Martha.MacCallum@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Quick question – what number can I call you?

Martha MacCallum

Anchor, The Story (7pm EST) Fox News

Assistant: Jazzmin Patterson, jazzmin.patterson@foxnews.com (b) (6)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>
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Ellis, Corey F. (ODAG)

From: Ellis, Corey F. (ODAG)
Sent: Friday, September 21, 2018 7:39 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Cc: O'Callaghan, Edward C. (ODAG); Rosenstein, Rod (ODAG); Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG); Peterson, Andrew (ODAG)
Subject: Re: Draft currently in first person

DAG Still considering, has not agreed yet

Corey F. Ellis
(202) 305-5544

On Sep 21, 2018, at 7:37 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

I don't think we need (b) (5) but I'm fine including it. We need to go. I'm good w this.

On Sep 21, 2018, at 6:36 PM, O'Callaghan, Edward C. (ODAG) <ecocallaghan@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

Slight edit to (b) (5) and I am good with it.

(b) (5)
[Redacted]
[Redacted]
[Redacted]

Edward C. O'Callaghan
202-514-2105

On Sep 22, 2018, at 2:25 AM, Ellis, Corey F. (ODAG) <cfellis@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

Latest:

(b) (5)
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[Redacted]
[Redacted]
[Redacted]
[Redacted]

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Friday, September 21, 2018 6:22 PM
To: Ellis, Corey F. (ODAG) <cfellis@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: O'Callaghan, Edward C. (ODAG) <ecocallaghan@jmd.usdoj.gov>;
Rosenstein, Rod (ODAG) <rosenstein@jmd.usdoj.gov>;
Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG) <bradweinsheimer@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: Draft currently in first person

This works for me. Sooner the better for tv tonight. Let me know and I'll tweet it out.

On Sep 21, 2018, at 5:19 PM, Ellis, Corey F. (ODAG) <cfellis@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

(b) (5)

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From: O'Callaghan, Edward C. (ODAG)
Sent: Friday, September 21, 2018 6:10 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Rosenstein, Rod (ODAG) <rosenstein@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Ellis, Corey F. (ODAG) <cfellis@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG) <bradweinsheimer@jmd.usdoj.gov>
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Edward C. O'Callaghan
202-514-2105

On Sep 22, 2018, at 12:28 AM, Flores, Sarah Isgur
(OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

(b) (5) [REDACTED]

Ellis, Corey F. (ODAG)

From: Ellis, Corey F. (ODAG)
Sent: Friday, September 21, 2018 8:20 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Cc: O'Callaghan, Edward C. (ODAG); Rosenstein, Rod (ODAG); Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG); Peterson, Andrew (ODAG)
Subject: Re: Draft currently in first person

DAG is good and spoke to Sarah just now.

Corey F. Ellis
(202) 305-5544

On Sep 21, 2018, at 7:54 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

I'm good if he's good.

On Sep 21, 2018, at 6:51 PM, O'Callaghan, Edward C. (ODAG) <ecocallaghan@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

I'm good with this.

Edward C. O'Callaghan
202-514-2105

On Sep 22, 2018, at 2:50 AM, Ellis, Corey F. (ODAG) <cfellis@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

Like this?:

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

From: O'Callaghan, Edward C. (ODAG)
Sent: Friday, September 21, 2018 7:49 PM
To: Ellis, Corey F. (ODAG) <cfellis@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Rosenstein, Rod (ODAG) <rrosenstein@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG) <bradweinsheimer@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Peterson, Andrew (ODAG) <anpeterson@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: Draft currently in first person

Can we mirror language in (b) (5) [REDACTED] and say (b) (5) [REDACTED]

(b) (5)

Edward C. O'Callaghan

(b) (5)

On Sep 22, 2018, at 2:42 AM, Ellis, Corey F. (ODAG)
<cfellis@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

Latest, not final

(b) (5)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Friday, September 21, 2018 7:38 PM
To: O'Callaghan, Edward C. (ODAG)
<ecocallaghan@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Ellis, Corey F. (ODAG) <cfellis@jmd.usdoj.gov>;
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<bradweinsheimer@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Peterson, Andrew
(ODAG) <anpeterson@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: Draft currently in first person

Duplicative Material

mboyle

From: mboyle
Sent: Friday, September 21, 2018 10:42 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Re: Rosenstein on Breitbart radio tomorrow?

Sounds good. I'm live every Saturday. If he'd rather record I could do that too.

Sent from my iPhone

> On Sep 21, 2018, at 10:38 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

>

> Thank you. Taking the offer seriously.

>

>> On Sep 21, 2018, at 9:37 PM, mboyle <mboyle@breitbart.com> wrote:

>>

>> Ok there's a standing invitation.

>>

>> Sent from my iPhone

>>

>>> On Sep 21, 2018, at 10:31 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

>>>

>>> Roger that but not this time

>>>

>>>> On Sep 21, 2018, at 8:06 PM, mboyle <mboyle@breitbart.com> wrote:

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>>>> Sarah,

>>>>

>>>> Extending an official invite for Rod Rosenstein to come on Breitbart radio tomorrow. My show live 10 am to 1 pm et on SiriusXM 125 the patriot channel — I host Breitbart News Saturday — and could have Rosenstein on any time to discuss this whole New York Times report.

>>>>

>>>> Let me know if he's open to come on.

>>>>

>>>> Thanks,

>>>> Matthew Boyle

>>>> Washington Political Editor, Breitbart News

>>>>

>>>> Sent from my iPhone

Daniel Chaitin

From: Daniel Chaitin
Sent: Friday, September 28, 2018 11:22 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Re: Media inquiry on Rosenstein

Thanks much!

-Daniel

On Fri, Sep 28, 2018 at 11:11 AM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:
On background goodlatte and dag spoke last night and agreed to meeting in a couple weeks.

On Sep 28, 2018, at 10:19 AM, Daniel Chaitin <dchaitin@washingtonexaminer.com> wrote:

Good Friday to you Sarah,

Seeing reports that Chairman Goodlatte spoke with Deputy AG Rosenstein on the phone last night and the two agree to a meeting of some sort in the next week or two on the New York Times "wire" report.

Any chance I could get a confirmation/statement?

Regards,
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Sullivan, Eileen

From: Sullivan, Eileen
Sent: Friday, September 28, 2018 12:07 PM
To: Sarah Isgur Flores
Subject: Re: House Republican Invitation for Rosenstein

OK, thanks

On Fri, Sep 28, 2018 at 12:06 PM Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

On background: He and Goodlatte spoke last night and agreed on a meeting in a couple weeks. So to be clear, that agreement happened before the Meadows tweet and Mr Meadows was not involved in the conversation.

On Sep 28, 2018, at 12:05 PM, Sullivan, Eileen <eileen.sullivan@nytimes.com> wrote:

Hi, Sarah.

I'm writing about the House Republicans' plan to call Mr. Rosenstein for closed testimony about the reports that he suggested secretly recoding the president. Does Mr. Rosenstein plan to comply? Has a date for the testimony been set?

Thanks.

Best,
Eileen

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From: Daniel Chaitin
Sent: Friday, September 28, 2018 12:22 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Re: Media inquiry on Rosenstein

Understood. I'll clarify that in our writeup. Thanks again

-Daniel

On Fri, Sep 28, 2018 at 12:05 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:
More specifically

On background: He and Goodlatte spoke last night and agreed on a meeting in a couple weeks. So to be clear, that agreement happened before the Meadows tweet and Mr Meadows was not involved in the conversation.

On Sep 28, 2018, at 11:11 AM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

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