

Peter Hasson

From: Peter Hasson
Sent: Friday, July 27, 2018 5:43 PM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Subject: New email address Re: Today's Ms. L Hearing

Thanks for your email. I no longer use this email address as of March 1, 2018. Please contact me at phasson@dailycallernewsfoundation.org or (b)(6)
Thanks

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Peter Hasson
Associate Editor
The Daily Caller
(b)(6)

Maltas, Mike

From: Maltas, Mike
Sent: Friday, July 27, 2018 5:39 PM
To: Laco, Kelly (OPA)
Subject: RE: Fox News RSVP: AG Sessions announcement on Religious Liberty, Monday, July 30

Thanks for your help Kelly. Looks like NBC is pool.

From: Laco, Kelly (OPA) [mailto:Kelly.Laco@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Friday, July 27, 2018 12:25 PM
To: Maltas, Mike <Mike.Maltas@FOXNEWS.COM>
Cc: Press <Press@usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Fox News RSVP: AG Sessions announcement on Religious Liberty, Monday, July 30

Hi Mike,

Correct. If it goes pool—just a reminder the Great Hall has some limits on streaming capabilities found here:

<https://www.justice.gov/opa/information-journalists>

For agenda, it will go AG, DAG, Archbishop, the two panels, and then Senator Lankford. All names are included below on the advisory for panel discussions.

Let me know if you need anything else! Thx!

Kelly Laco
Office of Public Affairs
Department of Justice
Office: 202-353-0173
Cell: (b)(6)



FOR PLANNING PURPOSES ONLY
FRIDAY, JULY 27, 2018

**ATTORNEY GENERAL SESSIONS TO MAKE
ANNOUNCEMENT ON PROTECTING RELIGIOUS FREEDOM
AT JUSTICE DEPARTMENT'S RELIGIOUS LIBERTY SUMMIT**

***** MEDIA ADVISORY *****

WASHINGTON -- The Department of Justice will hold a Religious Liberty Summit on **MONDAY, July 30, 2018**. The event will be hosted by Acting Associate Attorney General Jesse Panuccio and include an announcement on protecting religious freedom by Attorney General Sessions, remarks by Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein, Archbishop Kurtz, and Senator Lankford, and two featured panel discussions.

WHO

Attorney General Jeff Sessions;
Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein;
Acting Associate Attorney General Jesse Panuccio;
Assistant Attorney General Beth Williams for the Office of Legal Policy;
Acting Assistant Attorney General John Gore for the Civil Rights Division;
Archbishop of Louisville Joseph Edward Kurtz;
United States Senator from Oklahoma James Lankford.

WHAT

The Justice Department is holding a Religious Liberty Summit hosted by Acting Associate Attorney General Jesse Panuccio. It will include an announcement on protecting religious freedom by Attorney General Sessions, remarks by Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein, Archbishop Kurtz, and Senator Lankford, and two featured panel discussions.

Panel: The Promise and Challenge of Religious Liberty

Moderator: Kerri Kupec, Department of Justice

- Kelly Clemente, Bethany Christian Services
- Derrick A. Max, Co-Founder and Principal, Cornerstone Schools
 - Rabbi Ruvi New, Director, Chabad of East Boca Raton
 - Jack Phillips, Masterpiece Cakeshop
- Dr. Harpreet Singh, MASSAH, Community Relations Service, DOJ

Panel: Legal and Policy Experts

Moderator: John Gore, Acting Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division

- Shay Dvoretzky, Partner, Jones Day
- Emilie Kao, Director, Richard and Helen DeVos Center for Religion & Civil Society, Heritage Foundation
- Michael W. McConnell, Professor of Law and Director, Constitutional Law Center, Stanford Law School
- Asma Uddin, Senior Scholar and Faculty, Religious Freedom Center of the Freedom Forum Institute

WHEN

MONDAY, July 30, 2018

9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. EDT

WHERE

Department of Justice
Robert F. Kennedy Building
Great Hall
950 Constitution Ave, NW
Washington, D.C.

The event will be LIVESTREAMED at: www.justice.gov/live

OPEN PRESS

(Camera Preset: 9:00 a.m. EDT // Final access time for print media without gear:
9:15 a.m. EDT)

NOTE: All media must RSVP and present government-issued photo I.D. (such as a driver's license) as well as valid media credentials.

The RSVP and any inquiries regarding logistics should be directed to Kelly Laco at kelly.laco@usdoj.gov AND press@usdoj.gov.

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Do not reply to this message. If you have questions, please use the contacts in the message or call the Office of Public Affairs at 202-514-2007.

From: Maltas, Mike <Mike.Maltas@FOXNEWS.COM>
Sent: Friday, July 27, 2018 12:12 PM
To: Laco, Kelly (OPA) <klaco@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Fox News RSVP: AG Sessions announcement on Religious Liberty, Monday, July 30

Attn: Kelly Laco

Hi Kelly,

Fox News would like to RSVP for Monday's event on religious liberty and the AG's announcement. I can see this going pool and will forward crew names if we get assigned or unilaterally if no pool forms up. I do have a question: Is there a program of speakers available for planning purposes only? And I assume the 9:00am preset is "completed by 9" so we would arrive a bit earlier?

Thanks in advance.

Mike Maltas
Fox News
400 N. Capitol St., NW
Washington, DC 20002
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Mike.maltas@foxnews.com

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O'Malley, Devin (OPA)

From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, July 26, 2018 9:21 AM
To: Ross, Lee
Subject: RE: Congrats on the bump up

Thank you, sir! Hope you're well.

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

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

From: Ross, Lee <lee.ross@FOXNEWS.COM>
Sent: Thursday, July 26, 2018 7:15 AM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Congrats on the bump up

Sent from my iPhone

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Sutton, Sarah E. (OPA)

From: Sutton, Sarah E. (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, July 26, 2018 7:42 AM
To: Foster, Kathleen
Cc: Fone, Andrew
Subject: Re: Fox News RSVP

Great, thanks!

Sent from my iPhone

> On Jul 26, 2018, at 07:39, Foster, Kathleen <Kathleen.Foster@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:
>
> Andrew Fone

Foster, Kathleen

From: Foster, Kathleen
Sent: Thursday, July 26, 2018 7:40 AM
To: Sutton, Sarah E. (OPA)
Cc: Fone, Andrew
Subject: Fox News RSVP

Hi Sarah,
Andrew Fone will be covering this morning's presser for Fox.
Thanks

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Gibson, Jake

From: Gibson, Jake
Sent: Wednesday, July 25, 2018 7:20 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Re: No statement on house action

Copy that.
Thanks.

Jake Gibson
Department of Justice Producer
Fox News Washington

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On Jul 25, 2018, at 7:17 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Will update you if that changes.

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McDonnell, Brigid Mary

From: McDonnell, Brigid Mary
Sent: Wednesday, July 25, 2018 4:38 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: RE: Favor - John Lausch POC?

Copy – if anything changes we'd love to have him next week

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, July 25, 2018 4:36 PM
To: McDonnell, Brigid Mary <BrigidMary.McDonnell@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: Re: Favor - John Lausch POC?

For this stuff it's really me. But he's not doing any tv on this either.

On Jul 25, 2018, at 4:34 PM, McDonnell, Brigid Mary <BrigidMary.McDonnell@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Hi again—

Any chance you could help me out with a good POC for him?

Thanks!

Brigid Mary McDonnell

Fox News @ Night w/ Shannon Bream

Cell: (b)(6)

@BrigidMaryMcD

BrigidMary.McDonnell@FoxNews.com

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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Wednesday, July 25, 2018 3:53 PM
To: Firth, Thomas
Subject: RE: Hey Sarah - Laura Ingraham request

Let me check!

xxx

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: Firth, Thomas <thomas.firth@FOXNEWS.COM>
Sent: Wednesday, July 25, 2018 3:25 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Hey Sarah - Laura Ingraham request

Meant to reach out last week but the news cycle (as always) got in the way. Laura ran into AG Sessions at the Brett Kavanaugh ceremony at the WH and they had a great quick catch up. She wanted me to reach out, however, to see if he was available in the coming days, weeks, whenever to grab a (completely off the record!) lunch.

I know his schedule is jam packed so she is happy to work around any conflicts. Thanks for the consideration.

Hope all is well!

Tommy Firth
Executive Producer, "The Ingraham Angle"

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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Wednesday, July 25, 2018 3:53 PM
To: McDonnell, Brigid Mary
Subject: RE: Tonight?

Sorry we'll have to pass

xxx

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: McDonnell, Brigid Mary <BrigidMary.McDonnell@FOXNEWS.COM>
Sent: Wednesday, July 25, 2018 3:49 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Tonight?

Hey Sarah—

Are you or anyone on your team avail to join us tonight solo with Shannon to discuss today's mtg?

<https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/news/key-house-republicans-to-get-update-from-justice-department-on-documents-requests>

Brigid Mary McDonnell

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@BrigidMaryMcD

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O'Malley, Devin (OPA)

From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Sent: Wednesday, July 25, 2018 12:16 PM
To: Neil Munro
Subject: RE: Re. immigration judges and administrative closures

Only the alien respondent or DHS can file a motion to recalendar.

Devin M. O'Malley
Department of Justice
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Office: (202) 353-8763
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From: Neil Munro <nmunro@breitbart.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 25, 2018 12:03 PM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re. immigration judges and administrative closures

Also, has AG Sessions directed that immigration judges put 'administrative closure' case back on the judges' calendars?

I ask because of this apparently valid tweet:

<https://twitter.com/SarahPierceEsq/status/1021820186960306176>

The file is copied here <https://www.dropbox.com/s/9h1k4942zcomwku/Castro%20Tum%20OPLA%20guidance.pdf?dl=0>

Yours,

Neil Munro

On Jul 25, 2018, at 11:50 AM, O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Hi Neil-

Off the record- On the "why" portion, I would point you to the first sentence in the email.

Devin M. O'Malley
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From: Neil Munro <nmunro@breitbart.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 25, 2018 11:46 AM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Is this CNN article about DoJ use of the term 'illegal aliens' correct?

Davin,

Is this CNN article about DoJ use of the term 'illegal aliens' correct?

<https://www.cnn.com/2018/07/24/politics/justice-department-illegal-aliens-undocumented/index.html>

Here is the memo: https://cdn.cnn.com/cnn/2018/images/07/24/pio_guidance.pdf

When was it sent out?

Why is it needed?

Yours,

Neil Munro
Breitbart
(b)(6)

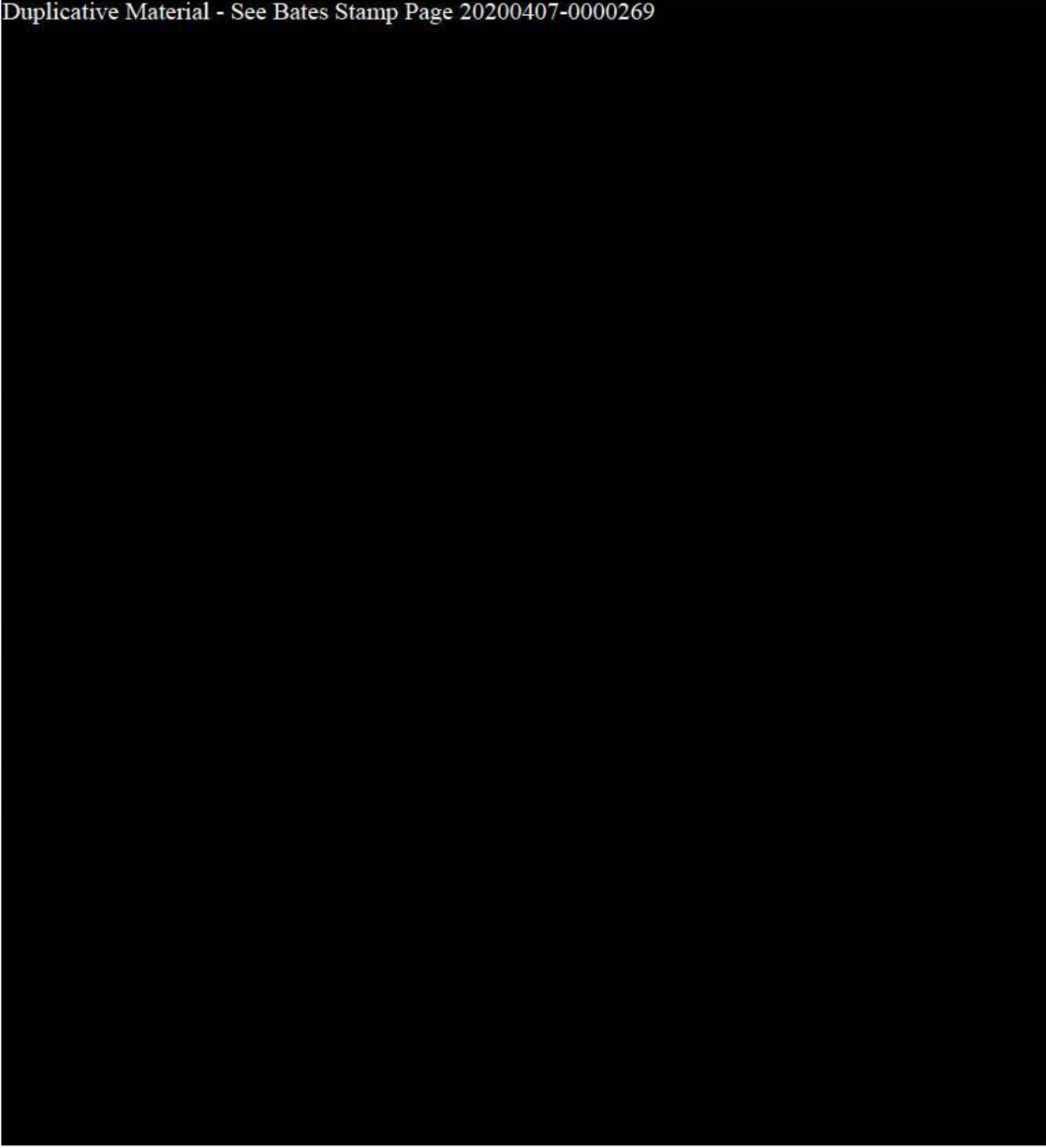
Neil Munro

From: Neil Munro
Sent: Wednesday, July 25, 2018 12:01 PM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Subject: Re: Is this CNN article about DoJ use of the term 'illegal aliens' correct?

Great.
What is the date?

On Jul 25, 2018, at 11:50 AM, O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Duplicative Material - See Bates Stamp Page 20200407-0000269



Gibson, Jake

From: Gibson, Jake
Sent: Wednesday, July 25, 2018 11:55 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Re: Background today on document productions

Not it!

On Jul 25, 2018, at 11:43 AM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

FYI when I send emails like this, they are not intended to be forwarded to outlets that are not included on the list or shared with non-reporters. Bad form, guys.

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

(b)(6)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Wednesday, July 25, 2018 9:49 AM
To: Gibson, Jake <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM>; 'Jarrett, Laura' <Laura.Jarrett@cnn.com>; 'Kyle Cheney' <kcheney@politico.com>; 'kelly cohen' <kcohen@washingtonexaminer.com>; 'Mike.Memoli@nbcuni.com' <Mike.Memoli@nbcuni.com>; 'Barrett, Devlin' <Devlin.Barrett@washpost.com>; 'Tucker, Eric' <etucker@ap.org>; 'Sadie Gurman' <sadie.gurman@wsj.com>; 'Benner, Katie' <katie.benner@nytimes.com>; 'jmordock@washingtontimes.com' <jmordock@washingtontimes.com>; 'Levine, Mike' <Mike.Levine@abc.com>; 'obeavers@thehill.com' <obeavers@thehill.com>; 'Woodruff, Betsy' <Betsy.Woodruff@thedailybeast.com>; 'Carrie Johnson' <CJohnson2@npr.org>
Cc: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Background today on document productions

If you would like to talk to Stephen Boyd and John Lausch today about document productions to Congress at 1pm here at DOJ, let me know. We'd do this on background mostly to get everyone on the same page as to what's outstanding after the July 6th letters—so please come having done the reading for class or get notes from a friend!

(This would be in advance of the hill meeting, which is currently set for 4pm, and then potentially we would have a short follow up call or email after the meeting if needed.)

S

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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Gibson, Jake

From: Gibson, Jake
Sent: Wednesday, July 25, 2018 10:02 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Re: Background today on document productions

Yes.
I'm in.
Thanks!

Jake Gibson
Department of Justice Producer
Fox News Washington

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On Jul 25, 2018, at 9:49 AM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Wednesday, July 25, 2018 11:44 AM
To: McDonnell, Brigid Mary
Subject: RE: Checking in

Roger that

xxx

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: McDonnell, Brigid Mary <BrigidMary.McDonnell@FOXNEWS.COM>
Sent: Tuesday, July 24, 2018 8:11 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Checking in

Hey Sarah—

Just checking in. IF there's an opp or issue the AG is championing that he'd like to discuss with Shannon, we'd love to have him on soon.

Thanks!

Brigid Mary McDonnell

Fox News @ Night w/ Shannon Bream

Cell: (b)(6)

@BrigidMaryMcD

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Pfeiffer, Alex

From: Pfeiffer, Alex
Sent: Wednesday, July 25, 2018 9:30 AM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Subject: Re: (b)(6)

thanks man

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 25, 2018, at 8:03 AM, O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov> wrote:

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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Wednesday, July 25, 2018 8:57 AM
To: Laura.Jarrett@cnn.com; Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM; Kyle Cheney
Subject: Doc update

38 members of congress have now seen the unredacted FISAs

(there are minor redactions but compared to the public one, I'd characterize it as unredacted)

Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Tuesday, July 24, 2018 5:06 PM
To: Gibson, Jake; Jarrett, Laura; Kyle Cheney
Cc: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Subject: meadows letter response

As a DOJ official in response to your outlets receiving the letter NOT from DOJ: Neither of the texts were related to the Clinton investigation. However, we produced the first text message referenced in the letter to Congress in February of this year. We are not aware of a request from Representative Meadows that would have included either message referenced in this letter. We were looking forward to discussing this personally with Representative Meadows at a meeting tomorrow.

xxx

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

(b)(6)

Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Tuesday, July 24, 2018 4:55 PM
To: Gibson, Jake; Jarrett, Laura
Subject: when are yall running w meadows letter?

Ive got something to run with shortly

xxx

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

(b)(6)

mboyle

From: mboyle
Sent: Tuesday, July 24, 2018 4:35 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Re: Interview with the attorney general sometime soon?

Absolutely whenever he is ready.

Sent from my iPhone

> On Jul 24, 2018, at 4:30 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

>
> Probably not in the immediate future--but can look for something later in august?

>
> ***

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

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> -----Original Message-----
> From: mboyle <mboyle@breitbart.com>
> Sent: Tuesday, July 24, 2018 11:24 AM
> To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
> Subject: Interview with the attorney general sometime soon?

>
> Hey Sarah,
>
> Wanted to check in and see if the attorney general would do an interview sometime soon to focus on immigration enforcement efforts, toughness on trade, and general economic nationalism and victories for the movement. Let me know if and when we can make something happen...

>
> Hope you're well...

>
> Thanks,
> Matthew Boyle
> Washington Political Editor, Breitbart News

>
> Sent from my iPhone

Aloi, Diana

From: Aloi, Diana
Sent: Tuesday, July 24, 2018 3:24 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Cc: O'Malley, Devin (OPA); Gibson, Jake
Subject: RE: request for statement

Thank you

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, July 24, 2018 3:23 PM
To: Aloi, Diana <Diana.Aloi@FOXNEWS.COM>
Cc: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov>; Gibson, Jake <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: RE: request for statement

Congress establishes the lower courts per the constitution. So as far as abolishing it, it would come from the hill.

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: Aloi, Diana <Diana.Aloi@FOXNEWS.COM>
Sent: Tuesday, July 24, 2018 3:21 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Gibson, Jake <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: RE: request for statement

Ok is there someone else you think I should reach out to?

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, July 24, 2018 3:19 PM
To: Aloi, Diana <Diana.Aloi@FOXNEWS.COM>
Cc: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov>; Gibson, Jake <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: RE: request for statement

We wont have a statement given that FISA is article III—so not under our control. But I'd note that at least 2 dozen members of congress have seen the FISAs largely unredacted—so I've seen some members on Fox talk about needing to unredact the release we put out, but a lot of those people have already seen the unredacted version.

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: Aloi, Diana <Diana.Aloi@FOXNEWS.COM>

Sent: Tuesday, July 24, 2018 3:16 PM

To: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>

Cc: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>

Subject: request for statement

Hello

We are having William McGurn on FNC to discuss his WSJ OP-ED ABOLKISH THE FISA COURT
Would you like to provide us with a brief statement?

<https://www.wsj.com/articles/abolish-the-fisa-court-1532388170>

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Aloi, Diana

From: Aloi, Diana
Sent: Tuesday, July 24, 2018 3:17 PM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Cc: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: RE: request for statement

From: Aloi, Diana
Sent: Tuesday, July 24, 2018 3:16 PM
To: 'Prior, Ian (OPA)' <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>
Cc: 'sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov' <sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov>
Subject: request for statement

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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Tuesday, July 24, 2018 12:11 PM
To: Gibson, Jake
Cc: Jarrett, Laura
Subject: Re: hill meeting

Sr officials probably makes more sense given the list

On Jul 24, 2018, at 12:06 PM, Gibson, Jake <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Cool.
Are we good to report names or just Sr officials...

Jake Gibson
Department of Justice Producer
Fox News Washington
(b)(6)

On Jul 24, 2018, at 12:00 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

You'd have to ask them--sorry

On Jul 24, 2018, at 12:00 PM, Gibson, Jake <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

You think they will also talk about Hill demands for FISA document to be unredacted...?

Jake Gibson
Department of Justice Producer
Fox News Washington
(b)(6)

On Jul 24, 2018, at 11:54 AM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Boyd, dana, ed and others
Huddle on production process
On hill

On Jul 24, 2018, at 11:52 AM, Gibson, Jake <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Who from FBI and DOJ?
What is meeting about?
On Hill not DOJ correct?
Thanks!

Jake Gibson
Department of Justice Producer
Fox News Washington
(b)(6)

On Jul 24, 2018, at 11:31 AM, Flores,
Sarah Isgur (OPA)
<Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

DOJ/FBI tomorrow with
Meadows, Jordan, Goodlatte,
Gowdy

You can report it

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

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Gibson, Jake

From: Gibson, Jake
Sent: Tuesday, July 24, 2018 11:55 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Cc: Jarrett, Laura
Subject: Re: hill meeting

Copy that.
Thanks.

Jake Gibson
Department of Justice Producer
Fox News Washington
(202) 538-5999

On Jul 24, 2018, at 11:54 AM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Tuesday, July 24, 2018 11:50 AM
To: Jarrett, Laura
Cc: Gibson, Jake
Subject: Re: hill meeting

More a discussion on where things stand

On Jul 24, 2018, at 11:33 AM, Jarrett, Laura <Laura.Jarrett@cnn.com> wrote:

Subpoena compliance or to review additional docs?

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, July 24, 2018 11:31 AM
To: Jarrett, Laura <Laura.Jarrett@cnn.com>; Gibson, Jake <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: hill meeting

DOJ/FBI tomorrow with Meadows, Jordan, Goodlatte, Gowdy

You can report it

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

Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Tuesday, July 24, 2018 12:00 PM
To: Ian Mason
Subject: Re: FW:

Hahahaha

On Jul 24, 2018, at 11:58 AM, Ian Mason <imason@breitbart.com> wrote:

Interesting, but I don't understand how this justifies reading the Weekly Standard. :)

On Jul 24, 2018, at 9:25 AM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

If youre covering todays little dust up over the speech this am—might be worth pointing out

https://www.realclearpolitics.com/video/2016/07/01/loretta_lynch_jokes_i_wish_eric_holder_told_me_where_the_lock_on_the_plane_door_was.html

Gearty, Robert

From: Gearty, Robert
Sent: Monday, July 23, 2018 8:45 AM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Subject: RE: foxnews.com inquiry

Thank you.

From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) [mailto:Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Monday, July 23, 2018 8:44 AM
To: Gearty, Robert <Robert.Gearty@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: RE: foxnews.com inquiry

Those numbers will not be released until after the fiscal year is completed.

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

From: Gearty, Robert <Robert.Gearty@FOXNEWS.COM>
Sent: Monday, July 23, 2018 7:59 AM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: foxnews.com inquiry

Perhaps Devin do you have any 2018 numbers.

Thanks.

From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) [mailto:Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, July 17, 2018 2:40 PM
To: Gearty, Robert <Robert.Gearty@FOXNEWS.COM>
Cc: Gibson, Jake <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: RE: foxnews.com inquiry

Hi Robert-

Please see below:

FY 2017

Fentanyl – 267 defendants (181 cases)

FY 2016

Fentanyl – 74 defendants (51 cases)

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

From: Press
Sent: Tuesday, July 17, 2018 12:32 PM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA) <whornbuckle@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: FW: foxnews.com inquiry

Thanks – Mary.

From: Gearty, Robert <Robert.Gearty@FOXNEWS.COM>
Sent: Tuesday, July 17, 2018 12:29 PM
To: Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: foxnews.com inquiry

The AG made this statement in Portland Maine last week:

In 2017, we tripled the number of fentanyl prosecutions at the federal level.

Do you have the actual numbers.

Thanks

Robert Gearty

(b)(6)

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Gearty, Robert

From: Gearty, Robert
Sent: Tuesday, July 17, 2018 2:41 PM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Subject: RE: foxnews.com inquiry

Thank you

From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) [mailto:Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, July 17, 2018 2:40 PM
To: Gearty, Robert <Robert.Gearty@FOXNEWS.COM>
Cc: Gibson, Jake <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: RE: foxnews.com inquiry

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Garnier, Terace

From: Garnier, Terace
Sent: Monday, July 23, 2018 6:21 AM
To: Sutton, Sarah E. (OPA)
Subject: Re: RSVP for tomorrow's event

Thank you

Terace Garnier
Fox News Multimedia Reporter- Columbia, SC
Terace.Garnier@foxnews.com | C: (b)(6) |
[Twitter: @TeraceGarnier](#) | [Facebook: @TeraceGarnierFNC](#)

On Jul 23, 2018, at 6:08 AM, Sutton, Sarah E. (OPA) <Sarah.E.Sutton@usdoj.gov> wrote:

I'll make sure you're on the list. Thanks!

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 22, 2018, at 21:49, Garnier, Terace <Terace.Garnier@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Hi Sarah,
It was nice meeting you today. I just wanted to make sure I'm credentialed for tomorrow's speech. Sorry I forgot to ask earlier.

Terace Garnier
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Herridge, Catherine

From: Herridge, Catherine
Sent: Sunday, July 22, 2018 8:37 PM
To: Maguire, Jacqueline (BH) (FBI)
Cc: Mckee, Susan T. (DO) (FBI); Cratty, Carol A. (DO) (FBI); Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA); Prior, Ian (OPA); Gibson, Jake; Mears, William
Subject: Re: HPSCI GOP Member ltr to POTUS re DOJ-FBI - 14 June

Received and please advise if that changes.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 22, 2018, at 8:32 PM, Maguire, Jacqueline (BH) (FBI) (b)(6) wrote:

Hi Catherine - nothing to provide from our end. Thanks -

Jackie

----- Original message -----

From: "Herridge, Catherine" <Catherine.Herridge@FOXNEWS.COM>
Date: 7/22/18 5:32 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Maguire, Jacqueline (BH) (FBI)" (b)(6), "Mckee, Susan T. (DO) (FBI)" (b)(6), "Cratty, Carol A. (DO) (FBI)" (b)(6), "Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) (JMD)" <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>, "Prior, Ian (OPA) (JMD)" <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>
Cc: "Gibson, Jake" <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM>, "Mears, William" <William.Mears@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: HPSCI GOP Member ltr to POTUS re DOJ-FBI - 14 June

Good evening

We have obtained this congressional letter from mid June to the president requesting declassification of key sections of the Carter Page FISA docs.

As the letter makes a number of allegations about whether proper procedures were followed by FBI and DOJ, we are reaching out for comment.

We will incorporate your response as soon as it becomes available. As for timing, the story is likely to post later this evening.

Thank you for the consideration and assistance.

Catherine

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Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

June 14, 2018

The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

For more than a year, the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence (“the Committee”) has been investigating the Department of Justice’s (DOJ) and Federal Bureau of Investigation’s (FBI) potential misuse of authorities under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA). In the course of the Committee’s investigation, we have uncovered irregularities with the process by which DOJ and FBI obtained information and sought and renewed three times a warrant pursuant to FISA on U.S. citizen Carter Page. Because DOJ and FBI continue to obstruct the Committee’s investigation, it is time to put the facts in the public domain, consistent with the need to protect intelligence sources and methods.

The Committee’s investigative findings include DOJ’s and FBI’s use of an unverified dossier of memoranda that was not subjected to proper U.S. government verification and was not handled according to FBI procedures. The FBI’s own Domestic Investigations and Operations Guide prohibits the FBI from using unverified material to obtain a warrant under FISA. The unverified allegations in the dossier were nevertheless presented to the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court (FISC) to obtain a FISA warrant and three renewals on Mr. Page. DOJ also presented a news article that was sourced from the author of the dossier. You declassified these facts at the Committee’s request in February of this year.

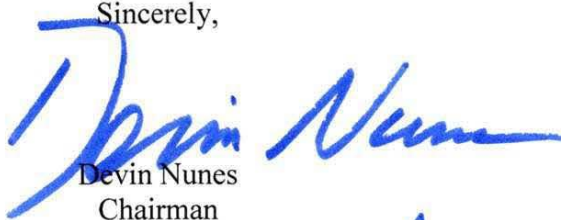
After months of stonewalling, including defying a lawfully issued subpoena, DOJ and FBI finally agreed to permit select Committee members and staff to review the applications for the FISA warrant and renewal applications at DOJ. DOJ and FBI continues to obstruct the Committee’s further efforts to learn about the provenance and quality of the information used to obtain the FISA warrant and renewals on Mr. Page.

To enable the public to understand the DOJ’s and FBI’s basis for obtaining the FISA warrant and three subsequent renewals, we respectfully request that you declassify and release publicly, and in unredacted form, pages 10-12 and 17-34, along with all associated footnotes, of the third renewal of the FISA application on Mr. Page. That renewal was filed in June 2017 and signed by Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein.

In addition, we enclose for your information a letter signed by all 13 Committee Republicans to the Presiding Judge of the FISC, asking her to conduct an investigation into DOJ’s conduct in obtaining the FISA warrant and three subsequent renewals.

The Committee stands ready to assist in any way you may need. We hope you will make this information available to the American people.

Sincerely,




Devin Nunes
Chairman



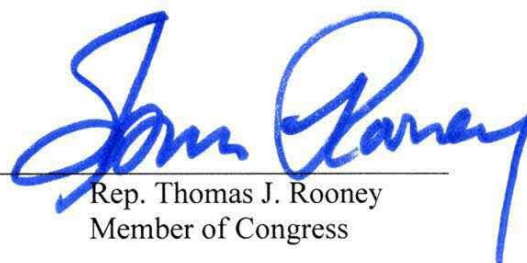
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Member of Congress



Rep. Peter T. King
Member of Congress



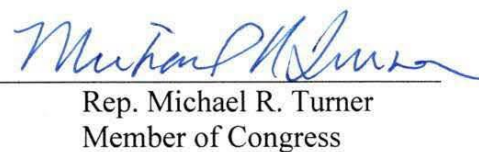
Rep. Frank A. LoBiondo
Member of Congress



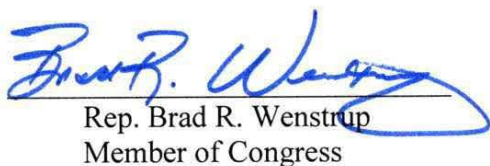
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Member of Congress



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Member of Congress



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Member of Congress



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Member of Congress



Rep. Elise M. Stefanik
Member of Congress



Rep. Will Hurd
Member of Congress

Enclosure

Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Friday, July 20, 2018 3:37 PM
To: Gibson, Jake
Subject: Re: Judicial Watch: FBI Set to Release FISA Warrant Documents Today

True. Talk to Jackie about plan.

On Jul 20, 2018, at 12:30 PM, Gibson, Jake <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Jake Gibson
Department of Justice Producer
Fox News Washington
(b)(6)

From: Jill Farrell <JFarrell@JUDICIALWATCH.ORG>
Date: July 20, 2018 at 3:14:01 PM EDT
To: Undisclosed recipients;;
Subject: **Judicial Watch: FBI Set to Release FISA Warrant Documents Today**

MEDIA ADVISORY
Contact: 202-646-5188
July 20, 2018

Judicial Watch: FBI Set to Release FISA Warrant Documents Today

(Washington, DC) – [Judicial Watch](#) today expects the Justice Department to [release](#) redacted documents about FISA (Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act) warrants targeting the Trump campaign. Judicial Watch expects the document release to center on FISA warrants targeting Carter Page, a former Trump campaign associate. The warrants are controversial because the FISA court was never told that the key information justifying the requests came from a minimally-corroborated “dossier” that was created by Fusion GPS, a paid agent of the Clinton campaign and Democratic National Committee.

The pending document production comes in a February 2018 Judicial Watch Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) [lawsuit](#) filed after the DOJ rejected a July 19, 2017, FOIA request (*Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of Justice* (No. 1:18-cv-00245)). The lawsuit is seeking:

Copies of all proposed and all final signed FISA applications submitted to the FISC relating to Russian interference in the 2016 election, allegations of collusion between people associated with the Trump campaign and Russia, and any known Trump associates regardless of context;

Copies of all FISC responses to the above-mentioned applications in which the Court notified the FBI or Justice Department that it would not grant the proposed applications or recommended changes. If any such FISC responses were provided orally, rather than in writing, please provide copies of FBI or Justice Department records memorializing or otherwise referencing the relevant FISC responses;

Copies of all FISC orders relating to the above mentioned applications, whether denying the applications and certifications, denying the orders, modifying the orders, granting the orders, or other types of orders.

In April, the DOJ [told the court](#) it was “processing for potential redaction and release certain FISA materials related to Carter Page,” and agreed to a production schedule for responsive records that is to be completed today, July 20, 2018.

“Judicial Watch may finally get the infamous spy warrants the Obama administration and Deep State conspired with the Clinton campaign used to target then-candidate and now President Trump,” stated Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton. “It took a year, but the stonewall and cover-up, we hope, begins to end today.”

The Carter Page warrant was granted just weeks before the 2016 election. On February 2, 2018, Republicans on the House Intelligence Committee released a [memo](#) detailing government surveillance abuse during the 2016 campaign. This document points out that the “minimally corroborated” Clinton-DNC dossier was an essential part of the FBI and DOJ’s application for surveillance warrants to spy on Page.

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Rogers, James

From: Rogers, James
Sent: Friday, July 20, 2018 2:19 PM
To: Reuss, Andy (OPA)
Subject: RE: Media Inquiry from Fox News in New York

Thanks Andy

Best wishes,

James

Sent via the Samsung GALAXY S® 5, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

----- Original message -----

From: "Reuss, Andy (OPA)" <Andy.Reuss@usdoj.gov>
Date: 7/20/18 2:17 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Rogers, James" <James.Rogers@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: RE: Media Inquiry from Fox News in New York

James: I would also recommend that you reach out to the State Department directly with any related inquiry.

Thank you,
Andy

From: Reuss, Andy (OPA)
Sent: Friday, July 20, 2018 2:14 PM
To: 'James.Rogers@FOXNEWS.COM' <James.Rogers@FOXNEWS.COM>
Cc: Edwards, Jeremy M. (OPA) <jmedwards@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Laco, Kelly (OPA) <klaco@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Media Inquiry from Fox News in New York

Hi James,

The Department declines to comment.

Thank you,
Andy Reuss
Department of Justice

From: Rogers, James <James.Rogers@FOXNEWS.COM>
Sent: Friday, July 20, 2018 11:18 AM
To: Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Media Inquiry from Fox News in New York

Good morning,

Does the DOJ have any statement on its recent settlement with Defense Distributed and the Second Amendment Foundation about downloadable blueprints for 3D-printed guns?

<https://www.saf.org/doj-saf-reach-settlement-in-defense-distributed-lawsuit/>

Also, does the DOJ have any comment on this statement from Avery Gardiner, co-president of the Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence, on the settlement:

"The government won three times in this case, but then suddenly decided to cave. During the Obama years, the government thought that 3D printed guns posed a serious threat to national security. I'm not aware of anything that has changed except who sits in the White House. Untraceable and undetectable guns that bypass our bipartisan background check system put us all at risk. The country deserves answers from the Trump Administration about why it thinks this is a good idea. Making it easier for dangerous people to get guns is reckless and stupid, and this is going to make Americans less safe."

Please feel free to give me a call if you want to discuss.

Best wishes,

James

James Rogers
SciTech Editor
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New York
Tel: (b)(6)
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Ian Mason

From: Ian Mason
Sent: Friday, July 20, 2018 11:37 AM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Subject: Re: Lack of parentage in Ms. L 5-17s

Fair enough, thanks anyhow.

> On Jul 20, 2018, at 9:35 AM, O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov> wrote:

>

> I can't comment outside of the filing, sorry.

>

> Sent from my iPhone

>

>> On Jul 20, 2018, at 11:34 AM, Ian Mason <imason@breitbart.com> wrote:

>>

>> Devin,

>>

>> Can you confirm on background how many of the 91 ineligibles in yesterday's Ms. L report were denied for lack of parentage?

>>

>> Thanks so much,

>> Ian Mason

>> Breitbart News

>>

Ian Mason

From: Ian Mason
Sent: Friday, July 20, 2018 12:00 AM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Cc: O'Malley, Devin (OPA); Laco, Kelly (OPA)
Subject: RE: JUST FILED: Ms. L Joint Status Report

Hey, are you able to confirm on background that any of the 91 ineligible are not being "reunited" because they are not the actual parents.

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

From: "O'Malley, Devin (OPA)" <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Thursday, July 19, 2018 6:52pm
To: "O'Malley, Devin (OPA)" <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov>
Cc: "Laco, Kelly (OPA)" <Kelly.Laco@usdoj.gov>
Subject: JUST FILED: Ms. L Joint Status Report

Attached.

On background (not for attribution, but provided for clarity)- the 364 number is **not an additional set of children of class members on top of the 2,551; it is part of the 2,551.

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

Sutton, Sarah E. (OPA)

From: Sutton, Sarah E. (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, July 19, 2018 6:40 PM
To: Garnier, Terace
Subject: RE: Media credentials

Sounds good, thanks!

From: Garnier, Terace <Terace.Garnier@FOXNEWS.COM>
Sent: Thursday, July 19, 2018 6:08 PM
To: Sutton, Sarah E. (OPA) <sesutton@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: Media credentials

Yes I have a media ID. Thank you for the info, I'll watch out for your email on Saturday.

Terace Garnier
Fox News Multimedia Reporter- Columbia, SC
Terace.Garnier@foxnews.com | C:(b)(6) |
[Twitter: @TeraceGarnier](#) | [Facebook: @TeraceGarnierFNC](#)

On Jul 19, 2018, at 5:56 PM, Sutton, Sarah E. (OPA) <Sarah.E.Sutton@usdoj.gov> wrote:

So do you have a media ID? You'll show that at checkin. They will have a name tag for you to wear. There will be a multibox. I will have details for WiFi tomorrow. I will send an email out Saturday evening with those details.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 19, 2018, at 5:43 PM, Garnier, Terace <Terace.Garnier@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Awesome, thank you. Where do I pick up the credentials? Also, will there be assigned spots on the podium? Multibox? Wifi?

Terace Garnier
Fox News Multimedia Reporter- Columbia, SC
Terace.Garnier@foxnews.com | C:(b)(6) |
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From: "Sutton, Sarah E. (OPA)" <Sarah.E.Sutton@usdoj.gov>
Date: Thursday, July 19, 2018 at 5:31 PM
To: Terace Garnier <Terace.Garnier@FOXNEWS.COM>

Cc: "Leonard, Catherine (OPA)" <Catherine.Leonard@usdoj.gov>

Subject: Re: Media credentials

I'm happy to add you to the RSVP list. Thanks!

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 19, 2018, at 3:58 PM, Garnier, Terace <Terace.Garnier@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Hi Sarah,
May I get credentials for Sunday's event please?

Terace Garnier

Fox News Multimedia Reporter- Columbia, SC

Terace.Garnier@foxnews.com | C:(b)(6) |

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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, July 19, 2018 2:04 PM
To: Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM; Laura.Jarrett@cnn.com; etucker@ap.org
Cc: Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA); Navas, Nicole (OPA)
Subject: Fwd: NBC 4: Two reports on child exploitation

What I told y'all about! Great d block material here!!

<http://www.nbcwashington.com/investigations/K-9s-Electronic-Devices-Child-Pornography-488055901.html>

Authorities Deploy K-9s to Sniff Out Electronic Devices That Store Child Pornography

By Scott MacFarlane, Rick Yarborough and Steve Jones

Published at 8:31 PM EDT on Jul 12, 2018 | Updated at 8:13 PM EDT on Jul 13, 2018

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New Tools and Techniques to Catch Predators

Amid the increase in cases, law enforcement officials are seeking new tools and techniques to catch predators. The FBI and law enforcement officials in Connecticut are pioneering the use of K-9s to help detect and locate hidden electronic devices during the searches of the homes of suspected predators. About two dozen K-9s are currently deployed by police nationwide.

The I-Team was allowed access to one of those K-9s training at the FBI's New York City field office. Harley and her handler, Detective Brett Hochron, found a series of small memory cards, external drives and tablets hidden in furniture and walls of a large conference space.

"Devices are very small," Hochron said. "They are very easy to hide and very difficult to find. Everybody has a junk drawer. In a few years, everyone is going to have this (K-9) asset."

Officials with D.C.-area Internet Crimes Against Children task forces said they are exploring plans to acquire and deploy the trained K-9s. New state laws in Maryland and Virginia boosted funding for state police agencies that handle child exploitation cases. Alicia's Law passed in Maryland in 2016, after heavy lobbying from safety organizations wanting to bolster police staffing and reduce wait times for forensics exams of electronic devices from suspected predators.

The law is named after Alicia Kozakiewicz, the survivor of a 2002 kidnapping near her home in Pittsburgh. She was held captive and sexually abused in Herndon, Virginia. Images of the abuse were shared online by a man who was convicted and sentenced to federal prison for the crime.

Kozakiewicz, who now works as a motivational speaker, successfully lobbied to pass Alicia's Law in 11 states.

"Eleven states isn't enough," she said. "We have to get it passed everywhere."

"There will always be evil people who do evil things," Kozakiewicz said. "Prevention is key. So is educating kids."

Kozakiewicz has worked collaboratively with the National Association to Protect Children, a national pro-child, anti-crime organization. She credits the organization's work with helping secure passage of the new state laws.

National Center for Missing and Exploited Children

Recent federal law helped the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children strengthen its database of suspected child exploitation victims. The organization, which helps local and federal law enforcement investigate cases of suspected predators, said it has identified more than 14,000 victims.

Internet providers and social media providers now are required to report suspected exploitative images shared on their platforms to the organization's cyber tip line. The number of tips has grown exponentially in the months since.

"These are not people who are hunting down and find your children," Coffren said. "They are often people who have access to your children already."

Data shared with the I-Team shows 10 million of the 28 million tips received by the organization since 1998 were received last year.

Reported by Scott MacFarlane, produced by Rick Yarborough, and shot and edited by Steve Jones.

<http://www.nbcwashington.com/investigations/Alicias-Story-Survivor-Devotes-Life-to-Protecting-Children-Washington-DC-488155331.html?appVideoHub=y>

Scott MacFarlane - NBC Washington - 202-885-4506

Robitaille, Rachael

From: Robitaille, Rachael
Sent: Wednesday, July 18, 2018 1:03 PM
To: Kupec, Kerri (OPA)
Cc: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Subject: RE: "Cavuto LIVE" Request (JULY 21)

Appreciate you getting back to me, Kerri! Hopefully we can work something out in the near future.

Best,
Rachael

From: Kupec, Kerri (OPA) (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, July 18, 2018 1:02 PM
To: Robitaille, Rachael <Rachael.Robitaille@FOXNEWS.COM>
Cc: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: "Cavuto LIVE" Request (JULY 21)

Hi Rachael- good to hear from you. DAG Rosenstein is not doing interviews at this time, but thanks for thinking of us.

Best,
Kerri

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 18, 2018, at 11:35 AM, Robitaille, Rachael <Rachael.Robitaille@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Good morning Kerri,

Hope this finds you well! I work for Fox News with Neil Cavuto's team. I'm reaching out to check Deputy Attorney General Rosenstein's availability to join Neil this Saturday (July 21) on "Cavuto LIVE". Our show is live from 10AM to 12PM ET on Saturday with Neil hosting in NYC. We are also able to pre-tape interviews on Friday evening if more convenient. Please let me know if there is anything that we can work out.

Best,
Rachael Robitaille
Booker, "Cavuto LIVE"
O: (b)(6)
C: (b)(6)

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Chris Carter

From: Chris Carter
Sent: Wednesday, July 18, 2018 12:15 PM
To: Laco, Kelly (OPA)
Subject: Re: A.G. Sessions

Thanks!

Sent from my iPhone

> On Jul 18, 2018, at 12:12 PM, Laco, Kelly (OPA) <Kelly.Laco@usdoj.gov> wrote:

>
> I reached out to state and gave them your contact info, so hopefully someone should be in touch with you! Thanks.

>
> Kelly Laco
> Office of Public Affairs
> Department of Justice
> Office: 202-353-0173
> Cell: (b)(6)

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

> From: Chris Carter <Chris.Carter@oann.com>
> Sent: Wednesday, July 18, 2018 10:45 AM
> To: Laco, Kelly (OPA) <klaco@jmd.usdoj.gov>
> Subject: Re: A.G. Sessions

> IF THERE IS ANYWAY YOU COULD HELP ME ON THIS I WOULD BE IN DEBT TO YOU...

>> On Jul 18, 2018, at 10:36 AM, Laco, Kelly (OPA) <Kelly.Laco@usdoj.gov> wrote:

>> Hi Chris!

>> I don't have anyone specific in mind, but I will see if any of my colleagues do.

>> Thanks.

>> Kelly Laco
>> Office of Public Affairs
>> Department of Justice
>> Office: 202-353-0173
>> Cell: (b)(6)

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

>> From: Chris Carter <Chris.Carter@oann.com>
>> Sent: Wednesday, July 18, 2018 10:17 AM

<< Sent: Wednesday, July 10, 2016 10:17 AM

>> To: Laco, Kelly (OPA) <klaco@jmd.usdoj.gov>

>> Subject: Re: A.G. Sessions

>>

>> Good Morning Kelly,

>> I wanted to touch base with you and see if you had a press contact for me at the State Department. I am trying to set up an interview with Sec. Pompeo when he visits New York.

>> Thanks,

>> Chris Carter

>> OANN

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>>> On Jun 26, 2018, at 9:34 AM, Laco, Kelly (OPA) <Kelly.Laco@usdoj.gov> wrote:

>>>

>>> Thanks Chris--I've passed this along to my colleague, Ian Prior, who should be able to assist with your inquiry.

>>>

>>> Hope you're doing well!

>>>

>>> Kelly Laco

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

>>> From: Chris Carter <Chris.Carter@oann.com>

>>> Sent: Monday, June 25, 2018 6:03 PM

>>> To: Laco, Kelly (OPA) <klaco@jmd.usdoj.gov>

>>> Subject: A.G. Sessions

>>>

>>> Hello Kelly,

>>> How are you? I hope things have settled since we met in Denver. I wanted to know with the recent request in congress regarding House Intel Chair Devon Nunes and his request for documents. Would A.G. Session would speak with me about it? If I am not mistaken Mr. Rosenstein was responsible for turning over documents to congress as of 5pm today. I am in NYC right now but would come to DC tonight if he could speak to me tomorrow.

>>> Thanks,

>>> Christopher Carter

>>> National Correspondent OANN

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Gibson, Jake

From: Gibson, Jake
Sent: Monday, July 16, 2018 1:00 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Fwd: Withheld texts - days before FISA sought - Fwd: Letter from Rep. Meadows to DAG Rosenstein
Attachments: 7.12.2018 Letter from Rep. Meadows to DAG Rosenstein.pdf; ATT00001.htm

Jake Gibson
Department of Justice Producer
Fox News Washington

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Herridge, Catherine" <Catherine.Herridge@FOXNEWS.COM>
Date: July 16, 2018 at 12:23:31 PM EDT
To: 069 -Politics <politics3@FOXNEWS.COM>, "030 -Root (FoxNews.Com)" <root@FOXNEWS.COM>, 050 -Senior Producers <seniorproducers@FOXNEWS.COM>, 202 - FBN Editorial <FBNEditorial@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: Withheld texts - days before FISA sought - Fwd: Letter from Rep. Meadows to DAG Rosenstein

This letter went to DAG Rosenstein accusing/asking for an explanation from department/FBI for "withholding" these texts.

***the texts timing has caught attention of congressional investigators who are exploring whether it is related to Carter Page FISA October 21 2016

These texts are about a meeting involving WH on October 14 and 19.

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July 12, 2018

The Honorable Rod Rosenstein
Deputy Attorney General
United States Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Deputy Attorney General Rosenstein:

Over the past several months I have raised serious concerns that under your leadership the Department of Justice has impeded, delayed, and stonewalled the joint congressional examination of certain decisions made during the initial steps of the investigation of the Trump campaign's alleged contacts with Russia.

Once again, we have obtained evidence the Department of Justice and Federal Bureau of Investigation have intentionally withheld material information from congress. Specifically, we have learned of the existence of two text messages, sent weeks before the 2016 election, which raise grave concerns as to what other information you have failed to produce to congress.

One text exchanged between Lisa Page and former FBI Deputy Director Andrew McCabe on October 14, 2016 reads:

"Just called. Apparently the DAG now wants to be there, and WH wants DOJ to host. So we are setting that up now. We will very much need to get Cohen's view before we meet with her. Better, have him weigh in with her before the meeting. We need to speak with one voice, if that is in fact the case."

Another text exchanged between Ms. Page and Mr. McCabe on October 19, 2016 reads:

"Hey can you give me a call when you get out? Meeting with WH counsel is finally set up and I want to talk about timing. Thanks."

In light of this new information, please provide my office with responses to the following questions by July 19, 2018:

1. Can you confirm the authenticity of these texts?

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

2. Why would these texts, which are clearly within the confines of the jurisdiction of our investigation, be withheld from documents produced to congress?

Considering this is the fourth example I've found implicating the Obama White House in the initial steps of the Trump campaign investigation, I am extremely troubled to find this information had been withheld.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mark Meadows".

Mark Meadows
Member of Congress

Prior, Ian (OPA)

From: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Sent: Monday, July 16, 2018 12:49 PM
To: Pfeiffer, Alex
Cc: (b)(6)
Subject: RE: Contact Info

LOLOLOL

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

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From: Pfeiffer, Alex <Alex.Pfeiffer@FOXNEWS.COM>
Sent: Monday, July 16, 2018 12:43 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: (b)(6)
Subject: Re: Contact Info

DOJ OFFICIAL STEPS DOWN AFTER TRUMP PRESSER jk jk

good luck in your future endeavor

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 16, 2018, at 12:40 PM, Prior, Ian (OPA) <ian.prior@usdoj.gov> wrote:

I am officially signing off today. It has been fantastic working with all of you and I hope you will stay in touch. I didn't get a chance to transfer all your emails/numbers to my personal phone so please send your contact info over to (b)(6) (cc'd so you can reply all) when you have a chance. My cell is (b)(6).

Hope to hear from you soon!

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jbinder@breitbart.com

From: jbinder@breitbart.com
Sent: Friday, July 13, 2018 5:22 PM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Subject: John Binder - Breitbart News

Do we have an idea of how many people will be weeded out of the asylum system with the recent asylum rule changes for "credible fear" claims? Thanks.

John Binder
Reporter
Breitbart News
Breitbart.com

(b)(6)

Ian Mason

From: Ian Mason
Sent: Friday, July 13, 2018 12:11 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Press Release

Sarah,

Would you be so kind as to send over the press release from which reporters are reading?

Thanks very much,
Ian Mason
Breitbart News

O'Malley, Devin (OPA)

From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, July 12, 2018 10:09 PM
To: McDonnell, Brigid Mary
Cc: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Re: Comment for Fox?

Way late on this: <https://www.justice.gov/crt/page/file/1059451/download>

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Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 12, 2018, at 6:28 PM, McDonnell, Brigid Mary <BrigidMary.McDonnell@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Great – thanks very much

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [<mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, July 12, 2018 6:09 PM
To: McDonnell, Brigid Mary <BrigidMary.McDonnell@FOXNEWS.COM>
Cc: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: Comment for Fox?

No sorry! But happy y'all are covering it. Devin can send y'all the letter.

On Jul 12, 2018, at 5:13 PM, McDonnell, Brigid Mary <BrigidMary.McDonnell@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Hey Sarah—

Any comment on this investigation or any statement from the DOJ on this? We're doing a segment on it tonight. ALSO pls let me know if there's an opportunity to have the AG on soon with Shannon.

Thx!

<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/07/12/us/emmett-till-death-investigation.html>

Brigid Mary McDonnell
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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, July 12, 2018 7:28 PM
To: Ian Mason
Subject: Re: Strzok Security Clearance

Yes on background.

On Jul 12, 2018, at 6:13 PM, Ian Mason <imason@breitbart.com> wrote:

Sarah,

On Howie Carr's show last month, the attorney general said he believed FBI Agent Strzok's security clearance had been revoked. See: <https://www.breitbart.com/big-government/2018/06/21/jeff-sessions-peter-strzok-lost-security-clearance/>

In his testimony this morning, Strzok told the House Oversight and Judiciary Committees that he has a clearance. Some are suggesting he was referring a clearance that was restored this week merely to allow him to testify.

Can you confirm that, if only on background, that the clearance was revoked, the AG was speaking truthfully on Carr's show, then the clearance was restored for purposes of his testimony?

Thanks very much,
Ian Mason
Breitbart News

Neil Munro

From: Neil Munro
Sent: Thursday, July 12, 2018 4:26 PM
To: Waldman, Katie; O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Subject: Fwd: TRUMP ADMINISTRATION COMPLETES REUNIFICATION FOR ELIGIBLE CHILDREN UNDER 5

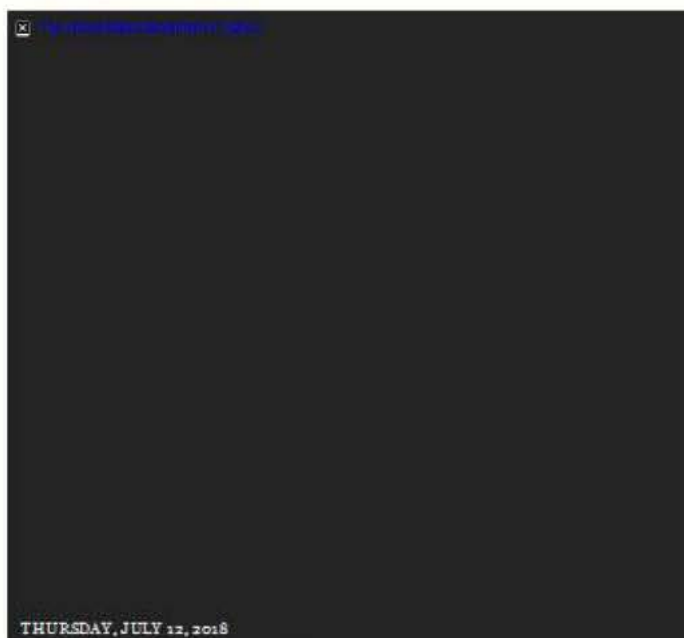
Katie, Devin,

In this statement about family reunification, you report that "12 adults have been deported and are being contacted."

Have any of those 12 migrants declined to request the return of their children?

Have any of the migrants with kids aged 5 to 17 declined to be reunified with their children?

Neil Munro
Breitbart News.



HHS Secretary Alex Azar, DHS Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen, and Attorney General Jeff Sessions issued the following joint statement regarding reunification efforts for eligible children under 5 years old:

"Dedicated teams at the Departments of Health and Human Services, Homeland Security, and Justice have worked tirelessly to ensure the safety of Ms. Lolass members. As of this morning, the initial reunifications were completed. Throughout the reunification process, our goal has been the well-being of the children and returning them to a safe environment. Our agencies' careful vetting procedures helped prevent the reunification of children with an alleged murderer, an adult convicted of child cruelty, and adults determined not to be the parent of the child. Of course, there remains a tremendous amount of hard work and similar obstacles facing our teams in reuniting the remaining families. The Trump administration does not approach this mission lightly, and we intend to continue our good faith efforts to reunify families.

"Certain facts remain: The American people gave this administration a mandate to end the lawlessness at the border, and President Trump is keeping his promise to do exactly that. Our message has been clear all along: Do not risk your own life or the life of your child by attempting to enter the United States illegally. Apply lawfully and wait your turn.

"The American immigration system is the most generous in the world, but we are a nation of laws and we intend to continue enforcing those laws. Establishing the immigration system demanded of our political leaders by the American people for more than 30 years—one that

serves the national interest—will allow our nation to further realize the foundation of freedom, safety, and prosperity we inherited from our Founders.”

Below are more details on HHS, DHS, and DOJ progress on reunification, as of 7 a.m. EST, July 12, 2018:

There are 103 children under age 5 covered by the court case. Of the 103 children:

- 57 children have been reunified as of 7 a.m. EST on July 12; and
- 46 children were acknowledged by the court to be ineligible for reunification or determined by HHS, DHS, and DOJ to be ineligible under court-approved criteria.

Of those 46 ineligible for reunification:

- 22 children have been found ineligible due to safety concerns posed by the adults in question:
 - 11 adults have a serious criminal history (charges or convictions for child cruelty, kidnapping, murder, human smuggling, domestic violence, etc.);
 - 7 adults were determined not to be a parent;
 - 1 adult had a falsified birth certificate;
 - 1 adult was alleged to have abused the child;
 - 1 adult planned to house the child with an adult charged with sexually abusing a child; and
 - 1 adult is being treated for a communicable disease.
- 24 children are not currently eligible for reunification due to circumstances of the adults in question:
 - 12 adults have been deported and are being contacted;
 - 9 adults are in custody of the United States Marshals Service for other offenses;
 - 2 adults are in custody of state jails for other offenses; and
 - 1 adult's location has been unknown for over a year.

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O'Malley, Devin (OPA)

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Sent: Thursday, July 12, 2018 4:12 PM
To: Neil Munro
Subject: RE: 71 - Notice of Filing 6-22-18.pdf

Off the record- That will come when the judge rules.

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

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

From: Neil Munro <nmunro@breitbart.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 12, 2018 12:23 PM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: 71 - Notice of Filing 6-22-18.pdf

So no news. Thanks

> On Jul 12, 2018, at 12:03 PM, O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov> wrote:
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To: nmunro@breitbart.com
Subject: 71 - Notice of Filing 6-22-18.pdf
Attachments: 71 - Notice of Filing 6-22-18.pdf; ATT00001.htm

Here you go

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

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE
ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED
PEOPLE (NAACP), *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

DONALD TRUMP, *et al.*,

Defendants.

No. 17-cv-1907 (JDB)

THE TRUSTEES OF PRINCETON
UNIVERSITY, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, *et al.*,

Defendants.

No. 17-cv-2325 (JDB)

NOTICE

On April 24, 2018, this Court vacated and remanded a 2017 memorandum from Acting Secretary of Homeland Security Elaine Duke rescinding the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) policy. *See* Order, ECF No. 69; Mem. Op., ECF No. 70. The Court stayed its vacatur order for 90 days, however, to give the Department of Homeland Security an opportunity to provide an additional explanation for the rescission of DACA.

In response to that order, on June 22, 2018, Secretary Nielsen issued a memorandum providing such explanation. *See* Memorandum of Secretary Kirjsten M. Nielsen (attached hereto as Exhibit A). As explained in the attached memorandum, Secretary Nielsen concurred with, and

Gibson, Jake

From: Gibson, Jake
Sent: Wednesday, July 11, 2018 4:09 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Cc: Jarrett, Laura
Subject: Re: Personal Message to U.S. Attorneys from the Deputy AG

Thanks!

Jake Gibson
Department of Justice Producer
Fox News Washington
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From:
Rosenstein, Rod
(ODAG)
<Rod.Rosenstein5@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Tuesday,
July 10, 2018 2:23
PM
Cc: Lan, Iris
(ODAG) (JMD)
<Iris.Lan3@usdoj.gov>
Subject: Personal
Message to U.S.
Attorneys from
the Deputy AG

We need your
help in
connection with
President
Trump's
nomination of
Judge Brett
Kavanaugh to

serve on the Supreme Court. As a result of Judge Kavanaugh's extensive career in public service, DOJ may need to review a large volume of documents. The production will be supervised by the Office of Legal Policy.

In order to complete the project within the time requested, we may need the equivalent of more than 100 full-time attorneys.

I therefore request that you designate between one and three AUSAs who can make this important project a priority for the next several weeks. We expect most of the work to be done remotely, from AUSAs' home offices, but also let us know if any AUSA is interested in a temporary detail to Main Justice.

Please send the names of your volunteers to Associate Deputy AG Iris Lan. Feel free to contact

free to contact
Iris with any
questions.

I would
appreciate your
response by
Wednesday night.

Thank you!

Prior, Ian (OPA)

From: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Sent: Wednesday, July 11, 2018 11:29 AM
To: Robbins, Christina
Subject: RE: Your official invitation: Ian's grand farewell

DOJ, SCOTUS, Elections – come August Im in!

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From: Robbins, Christina <Christina.Robbins@FOXNEWS.COM>
Sent: Wednesday, July 11, 2018 11:18 AM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Your official invitation: Ian's grand farewell

Good news for me! 😊

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Indeed!

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Sent: Wednesday, July 11, 2018 11:13 AM
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Ah – Congrats!
Soooo – then can you come back on TV again soon???

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Oh my goodness! Where are you heading to next? I'll try and swing by and wish you the best!

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From: Prior, Ian (OPA) [<mailto:ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, July 11, 2018 11:08 AM
To: Robbins, Christina <Christina.Robbins@FOXNEWS.COM>; Fenton, Amy <Amy.Fenton@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: FW: Your official invitation: Ian's grand farewell

Feel free to come by if you're around!

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From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Tuesday, July 10, 2018 5:24 PM
Subject: Your official invitation: Ian's grand farewell

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Rosenthal, Jessica

From: Rosenthal, Jessica
Sent: Tuesday, July 10, 2018 3:18 PM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Subject: media inquiry

Hi there. I know you're busy, just trying to get some clarity on what happens with families now that Judge Gee's said she won't amend Flores....I read the statement from yesterday that moving forward: Parents will have to choose between staying with children in family detention or separating so the kid can be placed with sponsor. But after hearing before Judge Sabraw, it sounds like some parents were deported, others were released on bond. Obviously the choice doesn't apply in those cases, right? As the parents were deported or released?

Also, we've heard family detention facilities are full, so what's the plan if parents want to stay in family detention with their children? Are more facilities opening up imminently? And after 20 days are the kids removed from family detention and placed with HHS?

Sorry, just a bit confused.....Thank you,

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Aaron Colen

From: Aaron Colen
Sent: Tuesday, July 10, 2018 2:35 PM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Cc: Laco, Kelly (OPA); Sutton, Sarah E. (OPA)
Subject: Re: Vox Story - Asylum Policy

My apologies, I failed to edit the subject line from a previous email. We are on the same page, talking about the California sanctuary laws.

Thanks for the prompt response,

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Aaron Colen

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acolen@theblaze.com

From: "O'Malley, Devin (OPA)" <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov>
Date: Tuesday, July 10, 2018 at 1:33 PM
To: Aaron Colen <acolen@theblaze.com>
Cc: "Laco, Kelly (OPA)" <Kelly.Laco@usdoj.gov>, "Sutton, Sarah E. (OPA)" <Sarah.E.Sutton@usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Vox Story - Asylum Policy

Hi Aaron-

Statement is below, but I just want to be sure we are on the same page. Your subject line says asylum policy, but you've asked about sanctuary laws. Can you clarify?

Please attribute the following to Department of Justice spokesman Devin O'Malley:

"When they passed SB 54, AB 103, and AB 450, California's political leadership clearly intended to obstruct federal immigration authorities in their state. The preliminary injunction of AB 450 is a major victory for private employers in California who are no longer prevented from cooperating with legitimate enforcement of our nation's immigration laws. While we are disappointed that California's other laws designed to protect criminal aliens were not yet halted, the Justice Department will continue to seek out and fight unjust policies that threaten public safety."

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From: Aaron Colen <acolen@theblaze.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 10, 2018 2:31 PM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>

Subject: re: vox story - Asylum Policy

Mr. O'Malley and/or Ms. Flores,

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To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA); Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Judge Mendez decision - DoJ comment?

Correcting the subject line. My apologies.

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From: Aaron Colen <acolen@theblaze.com>
Date: Tuesday, July 10, 2018 at 1:30 PM
To: "O'Malley, Devin (OPA)" <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov>, "Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)" <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: Vox Story - Asylum Policy

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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Friday, July 6, 2018 4:49 PM
To: Herridge, Catherine
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA); Mears, William; Gibson, Jake
Subject: Re: updated comment

Per usual, we will respond to the house.

On Jul 6, 2018, at 4:29 PM, Herridge, Catherine <Catherine.Herridge@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

We want to include an updated DOJ statement for our reporting and are checking back at close of business.

Thank you.

From: Herridge, Catherine
Sent: Friday, July 06, 2018 9:47 AM
To: 'Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)' <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>; 'Prior, Ian (OPA)' <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>
Cc: Mears, William <William.Mears@FOXNEWS.COM>; Gibson, Jake <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM>; Herridge, Catherine <Catherine.Herridge@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: updated comment

Good morning –

A source close to process tells Fox that the newly available records do not fully comply with congressional house subpoenas, and barring new movement today, the latest records do not meet the non-binding house resolution July 6 deadline.

We were told some house staffers viewed the newly available documents on Thursday. We were told information/documents about FBI activities before the Russia investigation officially on July 31 2016 have yet to be fully provided. We also understand that DOJ/FBI has now made available records previously limited to Congressional leadership known as Gang of Eight.

Does the Department believe the recently provided records meet the July 6 deadline for compliance?

Will DOJ/FBI be providing access to more records today, or in the near future to satisfy the outstanding subpoenas?

We will update our reporting as soon as a response becomes available.

Thank you.
Catherine

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To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Cc: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Subject: Re: CA ruling - can we get a quote?

Thank you

<https://www.breitbart.com/california/2018/07/05/california-judge-strikes-down-one-upholds-two-sanctuary-state-laws/>

J

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From: "Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)" <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>
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To: "Joel B. Pollak" <jpollak@breitbart.com>
Cc: "O'Malley, Devin (OPA)" <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: CA ruling - can we get a quote?

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Thank you!

Joel

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Cc: "Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)" <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: CA ruling - can we get a quote?

Unfortunately, I have to send the statement to all outlets since it's one of our biggest pieces of litigation to date. You got it first though!

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From: jpollak@breitbart.com <jpollak@breitbart.com>
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Cc: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: CA ruling - can we get a quote?

Thank you -- is that exclusive or going to all outlets?

J

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Sutton, Sarah E. (OPA)

From: Sutton, Sarah E. (OPA)
Sent: Tuesday, July 3, 2018 11:54 AM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA); Roberts, John
Subject: RE: Hi Devin....John Roberts at Fox here

Done!

From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Sent: Tuesday, July 3, 2018 10:51 AM
To: Roberts, John <John.roberts@FOXNEWS.COM>
Cc: Sutton, Sarah E. (OPA) <sesutton@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: Hi Devin....John Roberts at Fox here

Sarah- please make sure John is on our press regulars list.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 3, 2018, at 10:50 AM, Roberts, John <John.roberts@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Thanks

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From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, July 03, 2018 10:15 AM
To: Roberts, John <John.roberts@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: Re: Hi Devin....John Roberts at Fox here

Later today, yes.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 3, 2018, at 10:14 AM, Roberts, John <John.roberts@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

<image001.jpg>
Will you put out a list of all the recissions?

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From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, July 03, 2018 10:12 AM
To: Roberts, John <John.roberts@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: RE: Hi Devin....John Roberts at Fox here

Thanks, John. I don't think we are going to specifically tackle the issue with any other statement beyond that.

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From: Roberts, John <John.roberts@FOXNEWS.COM>
Sent: Tuesday, July 3, 2018 10:10 AM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Hi Devin....John Roberts at Fox here

Great...thanks Devin....please let me know when you have a statement on the race/college admissions rescission.

And please make sure I'm on your email list.

Thanks, and happy 4th!

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From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov>
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To: Roberts, John <John.roberts@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: RE: Hi Devin....John Roberts at Fox here

Background:
<https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/attorney-general-jeff-sessions-rescinds-25-guidance-documents>

<https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/attorney-general-jeff-sessions-ends-department-s-practice-regulation-guidance>

Attributable to me:

“The executive branch cannot circumvent Congress or the courts by creating guidance that goes beyond the law and—in some instances—stays on the books for decades. Last year, the Attorney General initiated a review of guidance documents, which resulted in dozens of examples—including today’s second tranche of rescissions—of documents that go beyond or are inconsistent with the Constitution and federal law. The Justice Department remains committed to enforcing the law and protecting all Americans from all forms of illegal race-based discrimination.”

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Devin,

What do you have on this race/college admissions issue?

Thanks,

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Robbins, Christina

From: Robbins, Christina
Sent: Monday, July 2, 2018 4:38 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: RE: Bookers

Whenever the AG wants to come on Out# or Out# OT just let me know ;)

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Sent: Monday, July 02, 2018 4:37 PM
To: Robbins, Christina <Christina.Robbins@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: Re: Bookers

You're the best thx!

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On Jul 2, 2018, at 4:29 PM, Robbins, Christina <Christina.Robbins@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Updated the list below for ya.

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Sent: Monday, July 02, 2018 4:25 PM
To: Robbins, Christina <Christina.Robbins@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: RE: Bookers

Don't need to get in contact with them now, just need contact info to update our lists. Here is what I think is right and what I am missing:

Fox and Friends: Andrew Murray. (CORRECT)
America's Newsroom: Julie.Talarico@foxnews.com
Outnumbered & Outnumbered Overtime: Me.
Daily Briefing: Still Amy Fenton? (CORRECT)
The Five: Queenette.Karikari@foxnews.com
Bret Baier: Ashley.koerber@FOXNEWS.COM
Martha: Karah Kaplan (CORRECT)
Tucker: Elizabeth Fanning? (CORRECT)

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Subject: RE: Bookers

Hey Ian!
Tell me the shows and I can help you get in contact w/the folks.

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Sent: Monday, July 02, 2018 4:09 PM
To: Robbins, Christina <Christina.Robbins@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: Bookers

Hey Christina,

Hope all is well. Am wondering if you have an up-to-date list of bookers for all the shows on FNC? Going through ours now and it is pretty outdated.

Thanks!

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From: Herridge, Catherine
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To: Cratty, Carol A. (DO) (FBI)
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Subject: Re: House intel -- Judiciary/Oversight 17 FBI/DOJ witnesses

Received and thanks

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 29, 2018, at 7:27 PM, Cratty, Carol A. (DO) (FBI) (b)(6) wrote:

Thanks for checking Catherine, but we don't have any comment.

Carol

From: Herridge, Catherine [<mailto:Catherine.Herridge@FOXNEWS.COM>]
Sent: Friday, June 29, 2018 6:03 PM
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Cc: Mears, William <William.Mears@FOXNEWS.COM>; Gibson, Jake <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM>; Pappas, Alex <Alex.Pappas@FOXNEWS.COM>; Rubin, Jeff <jeff.rubin@FOXNEWS.COM>
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Subject: House intel -- Judiciary/Oversight 17 FBI/DOJ witnesses

Good evening –

This letter went out to House Judiciary and Oversight chairmen Goodlatte and Gowdy late today. Some of the witnesses have been the subject of previous congressional requests.

Will the witnesses be made available?

Are there appearances already under discussion?

Are these appearances already under discussion?
Are FBI/DOJ open to public testimony?

We would welcome additional comment to present the department and bureau's point of view. We will, of course, update our reporting as soon as comment becomes available.

Thank you for the consideration.
Catherine

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June 29, 2018

The Honorable Trey Gowdy
Chairman,
Committee on Oversight & Government Reform
U.S. House of Representatives
2157 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Bob Goodlatte
Chairman,
Committee on the Judiciary
U.S. House of Representatives
2138 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Gowdy and Chairman Goodlatte:

The House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence (the Committee) is conducting an ongoing investigation of FISA abuse and other matters related to certain actions taken by officials at the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and Department of Justice (DOJ).

During this investigation, the Committee discovered matters that likely fall within the purview of the joint task force of the Committees on Oversight & Government Reform and the Judiciary that is conducting ongoing oversight relating to FBI and DOJ. I refer to your task force these current and former FBI and DOJ employees who may have relevant information:

1. Trisha Anderson
2. James Baker
3. Gregory Brower
4. John Carlin
5. Kevin Clinesmith
6. Tashina Gauhar
7. David Laufman
8. Andrew McCabe
9. Mary McCord
10. Jonathan Moffa
11. Sally Moyer
12. Bruce Ohr
13. Lisa Page
14. William Pientka
15. E.W "Bill" Priestap
16. Peter Strzok
17. George Toscas

For the sake of transparency and to keep the American people as fully informed as possible about these matters, the task force should consider interviewing these individuals in an open setting.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions regarding the Committee's referral.

Sincerely,



Devin Nunes
Chairman

Carey, Alyssa

From: Carey, Alyssa
Sent: Friday, June 29, 2018 6:33 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Hannity Statement Request

Hi Sarah-

Can the DOJ please provide a statement to us on this article by 8pm et?

<http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2018/06/29/nunes-calls-for-testimony-from-17-fbi-doj-officials-on-government-surveillance-abuse.html>

Thanks!

Alyssa

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O'Malley, Devin (OPA)

From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Sent: Friday, June 29, 2018 3:25 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA); acolen@theblaze.com
Subject: RE: Vox Story - Asylum Policy

DOJ declines comment.

For your background (not attributable), the Attorney General has been very clear that people who wish to seek asylum should go to a port of entry and do so lawfully:

"There's only one way to stop this and that is for people to stop smuggling children. Stop crossing the border illegally with your children. Apply to enter lawfully. Wait your turn."

<https://www.justice.gov/opa/speech/attorney-general-sessions-addresses-recent-criticisms-zero-tolerance-church-leaders>

The Attorney General has also been very clear on asylum: <https://www.justice.gov/opa/speech/attorney-general-sessions-delivers-remarks-executive-office-immigration-review-legal>; <https://www.justice.gov/opa/speech/attorney-general-jeff-sessions-delivers-remarks-executive-office-immigration-review> (among other speeches)

The AG has authority under the INA to promulgate regs for asylum. INA 208 2.b.ii- Offenses. - The Attorney General may designate by regulation offenses that will be considered to be a crime described in clause (ii) or (iii) of subparagraph (A).

Devin M. O'Malley
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From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Friday, June 29, 2018 2:22 PM
To: acolen@theblaze.com
Cc: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: Vox Story - Asylum Policy

You bet--adding devin

On Jun 29, 2018, at 2:20 PM, Sarah Isgur Flores (b)(6) wrote:

From: Aaron Colen <acolen@theblaze.com>
Sent: Friday, June 29, 2018 2:00:55 PM
- (b)(6)

To: (b)(6) - Sarah Flores

Subject: Vox Story - Asylum Policy

Ms. Flores,

My name is Aaron Colen. I'm a staff writer for [TheBlaze.com](https://www.theblaze.com). I came across the Vox report earlier today about a draft of a policy that would allegedly bar any illegal entrants to the country the opportunity to be granted asylum. Here is the link for your reference:

<https://www.vox.com/policy-and-politics/2018/6/29/17514590/asylum-illegal-central-american-immigration-trump>

At the suggestion of my editor, Leon Wolf, I'm reaching out to you to ask whether you can confirm or deny the accuracy of this report. Is there a more stringent asylum policy being drafted? Is the policy draft reported on by Vox being considered?

Thank you for your time and any information you can provide.

--

Aaron Colen

Staff Writer

TheBlaze

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Saagar Enjeti

From: Saagar Enjeti
Sent: Friday, June 29, 2018 11:59 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Re: Request for comment: Congressman Alleges DOJ Spying On His Office

clip:

<https://omny.fm/shows/mornings-on-the-mall/wmal-interview-rep-louie-gohmert-06-29-18>

Saagar Enjeti
White House Correspondent



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T: @esaagar

On Fri, Jun 29, 2018 at 11:54 AM, Saagar Enjeti <enjeti@dailycaller.com> wrote:

Sarah,

Congressman Louie Gohmert alleged on a radio program this morning that DAG Rod Rosenstein is using government personnel to keep track of people who are going in and out of his office.

I'm seeking confirmation, denial, or comment on this story within the hour. I'm at (b)(6).

Thanks,

Saagar Enjeti
White House Correspondent



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T: @esaagar

Shaw, Adam

From: Shaw, Adam
Sent: Friday, June 29, 2018 9:39 AM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Subject: RE: Inquiry from Fox News

Thanks for getting back to me!

From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) [mailto:Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Friday, June 29, 2018 9:36 AM
To: Shaw, Adam <Adam.Shaw@FOXNEWS.COM>
Cc: Sutton, Sarah E. (OPA) <Sarah.E.Sutton@usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Inquiry from Fox News

DOJ declines comment.

For your background (not attributable), the Attorney General has been very clear that people who wish to seek asylum should go to a port of entry and do so lawfully:

"There's only one way to stop this and that is for people to stop smuggling children. Stop crossing the border illegally with your children. Apply to enter lawfully. Wait your turn."

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From: Press
Sent: Friday, June 29, 2018 9:33 AM
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Cc: Sutton, Sarah E. (OPA) <sesutton@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: FW: Inquiry from Fox News

Thanks!

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From: Shaw, Adam <Adam.Shaw@FOXNEWS.COM>
Sent: Friday, June 29, 2018 9:23 AM
To: Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Inquiry from Fox News

To whom it may concern,

My name is Adam Shaw with Fox News. I am looking to follow up on this Vox report that says a regulation is being drafted that would bar illegal immigrants from getting asylum if they were prosecuted for illegal entry? Is there anyone who can speak to if this report is accurate, and in what stages the regulation is in?

<https://www.vox.com/policy-and-politics/2018/6/29/17514590/asylum-illegal-central-american-immigration-trump>

Thanks

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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, June 28, 2018 5:33 PM
To: Carey, Alyssa
Subject: Re: Hannity Statement Request

Any more details? Like is this at work meetings or personal life?

On Jun 28, 2018, at 3:56 PM, Carey, Alyssa <Alyssa.Moni@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Hi Sarah-

Sean mentioned on the show last night that he has heard that Deputy AG Rosenstein has made negative comments about him in meetings, and we just wanted to reach out to see if the DOJ or Mr. Rosenstein have any comment on that to provide to us by 8pm et tonight?

Thank you,
Alyssa

Alyssa Carey
"Hannity"

C: (b)(6)

W: (b)(6)

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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, June 28, 2018 1:56 PM
To: Amy.Fenton@FOXNEWS.COM
Subject: Fwd: Letters from DAG
Attachments: 2018.06.27.Chairman.Grassley_SC.pdf; ATT00001.htm;
2018.06.27.Speaker.Ryan_SC.pdf; ATT00002.htm



U.S. Department of Justice

Office of the Deputy Attorney General

Washington, D.C. 20530

June 27, 2018

The Honorable Charles Grassley
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510-6275

Dear Chairman Grassley:

Thank you for your letter of May 17, 2018, and for meeting with me last Thursday, along with Ranking Member Feinstein. I appreciate your commitment to allow the Special Counsel investigation “to follow the facts wherever they lead without any improper outside interference.”

I know that you and Ranking Member Feinstein share my commitment to protecting the integrity of federal investigations. Agents and prosecutors must base each decision on neutral standards and credible evidence. As we seek to do in all cases, the Department of Justice will complete the Special Counsel investigation as promptly as is feasible. When the investigation is finished, I anticipate that any objective and nonpartisan review will conclude that the Department consistently sought to make reasonable decisions and to comply with applicable laws, regulations, policies, and practices.

Legal, ethical, and policy obligations often prevent prosecutors from responding to criticism. As Attorney General Robert Jackson observed in 1940, prosecutors have a duty “to face any temporary criticism” and “maintain a dispassionate, disinterested, and impartial enforcement of the law.”¹ The Inspector General’s report addresses the consequences of trying to preempt criticism by disregarding principles that prohibit public statements, leaks to the media, and improper disclosures to the Congress about criminal investigations. Department officials must defend those principles in order to ensure that all investigations remain independent of partisan politics. We do not compete to win the hourly news cycle.

Special Counsel Appointment and Authority

Your May 17 letter asks a series of questions concerning the scope of the Special Counsel’s authority. The current Special Counsel differs from an “independent counsel” and

¹ Robert H. Jackson, Attorney General of the United States, Twentieth Anniversary Dinner of the Federal Bar Association, Jan. 20, 1940, available at https://www.justice.gov/sites/default/files/ag/legacy/2011/09/16/01_20_1940.pdf.

some previous “special counsels,” because Special Counsel Mueller was appointed by the Department of Justice and remains subject to ongoing supervision.

The Attorney General retains the general authority to designate or name individuals as “special counsels” to conduct investigations or prosecutions of particular matters or individuals on behalf of the United States. Under regulations issued by the Attorney General in 1999, the Attorney General may appoint a “special counsel” from outside of the Department of Justice who acts as a special employee of the Department of Justice under the direction of the Attorney General. The Attorney General, however, may also appoint an individual as a special counsel, and may invest that individual with a greater degree of independence and autonomy to conduct investigations and prosecutions, regardless of any “special counsel” regulations, as Attorneys General did in 1973, 1994, and 2003.²

What a prosecutor is *called* including “independent” or “special” is a separate question from whether that prosecutor is subject to supervision by the Attorney General. Under the terms of his appointment, both by statute³ and by regulation,⁴ Special Counsel Mueller remains accountable like every other subordinate Department official.⁵

Special Counsels have been appointed for a variety of matters throughout history. For example, Attorney General William Barr appointed three Special Counsels from outside the Department of Justice during his 14-month tenure: (1) Nicholas Bua to investigate an array of allegations related to the “Inslaw Affair,” on November 7, 1991; (2) Malcolm Wilkey to investigate the House Bank controversy, on March 20, 1992; and (3) Frederick Lacey to investigate the Bush Administration’s handling of a bank fraud case involving loans to Iraq, on October 17, 1992.⁶

Attorney General Janet Reno appointed Robert Fiske as a Special Counsel to investigate the Whitewater land deal and other matters on January 20, 1994. Mr. Fiske explained that the appointment order was “deliberately drafted broadly ... to give me total authority to look into all appropriate matters relating to the events” For example, Mr. Fiske investigated a suicide in order to determine whether it might involve a crime related to his investigation it did not and prosecuted a fraud case with no obvious connection to Whitewater. Federal agents and

² Congressional Research Service, “Independent Counsels, Special Prosecutors, Special Counsels, and the Role of Congress,” Summary (June 20, 2013), available at <https://fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/R43112.pdf>.

³ 28 U.S.C. § 515, available at <https://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/28/515>.

⁴ 28 CFR § 600.7, available at <https://www.law.cornell.edu/cfr/text/28/600.7>.

⁵ Many Department officials exercise authority to conduct criminal investigations without Senate confirmation. In the absence of a confirmed U.S. Attorney or Assistant Attorney General, non Senate confirmed attorneys routinely lead U.S. Attorney’s Offices and Department Divisions. Congress has authorized the Attorney General and federal judges to appoint persons to serve as U.S. Attorneys in the absence of Senate confirmed officials. Assistant Attorneys General (confirmed, Presidentially appointed, or acting) and U.S. Attorneys (confirmed, Attorney General appointed, court appointed, or acting) delegate authority to attorneys under their supervision. When conflicts arise, other Department officials may be designated to exercise the authority of a U.S. Attorney. Each of those prosecutors faces varying degrees of oversight, but they are all accountable to the Attorney General and the Deputy Attorney General, who retain authority to overrule them.

⁶ Congressional Research Service, Independent Counsel Law Expiration and the Appointment of “Special Counsels” 3 4 (Jan. 15, 2002).

prosecutors already were investigating crimes when Mr. Fiske was appointed, but the appointment order did not mention the crimes. When asked about supervision of Mr. Fiske, Attorney General Reno said, “I do not expect him to report to me, . . . and I do not expect to monitor him.”⁷ That is not true of Special Counsel Mueller.

Then-Deputy Attorney General James Comey took a different approach in 2003, when he invoked his authority as Acting Attorney General to appoint Patrick Fitzgerald as a special prosecutor to investigate the Valerie Plame matter. Mr. Comey did not make that appointment under the Department’s Special Counsel regulation. Instead, he delegated to the special prosecutor “all the authority of the Attorney General . . . independent of the supervision or control of any officer of the Department.” Mr. Comey followed up with a letter reinforcing that his delegation was “plenary.”⁸ That is not true of Special Counsel Mueller’s appointment.

The Ethics in Government Act allowed several statutory Independent Counsels to be appointed in the absence of probable cause that a crime had occurred, and some of those appointments were not publicized. Even under the Act, when prosecutors were under much less supervision than Special Counsels are under the Department’s regulation, Congress did not interfere in the investigations. The statute required the Independent Counsel to submit an annual report to the Congress, but it allowed him to “omit any matter that in the judgment of the independent counsel should be kept confidential.”⁹

Because the Attorney General’s authority over Independent Counsels was limited, the judicial orders appointing them were a principal way to cabin their jurisdiction. Nonetheless, appointments often were made with “a broadly worded charter.”¹⁰ For example, the appointment order for Whitewater Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr gave him authority to investigate “whether any individuals or entities have committed a violation of any federal criminal law . . . relating in any way to James B. McDougal’s, President William Jefferson Clinton’s, or Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton’s relationships with Madison Guaranty Savings & Loan Assn., Whitewater Development Corp., or Capital Management Services Inc.”¹¹ McDougal owned and managed Madison Guaranty, so that charter provided vast discretion to investigate essentially any crime committed by any person that involved the savings and loan association. The Independent Counsel identified other unrelated matters of investigative interest, and he obtained orders from the court expanding his mandate, including “Travelgate,” “Filegate,” and the

⁷ Transcript of Weekly Press Briefing With Attorney General and Robert B. Fiske Jr., Former U.S. Attorney General in New York and Independent Prosecutor, Jan. 20, 1994, available at https://www.justice.gov/archive/ag/speeches/1994/01_20_1994.pdf.

⁸ Exhibit A, Letter from Deputy Attorney General James B. Comey to Patrick J. Fitzgerald (Dec. 30, 2003); Exhibit B, Letter from Deputy Attorney General James B. Comey to Patrick J. Fitzgerald (Feb. 6, 2004); Exhibit C, Letter from Deputy Attorney General James B. Comey to Associate Deputy Attorney General David Margolis (Aug. 12, 2005); Exhibit D, Deputy Attorney General James Comey, Department of Justice Press Conference (Dec. 30, 2003), available at https://www.justice.gov/archive/osc/documents/2006_03_17_exhibits_a_d.pdf.

⁹ 28 U.S.C. § 595, available at <https://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/28/595>.

¹⁰ Stephen Labaton, *The Whitewater Inquiry: The Decision; Judges Appoint New Prosecutor For Whitewater*, New York Times, Aug. 6, 1994, available at <https://www.nytimes.com/1994/08/06/us/the-whitewater-inquiry-the-decision-judges-appoint-new-prosecutor-for-whitewater.html>.

¹¹ *Text of Order Appointing Starr*, Los Angeles Times, Aug. 6, 1994, available at <http://articles.latimes.com/1994/08/06/news/mn-24149-1-independent-counsel>.

Lewinsky matter.¹² The Attorney General did not supervise or control the Independent Counsel's decisions about which crimes and subjects to investigate within his broad mandates, or which persons to prosecute.

When the Independent Counsel statute expired, the Department adopted the current Special Counsel regulation as an internal policy concerning the appointment and management of Special Counsels. The regulation provides for congressional notification when an appointment is made and when it concludes. At the conclusion of the investigation, it requires notification to Congress of instances when the Attorney General concluded that a proposed action by the Special Counsel should not be pursued. The regulation contemplates ongoing consultation with Department components and continuing oversight by the Attorney General (or the Acting Attorney General), who remains accountable as in all other cases handled by the Department of Justice. The regulation achieves the objective of conducting an independent investigation while following normal Department policies, including supervision by a Senate-confirmed officer.

There is no statutory requirement to identify criminal violations before appointing a Special Counsel from outside the Department, and there is no requirement to publicize suspected violations in the appointment order under the Special Counsel regulation. Only one previous Special Counsel was appointed under the current regulation: John Danforth, to investigate the Waco matter, on September 9, 1999. As with Special Counsel Mueller, Mr. Danforth's appointment order did not publicly specify a crime or identify anyone as a subject.¹³

Special Counsel Mueller's Appointment and Delegated Authority

I determined that the appointment of Special Counsel Mueller to take charge of criminal matters that were already under investigation by federal agents and prosecutors was warranted under the Special Counsel regulation. The appointment order mentions 28 C.F.R. §§ 600.4 to 600.10 because they bear on the authority and duties of the Special Counsel. The public order did not identify the crimes or subjects because such publicity would be wrong and unfair, just as it would have been wrong and unfair to reveal that information prior to Special Counsel's appointment, and just as it would be wrong and unfair in other cases handled by a U.S. Attorney or Assistant Attorney General.

So long as the Attorney General or the Acting Attorney General remains accountable, there is federal statutory and regulatory authority to assign matters to a Special Counsel, just as the Attorney General and the Deputy Attorney General (even when the Attorney General is not recused¹⁴) have authority to assign matters to an Acting U.S. Attorney or any other Department

¹² John Mintz & Toni Locy, *Starr's Probe Expansion Draws Support, Criticism*, Washington Post, Jan. 23, 1998, available at https://www.washingtonpost.com/archive/politics/1998/01/23/starrs_probe_expansion_draws_support_criticism/6b907a9b4db3481d820276db89360ab3/?utm_term=.1736da7300e2; <http://library.cqpress.com/cqresearcher/document.php?id=cqresre1999050700>.

¹³ When asked, "Do you consider this a criminal review or an administrative review?" Danforth replied, "I don't know." Transcript of Press Conference with Attorney General Janet Reno Re: Appointment of Former Senator John Danforth to head Waco Probe, Sept. 9, 1999, available at <https://www.justice.gov/archive/ag/speeches/1999/agwaco9999.htm>.

¹⁴ 28 CFR § 0.1, available at <https://www.law.cornell.edu/cfr/text/28/0.15>.

official.¹⁵ The U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia recognized as much in its opinion in *Manafort v. United States*.¹⁶

When Special Counsel Mueller was appointed, he received comprehensive briefings about the relevant allegations and documents that described them in considerable detail, as with previous special counsel appointments. Some of the FBI agents who were investigating those matters continued to do so. The Department assigned a team of career and non-career officials to provide supervision and assist the Acting Attorney General in determining which leads should be handled by the Special Counsel and which by other Department prosecutors, and to review any proposed indictments in conjunction with Department components that ordinarily would review them.

The regulation states that the Special Counsel has the powers and authority of a U.S. Attorney (who may or may not be Senate-confirmed) and must follow Department policies and procedures.¹⁷ Under those policies and procedures, the Department should reveal information about a criminal investigation only when it is necessary to assist the criminal investigation or to protect public safety.¹⁸

In August 2017, Special Counsel Mueller received a written internal memorandum from the Acting Attorney General. The memorandum eliminated the ability of any subject, target, or defendant to argue that the Special Counsel lacked delegated authority under 28 U.S.C. § 515 to represent the United States. The names of the subjects were already in Department files, but we did not publicly disclose them because to do so would violate the Department's confidentiality policies.

Many of the questions raised in your letter concern the distinction between a counterintelligence investigation and a criminal investigation. The primary goal of a counterintelligence investigation is to protect against national security threats by, among other things, collecting intelligence information and disrupting foreign influence operations. The goal of a criminal investigation is to determine whether there is sufficient evidence to prosecute a criminal suspect in federal court. There was a "wall" between the two prior to September 11, 2001. There is no longer a wall, but agents and prosecutors are mindful that counterintelligence investigations may be broader than any criminal prosecutions that they generate.

The public announcement of the Special Counsel's appointment purposefully included no details beyond what Director Comey had disclosed at a public House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence hearing on March 20, 2017. Director Comey revealed that:

the FBI, as part of our counterintelligence mission, is investigating the Russian government's efforts to interfere in the 2016 presidential election, and that includes *investigating the nature of any links between individuals associated with the Trump campaign and the Russian government, and whether there was any coordination*

¹⁵ 28 U.S.C. § 515, available at <https://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/28/515>.

¹⁶ Manafort v. U.S. Department of Justice et al, Memorandum Opinion, No. 37, Apr. 27, 2018, available at https://docs.justia.com/cases/federal/district_courts/district_of_columbia/dcdce/1:2018cv00011/192498/37.

¹⁷ 28 CFR § 600.6, available at <https://www.law.cornell.edu/cfr/text/28/600.6>.

¹⁸ U.S. Attorneys' Manual § 1 7.100, available at https://www.justice.gov/usam/usam_1_7000_media_relations#1_7.110; *Id.* § 1 7.400, available at https://www.justice.gov/usam/usam_1_7000_media_relations#1_7.110.

*between the campaign and Russia's efforts. As with any counterintelligence investigation, this will also include an assessment of whether any crimes were committed. Because it is an open, ongoing investigation, and is classified, I cannot say more about what we are doing and whose conduct we are examining. At the request of congressional leaders, we have taken the extraordinary step ... of briefing this Congress's leaders, including the leaders of this Committee, in a classified setting, in detail about the investigation.*¹⁹

As is now publicly known, the Department of Justice and the FBI were conducting several investigations with potential relevance to Russian interference in the 2016 election when Special Counsel Mueller was appointed in May 2017. The public order explained that the Special Counsel will “ensure a full and thorough investigation of the Russian government’s efforts to interfere in the 2016 presidential election.”²⁰ Special Counsel Mueller is authorized to investigate potential criminal offenses. Counterintelligence investigations involving any current or future Russian election interference are not the Special Counsel’s responsibility.

Congressional Oversight Requests

Department of Justice and FBI personnel are working diligently and in good faith to provide an unprecedented level of congressional access to information that members of Congress believe may be relevant. Our responses to the many related and overlapping congressional inquiries are consistent with longstanding best practices. We respond as quickly as possible to the inquiries and accommodate requests when possible. We cannot fulfill requests that would compromise the independence and integrity of investigations, jeopardize intelligence sources and methods, or create the appearance of political interference. We need to follow the rules.

In 2016 and 2017, then-Director Comey made disclosures to the public and to Congress that he has acknowledged would not have been appropriate under regular order. He maintains that his 2016 statements to the public and to the Congress about the Hillary Clinton email investigation were justified by unique circumstances comparable to a “500-year flood.”²¹ He further believes that his 2017 disclosures about the investigation of alleged links between the Russian government agents who interfered in the election and persons associated with the Trump campaign were an “extraordinary step” justified by “unusual circumstances.”²²

It is important for the Department of Justice to follow established policies and procedures, especially when the stakes are high. It may seem tempting to depart from Department policies and traditions in an effort to deflect short-term criticism, but such deviations

¹⁹ House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence (HPSCI), “Written Statement of James Comey to HPSCI Hearing Titled Russian Active Measures Investigation” March 20, 2017, *available at* <https://www.fbi.gov/news/testimony/hpsci-hearing-titled-russian-active-measures-investigation>.

²⁰ Press Release, Office of the Deputy Attorney General, Appointment of Special Counsel to Investigate Russian Interference With The 2016 Presidential Election and Related Matters, May 17, 2017, *available at* <https://www.justice.gov/opa/press-release/file/967231/download>.

²¹ Carrie Johnson, *James Comey Says FBI ‘Would Be Worse Today’ If Not For His Actions*, WAMU 88.5 American University, Apr. 17, 2018, *available at* <https://wamu.org/story/18/04/17/james-comey-says-fbi-would-be-worse-today-if-not-for-his-actions/>.

²² House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence (HPSCI), “Written Statement of James Comey to HPSCI Hearing Titled Russian Active Measures Investigation” March 20, 2017, *available at* <https://www.fbi.gov/news/testimony/hpsci-hearing-titled-russian-active-measures-investigation>.

ultimately may cause a loss of public confidence in the even-handed administration of justice. We should be most on guard when we believe that our own uncomfortable present circumstances justify ignoring timeless principles respected by our predecessors. I urge you and your colleagues to support us in following the rules.

At my confirmation hearing, I promised that Department employees would conduct ourselves “with deep respect for the institution and employees of the Department of Justice, with acute understanding of our role in the constitutional structure, and with profound appreciation of our weighty responsibilities.”²³ My commitment to the Department’s longstanding traditions carries with it an obligation to ensure that we keep pending law enforcement matters separate from the sphere of politics and that there be no perception that our law enforcement decisions are influenced by partisan politics or pressure from legislators.

Regardless of political affiliation, thoughtful former Department leaders recognize that departures from our confidentiality policies pose an extraordinary threat to the Department’s independence and integrity. Former Deputy Attorneys General Larry Thompson and Jamie Gorelick explained that the Department of Justice “operates under long-standing and well-established traditions limiting disclosure of ongoing investigations to the public and even to Congress.... These traditions protect the integrity of the department” Violating those policies and disclosing information about criminal investigations constitutes “real-time, raw-take transparency taken to its illogical limit, a kind of reality TV of federal criminal investigation” that is “antithetical to the interests of justice.”²⁴

Punishing wrongdoers through judicial proceedings is only one part of the Department’s mission. We also have a duty to prevent the disclosure of information that would unfairly tarnish people who are not charged with crimes. In 1941, Attorney General Robert Jackson explained that disclosing information about federal investigations to Congress could cause “the grossest kind of injustice to innocent individuals,” and create “serious prejudice to the future usefulness of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.” It is useful to quote at length from the Attorney General’s letter:

[W]e have made extraordinary efforts to see that the results of counterespionage activities and intelligence activities of this Department involving those elements are kept within the fewest possible hands. A catalogue of persons under investigation or suspicion, and what we know about them, would be of inestimable service to foreign agencies; and information which could be so used cannot be too closely guarded.

Moreover, disclosure of the reports would be of serious prejudice to the future usefulness of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. As you

²³ United States Senate Committee On The Judiciary, “Written Statement Of Rod J. Rosenstein Nominee To Serve As Deputy Attorney General” March 7, 2017, available at https://www.judiciary.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/03_07_17%20Rosenstein%20Testimony.pdf.

²⁴ Jamie Gorelick and Larry Thompson, *James Comey is damaging our democracy*, The Washington Post, October 29, 2016, available at https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/james-comey-is-damaging-our-democracy/2016/10/29/894d0f5e-9e49-11e6-a0ed-ab0774c1eaa5_story.html?noredirect=on&utm_term=.81fcfa641bdd.

probably know, much of this information is given in confidence and can only be obtained upon pledge not to disclose its sources. A disclosure of the sources would embarrass informants -- sometimes in their employment, sometimes in their social relations, and in extreme cases might even endanger their lives. We regard the keeping of faith with confidential informants as an indispensable condition of future efficiency.

Disclosure of information contained in the reports might also be the grossest kind of injustice to innocent individuals. Investigative reports include leads and suspicions, and sometimes even the statements of malicious or misinformed people. Even though later and more complete reports exonerate the individuals, the use of particular or selected reports might constitute the grossest injustice, and we all know that a correction never catches up with an accusation.

In concluding that the public interest does not permit general access to Federal Bureau of Investigation reports for information by the many congressional committees who from time to time ask it, I am following the conclusions reached by a long line of distinguished predecessors in this office who have uniformly taken the same view....

Since the beginning of the Government, the executive branch has from time to time been confronted with the unpleasant duty of declining to furnish to the Congress and to the courts information which it has acquired and which is necessary to it in the administration of statutes.²⁵

Attorney General Jackson's letter mentioned that the pending congressional request was "one of the many made by congressional committees." He understood the profoundly harmful consequences of proceeding down a road that would empower congressional members and staffers to choose which federal investigations should be publicized.

Congressional leaders respected Attorney General Jackson's obligation to do the job he swore an oath to perform "well and faithfully execute the duties of the office" by preserving the independence of federal law enforcement and protecting it from political influence. President Eisenhower later agreed, finding that "it is essential to the successful working of our system that the persons entrusted with power in any of the three great branches of government shall not encroach upon the authority confided to the others."²⁶

Requiring the Department of Justice to disclose details about criminal investigations would constitute a dangerous departure from important principles. Criminal *prosecutions* should be relatively transparent because the public should know the grounds for finding a citizen guilty of criminal offenses and imposing punishment but criminal *investigations* emphatically are not supposed to be transparent. In fact, disclosing uncharged allegations against American

²⁵ 40 Op. Att'y Gen. 45, 46 48 (1941), http://pogoblog.typepad.com/1941_Atty_Gen_Op_FBI_files.htm.

²⁶ Dwight D. Eisenhower, President of the United States, "Letter to the Secretary of Defense Directing Him To Withhold Certain Information from the Senate Committee on Government Operations," May 17, 1954, available at <http://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/ws/index.php?pid=9890>.

citizens without a law-enforcement need is considered to be a violation of a prosecutor's trust.²⁷ As stated in the Department's Principles of Federal Prosecution:

In all public filings and proceedings, federal prosecutors should remain sensitive to the privacy and reputation interests of uncharged third-parties. In the context of public plea and sentencing proceedings, this means that, *in the absence of some significant justification, it is not appropriate to identify (either by name or unnecessarily-specific description), or cause a defendant to identify, a third-party wrongdoer unless that party has been officially charged with the misconduct at issue.* In the unusual instance where identification of an uncharged third-party wrongdoer during a plea or sentencing hearing is justified, the express approval of the United States Attorney and the appropriate Assistant Attorney General should be obtained prior to the hearing absent exigent circumstances. . . . In other less predictable contexts, *federal prosecutors should strive to avoid unnecessary public references to wrongdoing by uncharged third-parties.* With respect to bills of particulars that identify unindicted co-conspirators, prosecutors generally should seek leave to file such documents under seal. Prosecutors shall comply, however, with any court order directing the public filing of a bill of particulars.

As a series of cases makes clear, *there is ordinarily "no legitimate governmental interest served" by the government's public allegation of wrongdoing by an uncharged party,* and this is true "[r]egardless of what criminal charges may . . . b[e] contemplated by the Assistant United States Attorney against the [third-party] for the future." In re Smith, 656 F.2d 1101, 1106-07 (5th Cir. 1981). Courts have applied this reasoning to preclude the public identification of unindicted third-party wrongdoers in plea hearings, sentencing memoranda, and other government pleadings. . . .

In most cases, any legitimate governmental interest in referring to uncharged third-party wrongdoers can be advanced through means other than those condemned in this line of cases. For example, in those cases where the offense to which a defendant is pleading guilty requires as an element that a third-party have a particular status (e.g., 18 U.S.C. § 203(a)(2)), the third-party can usually be referred to generically ("a Member of Congress"), rather than identified specifically ("Senator X"), at the defendant's plea hearing. Similarly, when the defendant engaged in joint criminal conduct with others, generic references ("another individual") to the uncharged third-party

²⁷ 24 J. Am. Jud. Soc'y 18 (1940), 31 J. Crim. L. 3 (1940), "Address at Conference of United States Attorneys, Washington, D.C." (April 1, 1940), available at <https://www.roberthjackson.org/speech-and-writing/the-federal-prosecutor/>.

wrongdoers can be used when describing the factual basis for the defendant's guilty plea.²⁸

Even when we file federal charges, Department policy strongly counsels us not to implicate by name any person who is not officially charged with misconduct.

The recent Inspector General report emphasizes the solemn duty of federal law enforcement officials to defend the confidentiality of federal investigations. I hope you and your colleagues in the Senate and House will support us in restoring those principles. The Department of Justice must not proceed along the unhappy road to being perceived as a partisan actor, deciding what information to reveal and what information to conceal based on the expected impact on the personal or political interests of its temporary leaders and congressional allies.

The current investigation of election interference is important, but there are also thousands of other important investigations pending in the Department of Justice and the FBI. Every investigation is important to the persons whose reputations may be irreparably damaged or whose careers may be permanently disrupted. No matter who an investigation involves — an ordinary citizen, a local or state politician, a campaign official, a foreign agent, or an officer of the federal legislative, executive, or judicial branch — agents and prosecutors are obligated to protect its confidentiality and preserve the Department's independence from political influence.

Throughout American history, wise legislators have worked with Department officials to limit oversight requests in order to respect the Department's duty to protect national security, preserve personal privacy, and insulate investigations from the appearance of interference.²⁹ For instance, the Department sent a letter to a House committee chair in 2000, describing the Department's policies on responding to congressional oversight requests. The letter explains:

Such inquiries inescapably create the risk that the public and the courts will perceive undue political and Congressional influence over law enforcement and litigation decisions. Such inquiries also often seek records and other information that our responsibilities for these matters preclude us from disclosing.³⁰

The letter quotes President Ronald Reagan, who wrote that a “tradition of accommodation should continue as the primary means of resolving conflicts between the Branches.” Regardless of whether an inter-branch information request is made by letter or subpoena, the relationship between the branches gives rise to “an implicit constitutional mandate,”³¹ to “reach an accommodation short of full-scale confrontation.”³² It must not be the case that the Department

²⁸ United States Attorneys' Manual, 9 27.760 — Limitation on Identifying Uncharged Third Parties Publicly, available at https://www.justice.gov/usam/usam_9_27000_principles_federal_prosecution#9_27.760.

²⁹ The Department of Justice is created and funded by legislation — just like the lower federal courts — but the Department of Justice is a central component of the executive branch, a coequal partner with the legislative branch and the judicial branch in our constitutional structure.

³⁰ Robert Raben, Assistant Attorney General, “DOJ View Letters on Subcommittee on Rules and Organization of the House testimony on ‘Cooperation, Comity, and Confrontation: Congressional Oversight of the Executive Branch’” July 15, 1999, available at <https://www.justice.gov/sites/default/files/oip/legacy/2014/07/23/linder.pdf>.

³¹ *United States v. AT&T Co.*, 567 F.2d 121, 127 (D.C. Cir. 1977).

³² Bradley & Goldsmith, *Foreign Relations Law* (4th ed. 2017).

is required to risk damage to reputations, put cases and lives at risk, and invite political interference by opening sensitive files to congressional staff without restriction.

Tension between Congress's oversight interests and the Department's solemn responsibility to protect law enforcement information is unavoidable. In 1989, then-Assistant Attorney General William Barr wrote that misunderstandings often arise because congressional investigations, by their nature, are usually adversarial and unbounded by the rules of evidence.³³ In another 1989 opinion, the Department's Office of Legal Counsel explained that "the executive branch has ... consistently refused to provide confidential information" to "congressional committees with respect to open cases."³⁴

Sometimes there is a strong temptation to seek short-term benefit at the cost of long-term values. But departures from Department traditions contribute to a loss of public confidence. We can build public confidence if we stick to the principle that the prosecutor is "the servant of the law, the twofold aim of which is that guilt shall not escape nor innocence suffer."³⁵

Approval of Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act Applications

Finally, you asked whether I delegated approval authority under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act. Such approval authority is not delegable beyond the approving officials designated in the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act. FISA affidavits are written and sworn under oath by career federal agents who verify that they are true and correct. They are reviewed by investigative agency supervisors and attorneys, and by Department of Justice attorneys and supervisors. Before filing, they must be approved by an intelligence agency leader, usually the FBI Director, and by either the Attorney General, the Deputy Attorney General, or the Assistant Attorney General for the National Security Division. In every case, the ultimate decision on whether to allow surveillance is made by a federal judge who independently determines whether the evidence provided under oath by the federal agent meets the requisite legal standard.

³³ Congressional Requests for Confidential Executive Branch Information, Memorandum Opinion for the General Counsel's Consultative Group, June 19, 1989, available at <https://www.justice.gov/file/24236/download>.

³⁴ Congressional Requests for Information from Inspectors General Concerning Open Criminal Investigations, Memorandum Opinion for the Chairman Investigations/Law Enforcement Committee President's Council on Integrity and Efficiency, March 24, 1989, available at <https://www.justice.gov/file/24181/download>.

³⁵ *Berger v. United States*, 295 U.S. 78 (1935), available at <https://supreme.justia.com/cases/federal/us/295/78/case.html>.

Conclusion

I hope that you find this information helpful. I regret that the many duties of my office preclude me from responding personally to every congressional inquiry. I am deeply grateful to have the support of a talented and dedicated team that understands our obligation to work cooperatively with the Congress to protect the American people and preserve the rule of law.

Sincerely,

/s/

Rod J. Rosenstein
Deputy Attorney General

cc: Ranking Member Feinstein
Chairman Goodlatte
Ranking Member Nadler



U.S. Department of Justice

Office of the Deputy Attorney General

Washington, D.C. 20530

June 27, 2018

The Honorable Paul Ryan
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Ryan:

I understand that the House Judiciary Committee passed a resolution directing the Department of Justice to comply with certain document requests, and some Members are seeking to bring the resolution before the full House. The resolution fails to acknowledge the extraordinary and unprecedented efforts that Trump Administration officials and other Department employees are making to comply with a considerable volume of oversight requests.

Movement on this resolution would be contrary to the spirit of accommodation that was present in our productive meeting with Federal Bureau of Investigation Director Chris Wray on June 15. Many Department employees are working tirelessly to produce documents to your Members.

During the House Judiciary Committee hearing on Thursday, Director Wray and I hope to make clear that the Department has produced a remarkable volume of documents and is working in good faith to comply with all requests. We also look forward to discussing the Inspector General's report.

The enclosed letter provides more details about the Department's responses to congressional oversight, and other matters. I hope the information is helpful, and I encourage you to share it with your Members.

Thank you for your professionalism in working with the Department of Justice.

Sincerely,

/s/

Rod J. Rosenstein
Deputy Attorney General

Enclosure

Fenton, Amy

From: Fenton, Amy
Sent: Thursday, June 28, 2018 1:52 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Hey Sarah!

I just tried you. Dana had a question that I wanted to relay.

You can reach me at either numbers blow

Amy Fenton

The Daily Briefing w/Dana Perino

W: (b)(6)

C: (b)(6)

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Bream, Shannon

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Sent: Wednesday, June 27, 2018 4:18 PM
To: Kupec, Kerri (OPA)
Subject: RE: STATEMENT FROM SOLICITOR GENERAL NOEL FRANCISCO ON THE RETIREMENT OF SUPREME COURT JUSTICE ANTHONY KENNEDY

Oh boy – what a day. I might sleep 10 hours tonight. This week is whipping our butts!

From: Kupec, Kerri (OPA) (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, June 27, 2018 4:18 PM
To: Bream, Shannon
Subject: RE: STATEMENT FROM SOLICITOR GENERAL NOEL FRANCISCO ON THE RETIREMENT OF SUPREME COURT JUSTICE ANTHONY KENNEDY

Haha YES! (You're killing it with your coverage btw)

From: Bream, Shannon <shannon.bream@FOXNEWS.COM>
Sent: Wednesday, June 27, 2018 4:17 PM
To: Kupec, Kerri (OPA) (b)(6)
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Justice Kupec?? :)

From: Kupec, Kerri (OPA) (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, June 27, 2018 4:10 PM
To: Kupec, Kerri (OPA)
Subject: FW: STATEMENT FROM SOLICITOR GENERAL NOEL FRANCISCO ON THE RETIREMENT OF SUPREME COURT JUSTICE ANTHONY KENNEDY

Just wanted to make sure you saw this – thanks!

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To: Kupec, Kerri (OPA) (b)(6)
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 The United States Department of Justice

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27, 2018

**STATEMENT FROM SOLICITOR GENERAL NOEL FRANCISCO ON
THE RETIREMENT OF SUPREME COURT JUSTICE ANTHONY
KENNEDY**

Today, Solicitor General Noel Francisco issued the following statement on the retirement of Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy:

“As Solicitor General of the United States and on behalf of this Office, we are grateful and appreciative for Justice Kennedy’s tireless years of public service in our federal judiciary and on our Nation’s highest Court. His jurisprudence has left an indelible mark and his commitment to our cherished First Amendment freedom of speech will be a legacy for generations to come. I count it a privilege to have argued before him and wish him and his family all the best in the years ahead.”

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Ross, Lee

From: Ross, Lee
Sent: Wednesday, June 27, 2018 11:57 AM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Subject: Should I bolo for emergency appeal

To Judge Sabraw's order from last night? Lee

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From: jpollak@breitbart.com
Sent: Wednesday, June 27, 2018 11:20 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: California

Hi Sarah!

Hope LA visit was good!

Next time you guys are in CA, please let me know -- always appreciate an interview opportunity.

Thanks!

Joel

O'Malley, Devin (OPA)

From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Sent: Wednesday, June 27, 2018 8:51 AM
To: Mears, William
Subject: RE: From Fox News - Reax to judge's immigration order

Can you call me in 5 minutes?

From DOJ spokesman: "Last night's court decision makes it even more imperative that Congress finally act to give federal law enforcement the ability to simultaneously enforce the law and keep families together. Without this action by Congress, lawlessness at the border will continue, which will only lead to predictable results—more heroin and fentanyl pushed by Mexican cartels plaguing our communities, a surge in MS-13 gang members, and an increase in the number of human trafficking prosecutions."

Devin M. O'Malley
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From: Mears, William <William.Mears@FOXNEWS.COM>
Sent: Wednesday, June 27, 2018 8:48 AM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: From Fox News - Reax to judge's immigration order

Hi Devin:

Looking for any Department reaction to the federal judge's order to reunify families separated at the border. Any if there is any reaction to Sen. Graham's latest letter to the IG on Agent Strzok.

Thanks
Bill Mears
Fox News

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O'Malley, Devin (OPA)

From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Sent: Tuesday, June 26, 2018 9:41 PM
To: Ian Mason
Subject: RE: Statement on State AGs' Suit

Decline comment (closing the loop)

Devin M. O'Malley
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From: Ian Mason <imason@breitbart.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 26, 2018 3:27 PM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Statement on State AGs' Suit

Will DOJ be putting out a statement on WA v. U.S.?

O'Malley, Devin (OPA)

From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Sent: Tuesday, June 26, 2018 4:42 PM
To: Ian Mason
Subject: Re: Statement on State AGs' Suit

Will let you know if we do

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 26, 2018, at 3:27 PM, Ian Mason <imason@breitbart.com> wrote:

Will DOJ be putting out a statement on WA v. U.S.?

domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov

From: domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov
Sent: Tuesday, June 26, 2018 4:42 PM
To: jessica.rosenthal@foxnews.com
Cc: Laco, Kelly (OPA); Sutton, Sarah E. (OPA)
Subject: Re: media inquiry

I'll send anything if we end up putting something out

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 26, 2018, at 3:45 PM, Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

Thanks – Mary.

From: Rosenthal, Jessica <jessica.rosenthal@FOXNEWS.COM>
Sent: Tuesday, June 26, 2018 3:43 PM
To: Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: media inquiry

Hi there, Writing to ask if there's any reaction/comment to lawsuit filed by Washington and 16 states and D.C. against the administration over family separations during immigration proceedings?

Thank you,

Jessica Rosenthal
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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Tuesday, June 26, 2018 3:27 PM
To: Grzech, Cherie
Subject: Re: Fox News Channel

You bet. Happy to send to others when feasible--of course in this specific case Fox also could have gotten the letter from Chairman Nunes staff and other outlets had republished it as well.

On Jun 26, 2018, at 12:07 PM, Grzech, Cherie <cherie.grzech@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Sarah:

If you had a moment today would like to touch base with you. We had some difficulties in receiving the DOJ response last night. I know it was sent to Jake Gibson but wanted to discuss how we can get more individuals from Fox on the list of distribution while (b)(6) [REDACTED]. Obviously, we are interested in continuing to report the DOJ's side of the story.

Thanks,
Cherie Grzech
(b)(6) [REDACTED]

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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Tuesday, June 26, 2018 3:23 PM
To: Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM; Laura.Jarrett@cnn.com; Pete Williams; Paula Reid; Mike.Levine@abc.com
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA); Kupec, Kerri (OPA)
Subject: Fppo--adding language on travel ban at the end of today's speech

It'll be based off below (but the below is not for reprinting or publication bc he may deviate from it):

There's one last thing I'd like to mention. As you all have heard by now, we had a great victory at the Supreme Court today.

If you remember, we had leadership from the previous administration refusing to enforce the President's actions because they didn't believe it was defensible under the "best view of what the law is." We had judges issuing nationwide injunctions because they said he had not acted lawfully. And of course there were those in the media who said there was no way for this to be upheld. And yet today--after more than a year--the Supreme Court ruled just the opposite.

This decision is critical to ensuring the continued authority of President Trump - and all future presidents - to protect the American people. It is the President, after all, who is elected and entrusted with the safety and security of the American people and to enforce an immigration system that serves the national interest.

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