

**Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)**

**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 21, 2017 12:12 PM  
**To:** Goldman, Adam  
**Cc:** Matt Apuzzo; Prior, Ian (OPA)  
**Subject:** Re: my contact info

Definitely!

On Mar 21, 2017, at 12:06 PM, Goldman, Adam <[adam.goldman@nytimes.com](mailto:adam.goldman@nytimes.com)> wrote:

Hi,

Can we reschedule? I am out of town and won't make it back in time for pastries. Perhaps later this week?

Adam

On Mon, Mar 20, 2017 at 5:19 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <[Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov)> wrote:

Works for me

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Sarah Isgur Flores

Director of Public Affairs

**From:** Matt Apuzzo [mailto:[matt.apuzzo@nytimes.com](mailto:matt.apuzzo@nytimes.com)]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 20, 2017 5:05 PM  
**To:** Goldman, Adam <[adam.goldman@nytimes.com](mailto:adam.goldman@nytimes.com)>; Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <[sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov)>  
**Cc:** Prior, Ian (OPA) <[ian.prior@usdoj.gov](mailto:ian.prior@usdoj.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: my contact info

How about 2?

Matt Apuzzo  
The New York Times  
[202.862.0304](tel:202.862.0304) w  
c

**From:** Matt Apuzzo <[matt.apuzzo@nytimes.com](mailto:matt.apuzzo@nytimes.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 20, 2017 4:54:38 PM  
**To:** Goldman, Adam; Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Cc:** Prior, Ian (OPA)  
**Subject:** Re: my contact info

You had me at afternoon pastries. Perfect. Just say when.

Matt Apuzzo  
The New York Times  
[202.862.0304](tel:202.862.0304) w  
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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <[Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov)>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 20, 2017 4:48:33 PM  
**To:** Apuzzo, Matt; Goldman, Adam  
**Cc:** Prior, Ian (OPA)  
**Subject:** RE: my contact info

Adding Ian who just started as principal deputy here. Can we do an afternoon pastry at Paul on 9th tomorrow potentially?

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Sarah Isgur Flores

Director of Public Affairs

**From:** Apuzzo, Matt [<mailto:matt.apuzzo@nytimes.com>]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 17, 2017 5:35 PM  
**To:** Goldman, Adam <[adam.goldman@nytimes.com](mailto:adam.goldman@nytimes.com)>  
**Cc:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <[Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: my contact info

Hi Sarah. I look forward to meeting you. I've covered DOJ for the Times, and before that AP. I'm doing more general natsec stuff these days but I'm still around DOJ on and off. Would love to say hello. My info:

Matt Apuzzo

The New York Times

[202.862.0304](tel:202.862.0304) w

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On Fri, Mar 17, 2017 at 5:26 PM, Goldman, Adam <[adam.goldman@nytimes.com](mailto:adam.goldman@nytimes.com)> wrote:

thanks. let me know about lunch. i know you're extremely busy.

adam

On Fri, Mar 17, 2017 at 5:20 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <[Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov)> wrote:

The Department of Justice has complied with the request from leaders of the House and Senate Intelligence Committees and Judiciary Committees seeking information related to surveillance during the 2016 election.

On Mar 17, 2017, at 5:16 PM, Goldman, Adam <[adam.goldman@nytimes.com](mailto:adam.goldman@nytimes.com)> wrote:

We can do lunch next week. Anytime but Monday.

Adam

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Adam Goldman

Reporter  
The New York Times

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Reporter  
The New York Times

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Adam Goldman  
Reporter  
The New York Times

## Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA)

**From:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 21, 2017 2:21 PM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA); Zapotosky, Matt; wyn.hornbuckle@usdoj.gov  
**Subject:** RE: budget expert I could talk to?

Matt [Let me look into this and get back to you shortly](#)

**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 21, 2017 2:16 PM  
**To:** Zapotosky, Matt <matt.zapotosky@washpost.com>; wyn.hornbuckle@usdoj.gov  
**Subject:** RE: budget expert I could talk to?

Adding Wyn--about as close to a budget expert as I know. Which is to say his expertise far exceeds my own. So I'd start with him!

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Sarah Isgur Flores  
Director of Public Affairs

**From:** Zapotosky, Matt [mailto:matt.zapotosky@washpost.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 21, 2017 2:05 PM  
**To:** [sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov)  
**Subject:** budget expert I could talk to?

Hey

Any chance you guys have some budget guru I'd be able to talk to? I'm trying to square the AG's memo on private prisons (which says such facilities are needed to "meet the future needs of the federal correctional system") with the Justice budget proposal (which says you're going to say \$1 billion because of "excess capacity" due to a declining prison population). I know there's probably a lot of nuance I'm not getting hoping someone who is an expert might be able to chat.

Best,

**Matt Zapotosky** | The Washington Post  
(cell)  
(202) 334-5873 (office)

**Carr, Peter (OPA)**

**From:** Carr, Peter (OPA)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 22, 2017 11:24 AM  
**To:** julia.ainsley@thomsonreuters.com; Prior, Ian (OPA); sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov  
**Cc:** Gina.Chon@thomsonreuters.com  
**Subject:** RE: Comment on Bharara/ Trump investigation story

Thanks, Julia. I'm adding Ian Prior, our new deputy director. I've now transitioned back to my role as spokesperson for the Criminal Division.

**From:** julia.ainsley@thomsonreuters.com [mailto:julia.ainsley@thomsonreuters.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 22, 2017 11:14 AM  
**To:** Peter.Carr@usdoj.gov; sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov  
**Cc:** Gina.Chon@thomsonreuters.com  
**Subject:** Comment on Bharara/ Trump investigation story

Hi Sarah and Peter,

My colleague Gina Chon (copied here) is preparing to publish a story that states the following:

U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara was investigating Russian interference into the 2016 election and potential links between Russia and the Trump campaign when he was fired. Sessions was made aware of the probe when he was briefed on the sensitive matters being investigated by U.S. Attorneys, including at the Southern District of New York.

Do you have a comment on those assertions?

Also, could you provide answers to the questions below?

--Did Sessions tell Trump or anyone else at the White House that Bharara was investigating Russian interference in the 2016 election and potential links between Russia and Trump campaign associates?

--Did the briefing occur before or after March 2, when Sessions recused himself from any "existing or future investigations of any matters related in any way to the campaigns for President of the United States"?

--Was the decision to fire Bharara influenced by the knowledge that he was conducting this investigation?

Thank you,  
Julia

**Julia Edwards Ainsley**  
Reuters News  
**Thomson Reuters**

Mobil

[julia.edwards@thomsonreuters.com](mailto:julia.edwards@thomsonreuters.com)  
[Reuters.com](http://Reuters.com)

**julia.ainsley@thomsonreuters.com**

**From:** julia.ainsley@thomsonreuters.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 22, 2017 12:10 PM  
**To:** Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov; ian.prior@usdoj.gov  
**Cc:** Gina.Chon@thomsonreuters.com  
**Subject:** RE: Comment on Bharara/ Trump investigation story

Ok, just waiting on Gina to free up. Then we'll call.

**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 22, 2017 12:05 PM  
**To:** Ainsley, Julia E. (Reuters News); ian.prior@usdoj.gov  
**Cc:** Chon, Gina (Reuters)  
**Subject:** RE: Comment on Bharara/ Trump investigation story

Yep. I'm free now. My desk line is 202.305.1920

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Director of Public Affairs

**From:** [julia.ainsley@thomsonreuters.com](mailto:julia.ainsley@thomsonreuters.com) [mailto:julia.ainsley@thomsonreuters.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 22, 2017 12:01 PM  
**To:** [julia.ainsley@thomsonreuters.com](mailto:julia.ainsley@thomsonreuters.com); [Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov); [ian.prior@usdoj.gov](mailto:ian.prior@usdoj.gov)  
**Cc:** [Gina.Chon@thomsonreuters.com](mailto:Gina.Chon@thomsonreuters.com)  
**Subject:** RE: Comment on Bharara/ Trump investigation story

Could we set up a time to chat by conference call with Gina?

**From:** Ainsley, Julia E. (Reuters News)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 22, 2017 11:49 AM  
**To:** 'Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)'; Prior, Ian (OPA)  
**Cc:** Chon, Gina (Reuters)  
**Subject:** RE: Comment on Bharara/ Trump investigation story

Thanks, Sarah. It's 3 p.m.

**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 22, 2017 11:27 AM  
**To:** Ainsley, Julia E. (Reuters News); Prior, Ian (OPA)  
**Cc:** Chon, Gina (Reuters)  
**Subject:** RE: Comment on Bharara/ Trump investigation story

What is your deadline?

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Director of Public Affairs

**From:** [julia.ainsley@thomsonreuters.com](mailto:julia.ainsley@thomsonreuters.com) [<mailto:julia.ainsley@thomsonreuters.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 22, 2017 11:14 AM  
**To:** [Peter.Carr@usdoj.gov](mailto:Peter.Carr@usdoj.gov); [sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov)  
**Cc:** [Gina.Chon@thomsonreuters.com](mailto:Gina.Chon@thomsonreuters.com)  
**Subject:** Comment on Bharara/ Trump investigation story



**Barrett, Devlin**

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**From:** Barrett, Devlin  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 22, 2017 5:25 PM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Subject:** RE: got a minute?

Just tried ya. I'm on cel (b) (6)

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 22, 2017 5:21 PM  
**To:** Barrett, Devlin <Devlin.Barrett@washpost.com>  
**Subject:** RE: got a minute?

Sure!

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Director of Public Affairs

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**From:** Barrett, Devlin [mailto:Devlin.Barrett@washpost.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 22, 2017 5:04 PM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>  
**Subject:** got a minute?

## Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 23, 2017 9:53 AM  
**To:** Horwitz, Sari  
**Subject:** RE: heads up

Now☺

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Sarah Isgur Flores  
Director of Public Affairs

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**From:** Horwitz, Sari [mailto:Sari.Horwitz@washpost.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 23, 2017 9:12 AM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: heads up

Like how soon? Approximately? Putting out a statement?

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 23, 2017, at 9:07 AM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <[Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov)> wrote:

Yes coming soonish

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Sarah Isgur Flores  
Director of Public Affairs

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**From:** Horwitz, Sari [<mailto:Sari.Horwitz@washpost.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 23, 2017 9:05 AM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <[Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: heads up

Thank you. :). Is DOJ going to comment on this today?

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 23, 2017, at 8:53 AM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <[Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov)> wrote:

Since I failed you on US attorneys:  
[http://m.jpost.com/#/app/article/484990\[m.jpost.com\]](http://m.jpost.com/#/app/article/484990[m.jpost.com])

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Sarah Isgur Flores  
Director of Public Affairs

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## Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 23, 2017 9:56 AM  
**To:** Horwitz, Sari  
**Subject:** RE: heads up

Im not sure I can confirm every detail in their story but the arrest is certainly accurate.

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Director of Public Affairs

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**From:** Horwitz, Sari [mailto:Sari.Horwitz@washpost.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 23, 2017 9:08 AM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: heads up

Also, are you confirming otr this is accurate?

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 23, 2017, at 8:53 AM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <[Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov)> wrote:

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## Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 23, 2017 2:01 PM  
**To:** Salama, Vivian  
**Subject:** RE: email list

yep

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Sarah Isgur Flores  
Director of Public Affairs

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**From:** Salama, Vivian [mailto:VSalama@ap.org]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 23, 2017 1:06 PM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: email list

Also I hadn't gotten this. Just checking that it's accurate:

Statement from Attorney General Sessions:

"Today's arrest in Israel is the culmination of a large-scale investigation spanning multiple continents for hate crimes against Jewish communities across our country. The Department of Justice is committed to protecting the civil rights of all Americans, and we will not tolerate the targeting of any community in this country on the basis of their religious beliefs. I commend the FBI and Israeli National Police for their outstanding work on this case."

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 23, 2017 1:05 PM  
**To:** Salama, Vivian  
**Subject:** Re: email list

Of course!

On Mar 23, 2017, at 1:02 PM, Salama, Vivian <VSalama@ap.org> wrote:

Hi Sarah, it just occurred to me that I'm not on the DoJ's media email list. Would you mind adding me please? The WH suggested I contact you!

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**Vivian Salama**  
White House Reporter

[vsalama@ap.org](mailto:vsalama@ap.org)  
[www.ap.org](http://www.ap.org)

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## Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 23, 2017 5:50 PM  
**To:** Salama, Vivian; Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Cc:** Colvin, Jill; Lemire, Jonathan; Simotes, Jenna A. (OPA)  
**Subject:** RE: email list

You bet

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Sarah Isgur Flores  
Director of Public Affairs

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**From:** Salama, Vivian [mailto:VSalama@ap.org]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 23, 2017 5:26 PM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>  
**Cc:** Colvin, Jill <JColvin@ap.org>; Lemire, Jonathan <JLemire@ap.org>  
**Subject:** RE: email list

Sarah, one last favor.

Would you mind adding my White House colleagues Jill Colvin ([jcolvin@ap.org](mailto:jcolvin@ap.org)) and Jon Lemire ([jlemire@ap.org](mailto:jlemire@ap.org))? We are always interested in hearing from DOJ over here at 1600 Penn.

Sorry to bother you and thanks!

-Vivian

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:[Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 23, 2017 1:05 PM  
**To:** Salama, Vivian  
**Subject:** Re: email list

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**Lichtblau, Eric**

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**From:** Lichtblau, Eric  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 23, 2017 9:19 PM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Subject:** Re: want to get lunch tomorrow?

thanks, will do. I dealt with Ian a bit when he was at American Crossroads

We'll find another time for lunch

***Eric Lichtblau***

New York Times  
Washington Bureau  
Reporter

(202) 862-0306 (o)  
[REDACTED] (b) (6) [REDACTED] (c)

On Thu, Mar 23, 2017 at 8:25 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <[Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov)> wrote:  
I have to leave early tomorrow so that won't work. But Ian is the new deputy in the office. So you should come by at some point and meet him!

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Sarah Isgur Flores <[sarahmisgur@gmail.com](mailto:sarahmisgur@gmail.com)>  
**Date:** March 23, 2017 at 2:53:38 PM EDT  
**To:** "Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)" <[sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: want to get lunch tomorrow?

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Lichtblau, Eric** <[ericl@nytimes.com](mailto:ericl@nytimes.com)>  
Date: Thu, Mar 23, 2017 at 2:51 PM  
Subject: want to get lunch tomorrow?  
To: Sarah Isgur Flor [REDACTED] (b) (6)

***Eric Lichtblau***  
New York Times  
Washington Bureau

Reporter

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Sarah Isgur Flores

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@whignewtons



## Nakashima, Ellen

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**From:** Nakashima, Ellen  
**Sent:** Friday, March 24, 2017 10:32 AM  
**To:** ian.prior@usdoj.gov; Sarah Flores - Sessions spokesman  
(sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov)  
**Subject:** Wiretaps on Trump associates

Hi, Ian, Sarah,

We're working on a story about how there were Title III criminal wiretaps in 2016 on several Trump associates with business and political ties to the president. None of them involved anyone currently in the White House, none involved anyone on the campaign during the campaign and a significant number were obtained after the election.

Can one of you give me a call to discuss?

Thank you very much,  
Ellen

Ellen Nakashima  
The Washington Post  
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**Savage, Charlie**

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**From:** Savage, Charlie  
**Sent:** Monday, March 27, 2017 11:40 AM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Subject:** Re: time to check in?

Ah ok.

For planning purposes/embargoed, would it be possible please to know what's coming this p.m.?

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Charlie Savage  
The New York Times

Phone: 202-862-0317  
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On Mon, Mar 27, 2017 at 11:37 AM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <[Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov)> wrote:  
I'm w AG for most of today

On Mar 27, 2017, at 11:37 AM, Savage, Charlie <[savage@nytimes.com](mailto:savage@nytimes.com)> wrote:

Tx - tried your line but went to vm. let me know when you have 1 min to chat directly?

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Charlie Savage  
The New York Times

Phone: [202-862-0317](tel:202-862-0317)  
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On Mon, Mar 27, 2017 at 11:33 AM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <[Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov)> wrote:

FYI: Might have something this afternoon--

On Mar 27, 2017, at 9:59 AM, Savage, Charlie <[savage@nytimes.com](mailto:savage@nytimes.com)> wrote:

Hi Sarah - Do you have a minute to check in please? no agenda - I've just been out of the DOJ loop doing Gorsuch stuff and Eric L is off for a couple days so I wanted to make sure I'm up to speed.

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Charlie Savage  
The New York Times

Phone: [202-862-0317](tel:202-862-0317)

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## Horwitz, Sari

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**From:** Horwitz, Sari  
**Sent:** Monday, March 27, 2017 12:07 PM  
**To:** Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov  
**Subject:** FW: This week

Thanks for any help you can give me on this. And I'm hearing that something else may be popping at DOJ today. Can you give me a sense of what it is?

Thanks much,  
Sari

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

**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 27, 2017 10:50 AM  
**To:** Horwitz, Sari <Sari.Horwitz@washpost.com>  
**Cc:** ian.prior@usdoj.gov  
**Subject:** RE: This week

I'm going to add Ian who might be able to bird dog this today. But we've got a long thing we're about to go into--so may not have an update until lunch time.

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Sarah Isgur Flores  
Director of Public Affairs

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

**From:** Horwitz, Sari [mailto:Sari.Horwitz@washpost.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 27, 2017 10:48 AM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: This week

Well, that's better than nothing. Could we do that today?  
And, if I cannot get an interview with Steve Cook, could I at least get his bio because he will be in my story?

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

**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 27, 2017 10:46 AM  
**To:** Horwitz, Sari <Sari.Horwitz@washpost.com>  
**Subject:** RE: This week

So here's where I am:

1. St Louis is a no go right now. Sorry.

2. I think I can get you some time with Jim Crowell--acting PDAG--if its on background only and not for quotes. But I wasn't sure whether that would work for what you are looking for.

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Sarah Isgur Flores  
Director of Public Affairs

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

From: Horwitz, Sari [mailto:Sari.Horwitz@washpost.com]  
Sent: Monday, March 27, 2017 10:11 AM  
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>  
Subject: RE: This week

Deadline is as soon as possible. My editors want me to turn in the story today or tomorrow.

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

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]  
Sent: Monday, March 27, 2017 9:43 AM  
To: Horwitz, Sari <Sari.Horwitz@washpost.com>  
Cc: ian.prior@usdoj.gov  
Subject: RE: This week

St Louis is a no go this time. Sorry.

Steve Cook--I was supposed to have a meeting with folks this am to discuss this but its already been cancelled. Whats your deadline?

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Sarah Isgur Flores  
Director of Public Affairs

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

From: Horwitz, Sari [mailto:Sari.Horwitz@washpost.com]  
Sent: Monday, March 27, 2017 8:48 AM  
To: Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov  
Subject: This week

Good morning, Sarah.

Two things -- can I please interview Steve Cook today for the crime policy story I'm working on? And would it be possible to join you and and the AG when you go to St. Louis this week?

Thanks much,  
Sari

Sent from my iPad

**Prior, Ian (OPA)**

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**From:** Prior, Ian (OPA)  
**Sent:** Monday, March 27, 2017 12:32 PM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA); Horwitz, Sari  
**Cc:** ian.prior@usdoj.gov  
**Subject:** RE: This week

Working on BIO.

As for Jim trying . . . meeting with him later today. So its possible we could do late afternoon, but no guarantees

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

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

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov]  
Sent: Monday, March 27, 2017 10:50 AM  
To: Horwitz, Sari <Sari.Horwitz@washpost.com>  
Cc: ian.prior@usdoj.gov  
Subject: RE: This week

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**Horwitz, Sari**

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**From:** Horwitz, Sari  
**Sent:** Monday, March 27, 2017 1:44 PM  
**To:** Prior, Ian (OPA); Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Subject:** Sanctuary Cities

Can you please send your press release, Sessions's comments and anything else you have on the sanctuary cities policy?

**Barrett, Devlin**

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**From:** Barrett, Devlin  
**Sent:** Monday, March 27, 2017 3:55 PM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Subject:** RE: FARA 101 Overview TOMORROW, MARCH 28, 2017, at 2:00 p.m. EDT. RSVP to sonya.keshwani@usdoj.gov no later than tomorrow at 11:00 a.m.

I have jury duty tomorrow! (but I will still try to come, assuming they ditch me as usual in the morning)

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 27, 2017 3:54 PM  
**To:** Barrett, Devlin <Devlin.Barrett@washpost.com>  
**Subject:** RE: FARA 101 Overview TOMORROW, MARCH 28, 2017, at 2:00 p.m. EDT. RSVP to sonya.keshwani@usdoj.gov no later than tomorrow at 11:00 a.m.

Perhaps the most quotable movie of the 90s. But I'm confident you and your brass balls will love learning about FARA!

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Sarah Isgur Flores  
Director of Public Affairs

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**From:** Barrett, Devlin [mailto:Devlin.Barrett@washpost.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 27, 2017 3:48 PM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: FARA 101 Overview TOMORROW, MARCH 28, 2017, at 2:00 p.m. EDT. RSVP to [sonya.keshwani@usdoj.gov](mailto:sonya.keshwani@usdoj.gov) no later than tomorrow at 11:00 a.m.

"You know what it takes to sell real estate? (movie reference) The same thing it takes to do a FARA program overview during the current topics in the news"

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**From:** Raimondi, Marc (OPA) [mailto:Marc.Raimondi@usdoj.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 27, 2017 3:35 PM  
**To:** Marc Raimondi <Marc.Raimondi@usdoj.gov>; Keshwani, Sonya (OPA) <Sonya.Keshwani@usdoj.gov>  
**Subject:** FARA 101 Overview TOMORROW, MARCH 28, 2017, at 2:00 p.m. EDT. RSVP to [sonya.keshwani@usdoj.gov](mailto:sonya.keshwani@usdoj.gov) no later than tomorrow at 11:00 a.m.



**Department of Justice**

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 2017

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\*\*\*\*\* **MEDIA ADVISORY** \*\*\*\*\*

**NATIONAL SECURITY DIVISION TO OFFER FARA 101 PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

*Briefing Will Not Address Any Specific Filings*

WASHINGTON – The National Security Division will hold an off-the-record briefing for the DOJ press corps to help provide a basic understanding of the Foreign Agents Registration Act (FARA), **TOMORROW, MARCH 28, 2017, at 2:00 p.m. EDT.**

**WHO:** The National Security Division FARA Staff

**WHEN:** **TOMORROW, MARCH 28, 2017**  
**2:00 p.m. EDT**

**WHERE:** Department of Justice  
Room 1214  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530

**RSVP:** Please RSVP to [sonya.keshwani@usdoj.gov](mailto:sonya.keshwani@usdoj.gov) no later than tomorrow at 11:00 a.m.

**NOTE:** All media who do not possess a DOJ building pass must request access by 10AM on March 28<sup>th</sup>, through Sonya Keshwani at [sonya.keshwani@usdoj.gov](mailto:sonya.keshwani@usdoj.gov). Media entering the DOJ must present government-issued photo I.D. (such as driver's license) as well as valid media credentials and enter the department at the visitor's entrance on Constitution Avenue, NW between 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Streets.

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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.

**Marc Raimondi**  
National Security Spokesman  
U.S. Department of Justice  
[Marc.raimondi@usdoj.gov](mailto:Marc.raimondi@usdoj.gov)  
O: 202-514-1153

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**Savage, Charlie**

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**From:** Savage, Charlie  
**Sent:** Monday, March 27, 2017 4:23 PM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Cc:** Davis, Julie; ian.prior@usdoj.gov

Hi Ian, I tried your office but you were out. Do you have a moment for a phone call please?  
Charlie

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Charlie Savage  
The New York Times

Phone: 202-862-0317

Ce (b) (6)

On Mon, Mar 27, 2017 at 3:56 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <[Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov)> wrote:

Adding Ian

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Sarah Isgur Flores

Director of Public Affairs

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**From:** Savage, Charlie [mailto:[savage@nytimes.com](mailto:savage@nytimes.com)]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 27, 2017 3:56 PM  
**To:** Sarah Isgur Flores <[sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov)>  
**Cc:** Davis, Julie <[julie.davis@nytimes.com](mailto:julie.davis@nytimes.com)>  
**Subject:** Question about the AG's announcement

Hi Sarah -

Do you have time for a phone call please?

We're trying to figure out whether there is something specific that is new at the policy level, aside from the AG's foreshadowing that more is likely coming in the future.

Is this an expansion of the number of grant programs/dollars at risk? The AG mentioned the COPS program - were those grants not covered under the July 2016 policy (or was it ambiguous)?

Also do you know if DOJ actually rescinded or blocked any grants between July 2016 and the present, or is part of this the idea that DOJ intends to enforce this policy that Obama people put in place but said they'd give grantees time to adjust to?

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Charlie Savage

The New York Times

Phone: [202-862-0317](tel:202-862-0317)

Cel [REDACTED] (b) (6)

**Horwitz, Sari**

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**From:** Horwitz, Sari  
**Sent:** Monday, March 27, 2017 9:13 PM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Subject:** Re: Jody

That's great.  
Thanks much,  
Sari

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 27, 2017, at 7:12 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <[Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov)> wrote:

If you'd like to get coffee with Jody Hunt off the record, he's happy to schedule something his email is [jody.hunt@usdoj.gov](mailto:jody.hunt@usdoj.gov) (b) (6)

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Sarah Isgur Flores  
Director of Public Affairs

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**Barrett, Devlin**

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**From:** Barrett, Devlin  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 28, 2017 9:16 AM  
**To:** sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov  
**Subject:** Can u call me? Chasing something breaking

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Sent from my iPhone

## Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 28, 2017 10:00 AM  
**To:** Barrett, Devlin  
**Subject:** Re: I think we will publish very soon

Give me 10 more minutes? I'm trying to get folks out of a meeting. So I haven't been able to talk to anyone yet.

> On Mar 28, 2017, at 9:54 AM, Barrett, Devlin <Devlin.Barrett@washpost.com> wrote:

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> There are footsteps. Any comment of any kind for the first take?

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> Sent from my iPhone

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**Perez, Evan**

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**From:** Perez, Evan  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 28, 2017 10:26 AM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Subject:** Re: Thoughts

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Sent from my iPhone

> On Mar 28, 2017, at 10:25 AM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

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> What's your cell?

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>> On Mar 28, 2017, at 10:10 AM, Perez, Evan <Evan.Perez@turner.com> wrote:

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>> On my Yates shouldn't testify?

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>> Sent from my iPhone

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**Nakamura, David**

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**From:** Nakamura, David  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 28, 2017 4:59 PM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Subject:** RE: inquiry from Wash Post for story

Sure tomorrow is fin [REDACTED] (b) (6) . Sounds like something is going around...

David Nakamura  
Washington Post Staff Writer  
[david.nakamura@washpost.com](mailto:david.nakamura@washpost.com)  
o. 202-334-6563  
[REDACTED] (b) (6)  
twitter: @davidnakamura

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 28, 2017 4:30 PM  
**To:** Nakamura, David <David.Nakamura@washpost.com>  
**Subject:** RE: inquiry from Wash Post for story

Will give you a call tomorrow if that's ok [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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Sarah Isgur Flores  
Director of Public Affairs  
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**From:** Nakamura, David [mailto:David.Nakamura@washpost.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 28, 2017 11:00 AM  
**To:** [Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov)  
**Subject:** inquiry from Wash Post for story

Hi Sarah

I was hearing that the Attorney General is planning a border trip in Arizona next month and was hoping to chat with you about it. I'm on the numbers below if you have a moment. Thanks,

David Nakamura  
Washington Post Staff Writer  
[david.nakamura@washpost.com](mailto:david.nakamura@washpost.com)  
o. 202-334-6563  
[REDACTED] (b) (6)  
twitter: @davidnakamura



**Barrett, Devlin**

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**From:** Barrett, Devlin  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 28, 2017 6:06 PM  
**To:** sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov  
**Subject:** Just took your points to my editor

If you or anyone in DOJ is willing to say on the record that O'Neil's characterization of DOJ position in his March 23 letter is misleading or wrong or incomplete we will gladly put that in the story.

Sent from my iPhone

**Perez, Evan**

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**From:** Perez, Evan  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 29, 2017 10:17 AM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Subject:** Re: Tonight

Friday would work

Evan Pérez  
Correspondent  
**CNN**

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o [202.772.2756](tel:202.772.2756)  
@evanperez

On Mar 29, 2017, at 9:08 AM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <[Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov)> wrote:

(b) (6) --what about tomorrow or Friday?

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Sarah Isgur Flores  
Director of Public Affairs

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

From: Perez, Evan [<mailto:Evan.Perez@turner.com>]  
Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2017 8:15 AM  
To: Sarah Isgur Flores <[Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov)>  
Subject: Tonight

Free for drinks and/or dinner tonight?

Sent from my iPhone

**Nakamura, David**

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**From:** Nakamura, David  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 29, 2017 11:29 AM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Subject:** are you back today?

(b) (6) are you able to chat? I'm on numbers below. Thanks,

David Nakamura  
Washington Post Staff Writer  
[david.nakamura@washpost.com](mailto:david.nakamura@washpost.com)  
o. 202-334-6563

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twitter: @davidnakamura

**Horwitz, Sari**

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**From:** Horwitz, Sari  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 30, 2017 11:34 AM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

Do you have two minutes to talk today?  
Sari

**Eric Lichtblau**

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**From:** Eric Lichtblau  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 30, 2017 7:32 PM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Subject:** Re:

Ok. Tnx.

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 30, 2017, at 7:29 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <[Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov)> wrote:

Decline

On Mar 30, 2017, at 7:26 PM, Eric Lichtblau <[ericl@nytimes.com](mailto:ericl@nytimes.com)> wrote:

Any comment We can get on WSJ report saying Flynn offering to talk to FBI and Congress if he gets immunity?

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 23, 2017, at 8:26 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <[Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov)> wrote:

I have to leave early tomorrow so that won't work. But Ian is the new deputy in the office. So you should come by at some point and meet him!

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Sarah Isgur Flore [REDACTED] (b) (6) >  
**Date:** March 23, 2017 at 2:53:38 PM EDT  
**To:** "Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)" <[sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: want to get lunch tomorrow?

----- Forwarded message -----

**From:** Lichtblau, Eric <[ericl@nytimes.com](mailto:ericl@nytimes.com)>  
**Date:** Thu, Mar 23, 2017 at 2:51 PM

Subject: want to get lunch tomorrow?

To: Sarah Isgur Flores [REDACTED] (b) (6) >

***Eric Lichtblau***

New York Times

Washington Bureau

Reporter

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Sarah Isgur Flores

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## Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 30, 2017 7:49 PM  
**To:** Carrie Johnson  
**Subject:** RE: NPR reporter question

Im traveling w AG tomorrow but around all day Monday!

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Sarah Isgur Flores  
Director of Public Affairs

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**From:** Carrie Johnson [mailto:CJohnson2@npr.org]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 30, 2017 4:59 PM  
**To:** 'Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)' <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: NPR reporter question

No worries I need to find you about another thing not urgent and will do so tomorrow or Monday

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 30, 2017 4:51 PM  
**To:** Prior, Ian (OPA)  
**Cc:** Carrie Johnson; Prior, Ian (OPA)  
**Subject:** Re: NPR reporter question

Sorry:( I feel like the bad guy! Carrie--let me know if you need WH email addresses to try over there.

On Mar 30, 2017, at 4:50 PM, Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

Great see you then

Ian D. Prior  
Principal Deputy Director of Public Affairs  
Office: 202.616.0911  
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**From:** Carrie Johnson [mailto:CJohnson2@npr.org]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 30, 2017 4:48 PM  
**To:** 'Prior, Ian (OPA)' <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>; Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) (Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: NPR reporter question

I got a no comment from Sarah.

Hope to stop by there tomorrow or Monday to introduce myself properly.

Look forward to meeting you.

Thanks  
Carrie

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**From:** Prior, Ian (OPA) [<mailto:Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 30, 2017 4:46 PM  
**To:** Carrie Johnson; Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) ([Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov))  
**Cc:** 'Prior, Ian (OPA)'  
**Subject:** RE: NPR reporter question

Hey Carrie,

Just got your voice mail could you be a little more specific about what you want to talk about so I can track down whatever I need to track down?

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

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**From:** Carrie Johnson [<mailto:CJohnson2@npr.org>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 30, 2017 10:04 AM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) ([Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov)) <[Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov)>  
**Cc:** 'Prior, Ian (OPA)' <[Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov](mailto:Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov)>  
**Subject:** NPR reporter question

Hi Sarah and welcome to DOJ, Ian.

I'm Carrie Johnson, the justice correspondent at NPR. I've been away for a couple of weeks but am getting back into the swing of things.

Pursuing a story about civil rights and would welcome a moment to speak with one of you today, if possible.

Thanks much  
Carrie  
[Cjohnson2@npr.org](mailto:Cjohnson2@npr.org)

202-513-2216 office  
[REDACTED] (b) (6) cell



**Josh Dawsey**

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**From:** Josh Dawsey  
**Sent:** Friday, March 31, 2017 10:30 AM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Subject:** Re: Bharara

following up on this! hope we can still get together.

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**From:** Josh Dawsey  
**Sent:** Monday, March 27, 2017 1:38:56 PM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Subject:** Re: Bharara

last week got crazy!  
sorry about that  
how's this week look?

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 22, 2017 5:40:56 PM  
**To:** Josh Dawsey  
**Subject:** RE: Bharara

Im still stuck at work today want to do an afternoon pastry tomorrow?

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Sarah Isgur Flores  
Director of Public Affairs

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**From:** Josh Dawsey [mailto:jdawsey@politico.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 22, 2017 4:45 PM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Bharara

Hi Sarah -  
still want to grab a coffee or drink?

Best, Josh

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <[Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov)>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 10, 2017 4:32:41 PM  
**To:** Josh Dawsey  
**Subject:** RE: Bharara

[Decline to comment](#)

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Sarah Isgur Flores  
Director of Public Affairs

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**From:** Josh Dawsey [<mailto:jdawsey@politico.com>]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 10, 2017 4:32 PM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <[Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Bharara

Will all the letters be accepted?

Josh Dawsey  
White House Reporter  
POLITICO  
Twitter: @jdawsey1  
[Jdawsey@politico.com](mailto:Jdawsey@politico.com)  
Cel (b) (6)

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <[Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov)>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 10, 2017 4:29:29 PM  
**To:** Josh Dawsey  
**Subject:** RE: Bharara

The request for U.S. Attorneys to tender their resignation applies to all Senate-confirmed U.S. Attorneys.

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Sarah Isgur Flores  
Director of Public Affairs  
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**From:** Josh Dawsey [<mailto:jdawsey@politico.com>]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 10, 2017 4:27 PM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <[Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov)>  
**Subject:** Bharara

to be clear, Bharara is out in NY, too, right?

Josh Dawsey  
White House Reporter  
POLITICO  
Twitter: @jdawsey1  
[Jdawsey@politico.com](mailto:Jdawsey@politico.com)  
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## Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Sent:** Friday, March 31, 2017 1:08 PM  
**To:** Savage, Charlie  
**Subject:** Re: Gitmo videotape ruling

Yes!

On Mar 31, 2017, at 12:07 PM, Savage, Charlie <[savage@nytimes.com](mailto:savage@nytimes.com)> wrote:

Cool. have a good weekend!

BTW, at some point, want to get coffee or a drink just to meet in person?

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Charlie Savage  
The New York Times

Phone: 202-862-0317  
Cel [REDACTED] (b) (6)

On Fri, Mar 31, 2017 at 1:02 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <[Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov)> wrote:

Nope!

On Mar 31, 2017, at 11:54 AM, Savage, Charlie <[savage@nytimes.com](mailto:savage@nytimes.com)> wrote:

Thanks!

(While we're chatting, any Friday evening news expected, just for planning purposes?)

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Charlie Savage  
The New York Times

Phone: [202-862-0317](tel:202-862-0317)  
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On Fri, Mar 31, 2017 at 12:46 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <[Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov)> wrote:

We're declining to comment

On Mar 31, 2017, at 11:31 AM, Savage, Charlie <[savage@nytimes.com](mailto:savage@nytimes.com)> wrote:

Hi Sarah -

Does DOJ have a comment on the appeals court ruling that says the Guantanamo Bay forcefeeding videotapes need not be made public, overturning the 2014 district court judge ruling's that the government must disclose them?

Thanks!

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Charlie Savage  
The New York Times

Phone: [202-862-0317](tel:202-862-0317)

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**Prior, Ian (OPA)**

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**From:** Prior, Ian (OPA)  
**Sent:** Friday, March 31, 2017 1:21 PM  
**To:** Tucker, Eric; sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov; ian.prior@usdoj.gov; Raimondi, Marc (OPA)  
**Subject:** RE: Intel Committee Ranking Member Schiff Statement on Flynn Immunity Request

Looping Marc in

Ian D. Prior  
Principal Deputy Director of Public Affairs  
Office: 202.616.0911  
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**From:** Tucker, Eric [mailto:etucker@ap.org]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 31, 2017 12:56 PM  
**To:** sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov; ian.prior@usdoj.gov  
**Subject:** FW: Intel Committee Ranking Member Schiff Statement on Flynn Immunity Request

Hi guys, this statement from Schiff says the committee will be discussing the immunity request with DOJ. Have those interactions between the department and the committee begun? Thanks very much.

Eric

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**From:** Simons, Emil [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Friday, March 31, 2017 12:37 PM  
**To:** Boland, Patrick; Simons, Emilie  
**Subject:** Intel Committee Ranking Member Schiff Statement on Flynn Immunity Request



**For Immediate Release**  
Friday, March 31, 2017

**Contact:** [Patrick Boland](#), [Emilie Simons](#)  
(202) 225-4176

## **Intel Committee Ranking Member Schiff Statement on Flynn Immunity Request**

**Washington, DC** – Today, Rep. Adam Schiff (D-CA), the Ranking Member of the House Permanent Select Committee, released the following statement:

"With respect to the offer by the attorney for Michael Flynn that he would be willing to testify before the House and Senate Intelligence Committees but only in exchange for immunity, we should first acknowledge what a grave and momentous step it is for a former National Security Advisor to the President of the United States to ask for immunity from prosecution. We will be discussing the matter with our counterparts on the Senate

Intelligence Committee and the Department of Justice. While Mr. Flynn's testimony is of great interest to our committee, we are also deeply mindful of the interests of the Department of Justice in the matter.

"Additionally, as with any investigation-- and particularly one that grows in severity and magnitude by the day-- there is still much work and many more witnesses and documents to obtain before any immunity request from any witness can be considered. As but one example, during our open hearing I made a formal request of the agencies to provide Mr. Flynn's background check document, SF-86, so we can determine whether he properly reported any work he may have conducted on behalf of a foreign entity. We have yet to receive those documents. Moreover, when the time comes to consider requests for immunity from any witness, we will of course require a detailed proffer of any intended testimony."

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## Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Sent:** Friday, March 31, 2017 4:03 PM  
**To:** Barrett, Devlin  
**Subject:** Re: is there a reason for the new succession order?

It's mechanical. You'll see these pretty frequently as folks get confirmed, I'll bet.

On Mar 31, 2017, at 3:01 PM, Barrett, Devlin <[Devlin.Barrett@washpost.com](mailto:Devlin.Barrett@washpost.com)> wrote:

No worries, whenever it works. If it's a purely mechanical issue, no need to walk me through it today or this weekend.

I just get antsy when I see stuff I don't understand. (insert joke here about how often I am antsy)

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [<mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 31, 2017 4:00 PM  
**To:** Barrett, Devlin <[Devlin.Barrett@washpost.com](mailto:Devlin.Barrett@washpost.com)>  
**Subject:** Re: is there a reason for the new succession order?

Ah--makes sense. My flight is taking off. I can explain when I land? I'll bet those two have court appointed USAs and that that means they can sign fisa warrants if anything happened. (And two need to be outside D.C.)

On Mar 31, 2017, at 2:41 PM, Barrett, Devlin <[Devlin.Barrett@washpost.com](mailto:Devlin.Barrett@washpost.com)> wrote:

This one today supplants the one from February. Pasting it here:

THE WHITE HOUSE  
Office of the Press Secretary  
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
March 31, 2017

### EXECUTIVE ORDER

#### PROVIDING AN ORDER OF SUCCESSION WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, including the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998, 5 U.S.C. 3345 *et seq.*, it is hereby ordered that:

Section 1. Order of Succession. Subject to the

provisions of section 2 of this order, the following officers, in the order listed, shall act as and perform the functions and duties of the office of Attorney General during any period in which the Attorney General, the Deputy Attorney General, the Associate Attorney General, and any officers designated by the Attorney General pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 508 to act as Attorney General, have died, resigned, or otherwise become unable to perform the functions and duties of the office of Attorney General, until such time as at least one of the officers mentioned above is able to perform the functions and duties of that office:

(a) United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia;

(b) United States Attorney for the Eastern District of North Carolina; and

(c) United States Attorney for the Northern District of Texas.

Sec. 2. Exceptions. (a) No individual who is serving in an office listed in section 1 of this order in an acting capacity, by virtue of so serving, shall act as Attorney General pursuant to this order.

(b) No individual listed in section 1 shall act as Attorney General unless that individual is otherwise eligible to so serve under the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998.

(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of this order, the President retains discretion, to the extent permitted by law, to depart from this order in designating an acting Attorney General.

Sec. 3. Revocation of Executive Order. Executive Order 13775 of February 9, 2017, is revoked.

Sec. 4. General Provision. This order is not intended to, and does not, create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any party against the United States, its departments, agencies, or entities, its officers, employees, or agents, or any other person.

DONALD J. TRUMP

THE WHITE HOUSE,  
March 31, 2017.

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [<mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>]

**Sent:** Friday, March 31, 2017 3:39 PM



**To:** Barrett, Devlin <[Devlin.Barrett@washpost.com](mailto:Devlin.Barrett@washpost.com)>

**Subject:** Re: is there a reason for the new succession order?

You mean the one from February?

On Mar 31, 2017, at 2:06 PM, Barrett, Devlin <[Devlin.Barrett@washpost.com](mailto:Devlin.Barrett@washpost.com)> wrote:

Hi Sarah,

Just checking, because I'm not bright enough to pick it up on my own...

Dev

**Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)**

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Sent:** Friday, March 31, 2017 5:09 PM  
**To:** Williams, Pete (NBCUniversal)  
**Subject:** Re: I'd be grateful for a call when you can

On a plane. I can cal when I land or email.

On Mar 31, 2017, at 4:06 PM, Williams, Pete (NBCUniversal) <[pete.williams@nbcuni.com](mailto:pete.williams@nbcuni.com)> wrote:

(b) (6) thanks.

**Carrie Johnson**

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**From:** Carrie Johnson  
**Sent:** Monday, April 3, 2017 12:32 PM  
**To:** 'Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)'  
**Subject:** two quick q

If you're around! Going to stop by there this afternoon but wasn't sure how much you are in meetings (if history is a guide, a LOT).

Carrie

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**Tucker, Eric**

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**From:** Tucker, Eric  
**Sent:** Monday, April 3, 2017 5:04 PM  
**To:** sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov; ian.prior@usdoj.gov  
**Cc:** Gurman, Sadie  
**Subject:** FW: AG Memorandum Supporting Federal, State, Local and Tribal Law Enforcement  
**Attachments:** AG Memorandum Supporting Federal, State, Local and Tribal Law Enforcement.pdf

Hey guys can you help walk us through this? What would this review look like that he's discussing in the last paragraph? What would that entail? Does this mean prosecutorial decisions are being rethought? Or that consent decrees could all be undone? Thanks a lot.

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**From:** USDOJ Office of Public Affairs (SMO) [mailto:USDOJ.Office.of.Public.Affairs@usdoj.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 03, 2017 4:56 PM  
**To:** USDOJ Office of Public Affairs (SMO)  
**Subject:** AG Memorandum Supporting Federal, State, Local and Tribal Law Enforcement

**Subject:** AG Memorandum Supporting Federal, State, Local and Tribal Law Enforcement

Please see memo from the Attorney General on supporting federal, state, local and tribal law enforcement.



Office of the Attorney General  
Washington, D.C. 20530

March 31, 2007

MEMORANDUM FOR HEADS OF DEPARTMENT COMPONENTS AND  
UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS

FROM: THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

SUBJECT: Supporting Federal, State, Local and Tribal Law Enforcement

Our mission statement directs the Department of Justice "to ensure public safety," "to provide federal leadership in preventing and controlling crime," and "to ensure fair and impartial administration of justice for all Americans." We fully embrace and share these responsibilities with thousands of law enforcement agencies across the country that also seek to prevent crime and protect the public. We understand the crucial role interagency partnerships play in successful crime prevention strategies, and the Department is proud of the longstanding relationships it has with our federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement partners. The Federal government alone cannot successfully address rising crimes rates, secure public safety, protect and respect the civil rights of all members of the public, or implement best practices in policing. These are, first and foremost, tasks for state, local, and tribal law enforcement. By strengthening our longstanding and productive relationships with our law enforcement partners, we will improve public safety for all Americans.

The Department will use its resources to effectively promote a peaceful and lawful society, where the civil rights of all persons are valued and protected. To that end, I expect that all Department components will adhere to and support principles that will advance those two goals, including, but not limited to the following:

- The safety and protection of the public is the paramount concern and duty of law enforcement officials.
- Law enforcement officers perform uniquely dangerous tasks, and the Department should help promote officer safety, officer morale, and public respect for their work.
- Local law enforcement must protect and respect the civil rights of all members of the public.
- Local control and local accountability are necessary for effective local policing. It is not the responsibility of the federal government to manage non-federal law enforcement agencies.

- The misdeeds of individual bad actors should not impugn or undermine the legitimate and honorable work that law enforcement officers and agencies perform in keeping American communities safe.
- The collection and analysis of timely, reliable statistics on crime and criminals are essential for effective law enforcement strategies.
- Recruitment and training of law enforcement officers should focus on making law enforcement a rewarding career, and attracting and retaining well-qualified personnel.
- Collaboration between federal and local law enforcement is important, and jurisdictions whose law enforcement agencies accept funding from the Department are expected to adhere to the Department's grant conditions as well as to all federal laws.

The Deputy Attorney General and the Associate Attorney General are hereby directed to immediately review all Department activities – including collaborative investigations and prosecutions, grant making, technical assistance and training, compliance reviews, existing or contemplated consent decrees, and task force participation – in order to ensure that they fully and effectively promote the principles outlined above. Nothing in this Memorandum, however, should be construed to delay or impede any pending criminal or national security investigation or program.

## Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Sent:** Monday, April 3, 2017 5:24 PM  
**To:** Tucker, Eric; [ian.prior@usdoj.gov](mailto:ian.prior@usdoj.gov)  
**Cc:** Gurman, Sadie  
**Subject:** RE: AG Memorandum Supporting Federal, State, Local and Tribal Law Enforcement

This memo asks for an immediate review of all ongoing department activities to ensure the Department was adhering to principles that supported the twin goals of promoting public safety and protecting the civil rights of all Americans.



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Sarah Isgur Flores  
Director of Public Affairs

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**From:** Tucker, Eric [<mailto:etucker@ap.org>]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 3, 2017 5:15 PM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <[Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov)>; [ian.prior@usdoj.gov](mailto:ian.prior@usdoj.gov)  
**Cc:** Gurman, Sadie <[SGurman@ap.org](mailto:SGurman@ap.org)>  
**Subject:** RE: AG Memorandum Supporting Federal, State, Local and Tribal Law Enforcement

Thanks, Sarah. So just to clarify: is this memo meant to be read as saying that any proposed consent decree with a police department would be on hold until further review? I know there have been negotiations with Chicago on a consent decree; is that process now going to be reviewed?

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [<mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 03, 2017 5:08 PM  
**To:** Tucker, Eric; [ian.prior@usdoj.gov](mailto:ian.prior@usdoj.gov)  
**Cc:** Gurman, Sadie  
**Subject:** RE: AG Memorandum Supporting Federal, State, Local and Tribal Law Enforcement

This memo comes amid the Attorney General and the new leadership in the Department actively developing strategies to support the thousands of law enforcement agencies across the country that seek to prevent crime and protect the public. The Department is working to ensure that those initiatives effectively dovetail with robust enforcement of federal laws designed to preserve and protect civil rights. While this memo includes the review of any pending consent decrees, the Attorney General also recognizes the Department's important role helping communities and police departments achieve these goals.

This memo explicitly says it does not apply to criminal investigation, but beyond that we will provide further guidance on specific pending matters as they arise.

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Sarah Isgur Flores

Director of Public Affairs

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**From:** Tucker, Eric [<mailto:etucker@ap.org>]

**Sent:** Monday, April 3, 2017 5:04 PM

**To:** [sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov); [ian.prior@usdoj.gov](mailto:ian.prior@usdoj.gov)

**Cc:** Gurman, Sadie <[SGurman@ap.org](mailto:SGurman@ap.org)>

**Subject:** FW: AG Memorandum Supporting Federal, State, Local and Tribal Law Enforcement

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**Tucker, Eric**

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**From:** Tucker, Eric  
**Sent:** Monday, April 3, 2017 7:13 PM  
**To:** Prior, Ian (OPA)  
**Subject:** RE: AG Memorandum Supporting Federal, State, Local and Tribal Law Enforcement

It popped, thanks a lot for the heads-up!

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**From:** Prior, Ian (OPA) [mailto:Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 03, 2017 6:59 PM  
**To:** Tucker, Eric  
**Cc:** Prior, Ian (OPA)  
**Subject:** Re: AG Memorandum Supporting Federal, State, Local and Tribal Law Enforcement

Should have been 645 - checking

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 3, 2017, at 6:56 PM, Tucker, Eric <etucker@ap.org> wrote:

I don't see it yet. Do you know when it's coming?

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**From:** Prior, Ian (OPA) [mailto:Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 03, 2017 6:30 PM  
**To:** Tucker, Eric; sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov; ian.prior@usdoj.gov  
**Cc:** Gurman, Sadie  
**Subject:** RE: AG Memorandum Supporting Federal, State, Local and Tribal Law Enforcement

Hey tried calling you. Give me a call as soon as you can

Ian D. Prior  
Principal Deputy Director of Public Affairs  
Office: 202.616.0911  
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**From:** Tucker, Eric [mailto:etucker@ap.org]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 3, 2017 5:04 PM  
**To:** sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov; ian.prior@usdoj.gov  
**Cc:** Gurman, Sadie <SGurman@ap.org>  
**Subject:** FW: AG Memorandum Supporting Federal, State, Local and Tribal Law Enforcement

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**Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)**

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Sent:** Monday, April 3, 2017 10:14 PM  
**To:** Carrie Johnson  
**Subject:** Re: Police agreements

I'll refer you back to the memo.

> On Apr 3, 2017, at 10:09 PM, Carrie Johnson <CJohnson2@npr.org> wrote:

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> Thanks my other q relates to the notion all of these deals could now be reopened

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> Sent from my iPhone

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>> On Apr 3, 2017, at 10:07 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

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>> In this case, the Department's earlier investigation found reasonable cause to believe that the Baltimore Police Department engaged in a pattern or practice of conduct that violated the law. The Attorney General agrees with the need for police reform and the need to rebuild public confidence in law enforcement in Baltimore.

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>> DOJ lawyers are asking the Court for more time to review the current draft in light of the earlier memo from the Attorney General and the progress toward reform Baltimore has made in the past several months. Permitting more time for the Department to examine the proposed consent decree will help ensure that the best result is achieved for the people of the city and ensure that the BPD can carry out its mission of fostering trust with community members, safeguarding life and property, and promoting public safety through enforcing the law in a fair and impartial manner.

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>>> On Apr 3, 2017, at 9:59 PM, Carrie Johnson <CJohnson2@npr.org> wrote:

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>>> Published report seems a little too hot based on my read of the memo when you first sent it but the last graf of the memo could lead one in that direction. Are you suggesting reports are overhyped?

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>>> Carrie

>> (b) (6) home land line

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

>>> From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]

>>> Sent: Monday, April 03, 2017 9:58 PM

>>> To: Carrie Johnson

>>> Subject: Re: Police agreements

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>>> Not sending any statements but happy to try to answer any questions.

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>>>> On Apr 3, 2017, at 9:55 PM, Carrie Johnson <CJohnson2@npr.org> wrote:

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>>>> Are you providing broader statement tonight? We are doing more for web site and morning show.

>>>> Thanks

>>>> Carrie Johnson

>>>> Sent from my iPhone

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## Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 4, 2017 6:32 PM  
**To:** Williams, Pete (NBCUniversal)  
**Subject:** RE: Our e-mails

Very strange. We are down to one list. The press assistant checked yours and it looked good. So not sure what the issue could be.

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Sarah Isgur Flores  
Director of Public Affairs

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**From:** Williams, Pete (NBCUniversal) [mailto:pete.williams@nbcuni.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 4, 2017 6:17 PM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) (Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>  
**Subject:** Our e-mails

Sarah

Thanks for volunteering to check the e-mail issue. Neither Mike Kosnar nor I received the release yesterday. As I said, this happens from time to time, because DOJ has (or at least, used to have) several e-mail lists.

-Pete

## Barrett, Devlin

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**From:** Barrett, Devlin  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 5, 2017 5:02 PM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Subject:** RE: when you have a minute

Of course. Like I said, not pressing, not story related.

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 05, 2017 5:02 PM  
**To:** Barrett, Devlin <Devlin.Barrett@washpost.com>  
**Subject:** Re: when you have a minute

Lol. Will do--can it be like post dinner time?

On Apr 5, 2017, at 4:20 PM, Barrett, Devlin <[Devlin.Barrett@washpost.com](mailto:Devlin.Barrett@washpost.com)> wrote:

Hi Sarah,  
This is nothing story related, and I'm guessing you may be swamped with Baltimore-related calls right now, so when you are not swamped, can you give me a call (b) (6).  
Thanks,  
Dev

## Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 5, 2017 7:39 PM  
**To:** Carrie Johnson  
**Subject:** RE: NPR story

Roger. Thanks for heads up.

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Sarah Isgur Flores  
Director of Public Affairs

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

From: Carrie Johnson [mailto:CJohnson2@npr.org]  
Sent: Wednesday, April 5, 2017 6:36 PM  
To: Sarah Isgur Flores (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>  
Subject: NPR story

In light of memo we are likely going to air my (previously mentioned) piece on marijuana enforcement tomorrow morning - does not make prediction but offers context from ag statements, WH statements and outsiders.

Carrie

Sent from my iPhone

## Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 5, 2017 8:31 PM  
**Cc:** Prior, Ian (OPA) (JMD)  
**Bcc:** Carrie Johnson; Woodruff, Betsy; Horwitz, Sari; Viswanatha, Aruna; Tucker, Eric; Levine, Mike; Jarrett, Laura; Reid, Paula; Chris Strohm; Andrea Noble; Wilber, Del; Johnson, Kevin  
**Subject:** Off the record with Rod Rosenstein

The DAG-designate will be in the building tomorrow at 3pm for an off the record for those who haven't had the chance to meet him yet. I'm also hoping Jim Crowell and Zach Terwilliger will join us who are also working in ODAG. Unfortunately, I can only fit one person per outlet so if you cannot make it, please let me know.

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Sarah Isgur Flores  
Director of Public Affairs

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**Carrie Johnson**

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**From:** Carrie Johnson  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 5, 2017 8:44 PM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Cc:** Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov> Prior  
**Subject:** Re: Off the record with Rod Rosenstein

I will be there for NPR thanks  
Carrie Johnson

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 5, 2017, at 8:30 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <[Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov)> wrote:

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**Horwitz, Sari**

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**From:** Horwitz, Sari  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 5, 2017 9:08 PM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Cc:** Prior, Ian (OPA) (JMD)  
**Subject:** Re: Off the record with Rod Rosenstein

I'll be there.  
Thanks for letting me know.  
Sari

Sent from my iPad

On Apr 5, 2017, at 8:31 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <[Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov)> wrote:

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**Tucker, Eric**

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**From:** Tucker, Eric  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 6, 2017 11:15 AM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Cc:** ian.prior@usdoj.gov  
**Subject:** RE: Off the record with Rod Rosenstein

I think Sadie might go in my place, but I will keep you posted. Thanks for arranging this!

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 05, 2017 8:31 PM  
**Cc:** Prior, Ian (OPA) (JMD)  
**Subject:** Off the record with Rod Rosenstein

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**Brown, Pamela**

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**From:** Brown, Pamela  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 6, 2017 12:23 PM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Subject:** Re: Hey Sarah

Thank you!!!

Sent from my iPhone

> On Apr 6, 2017, at 12:10 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

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> Probably after confirmatio (b) (6) !

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>> On Apr 6, 2017, at 11:08 AM, Brown, Pamela <Pamela.Brown@turner.com> wrote:

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>> I'm so bummed I can't make it toda (b) (6) ! My colleague Laura Jarrett will be there in my stead. Would it be possible for me to meet with them another time? I'd be happy to come over to DOJ whenever it is convenient for them. Please let me know.

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>> Thank you!

>> Pamela

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>> Sent from my iPhone

**Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)**

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 6, 2017 1:08 PM  
**Cc:** Prior, Ian (OPA); Creighton, Kelly M (OPA)  
**Bcc:** Carrie Johnson; Woodruff, Betsy; Horwitz, Sari; Viswanatha, Aruna; Tucker, Eric; Levine, Mike; Jarrett, Laura; Reid, Paula; Chris Strohm; Andrea Noble; Johnson, Kevin; Dean, Matthew; Tanfani, Joseph  
**Subject:** We will be in Conference Room 5525 at 3pm

If you do not have a hard pass, please let Kelly know so we can add your name at the visitors center.

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Sarah Isgur Flores  
Director of Public Affairs

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**Prior, Ian (OPA)**

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**From:** Prior, Ian (OPA)  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 6, 2017 2:31 PM  
**To:** Carrie Johnson  
**Cc:** Sarah Isgur Flores (OPA); Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov> Prior  
**Subject:** Re: Dag meeting

Pure meet and greet

Ian D. Prior

Principal Deputy Director of Public Affairs Office: 202.616.0911 C | (b) (6)

> On Apr 6, 2017, at 2:25 PM, Carrie Johnson <CJohnson2@npr.org> wrote:

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> Should we be expecting news on Russia or other topics from this 3 pm session or is it a pure meet & greet?

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> Carrie

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> Sent from my iPhone

**Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)**

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 6, 2017 2:44 PM  
**To:** Carrie Johnson; Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov> Prior  
**Subject:** RE: Dag meeting

Its off the record--so definitely not

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Sarah Isgur Flores  
Director of Public Affairs

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

From: Carrie Johnson [mailto:CJohnson2@npr.org]  
Sent: Thursday, April 6, 2017 2:25 PM  
To: Sarah Isgur Flores (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>; Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov> Prior <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>  
Subject: Dag meeting

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## Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 6, 2017 2:48 PM  
**To:** Savage, Charlie  
**Subject:** RE: Off the record with Rod Rosenstein

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Sarah Isgur Flores  
Director of Public Affairs

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**From:** Savage, Charlie [mailto:savage@nytimes.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 6, 2017 2:47 PM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Off the record with Rod Rosenstein

Which conference room did you end up picking?

Charlie Savage  
The New York Times

Phone: 202 862 0317  
Cel (b) (6)

On Thu, Apr 6, 2017 at 10:26 AM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <[Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov)> wrote:

I don't have one yet trying to find a conference room☺

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Sarah Isgur Flores  
Director of Public Affairs

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**From:** Savage, Charlie [mailto:[savage@nytimes.com](mailto:savage@nytimes.com)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 6, 2017 10:26 AM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <[Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Off the record with Rod Rosenstein

ok. he's busy on some Russia thing right now but one of us will show up.  
where is the meeting point?

Charlie Savage  
The New York Times

Phone: [202 862 0317](tel:202-862-0317)

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On Thu, Apr 6, 2017 at 10:23 AM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <[Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov)> wrote:

Not to worry either way is fine w me!

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Sarah Isgur Flores  
Director of Public Affairs

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**From:** Savage, Charlie [mailto:[savage@nytimes.com](mailto:savage@nytimes.com)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 6, 2017 8:21 AM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <[Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Off the record with Rod Rosenstein

I will confer with Eric and get back to you about which one of us will come. Thanks!

Charlie Savage  
The New York Times

Phone: [202 862 0317](tel:202-862-0317)

Cel [REDACTED] (b) (6)

On Wed, Apr 5, 2017 at 9:30 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <[Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov)> wrote:

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**Carrie Johnson**

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**From:** Carrie Johnson  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 6, 2017 4:19 PM  
**To:** Sarah Isgur Flores (OPA)  
**Subject:** Hey

Wanted to follow up on something but not urgen (b) (6)

Sent from my iPhone

## Prior, Ian (OPA)

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**From:** Prior, Ian (OPA)  
**Sent:** Friday, April 7, 2017 11:20 AM  
**To:** Williams, Pete (NBCUniversal); 'Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)'  
**Cc:** Prior, Ian (OPA)  
**Subject:** RE: DOJ sign off on Syrian strike?

Checking

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

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**From:** Williams, Pete (NBCUniversal) [<mailto:pete.williams@nbcuni.com>]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 7, 2017 11:19 AM  
**To:** 'Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)' <[Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov)>  
**Cc:** Prior, Ian (OPA) <[Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov](mailto:Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: DOJ sign off on Syrian strike?

Many thanks. Ian, I'm interested in whatever you can say about whether DOJ signed off, and if any further details are available.

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [<mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 07, 2017 11:14 AM  
**To:** Williams, Pete (NBCUniversal)  
**Cc:** Prior, Ian (OPA)  
**Subject:** RE: DOJ sign off on Syrian strike?

Adding Ian. He's working on this for today.

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Sarah Isgur Flores  
Director of Public Affairs

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**From:** Williams, Pete (NBCUniversal) [<mailto:pete.williams@nbcuni.com>]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 7, 2017 10:04 AM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) ([Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov)) <[Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov)>  
**Subject:** DOJ sign off on Syrian strike?

Hi, Sarah.

I'm working on a piece for the web on the legality of the Syrian strike. Did DOJ offer an opinion on whether the use of force was legal?

Many thanks.

-Pete

## Carrie Johnson

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**From:** Carrie Johnson  
**Sent:** Friday, April 7, 2017 3:33 PM  
**To:** 'Prior, Ian (OPA)'  
**Subject:** RE: quick q re Syria

thanks

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**From:** Prior, Ian (OPA) [mailto:Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 07, 2017 3:33 PM  
**To:** Carrie Johnson  
**Cc:** Prior, Ian (OPA)  
**Subject:** Re: quick q re Syria

The Department of Justice generally does not comment on what advice the Office of Legal Counsel may or may not have given to its clients.

Ian D. Prior  
Principal Deputy Director of Public Affairs  
Office: 202.616.0911  
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On Apr 7, 2017, at 3:24 PM, Carrie Johnson <CJohnson2@npr.org> wrote:

Hey any update on this? I know you are BUSY w Baltimore and much other news. THANKS Carrie

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**From:** Prior, Ian (OPA) [mailto:Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 07, 2017 11:20 AM  
**To:** Carrie Johnson; Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) (Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov); Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov> (Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov)  
**Subject:** RE: quick q re Syria

Looking into it

Ian D. Prior  
Principal Deputy Director of Public Affairs  
Office: 202.616.0911  
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**From:** Carrie Johnson [mailto:CJohnson2@npr.org]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 7, 2017 9:25 AM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) (Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>; Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov> (Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>  
**Subject:** quick q re Syria

Hi there

Are you two saying today whether DOJ's Office of Legal Counsel offered written or oral advice in

advance of the Syria strike last night with respect to war powers, scope of Presidential authority? Not sure if they have repurposed Obama era memo or done new one or neither.

Many thanks  
Carrie Johnson  
NPR  
[cjohnson2@npr.org](mailto:cjohnson2@npr.org)

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**Carr, Peter (OPA)**

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**From:** Carr, Peter (OPA)  
**Sent:** Friday, April 7, 2017 7:08 PM  
**To:** Carrie Johnson  
**Cc:** Sarah Isgur Flores (OPA)  
**Subject:** Re: ATTORNEY GENERAL SESSIONS TO TOUR U.S.-MEXICO BORDER AND ADDRESS LAW ENFORCEMENT, MILITARY PERSONNEL IN ARIZONA

No plans to take any reporters with us on this trip.

On Apr 7, 2017, at 7:07 PM, Carrie Johnson <[CJohnson2@npr.org](mailto:CJohnson2@npr.org)> wrote:

Are you taking any D.C. Based reporters with you? If so, are all the spots filled? My editor would love for me to go but it maybe full or too late...

Carrie

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "USDOJ-Office of Public Affairs (SMO)" <[USDOJ-Office.of.Public.Affairs@usdoj.gov](mailto:USDOJ-Office.of.Public.Affairs@usdoj.gov)>  
**Date:** April 7, 2017 at 6:35:00 PM EDT  
**To:** "USDOJ-Office of Public Affairs (SMO)" <[USDOJ-Office.of.Public.Affairs@usdoj.gov](mailto:USDOJ-Office.of.Public.Affairs@usdoj.gov)>  
**Subject:** ATTORNEY GENERAL SESSIONS TO TOUR U.S.-MEXICO BORDER AND ADDRESS LAW ENFORCEMENT, MILITARY PERSONNEL IN ARIZONA



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**ATTORNEY GENERAL SESSIONS TO TOUR U.S.-MEXICO BORDER  
AND ADDRESS LAW ENFORCEMENT, MILITARY PERSONNEL IN  
ARIZONA**

WASHINGTON – Attorney General Jeff Sessions will travel to Arizona on **TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2017**, to tour the U.S.-Mexico border and speak with law enforcement and military personnel.

**WHAT:** Media availability following tour of the U.S.-Mexico border near the Port of Nogales, Mariposa Port of Entry.

**WHEN:** 10:00 a.m. MST / 7:00 a.m. EDT

**WHERE:** Port of Nogales, Mariposa Crossing  
210 N. Mariposa Road  
Executive Conference Rm B-100  
Nogales, Arizona 85621  
**OPEN PRESS**

**NOTE:** All media who wish to attend must RSVP by Monday, April 10, 2017, at 10 a.m. to provide time to be cleared to enter through Port security. Upon arrival, media must 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 Peter Carr in the Office of Public Affairs at 202 514-2007 or [peter.carr@usdoj.gov](mailto:peter.carr@usdoj.gov).

**WHAT:** Attorney General Sessions will be the keynote speaker at the International Association of Chiefs of Police Division Midyear Conference.

**WHEN:** 1:00 p.m. MST / 10:00 a.m. EDT

**WHERE:** The Wigwam  
300 East Wigwam Blvd.  
Wigwam Ballroom  
Litchfield Park, Arizona 85340

**REMARKS WILL BE OPEN PRESS**

(Camera Preset by for K9 Sweep: 12:15 p.m. CDT // Final Access: 12:40 p.m. CDT)

**NOTE:** The midyear meeting itself is closed press, but the Attorney General's remarks will be open to the press. All media who wish to cover the remarks 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 Peter Carr in the Office of Public Affairs at 202 514-2007 or [peter.carr@usdoj.gov](mailto:peter.carr@usdoj.gov).

**WHAT:** Attorney General Sessions will speak to service members at Luke Air Force Base.

**WHEN:** 3:15 p.m. MST / 12:15 EDT p.m.

**WHERE:** Luke Air Force Base  
14185 Falcon Street  
Club Five Six  
Luke AFB, Arizona 85309  
**OPEN PRESS**

**NOTE: All media who wish to attend must RSVP by Monday, April 10, 2017, at 3 p.m. to provide time to be cleared to enter through base security. Upon arrival, media must 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 Peter Carr in the Office of Public Affairs at 202 514-2007 or [peter.carr@usdoj.gov](mailto:peter.carr@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.

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## Carrie Johnson

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**From:** Carrie Johnson  
**Sent:** Monday, April 10, 2017 11:46 AM  
**To:** 'Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)'  
**Subject:** RE: two small questions

THANK YOU

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 10, 2017 11:41 AM  
**To:** Carrie Johnson  
**Subject:** RE: two small questions

On #2 you'll have embargoed copies. Beyond that, you can say expected to make announcements on immigration related fronts. He'll be speaking at Nogales and at the IACP and Luke AFB

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Sarah Isgur Flores  
Director of Public Affairs

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**From:** Carrie Johnson [mailto:CJohnson2@npr.org]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 10, 2017 11:06 AM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) (Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: two small questions

Fyi looping you in as Peter is on the road.

THANKS

Carrie

[CJohnson2@npr.org](mailto:CJohnson2@npr.org)

202-513-2216 office

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**From:** Carrie Johnson  
**Sent:** Monday, April 10, 2017 11:04 AM  
**To:** Carr, Peter (USAVAE) (Peter.Carr@usdoj.gov)  
**Subject:** two small questions

Peter

1-Will you have something later today on hacker/spammer arrest in Spain or is today too soon to expect docs to emerge?

2-I am likely to do preview "spots" for our newscast Tuesday morning on the AG trip to Nogales etc. If you will have more of a readout than the "week ahead" my ears are open.

THANK YOU

Carrie Johnson

[CJohnson2@npr.org](mailto:CJohnson2@npr.org)

## Carrie Johnson

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**From:** Carrie Johnson  
**Sent:** Monday, April 10, 2017 2:43 PM  
**To:** 'Prior, Ian (OPA)'  
**Cc:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) (Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov)  
**Subject:** RE: NPR - a bit of news - please call

[Here is the gist](#)

By Carrie Johnson

Attorney General Jeff Sessions is recommending the White House nominate Washington labor lawyer Eric Dreiband to lead the Justice Department's civil rights division, according to two NPR sources briefed on the hiring issue.

Dreiband represents companies at the law firm Jones Day, where his law partners included Donald McGahn, now the White House counsel. Dreiband served as the top lawyer at the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under President George W. Bush and previously worked in the Office of Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr, where his law firm biography says he led the investigation and successful prosecution of Clinton associate Webster Hubbell.

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**From:** Prior, Ian (OPA) [mailto:Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 10, 2017 2:42 PM  
**To:** Carrie Johnson  
**Cc:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) (Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov); Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov> (Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov)  
**Subject:** Re: NPR a bit of news please call

Yeah can't get out of meeting for a bit. If you could email that would help

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

On Apr 10, 2017, at 2:41 PM, Carrie Johnson <[CJohnson2@npr.org](mailto:CJohnson2@npr.org)> wrote:

Hi there  
I have a bit of news we are publishing soon need to run it past you for comment.  
Can someone call me [REDACTED] (b) (6) ? I can email it if need be, like if you are in meetings.  
THANKS  
Carrie  
[Cjohnson2@npr.org](mailto:Cjohnson2@npr.org)

## Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Sent:** Monday, April 10, 2017 3:57 PM  
**To:** Carrie Johnson; 'Prior, Ian (OPA)'  
**Subject:** RE: NPR - a bit of news - please call

No prob. Appreciate the heads up.

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Sarah Isgur Flores  
Director of Public Affairs

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**From:** Carrie Johnson [mailto:CJohnson2@npr.org]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 10, 2017 3:55 PM  
**To:** 'Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)' <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>; 'Prior, Ian (OPA)' <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: NPR - a bit of news - please call

Thank you have emailed as of an hour ago Sarah Sanders and Kelly Love there.  
Wanted to make sure you knew what I was up to and had chance to say something before we published.  
Carrie

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 10, 2017 3:53 PM  
**To:** Carrie Johnson; 'Prior, Ian (OPA)'  
**Subject:** RE: NPR a bit of news please call

This would be for the WH not us

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Sarah Isgur Flores  
Director of Public Affairs

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**From:** Carrie Johnson [mailto:CJohnson2@npr.org]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 10, 2017 3:27 PM  
**To:** 'Prior, Ian (OPA)' <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>  
**Cc:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) (Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: NPR - a bit of news - please call

We're getting ready to publish in a little bit happy to add anything from DOJ. I realize you have been commenting sparingly if at all on hiring.  
Reached out to comms folks in the White House as well to cover all the bases.  
Carrie

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**From:** Prior, Ian (OPA) [mailto:Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 10, 2017 2:42 PM  
**To:** Carrie Johnson

**Cc:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) ([Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov)); Prior, Ian (OPA) <[Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov](mailto:Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov)>  
([Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov](mailto:Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov))

**Subject:** Re: NPR a bit of news please call

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**Nakashima, Ellen**

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**From:** Nakashima, Ellen  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 11, 2017 11:46 AM  
**To:** Sarah Flores - Sessions spokesman (sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov)  
**Subject:** Sessions/Carter Page

Hi, Sarah,

We're posting a story soon about a FISA order obtained on Carter Page as part of the FBI's Russia investigation.

We're including a line that cites a former campaign adviser saying that then Sen. Sessions met with a group of campaign volunteer foreign policy advisors that included Page in late summer.

Give a shout if you have any comment or if you believe it to be inaccurate.

Thanks much,  
Ellen

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## Nakashima, Ellen

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**From:** Nakashima, Ellen  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 11, 2017 2:54 PM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Subject:** Re: just checking back

Yep, that's what Ian just told me. Thanks much, Ellen

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 11, 2017 2:52 PM  
**To:** Nakashima, Ellen  
**Subject:** Re: just checking back

I did. We aren't commenting related to that story.

On Apr 11, 2017, at 11:38 AM, Nakashima, Ellen <[Ellen.Nakashima@washpost.com](mailto:Ellen.Nakashima@washpost.com)> wrote:

Hi, Sarah,

Just wanted to make sure you saw my earlier email.

Thanks,  
Ellen

## Herridge, Catherine

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**From:** Herridge, Catherine  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 11, 2017 6:44 PM  
**To:** Prior, Ian (OPA); sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov  
**Cc:** nicole.navas@usdoj.gov; Herridge, Catherine  
**Subject:** Fox News Query

Hi Ian and Sarah,

Thank you for sending the embargoed copy of the Attorney General's Arizona announcement. It goes along to helping us digest the material before the event.

I worked on a regular basis with then Senator Sessions on terrorism related issues. I am respectfully requesting a sit down interview with the Attorney General to explore the Trump administration's strategy for combatting terrorism, and its approach to interrogations.

Taking the liberty of including my recent profile with Secretary Kelly on border issues. This report with the AG would take a similar approach, and also air on Special Report with Bret Baier.

<http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2017/02/02/dhs-secretary-border-wall-should-be-finished-in-two-years.html>

Thank you for the consideration. Happy to do a quick call to further discuss.

Catherine V. Herridge  
Chief Intelligence Correspondent  
Fox News Channel

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## Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 12, 2017 12:38 PM  
**To:** Zapotosky, Matt  
**Subject:** RE: WaPo: I was wrong about Jeff Sessions

Appreciate it!

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Sarah Isgur Flores  
Director of Public Affairs

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**From:** Zapotosky, Matt [mailto:matt.zapotosky@washpost.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 12, 2017 12:37 PM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: WaPo: I was wrong about Jeff Sessions

To show how sprawling this place is, I only knew that piece was coming after I saw it online this morning. (...and if he had read our first take on it, he would have seen filth with the appropriate characterizations...). He's got no Post email, but looks lik (b) (6) should get to him.

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 12, 2017 12:33 PM  
**To:** Zapotosky, Matt <matt.zapotosky@washpost.com>  
**Subject:** FW: WaPo: I was wrong about Jeff Sessions

Not sure if you have this guy's email address but appreciated him writing this. I call out plenty of bad "media" behavior...so I should call out the good stuff too.

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Sarah Isgur Flores  
Director of Public Affairs

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**From:** Sarah Isgur Flore (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 12, 2017 12:19 PM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov>  
**Subject:** Fwd: WaPo: I was wrong about Jeff Sessions

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**From:** Comms Alert <CommsAlert@gop.com>  
**Date:** Wed, Apr 12, 2017 at 8:41 AM  
**Subject:** WaPo: I was wrong about Jeff Sessions  
**To:**

**I was wrong about Jeff Sessions**



Washington Post Post Everything

Daniel Drezner

April 12, 2017 8:00 AM

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/posteverything/wp/2017/04/12/i-was-wrong-about-jeff-sessions/?tid=ss\\_tw&utm\\_term=.3d5fab4e90e4](https://www.washingtonpost.com/posteverything/wp/2017/04/12/i-was-wrong-about-jeff-sessions/?tid=ss_tw&utm_term=.3d5fab4e90e4)

*An apology for a tweet about the attorney general that has gone viral*

Full disclosure: The hard-working staff here at Spoiler Alerts does not like Attorney General Jeff Sessions. Not one little bit.

I didn't like him when he was [the first senator to endorse Donald Trump](#)[politico.com]. I didn't like him during the campaign when he dismissed divergent views as "[soulless globalism](#)[usatoday.com]." And I really don't like him [bringing back the 1980s War on Drugs sentencing](#) or [putting a halt to forensic science reform](#).

Yesterday, however, I tweeted something inaccurate about the sitting attorney general. And for that I owe him an apology.

The genealogy of my error: First, perusing Twitter, the following tweet caught my eye:



I'm not going to lie, seeing the word "filth" used to seemingly describe illegal immigrants brought me up short. It's pretty potent language for an attorney general to use to describe fellow human beings. I quickly scanned the linked Wall Street Journal story and saw [these paragraphs\[twitter.com\]](#):

In remarks Tuesday to Border Patrol agents at the US-Mexico Border in Nogales, Ariz., Mr. Sessions spoke in stark terms about the threat he said illegal immigration posed.

"We mean international criminal organizations that turn cities and suburbs into warzones, that rape and kill innocent citizens," Mr. Sessions said, according to the text of his prepared remarks. "It is here, on this sliver of land, where we first take our stand against this filth."

This seemed like a typical Sessions tactic of [using absurd language\[redstate.com\]](#) to talk about the entire category of illegal immigrants, [a category he really dislikes\[motherjones.com\]](#). So I tweeted the following:



At that point, I had to fulfill some day-job responsibilities, like meeting with students and colleagues and such.

By the time I got back on Twitter, it had gone viral. And it turned out that my tweet was not true at all.

First of all, here's the relevant portion of [the attorney general's prepared remarks\[justice.gov\]](#):

But it is also here, along this border, that transnational gangs like MS-13 and international cartels flood our country with drugs and leave death and violence in their wake. And it is here that criminal aliens and the coyotes and the document-forgers seek to overthrow our system of lawful immigration.

Let's stop here for a minute. When we talk about MS-13 and the cartels, what do we mean? We mean criminal organizations that turn cities and suburbs into warzones, that rape and kill innocent citizens and who profit by smuggling poison and other human beings across our borders. Depravity and violence are their calling cards, including brutal machete attacks and beheadings.

It is here, on this sliver of land, where we first take our stand against this filth.

The context is clear: Sessions was going to use "filth" to describe MS-13 and drug cartels, not all illegal immigrants crossing the border. One might think, like I do, that the language is hyperbolic, but in context it did not imply what I thought it implied in my tweet.

Furthermore, as it turns out, Sessions didn't even say the word "filth" in his speech, as [the Washington Examiner's T.](#)

[Becket Adams\[washingtonexaminer.com\]](#) reported:

Here is what the attorney general told border agents Tuesday:

“[A]long this border ... transnational gangs like MS-13 and international cartels flood our country with drugs and leave death and violence in their wake. And it is here that criminal aliens and the coyotes and the document-forgers seek to overthrow our system of lawful immigration,” he said.

Sessions added, “Let’s stop here for a moment. When we talk about MS-13 and the cartels, what do we mean? We mean international criminal organizations that turn cities and suburbs into war-zones, that rape and kill innocent citizens and who profit by smuggling poison and other human beings across our borders. Depravity and violence are their calling cards, including brutal machete attacks and beheadings.”

He concluded with this line: “It is here, on this sliver of land, on this border, where we first take our stand.”

As [the updated Wall Street Journal story\[wsj.com\]](#) noted, “Mr. Sessions deviated from his prepared remarks and didn’t say ‘filth’ as he delivered his speech.”

So, full stop, I was wrong, and I apologize to the attorney general for making this mistake. I wish I had caught the error in time to delete the tweet before it went viral. Alas, I did not. Deleting it now seems like I’d be trying to erase my mistake. I did respond with a [follow-up tweet\[twitter.com\]](#), but that is insufficient given all the attention this received.

So, yet again: I made a mistake, and I’m sorry. Spoiler Alerts regrets the error.

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Sarah Isgur Flores

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@whignewtons

## Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 12, 2017 5:54 PM  
**To:** Josh Dawsey  
**Subject:** RE: realized we never got together

Yes although it looks like they might be adding travel to my week again! But I think we can sneak out Monday☺

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Sarah Isgur Flores  
Director of Public Affairs

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**From:** Josh Dawsey [mailto:jdawsey@politico.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 12, 2017 12:50 PM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>  
**Subject:** realized we never got together

want to grab a coffee next week?

Josh

Josh Dawsey  
White House Reporter  
POLITICO  
Twitter: @jdawsey1  
[Jdawsey@politico.com](mailto:jdawsey@politico.com)  
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## Zapotosky, Matt

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**From:** Zapotosky, Matt  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 13, 2017 2:09 PM  
**To:** Navas, Nicole (OPA)  
**Cc:** Prior, Ian (OPA); Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov  
**Subject:** RE: Jumana Nagarwala age?

Thanks!

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**From:** Navas, Nicole (OPA) [mailto:Nicole.Navas@usdoj.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 13, 2017 1:44 PM  
**To:** Zapotosky, Matt <matt.zapotosky@washpost.com>  
**Cc:** Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>; Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov  
**Subject:** RE: Jumana Nagarwala age?

Hi Matt,  
Jumana Nagarwala is 44 years-old. Thank you

Nicole A. Navas  
Spokesperson/Public Affairs Specialist  
U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)

**From:** "Zapotosky, Matt" <[matt.zapotosky@washpost.com](mailto:matt.zapotosky@washpost.com)>  
**Date:** April 13, 2017 at 12:57:20 PM EDT  
**To:** "Prior, Ian (OPA)" <[Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov](mailto:Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov)>, Sarah Isgur Flores <[sarahisgurflores@gmail.com](mailto:sarahisgurflores@gmail.com)>  
**Subject:** Jumana Nagarwala age?

Hey Ian and Sarah

Normally would have run this by Peter but sounds like he's out today. Is Jumana Nagarwala (doc charged with genital mutilation) 44 years old?

Many thanks,

**Matt Zapotosky** | The Washington Post  
[REDACTED] (b) (6) (cell)  
(202) 334-5873 (office)

**Eric Lichtblau**

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**From:** Eric Lichtblau  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 13, 2017 6:13 PM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Subject:** Re: internet gaming

Ok. Tnx

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 13, 2017, at 5:56 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <[Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov)> wrote:

Off the record: Nobody is aware of anything forthcoming. So sounds wrong to me.

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Sarah Isgur Flores  
Director of Public Affairs

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**From:** Lichtblau, Eric [<mailto:ericl@nytimes.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 13, 2017 4:14 PM  
**To:** Sarah Isgur Flores <[sarahmisgur@gmail.com](mailto:sarahmisgur@gmail.com)>; Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <[sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov)>  
**Subject:** internet gaming

we hear justice is going to be issuing new guidance?

***Eric Lichtblau***  
New York Times  
Washington Bureau  
Reporter

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**Goldman, Adam**

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**From:** Goldman, Adam  
**Sent:** Friday, April 14, 2017 9:45 AM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Subject:** Question

Do you have a minute to chat? We have a question: Was the attorney general in any way involved with bringing Carter Page to the campaign.

Adam

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Adam Goldman  
Reporter  
The New York Times

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**Perez, Evan**

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**From:** Perez, Evan  
**Sent:** Friday, April 14, 2017 2:59 PM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Subject:** Re: got a couple mins?

great. thanks.

Evan Pérez  
Correspondent

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 14, 2017 2:57:27 PM  
**To:** Perez, Evan  
**Subject:** Re: got a couple mins?

In w ag right now. Should be free in about 30 minutes.

On Apr 14, 2017, at 2:56 PM, Perez, Evan <[Evan.Perez@turner.com](mailto:Evan.Perez@turner.com)> wrote:

hey, Can you talk for a couple?  
(b) (6) is my cell.

Evan Pérez  
Correspondent

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## Prior, Ian (OPA)

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**From:** Prior, Ian (OPA)  
**Sent:** Friday, April 14, 2017 3:55 PM  
**To:** Tucker, Eric; ian.prior@usdoj.gov; sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov  
**Subject:** RE: Seeking clarity on sanctuary cities issue

<https://www.justice.gov/opa/speech/attorney-general-jeff-sessions-delivers-remarks-sanctuary-jurisdictions>  
[http://culberson.house.gov/uploadedfiles/2016-7-7\\_section\\_1373\\_-\\_doj\\_letter\\_to\\_culberson.pdf](http://culberson.house.gov/uploadedfiles/2016-7-7_section_1373_-_doj_letter_to_culberson.pdf)

Ian D. Prior  
Principal Deputy Director of Public Affairs  
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**From:** Tucker, Eric [mailto:etucker@ap.org]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 14, 2017 2:20 PM  
**To:** ian.prior@usdoj.gov; sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov  
**Subject:** Seeking clarity on sanctuary cities issue

Hi guys, a colleague of mine in San Francisco just reached out to me regarding comments that Chad Readler made in court today. He said the order applies to a small pot of grant funds that have been tied to a particular immigration law, not all federal funding. He said the impact for cities and counties will be negligible even if they maintain the policies because, if the order stays in effect, it only applies to three federal grant programs. In the case of Santa Clara, that means less than \$1 million is at stake, not the \$1.2 billion city officials claim. And for San Francisco, the lawyer said there is zero impact because they get no money through these programs. Apparently, the judge and lawyers for the county seemed surprised by that interpretation, but Readler said there's nothing new or inconsistent with how Sessions has framed it. I assume Readler is saying only OJP grants are at stake, which I guess has always been the case. Just checking to see if there's a disconnect somewhere. Thanks a lot.

[julia.ainsley@thomsonreuters.com](mailto:julia.ainsley@thomsonreuters.com)

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**From:** julia.ainsley@thomsonreuters.com  
**Sent:** Monday, April 17, 2017 1:18 PM  
**To:** Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov  
**Subject:** Re: TRIG exemptions

No the policy here is just whether DOJ is working on the review, as commissioned by the EO. I know the current policy and I have been to DHS and State. I just need this one piece of the puzzle answered.

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 17, 2017, at 1:09 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <[Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov)> wrote:

You're asking a policy question. So I would start with state and DHS in terms of TRIG policy.

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Sarah Isgur Flores  
Director of Public Affairs

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**From:** [julia.ainsley@thomsonreuters.com](mailto:julia.ainsley@thomsonreuters.com) [<mailto:julia.ainsley@thomsonreuters.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 17, 2017 1:08 PM  
**To:** [Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov)  
**Subject:** Re: TRIG exemptions

Ok, even though DOJ/ Sessions were explicitly asked to look at it?

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 17, 2017, at 1:07 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <[Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov)> wrote:

This sounds like a question for State or DHS.

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Sarah Isgur Flores  
Director of Public Affairs

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**From:** [julia.ainsley@thomsonreuters.com](mailto:julia.ainsley@thomsonreuters.com) [<mailto:julia.ainsley@thomsonreuters.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 17, 2017 12:25 PM  
**To:** [sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov)  
**Subject:** TRIG exemptions

Does that name ring a bell at all? We're looking at that piece of the travel EO, which was not enjoined, and asked DHS, State and DOJ to review exemptions known as TRIG and consider rescinding them. In case that's not familiar territory, TRIG exemptions are given to people who have had to pay terrorist groups in the past (often to save their own lives) and are still allowed into the U.S. We're approaching the 90 day deadline on this and other

pieces of the Jan. 27 executive order. Could you tell me if Sessions has been involved on this piece? And if so, could we expect to see something soon?

Thank you,  
Julia

**Julia Edwards Ainsley**  
Reuters News  
**Thomson Reuters**

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[Reuters.com](https://www.reuters.com)

## Carrie Johnson

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**From:** Carrie Johnson  
**Sent:** Monday, April 17, 2017 3:26 PM  
**To:** 'Prior, Ian (OPA)'  
**Subject:** RE: NPR story for Tuesday pm

Sure I'm at 202-513-2216 until 4 when I have to run to an interview for a half hour.

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**From:** Prior, Ian (OPA) [mailto:Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 17, 2017 3:25 PM  
**To:** Carrie Johnson; Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) (Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov); Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov> (Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov)  
**Subject:** RE: NPR story for Tuesday pm

Best number?

Ian D. Prior  
Principal Deputy Director of Public Affairs  
Office: 202.616.0911  
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**From:** Carrie Johnson [mailto:CJohnson2@npr.org]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 17, 2017 2:59 PM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) (Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>; Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov> (Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>  
**Subject:** NPR story for Tuesday pm

Hi there-

For a story to air later this week, I wanted to reach out to see if you had anything to say.

Working on a piece that explores further the AG's March 31 memo on fed, state, local law enforcement. Specifically, I'm interested in exploring the ramifications of the last paragraph as it relates NOT to consent decrees but rather to grant making, technical assistance and training, and task force participation.

I pulled some tape of AG Sessions talking recently to Judge Jeanine and to Bill O'Reilly, mostly in the context of sanctuary cities, but I'm wondering if you have more to add in writing or by phone.

Happy to talk through this if you like.

Thanks

Carrie Johnson

NPR

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## Prior, Ian (OPA)

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**From:** Prior, Ian (OPA)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 18, 2017 6:48 AM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Cc:** Perez, Evan  
**Subject:** Re: Tomorrow

Yes you can come

Ian D. Prior  
Principal Deputy Director of Public Affairs  
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On Apr 18, 2017, at 6:29 AM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <[siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov)> wrote:

Adding Ian

On Apr 17, 2017, at 10:35 PM, Perez, Evan <[Evan.Perez@turner.com](mailto:Evan.Perez@turner.com)> wrote:

So we are told the AG event at 930 went pool. So we can't come?

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**Perez, Evan**

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**From:** Perez, Evan  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 18, 2017 8:40 AM  
**To:** Prior, Ian (OPA)  
**Subject:** Re: Tomorrow

Thank you

Evan Pérez  
Correspondent  
**CNN**

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On Apr 18, 2017, at 8:39 AM, Prior, Ian (OPA) <[Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov](mailto:Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov)> wrote:

Hey Evan,

Below is embargoed until 9:30.

Thx

Statement by Attorney General Jeff Sessions  
Meeting of the Attorney General's Organized Crime Council and OCDETF  
Executive Committee  
April 18, 2017

I want to thank the Organized Crime Council for convening today as they have done since 1970. We represent law enforcement from across the government: FBI, DEA, ATF, US Marshals Service, DEA, Secret Service, US Immigration and Customs Enforcement, US Coast Guard, IRS, Labor Department, State Department, US Postal Service, and the director of our Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force. This is the federal team, but we all know well that we have essential partners and leaders in our state and local offices. This can only be done together.

In February, President Trump issued an executive order to us to interdict and dismantle transnational criminal organizations, and today we'll be proposing

concrete ideas to follow through on President Trump's directive.

So let me state this clearly. Under President Trump, the Justice Department has ZERO tolerance for gang violence. Transnational criminal organizations like MS-13 represent one of the gravest threats to American safety. These organizations enrich themselves by pedaling poison in our communities, trafficking children for sexual exploitation, and inflicting horrific violence in the communities where they operate.

MS-13 has become a symbol of this plague that has spread across our country and into our communities. There are over 30,000 members abroad with their headquarters in the El Salvadoran prison system. According to the National Gang Intelligence Center, MS-13 now has more than 10,000 members in at least 40 states in this country—up significantly from just a few years ago.

Because of an open border and years of lax immigration enforcement, MS-13 has been sending both recruiters and members to regenerate gangs that previously had been decimated, and smuggling members across the border as unaccompanied minors. They are not content to simply ruin the lives of adults—MS-13 recruits in our high schools, our middle schools, and even our elementary schools.

Just a few days ago, law enforcement believes that members of MS-13 murdered 4 young men and dumped their bodies in a park on Long Island. Last month, it was two teenage girls in Los Angeles who were killed with machetes and baseball bats. A few weeks ago, the FBI added an MS-13 member to their Ten Most Wanted Fugitives List for a suspected brutal murder with a baseball bat and screwdriver—all purportedly to earn his MS-13 tattoo. Violence is an initiation rite. They've killed mothers alongside their children and vice versa. They have gang raped and trafficked girls as young as 12 years old.

We cannot allow this to continue. We will secure our border, expand immigration enforcement, and choke-off supply lines. If you are a gang member: We will find you. We will devastate your networks. We will starve your revenue sources,

deplete your ranks, and seize your profits. We will not concede a single block or street corner to your vicious tactics.

We recognize this will not be easy. But the organizations here worked together to take down the Mafia and the Colombian cartels. We can do it again. It will require a commitment from not only all federal, state, and local law enforcement, but from everyday Americans who refuse to allow the current gang violence to be the status quo any longer.

Let me add: Sanctuary cities do nothing more than undermine this process. Harboring criminal aliens only helps violent gangs like MS13. Sanctuary Cities are aiding these cartels to refill their ranks and putting innocent life—including the lives of countless law-abiding immigrants—in danger.

Today is just the beginning. There will be much more in the coming weeks and months as we seek to eradicate these transnational criminal organizations. Under the Trump Administration and this Department of Justice, there will be no safe quarter for gangs and those that support them.

Thank you again for being here. I'm happy to take a couple questions from the media and then we will get started.

Ian D. Prior  
Principal Deputy Director of Public Affairs  
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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 18, 2017 6:30 AM  
**To:** Perez, Evan <[Evan.Perez@turner.com](mailto:Evan.Perez@turner.com)>  
**Cc:** Prior, Ian (OPA) <[IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov)>  
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**Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)**

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 18, 2017 8:44 AM  
**Bcc:** Carrie Johnson; Woodruff, Betsy; Viswanatha, Aruna; Reinhard, Beth; Barrett, Devlin; Levine, Mike; Jarrett, Laura; Reid, Paula; Zapotosky, Matt; Andrea Noble; Chris Strohm; Savage, Charlie; Tucker, Eric; Gurman, Sadie  
**Subject:** embargoed to 930am

Here's an advanced copy embargoed to 930. Hope yall can cover it. Background info on MS13 at the bottom:

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April 18, 2017

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While MS-13 is not the only transnational gang this administration will target, we believe the following background information attributed as "information provided by the Justice Department" will be helpful:

- MS-13, which is short for La Mara Salvatrucha, is a gang composed primarily of immigrants or descendants of immigrants from El Salvador. In the United States, MS-13 has been functioning since at least the 1980s. The name "Mara Salvatrucha" is a combination of several slang terms. The word "Mara" is the term used in El Salvador for "gang." The phrase "Salvatrucha" is a combination of the words "Salva," which is an abbreviation for "Salvadoran," and "trucha," which is a slang term for "alert," "look out," or "cunning." The "13" refers to the thirteenth letter of the alphabet, or "M," which denotes the gang's allegiance to the Mexican Mafia, a prison gang. Their motto is "kill, rape, control."
- In the United States, the MS-13 gang originated in Los Angeles, California, where MS-13 members engaged in turf wars for the control of drug distribution locations. MS-13 quickly spread to states across the country, with a large presence in New York, Virginia, and the Washington D.C. metropolitan area. According to the National Gang Intelligence center, MS-13 is a national and international criminal organization with more than 30,000 members in the world, and more than 10,000 in the United States. They regularly conduct gang activities in at least forty states and the District of Columbia. MS-13 is one of the largest street gangs in the United States. Gang members actively recruit members, including juveniles, from communities with a large number of immigrants from El Salvador.
- Through the combined efforts of federal, state, and local law enforcement, great progress was made diminishing or severely disrupted the gang within certain targeted areas of the US by 2009 and 2010.
- Recent investigations in some regions of the country have revealed that major leaders of MS-13 in El Salvador, many of whom are in prison there for murder, kidnapping or extortion, have been sending representatives to cross into the U.S. illegally, to gain control of local MS-13 cliques and reconstitute them. These emissaries then connect the local MS-13 cliques to their jailed leaders in El Salvador by cell phone. The gang leaders in El Salvador then institute what MS-13 has been calling "The Program", or "La Programma," in which they direct the American MS-13 cliques to become more violent to control territory. They are attempting to accomplish this goal not only by killing rivals, but also by extorting legitimate businesses run by legal Central American immigrants and illegal businesses such as prostitution and gambling. The leaders demand that the local, U.S.-based MS-13 clique send a portion of the resultant profits to the leadership in El Salvador to enrich the gang and expand its activities.
- The United States cannot defeat MS-13 alone: this is a transnational criminal group, and the solution accordingly must also be transnational. In recognition of the critical role these international relationships play in attacking MS-13, one of Attorney General Sessions' first Ministerials has been with the Attorneys General of the Northern Triangle. As a result of that Ministerial, the four Attorneys General of the United States, El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras have jointly pledged to target MS-13.

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Sarah Isgur Flores  
Director of Public Affairs

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## Savage, Charlie

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**From:** Savage, Charlie  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 18, 2017 10:38 AM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Subject:** Re: embargoed to 930am

yes to both

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Charlie Savage  
The New York Times

Phone: 202-862-0317  
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On Tue, Apr 18, 2017 at 10:36 AM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <[Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov)> wrote:  
I'm traveling Thurs and Fri w Ag so this week sucks. Next week want to see if we can rope in Ian too?

On Apr 18, 2017, at 10:35 AM, Savage, Charlie <[savage@nytimes.com](mailto:savage@nytimes.com)> wrote:

Ok thanks!

Howsabout that meal?

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Charlie Savage  
The New York Times

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On Tue, Apr 18, 2017 at 10:27 AM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <[Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov)> wrote:

Just this for now!

On Apr 18, 2017, at 10:27 AM, Savage, Charlie <[savage@nytimes.com](mailto:savage@nytimes.com)> wrote:

Hi Sarah -

I'm just back in the saddle today after being off for a week. Is there a new policy announcement in connection with these remarks on MS-13, or for today is this

it? (Just triaging.)

Also would you like to have lunch this week? I'm free Wed-Fri.

Charlie

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Charlie Savage  
The New York Times

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On Tue, Apr 18, 2017 at 8:43 AM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

<[Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov)> wrote:

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**Savage, Charlie**

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**From:** Savage, Charlie  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 18, 2017 2:25 PM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Cc:** Prior, Ian (OPA)  
**Subject:** Re: lunch someday next week?

ok no need for reservation then. let's just reconnect on Monday about that then. maybe 12:30ish.

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Charlie Savage  
The New York Times

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On Tue, Apr 18, 2017 at 2:22 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <[Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov)> wrote:

Lets do something casual maybe Paul if the weather's nice and we can sit outside.

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Sarah Isgur Flores  
Director of Public Affairs

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**From:** Savage, Charlie [mailto:[savage@nytimes.com](mailto:savage@nytimes.com)]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 18, 2017 1:43 PM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <[Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov)>  
**Cc:** Prior, Ian (OPA) <[Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov](mailto:Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: lunch someday next week?

Works for me. Have a spot you like?

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Charlie Savage

The New York Times

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Cel [REDACTED] (b) (6)

On Tue, Apr 18, 2017 at 1:06 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <[Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov)> wrote:

Shall we plan on Monday?

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Sarah Isgur Flores

Director of Public Affairs

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**From:** Prior, Ian (OPA) [mailto:[IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov)]

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 18, 2017 10:40 AM

**To:** Savage, Charlie <[savage@nytimes.com](mailto:savage@nytimes.com)>; Sarah Isgur Flores <[sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov)>; Ian Prior <[ian.prior@usdoj.gov](mailto:ian.prior@usdoj.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: lunch someday next week?

Whenever works for the both of you works for me (except for Wed)

Ian D. Prior

Principal Deputy Director of Public Affairs

Office: [202.616.0911](tel:202.616.0911)

Cel [REDACTED] (b) (6)

**From:** Savage, Charlie [mailto:[savage@nytimes.com](mailto:savage@nytimes.com)]

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 18, 2017 10:40 AM

**To:** Sarah Isgur Flores <[sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov)>; Ian Prior <[ian.prior@usdoj.gov](mailto:ian.prior@usdoj.gov)>

**Subject:** lunch someday next week?

Hi Ian - Sarah and I were discussing possibly penciling in a date to get lunch next week. Would you also



be interested in that and is there a particular day that is better for you two? My calendar looks relatively open.

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Charlie Savage

The New York Times

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## Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 19, 2017 2:54 PM  
**To:** Williams, Pete (NBCUniversal)  
**Subject:** RE: AG tomorrow?

AG and Sec Kelly are going to el paso tomorrow and san diego Friday. There will be media avails at both. DHS is in charge of the schedule.

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Sarah Isgur Flores  
Director of Public Affairs

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**From:** Williams, Pete (NBCUniversal) [mailto:pete.williams@nbcuni.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 19, 2017 2:52 PM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) (Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>  
**Subject:** AG tomorrow?

Hi, Sarah.

Is the AG making another border visit tomorrow, perhaps to Nogales and San Ysidro? And if so, is any of it open to coverage?

Many thanks.

Pete Williams -- at Supreme Court today and on cel (b) (6)

**Savage, Charlie**

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**From:** Savage, Charlie  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 20, 2017 10:10 AM  
**To:** Sarah Isgur Flores; Ian Prior  
**Subject:** hiring freeze

Hi Sarah/Ian --

Can I talk with one of you please about the status of hiring freeze or not at DOJ? (I know you're traveling with the AG today Sarah.)

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Charlie Savage  
The New York Times

Phone: 202-862-0317

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**Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)**

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 20, 2017 5:20 PM  
**To:** Barrett, Devlin  
**Subject:** Re: poor li'ittle Hawai'i

lol Ian has a statement if you want it

On Apr 20, 2017, at 1:43 PM, Barrett, Devlin <[Devlin.Barrett@washpost.com](mailto:Devlin.Barrett@washpost.com)> wrote:

And on 4/20, no less.

**Carrie Johnson**

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**From:** Carrie Johnson  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 20, 2017 6:20 PM  
**To:** Sarah Isgur Flores (OPA); Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov> Prior  
**Subject:** Can someone give me a quick call

Thanks

Carrie

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Sent from my iPhone

**Adam Goldman**

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**From:** Adam Goldman  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 20, 2017 7:38 PM  
**To:** Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov  
**Subject:** Please call

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Adam Goldman  
Reporter  
The New York Times  
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(o) 202.862.0362

## Carrie Johnson

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**From:** Carrie Johnson  
**Sent:** Friday, April 21, 2017 10:19 AM  
**To:** 'Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)'  
**Subject:** RE: Sessions appearances

THANK YOU

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 21, 2017 10:18 AM  
**To:** Carrie Johnson  
**Cc:** Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov> (Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov)  
**Subject:** Re: Sessions appearances

Yeah we can do better at that--it's always in the guidance as well.

This morning in the 11am he's doing CNN, fox, and MSNBC

On Apr 21, 2017, at 6:57 AM, Carrie Johnson <[CJohnson2@npr.org](mailto:CJohnson2@npr.org)> wrote:

Hi guys

Wondering if you can give the DOJ "regulars" on the beat a heads up when the AG is going to appear on tv or talk radio. I'm able to keep pretty good track of his appearances on Fox News but the satellite radio shows are harder.

THANKS

Carrie

## Josh Dawsey

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**From:** Josh Dawsey  
**Sent:** Friday, April 21, 2017 11:50 AM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Subject:** Re: realized we never got together

Let's try to do monday or tuesday?

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 19, 2017 6:55:30 PM  
**To:** Josh Dawsey  
**Subject:** Re: realized we never got together

Yeah I'm out thurs fri. Ugh.

On Apr 19, 2017, at 6:31 PM, Josh Dawsey <[jdawsey@politico.com](mailto:jdawsey@politico.com)> wrote:

Hey!  
are you traveling the rest of the week, or have time to get together?

Best, Josh

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <[Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 12, 2017 5:53:59 PM  
**To:** Josh Dawsey  
**Subject:** RE: realized we never got together

Yes although it looks like they might be adding travel to my week again! But I think we can sneak out Monday☺

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Sarah Isgur Flores  
Director of Public Affairs

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**From:** Josh Dawsey [<mailto:jdawsey@politico.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 12, 2017 12:50 PM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <[Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov)>  
**Subject:** realized we never got together

want to grab a coffee next week?

Josh

Josh Dawsey  
White House Reporter  
POLITICO  
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[Jdawsey@politico.com](mailto:Jdawsey@politico.com)

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**Watkins, Eli**

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**From:** Watkins, Eli  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 23, 2017 11:24 AM  
**To:** Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov  
**Subject:** Confirming Treasury IG report

Hello,

Attorney General Jeff Sessions referenced an Obama-era Treasury IG report about some \$4 billion annually paid to people improperly. He implied this could be used to help fund the border wall. A few quick questions:

Can you confirm this report is the one he referred to?

<https://www.treasury.gov/tigta/auditreports/2011reports/201141061fr.pdf>

What mechanism could be used to use this money to fund the wall?

This report is from 2011. Is the problem ongoing, and if so, are there more updated figures?

Best,

Eli Watkins

[@EliWatkins](#)

Breaking News Reporter, [CNN Politics](#)

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## Savage, Charlie

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**From:** Savage, Charlie  
**Sent:** Monday, April 24, 2017 11:42 AM  
**To:** Prior, Ian (OPA)  
**Subject:** Re: two things re AG

Do you know whether he plans to take questions afterward, from the audience or whomever, or does his schedule require him to take off as soon as he delivers this? (I'm just trying to figure out whether to attend, since it's in town.)

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Charlie Savage  
The New York Times

Phone: 202-862-0317  
Cel [REDACTED] (b) (6)

On Mon, Apr 24, 2017 at 11:40 AM, Savage, Charlie <[savage@nytimes.com](mailto:savage@nytimes.com)> wrote:  
Much appreciated!

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Charlie Savage  
The New York Times

Phone: [202-862-0317](tel:202-862-0317)  
Cel [REDACTED] (b) (6)

On Mon, Apr 24, 2017 at 11:38 AM, Prior, Ian (OPA) <[Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov](mailto:Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov)> wrote:

Embargoed until 3:15.

Ian D. Prior

Principal Deputy Director of Public Affairs

Office: [202.616.0911](tel:202.616.0911)

Cel [REDACTED] (b) (6)

**From:** Savage, Charlie [mailto:[savage@nytimes.com](mailto:savage@nytimes.com)]

**Sent:** Monday, April 24, 2017 11:15 AM

**To:** Sarah Isgur Flores <[sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov)>; Ian Prior <[ian.prior@usdoj.gov](mailto:ian.prior@usdoj.gov)>

**Subject:** two things re AG

Hi - Per Ian, pushing lunch to Wednesday is fine. Two things:

1. I'm planning to stop by the AG's speech this afternoon at the ethics thing. Would it be possible, please, to see an embargoed copy of his prepared remarks, just for planning purposes?

2. May I please put in a request to sit down with him for an on the record interview?

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Charlie Savage

The New York Times

Phone: [202-862-0317](tel:202-862-0317)

Cel [REDACTED] (b) (6)

## Savage, Charlie

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**From:** Savage, Charlie  
**Sent:** Monday, April 24, 2017 2:31 PM  
**To:** Prior, Ian (OPA)  
**Subject:** Re: two things re AG

Got it - darn was going to quote a couple of those lines.

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Charlie Savage  
The New York Times

Phone: 202-862-0317  
Cel (b) (6)

On Mon, Apr 24, 2017 at 2:24 PM, Prior, Ian (OPA) <[ian.prior@usdoj.gov](mailto:ian.prior@usdoj.gov)> wrote:  
Slight change - use these

**Remarks prepared for Attorney General Jeff Sessions  
Ethics and Compliance Initiative Annual Conference  
Washington, D.C.  
April 24, 2017**

Good afternoon, everyone, and thanks for the introduction, Larry [Thompson]. I am honored to be here, and grateful for the invitation to speak to this group.

I understand it isn't typical for an Attorney General to speak at a compliance conference such as this, so I should explain why I am here. I thought this would be a good opportunity to convey two important messages.

First, I want to thank you for working so hard to ensure that your companies and clients do the right thing.

The Department of Justice investigates and prosecutes people and companies that break the law — including laws that criminalize corporate misconduct. That is an incredibly important responsibility, and the men and women of our Department take it seriously. Our work ensures that law-breaking is punished, and helps deter future bad behavior. I think I have the experience to properly evaluate a case. We will enforce the law and not back down to powerful forces — but we will be fair — equal justice to poor and rich.

But each case we bring may be a sign that something has already gone wrong. That is what your work seeks to prevent, by building strong cultures of compliance within your companies to deter illegal

and unethical conduct. We applaud those efforts. Our Department would much rather have people and companies obey the law and do the right thing, so we don't have to see them in court.

Your good work makes our jobs easier, and it makes your companies and our country better.

So on behalf of the Department of Justice, I thank you, once again, for doing this vital work. We have done our part to reward effective compliance programs and to better understand your efforts; you have my commitment that we will continue to do so.

The second message I want to make clear today is that under my leadership, the Department of Justice remains committed to enforcing all the laws on the books. That includes laws regarding corporate misconduct, fraud, foreign corruption, and other types of white-collar crime.

I understand there can be some uncertainty when there is a new Administration or new leadership at the Justice Department.

As you are probably aware, I have spent my first weeks as Attorney General ensuring that our Department strengthens its focus on some key issues. For example, we need to turn back the recent surge in violent crime and murder that is troubling many of our cities. We need to restore a lawful system of immigration that upholds the rule of law and keeps us safe. And we must disrupt the transnational cartels, gangs, and human traffickers that are bringing drugs and violence into our communities.

These are important priorities for our Department. But focusing on these challenges does not mean we will reduce our efforts in other areas.

As we re-double our efforts to combat violent crime, we will still enforce the laws that protect American consumers and ensure that honest businesses aren't placed at a disadvantage. This Department of Justice will continue to investigate and prosecute corporate fraud and misconduct; bribery; public corruption; organized crime; trade-secret theft; money laundering; securities fraud; government fraud; health care fraud; and Internet fraud, among others.

The Department of Justice not only has a duty to uphold the rule of law, which makes our country so great, but we also have a responsibility to protect American consumers. These laws are in place for a reason. When they are broken, it has real consequences in people's lives.

We will also enforce these laws so we can protect honest businesses. Companies that obey the law and do the right thing should not be at a disadvantage simply because their competitors choose to break the rules.

One area where this is critical is enforcement of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act. Congress enacted this law 40 years ago, when some companies considered it a routine expense to bribe foreign officials in order to gain business advantages abroad.

This type of corruption harms free competition, distorts prices, and often leads to substandard products and services coming into this country. It also increases the cost of doing business, and hurts

honest companies that don't pay these bribes.

Our Department wants to create an even playing field for law-abiding companies. We will continue to strongly enforce the FCPA and other anti-corruption laws. Companies should succeed because they provide superior products and services, not because they have paid off the right people.

Our FCPA cases also show that fighting white-collar crime requires strong cooperation with our foreign partners to ensure there are no safe havens or gaps in prosecution. Our Office of International Affairs works tirelessly to achieve this. To that end, the Department is increasingly seeking global resolutions that divide penalties among relevant jurisdictions. That way, when companies accept responsibility for their prior misconduct, they are not unfairly penalized by multiple agencies and governments.

Let me conclude by briefly making two final points about our approach to this work.

The Department of Justice will continue to emphasize the importance of holding individuals accountable for corporate misconduct. It is not merely companies, but specific individuals, who break the law. We will work closely with our law enforcement partners, both here and abroad, to bring these persons to justice.

Also, when we make charging decisions, we will continue to take into account whether companies have good compliance programs; whether they cooperate and self-disclose their wrongdoing; and whether they take suitable steps to remediate problems.

For years, the Department of Justice has directed our prosecutors to consider these factors when making charging decisions. The U.S. Sentencing Guidelines also provide for substantial penalty reductions for companies that self-disclose, cooperate, and accept responsibility for their misconduct. These principles will still guide our prosecutorial discretion determinations, because they further our ultimate goal, which is for people to comply with the law.

Our economy, and indeed, our whole system of self-government, depends on people believing that those who choose to disregard the law will be caught and punished. This is ultimately the responsibility of the Justice Department.

But more broadly, it depends on people and companies choosing of their own accord to obey the law and do the right thing. Making this happen is a larger task — one that is entrusted to all of us. Each of you plays an essential role in this work. So once again, thank you for your efforts, and thank you for listening to me today.

Ian D. Prior  
Principal Deputy Director of Public Affairs  
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On Apr 24, 2017, at 11:43 AM, Savage, Charlie <[savage@nytimes.com](mailto:savage@nytimes.com)> wrote:

## Matt Apuzzo

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**From:** Matt Apuzzo  
**Sent:** Monday, April 24, 2017 3:41 PM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Subject:** Re:

Thank you!

Matt Apuzzo  
The New York Times  
202.862.0304 w  
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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 24, 2017 3:39:38 PM  
**To:** Matt Apuzzo  
**Subject:** Re:

No definitely not.

On Apr 24, 2017, at 3:30 PM, Matt Apuzzo <[matt.apuzzo@nytimes.com](mailto:matt.apuzzo@nytimes.com)> wrote:

Odd was my reaction too. Last week or two?  
At DOJ. Coming to you first before diving deeper, so I don't have a lot.

Matt Apuzzo  
The New York Times  
202.862.0304 w  
[REDACTED] c

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <[Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov)>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 24, 2017 3:27:57 PM  
**To:** Matt Apuzzo  
**Subject:** Re:

Huh--odd. I'm def not aware of one. Do you have a date?

On Apr 24, 2017, at 3:23 PM, Matt Apuzzo <[matt.apuzzo@nytimes.com](mailto:matt.apuzzo@nytimes.com)> wrote:

Sarah,  
Did the attorney general meet with Paul Manafort recently? Heard there was a meeting at DOJ and was not sure what that was about if so.  
Thanks!  
Matt



Matt Apuzzo  
The New York Times  
202.862.0304 w  
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## Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Sent:** Monday, April 24, 2017 5:15 PM  
**To:** Tucker, Eric  
**Subject:** Re: AP escondido story

I hope to hear back from him or an editor about this. Seems like a major oversight--both not contacting us and not googling "escondido and gang violence"

On Apr 24, 2017, at 4:59 PM, Tucker, Eric <[etucker@ap.org](mailto:etucker@ap.org)> wrote:

Thanks Sarah. I've forwarded this to the guy who wrote i [REDACTED] (b) (6), so I didn't really know the back and forth of it. Thanks for bringing this to my attention.

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [<mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 24, 2017 12:02 PM  
**To:** Gurman, Sadie; Tucker, Eric  
**Subject:** AP escondido story

It would be helpful if these folks got in touch with us before running a fact check on our speech.  
<http://m.chron.com/news/politics/article/AP-FACT-CHECK-Sessions-tags-wrong-city-for-11092113.php>

Here's what Escondido's gang suppression unit just said a couple weeks ago: "We are seeing more violent gang crimes — shootings, stabbings, assaults with a deadly weapon" <http://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/communities/north-county/sd-no-gang-violence-20170402-story.html>

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Sarah Isgur Flores  
Director of Public Affairs

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## Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Sent:** Monday, April 24, 2017 6:17 PM  
**To:** julia.ainsley@thomsonreuters.com; Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov  
**Subject:** RE: 90 day clock,

I hear you. But since this is pending litigation, I'll have to just refer back to our briefs. I don't believe the other side has raised the mootness issue you are referencing, though.

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Sarah Isgur Flores  
Director of Public Affairs

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**From:** julia.ainsley@thomsonreuters.com [mailto:julia.ainsley@thomsonreuters.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 24, 2017 1:48 PM  
**To:** Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov; Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov  
**Subject:** RE: 90 day clock,

Ok understood. Let me rephrase from a litigation perspective.  
How do you respond to plaintiffs who say the timing of the ban is arbitrary? Why are you still fighting on a case that presumably has been given enough time, since the 90 day clock on the first EO will expire at the end of this week. What is the legal argument past the end of the first 90 days for why you still need the temporary travel ban?  
Thank you,  
Julia

**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 24, 2017 1:24 PM  
**To:** Ainsley, Julia E. (Reuters News); [Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov](mailto:Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov)  
**Subject:** RE: 90 day clock,

I don't think this is a DOJ question. We aren't involved in vetting our role is litigation.

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Sarah Isgur Flores  
Director of Public Affairs

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**From:** julia.ainsley@thomsonreuters.com [mailto:julia.ainsley@thomsonreuters.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 24, 2017 12:56 PM  
**To:** [sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov); [Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov](mailto:Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov)  
**Subject:** 90 day clock,

Hi Sarah and Ian,  
DHS tell me that the timetable for determining new extreme vetting procedures for certain visa applicants was reset in March when the new travel EO was released. I'm trying to understand why that is. It seems to me that if the matter was so urgent, they would have been rushing to get these out as fast as possible. Alternatively, if they are unable to do them while travel from certain countries and by refugees is still allowed, then how can they be doing it now? It just seems to me that the decision to reset the clock in March was arbitrary, but I assume that is because I don't have

enough information. Could you enlighten me? A chat with an SME on this would be greatly appreciated. I'm asking the same question of DHS and the WH.

Thank you,  
Julia

**Julia Edwards Ainsley**  
Reuters News  
**Thomson Reuters**

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[Reuters.com](http://Reuters.com)

## Carrie Johnson

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**From:** Carrie Johnson  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 25, 2017 9:25 AM  
**To:** 'Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)'  
**Subject:** RE: Rosenstein vote

Thanks, will keep watch. I'm out later this week giving a speech but I can do short audio from there.

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 25, 2017 9:25 AM  
**To:** Carrie Johnson  
**Cc:** Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov> (Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov)  
**Subject:** Re: Rosenstein vote

Yeah don't know completely right now. But wed am seems like it's most likely.

On Apr 25, 2017, at 9:05 AM, Carrie Johnson <[CJohnson2@npr.org](mailto:CJohnson2@npr.org)> wrote:

Do you guys think the full Senate will vote on Rosenstein Weds AM? Or no way to tell exactly when just now?

THANKS  
Carrie

## Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 25, 2017 1:50 PM  
**To:** Wilber, Del; Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA); Ian Prior; Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA); Kelly Creighton  
**Subject:** RE: My new info

Congrats!

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Sarah Isgur Flores  
Director of Public Affairs

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**From:** Wilber, Del [mailto:del.wilber@wsj.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 25, 2017 1:47 PM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>; Ian Prior <ian.prior@usdoj.gov>; Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA) <Wyn.Hornbuckle@usdoj.gov>; Kelly Creighton <Kelly.M.Creighton@usdoj.gov>  
**Subject:** My new info

starting today!

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**Josh Meyer**

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**From:** Josh Meyer  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 25, 2017 2:42 PM  
**To:** USDOJ-Office.of.Public.Affairs@usdoj.gov; Peter A Carr; Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA); sonya.keshwani@usdoj.gov; Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov  
**Subject:** Hi Justice Department media people -- seeking response to Chairman Royce - Iran letter attached  
**Attachments:** 4.25.17 - Royce, Mast ltr.pdf

This is in response to our POLITICO story yesterday. We are doing a short story about it and would like to incorporate a DOJ response.

Thank you,

Josh Meyer

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April 25, 2017

The Honorable Rex W. Tillerson  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of State  
2201 C Street N.W.  
Washington, DC 20520

The Honorable Jeff Sessions  
Attorney General  
U.S. Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W.  
Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Secretary Tillerson and Attorney General Sessions:

As the Trump Administration reviews its policy toward Iran, we are writing to recommend that you revive law enforcement efforts unwisely abandoned by the Obama Administration to target individuals assisting Iran in its pursuit of its nuclear and missile programs in violation of U.S. law. Iran's continued belligerence toward the U.S. and our allies is a vital national security threat that demands constant vigilance.

As you may know, a new *Politico* report indicates that Obama Administration "Justice and State Department officials denied or delayed requests from prosecutors and agents to lure some key Iranian fugitives to friendly countries so that they could be arrested."

Indeed, this echoes Dr. David Albright's testimony at a recent House Foreign Affairs Committee hearing:

*...out of a misplaced fear of negatively affecting the deal, the Obama administration also interfered in U.S. law enforcement efforts. During the negotiations and for some time afterwards, the administration blocked or did not process several extradition requests and lure memos aimed at arresting and convicting Iranians and their agents engaged in breaking U.S. export and sanctions laws. These actions, largely concentrated in the State Department, reportedly interfered with investigations and served to discourage new or on-going federal investigations of commodity trafficking involving Iran.*

Needless to say, the Obama Administration appears to have done serious damage to our national security. To better understand the impact of the prior Administration's interference in law enforcement investigations, and to ascertain whether there was excessive denial or non-processing



The Honorable Rex W. Tillerson  
The Honorable Jeff Sessions  
April 25, 2017  
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of extradition requests and lure memos, we respectfully request that your agencies brief the Committee on law enforcement investigations delayed by the previous Administration.

At the same time, we hope you will evaluate the feasibility of re-opening any cases that were wrongly hindered. This, along with an administration-wide policy directive to encourage investigations of Iranian commodity trafficking efforts that includes a determined extradition process, should be an important part of a reinvigorated U.S. policy to address Iranian threats.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter, and we look forward to receiving your response. We stand ready to support the Administration's efforts to more aggressively investigate, indict, and extradite those involved in supplying Iran's nuclear, missile, or conventional weapons programs in defiance of U.S. law.

Sincerely,



EDWARD R. ROYCE  
Chairman



BRIAN MAST  
Member of Congress

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From: Raimondi, Marc  
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(fydibohf23spdlt)/cn=recipients/cn=05e733def1d649e89f91c60f321d  
4c98-raimondi, m>  
Date: Tue Apr 25 2017 16:02:42 EDT  
To: Josh Meyer <jmeyer@politico.com>  
Cc: Blank  
Bcc: Hornbuckle, Wyn  
(whornbuckle@jmd.usdoj.gov) </o=exchangelabs/ou=exchange  
administrative group  
(fydibohf23spdlt)/cn=recipients/cn=faafbcec50bf4e27b76883c447f6  
98a3-wyn hornbuc>; Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) (JMD)  
<sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov>  
Subject: RE: Inquiry  
Attachments:

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Josh, I am very sorry for my initial lack of clarity.

We are aware of the letter and will respond to it accordingly.

Have a great day.

Marc

From: Josh Meyer [mailto:jmeyer@politico.com]  
Sent: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 3:55 PM  
To: Raimondi, Marc (OPA) <Marc.Raimondi@usdoj.gov>  
Subject: Re: Inquiry

Respond to me for the story? Or them to the letter?

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 25, 2017, at 3:39 PM, Raimondi, Marc (OPA) <Marc.Raimondi@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Josh, thank you for your email.

We are aware of the letter and will respond accordingly.

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Best,

Marc Raimondi

National Security Spokesman

U.S. Department of Justice

Marc.raimondi@usdoj.gov

O: 202-514-1153

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From: Josh Meyer [mailto:jmeyer@politico.com]

Sent: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 2:42 PM

ToSubject: Hi Justice Department media people -- seeking response to Chairman Royce - Iran letter attached

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## Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 25, 2017 5:18 PM  
**To:** Williams, Pete (NBCUniversal)  
**Subject:** RE: Sanctuary cities injunction

Not by nightly news

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Sarah Isgur Flores  
Director of Public Affairs

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**From:** Williams, Pete (NBCUniversal) [mailto:pete.williams@nbcuni.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 25, 2017 4:51 PM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) (Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>  
**Subject:** Sanctuary cities injunction

Hi, Sarah.

Think you all will have a statement on Judge Orrick's order?

Thanks.

## Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 25, 2017 7:04 PM  
**To:** Savage, Charlie; Ian Prior  
**Subject:** RE: ruling in California

From ian:

The Court upheld the ‘Government’s ability to use lawful means to enforce existing conditions of federal grants or 8 U.S.C. 1373.’ The Department of Justice previously stated to the Court, and reiterates now, that it will follow the law with respect to regulation of sanctuary jurisdictions. Accordingly, the Department will continue to enforce existing grant conditions and will continue to enforce 8 U.S.C. 1373. Further, the order does not purport to enjoin the Department’s independent legal authority to enforce the requirements of federal law applicable to communities that violate federal immigration law or federal grant conditions.

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Sarah Isgur Flores  
Director of Public Affairs

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**From:** Savage, Charlie [mailto:savage@nytimes.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 25, 2017 5:22 PM  
**To:** Sarah Isgur Flores <sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov>; Ian Prior <ian.prior@usdoj.gov>  
**Subject:** ruling in California

Hi - I've been asked to get DOJ react to the ruling enjoining enforcement of the executive order on sanctuary city for a colleague in California who is writing it up. Is the department commenting, and if so could you kindly send the statement to me?

Thanks!

Charlie Savage  
The New York Times

Phone: 202 862 0317

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## Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 25, 2017 7:05 PM  
**To:** Williams, Pete (NBCUniversal)  
**Subject:** RE: Sanctuary cities injunction

From ian:

The Court upheld the 'Government's ability to use lawful means to enforce existing conditions of federal grants or 8 U.S.C. 1373.' The Department of Justice previously stated to the Court, and reiterates now, that it will follow the law with respect to regulation of sanctuary jurisdictions. Accordingly, the Department will continue to enforce existing grant conditions and will continue to enforce 8 U.S.C. 1373. Further, the order does not purport to enjoin the Department's independent legal authority to enforce the requirements of federal law applicable to communities that violate federal immigration law or federal grant conditions.

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**From:** Williams, Pete (NBCUniversal) [mailto:pete.williams@nbcuni.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 25, 2017 4:51 PM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) (Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>  
**Subject:** Sanctuary cities injunction

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**Goldman, Adam**

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**From:** Goldman, Adam  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 26, 2017 7:30 AM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Subject:** coffee

Let's make it happen.

Adam

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Adam Goldman  
Reporter  
The New York Times

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## Savage, Charlie

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**From:** Savage, Charlie  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 26, 2017 10:35 AM  
**To:** Prior, Ian (OPA)  
**Cc:** Sarah Isgur Flores  
**Subject:** RE: checking in

Ok rainchecking

On Apr 26, 2017 10:17 AM, "Prior, Ian (OPA)" <[ian.prior@usdoj.gov](mailto:ian.prior@usdoj.gov)> wrote:

Unlikely well keep trying!

Ian D. Prior

Principal Deputy Director of Public Affairs

Office: [202.616.0911](tel:202.616.0911)

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**From:** Savage, Charlie [mailto:[savage@nytimes.com](mailto:savage@nytimes.com)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 26, 2017 10:05 AM  
**To:** Ian Prior <[ian.prior@usdoj.gov](mailto:ian.prior@usdoj.gov)>; Sarah Isgur Flores <[sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov)>  
**Subject:** checking in

Is lunch today still seeming doable on your end?

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Charlie Savage

The New York Times

Phone: [202-862-0317](tel:202-862-0317)

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## Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 26, 2017 3:02 PM  
**To:** Williams, Pete (NBCUniversal)  
**Subject:** RE: Subject matter expert on 8 USC 1373

Can we do post nightly? So maybe 8pmish?

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Sarah Isgur Flores  
Director of Public Affairs

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**From:** Williams, Pete (NBCUniversal) [mailto:[pete.williams@nbcuni.com](mailto:pete.williams@nbcuni.com)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 26, 2017 2:17 PM  
**To:** 'Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)' <[Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Subject matter expert on 8 USC 1373

Today would be great if possible

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:[Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 26, 2017 1:30 PM  
**To:** Williams, Pete (NBCUniversal)  
**Cc:** Prior, Ian (OPA) ([Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov](mailto:Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov))  
**Subject:** Re: Subject matter expert on 8 USC 1373

Today? If so, let me see who's available. We want you to be smart too!

On Apr 26, 2017, at 12:36 PM, Williams, Pete (NBCUniversal) <[pete.williams@nbcuni.com](mailto:pete.williams@nbcuni.com)> wrote:

Sarah/Ian

Despite the judge's ruling in San Francisco, the section 1373 issue remains an important one. I'd be grateful for a chance to talk, strictly on background or even off the record, with someone at DOJ about the issue of the grants. I'm not looking to write a new story based on the call, I'm simply trying to get smarter about it.

Over the years, I've done these background calls with both career and political folks at the Department who are subject matter experts. Someone from the public information office generally initiates the call and remains on the line.

Many thanks.

Pete

## Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 26, 2017 4:14 PM  
**To:** Williams, Pete (NBCUniversal)  
**Subject:** RE: would 5pm work instead for 1373 school?

Great lets do 515. Call my office line: 202.305.1920

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Director of Public Affairs

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**From:** Williams, Pete (NBCUniversal) [mailto:pete.williams@nbcuni.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 26, 2017 4:12 PM  
**To:** 'Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)' <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: would 5pm work instead for 1373 school?

I have an MSNBC hit at 5:10. 5:15 or later would work better, if that's possible.

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:[Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 26, 2017 4:08 PM  
**To:** Williams, Pete (NBCUniversal)  
**Subject:** would 5pm work instead for 1373 school?

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## Wilber, Del

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**From:** Wilber, Del  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 26, 2017 4:32 PM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA); Ian Prior; Peter Carr  
**Subject:** question on ms/13 gangs

are there cases in the system where you have a yarn to tell about how this is working?

that might make a cool story....

Recent investigations in some regions of the country have revealed that major leaders of MS-13 in El Salvador, many of whom are in prison there for murder, kidnapping or extortion, have been sending representatives to cross into the U.S. illegally, to gain control of local MS-13 cliques and reconstitute them. These emissaries then connect the local MS-13 cliques to their jailed leaders in El Salvador by cell phone. The gang leaders in El Salvador then institute what MS-13 has been calling "The Program", or "La Programma," in which they direct the American MS-13 cliques to become more violent to control territory. They are attempting to accomplish this goal not only by killing rivals, but also by extorting legitimate businesses run by legal Central American immigrants and illegal businesses such as prostitution and gambling. The leaders demand that the local, U.S.-based MS-13 clique send a portion of the resultant profits to the leadership in El Salvador to enrich the gang and expand its activities.

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## Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 26, 2017 4:32 PM  
**To:** Wilber, Del; Ian Prior  
**Subject:** RE: you have a point person on

That's probably David Rybicki the DAAG for organized crime and gangs in CRM. Not sure what his schedule is like though. What in particular are you hoping to talk about? Just trends in MS13 growth? Might almost make more sense to talk to some of the USA offices Long Island and EDVA cover a wide spectrum of emerging trends bc theyre both pretty different.

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**From:** Wilber, Del [mailto:del.wilber@wsj.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 26, 2017 4:18 PM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>; Ian Prior <ian.prior@usdoj.gov>  
**Subject:** you have a point person on

drugs/gangs (ms 13) etc that would be good for me to have an off-the-record talk with? I know a ton about them -- having covered a bunch of their murders over the years. am curious what might be new/emerging. thanks!

del

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## Wilber, Del

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**From:** Wilber, Del  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 26, 2017 4:44 PM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Subject:** Re: AG want to let a WSJ reporter tag along on his friday trip?

:( no love

On Wed, Apr 26, 2017 at 4:42 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <[Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov)> wrote:

nope

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**From:** Wilber, Del [mailto:[del.wilber@wsj.com](mailto:del.wilber@wsj.com)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 26, 2017 4:38 PM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <[Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov)>  
**Subject:** AG want to let a WSJ reporter tag along on his friday trip?

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## Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 26, 2017 4:54 PM  
**To:** Wilber, Del  
**Subject:** RE: if you grant us an interview with AG

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Sarah Isgur Flores  
Director of Public Affairs

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**From:** Wilber, Del [mailto:del.wilber@wsj.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 26, 2017 4:53 PM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>  
**Subject:** if you grant us an interview with AG

would love to get some background time, too, perhaps trailing him to a speech or something.

just some color, better insights into how he works and stuff so we might spin out a more fair story.

just a bug to put in your ear. But we would love a sit down with our video people.

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**Wilber, Del**

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**From:** Wilber, Del  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 26, 2017 4:55 PM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Subject:** Re: AG want to let a WSJ reporter tag along on his friday trip?

ok. cool!

On Wed, Apr 26, 2017 at 4:52 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <[Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov)> wrote:

Yeah definitely reach out to peter. I can also give you the bunch of press releases EDNY has done on MS13 rcently.

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Sarah Isgur Flores

Director of Public Affairs

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**From:** Wilber, Del [mailto:[del.wilber@wsj.com](mailto:del.wilber@wsj.com)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 26, 2017 4:49 PM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <[Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: AG want to let a WSJ reporter tag along on his friday trip?

I think peter or someone in crim dangerous gangs unit will have good intel on cases that might highlight that aspect of your fact sheet.

we are also curious about ms 13 preying on unaccompanied minors. that seems more nebulous.

On Wed, Apr 26, 2017 at 4:42 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <[Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov)> wrote:

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## Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 26, 2017 5:01 PM  
**To:** Wilber, Del  
**Subject:** RE: Automatic reply: question on ms/13 gangs

I wont be able to give a heads up until tomorrow. And the plane is our work time with him. So no reporters☺

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Sarah Isgur Flores  
Director of Public Affairs

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**From:** Wilber, Del [mailto:del.wilber@wsj.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 26, 2017 4:55 PM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Automatic reply: question on ms/13 gangs

btw, can you give me off-the-record guidance on what sessions will do in long island? we need to decide whether to staff it.

frankly, it would be easier to go with him on his plane than get someone from manhattan there. honestly. isn't that hilarious?

----- Forwarded message -----

**From:** Carr, Peter (OPA) <[Peter.Carr@usdoj.gov](mailto:Peter.Carr@usdoj.gov)>  
**Date:** Wed, Apr 26, 2017 at 4:32 PM  
**Subject:** Automatic reply: question on ms/13 gangs  
**To:** "Wilber, Del" <[del.wilber@wsj.com](mailto:del.wilber@wsj.com)>

I am on work related travel and at times will not have access to my email. If you need immediate assistance, please call the Office of Public Affairs at [202 514 2007](tel:2025142007).

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## Tucker, Eric

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**From:** Tucker, Eric  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 27, 2017 2:06 PM  
**To:** Carr, Peter (OPA)  
**Cc:** sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov; ian.prior@usdoj.gov  
**Subject:** RE: Referral to DOJ

OK, thanks Peter

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**From:** Carr, Peter (OPA) [mailto:Peter.Carr@usdoj.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 27, 2017 1:21 PM  
**To:** Tucker, Eric  
**Cc:** sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov; ian.prior@usdoj.gov  
**Subject:** RE: Referral to DOJ

Thanks, Eric. We'll decline to comment; I'll let you know if that changes.

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**From:** Tucker, Eric [mailto:etucker@ap.org]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 27, 2017 10:28 AM  
**To:** Peter.Carr@usdoj.gov  
**Cc:** sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov; ian.prior@usdoj.gov  
**Subject:** Referral to DOJ

Hi Peter,

The House Science committee today referred to the Justice Department a potential criminal prosecution involving Platte River Networks, the technology services company hired to manage Hillary Clinton's private email server. It makes criminal allegations of obstruction of justice and false statements. Is this something you guys will comment on? Also copying Sarah and Ian, since the referral from the committee is addressed to the Attorney General.

Eric

**Prior, Ian (OPA)**

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**From:** Prior, Ian (OPA)  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 27, 2017 4:32 PM  
**To:** Wilber, Del; Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA); Ian Prior  
**Subject:** RE: question re: Mary Jane for you guys

Just tried you

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

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

From: Wilber, Del [mailto:del.wilber@wsj.com]  
Sent: Thursday, April 27, 2017 4:15 PM  
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>; Ian Prior <ian.prior@usdoj.gov>  
Subject: question re: Mary Jane for you guys

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## Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Sent:** Friday, April 28, 2017 8:51 AM  
**To:** Perez, Evan  
**Subject:** Re: Wikileaks

I guess I'm confused.

On Apr 28, 2017, at 8:42 AM, Perez, Evan <[Evan.Perez@turner.com](mailto:Evan.Perez@turner.com)> wrote:

To explain away a candidate's comments on Wikileaks as him embracing it for helping him against his opponent?

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Correspondent  
**CNN**  
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o [202.772.2756](tel:202.772.2756)  
@evanperez

On Apr 28, 2017, at 7:58 AM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <[Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov)> wrote:

How so? Seemed totally consistent to me.

On Apr 28, 2017, at 7:49 AM, Perez, Evan <[Evan.Perez@turner.com](mailto:Evan.Perez@turner.com)> wrote:

The AG's answer on WikiLeaks in the Today interview is odd. Not sure the words came out as intended. But they stand in contrast to how CIA Director Pompeo described WikiLeaks. And in contrast to the AG comments on leaks last week.

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**Prior, Ian (OPA)**

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**From:** Prior, Ian (OPA)  
**Sent:** Friday, April 28, 2017 11:21 AM  
**To:** Tucker, Eric; ian.prior@usdoj.gov; sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov  
**Subject:** RE: ATTORNEY GENERAL JEFF SESSIONS DELIVERS REMARKS ON VIOLENT CRIME TO FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT

<http://nypost.com/2017/04/24/brooklyn-da-vows-to-protect-illegal-immigrants-charged-with-small-crimes/>

<http://www.thedailybeast.com/articles/2017/04/17/silicon-valley-ceo-pleads-no-contest-to-abusing-his-wife-and-is-offered-a-deal-for-less-than-30-days-in-jail.html>

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**From:** Tucker, Eric [mailto:etucker@ap.org]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 28, 2017 11:16 AM  
**To:** ian.prior@usdoj.gov; sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov  
**Subject:** FW: ATTORNEY GENERAL JEFF SESSIONS DELIVERS REMARKS ON VIOLENT CRIME TO FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT

Hi guys can you please flag for me what this is a reference to? What district attorney has bragged about this?

*And yet, I regret to say that we've seen district attorneys openly brag about not charging cases appropriately giving special treatment to illegal aliens to ensure these criminal aliens aren't deported from their communities. They advertise that they will charge a criminal alien with a lesser offense than presumably they would charge a United States citizen. It baffles me.*

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**From:** USDOJ Office of Public Affairs (SMO) [mailto:USDOJ.Office.of.Public.Affairs@usdoj.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 28, 2017 11:07 AM  
**To:** USDOJ Office of Public Affairs (SMO)  
**Subject:** ATTORNEY GENERAL JEFF SESSIONS DELIVERS REMARKS ON VIOLENT CRIME TO FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT



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## FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT

CENTRAL ISLIP, NEW YORK

### *Remarks as prepared for delivery*

Good morning. I am honored to be here today with all of you – the brave men and women of law enforcement. Your dedication, your commitment to justice and your patriotism are inspiring. Thank you for all you do to keep us safe.

I also want to thank Congressman Pete King for inviting me to visit his district. He has been a steadfast partner and leader in combating violent crime. Finally, let me thank our Acting U.S. Attorney Bridget Rohde of the Eastern District of New York. Bridget, thank you not only for your hospitality, but also for your leadership.

Today is the 99<sup>th</sup> day of President Trump’s administration. The President made a promise to make America safe again, and that is exactly what we are doing at the Department of Justice. The President has talked to me several times about this and his commitment to these issues is complete. He is very aware personally of the violence and murders here.

We’re seeing an increase in violent crime our cities – in Baltimore, Chicago, Memphis, Milwaukee, St. Louis and many others. But gang violence has also been in the headlines right here in the suburbs of Long Island, while the murder rate has surged 10 percent nationwide – the largest increase since 1968. Groups of murderers, rapists, traffickers, and thugs are carrying out a frontal assault on the decent, law-abiding men and women of this community and others like it across our country.

This is not acceptable, and the American people will not tolerate it.

Are these gang and cartel members violent and formidable foes? They sure are. But they are also mortal, and that means they can be arrested, prosecuted and imprisoned for their crimes. And that’s what we are going to do.

MS-13’s motto is “kill, rape and control.” Let me tell you our motto: justice for victims and consequences for criminals. It is that simple. We will prosecute gang members who commit crimes, to the full extent of the law.

This community is no stranger to violence. You know the story: last September, two teenage girls here were beaten to death using baseball bats and a machete. Earlier this month, police in Central Islip found the bodies of four young men, ranging in age from 16 to 20. They had been murdered and their bodies were dumped in a park. One of these young men was an honor student.

I have a message for any gang that targets our young people: we are targeting you, and we are coming after you.

Transnational criminal organizations represent one of the gravest threats to American public safety today. These groups enrich themselves by pedaling poison in our communities, trafficking children for sexual exploitation and inflicting horrific violence in the neighborhoods where they operate and slipping their ill-gotten wealth back to their home countries.

For example, there are over 30,000 MS-13 members abroad, with their headquarters in the El Salvadoran prison system. According to the National Gang Intelligence Center, MS-13 now has more than 10,000 members in at least 40 states in this country up significantly from just a few years ago.

The Justice Department has zero tolerance for gang violence. If you are a gang member, know this: We will find you. We will devastate your networks. We will starve your revenue sources, deplete your ranks and seize your profits. We will not concede a single block or street corner to your vicious tactics.

Long-term success against such transnational criminal organizations requires securing our borders and restoring a lawful system of immigration. We must also dismantle the human smuggling networks that operate along our nation's southern border. If we don't do this, their leadership will simply send new emissaries and recruiters back to the United States to replace the ones we take off the streets.

From past investigations, we know these transnational criminal organizations smuggle members into our country almost exclusively through our border with Mexico. They station these gang members in safe houses in Texas, before they travel to various points around the United States.

We will identify these smuggling networks, investigate and build cases against them, and dismantle them through targeted prosecutions. Then, these people will be deported. Securing our border and restoring a lawful system of immigration are an essential part of our strategy to combat criminal groups and ensure public safety in our country and we will see this task through and end the lawlessness.

Finally, we must do more to send a clear message to our young people: for the sake of your lives and your futures, stay away from gangs, drugs and violent crime. Prevention is critical.

We know that gangs aren't content to simply ruin the lives of adults they recruit in our high schools, our middle schools and even our elementary schools. They recruit unaccompanied minors coming into this country. And every time they convert a young person to their depraved life of violence and crime, they steal their future and a part of our nation's future.

To parents out there, know this: we will not surrender our schools to these gangs. We will not allow them to prey on our children in the hallways. This is a fight we must win.

If the threat of violence from these gangs wasn't enough, our nation is also suffering from an unprecedented epidemic of heroin and opioid abuse. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, more than 50,000 Americans died from drug overdoses last year, the most ever. And a new report this week revealed that in 2015, "drugged driving" deaths surpassed drunk-driving deaths for the first time.

Our nation must do everything in its power to help young people who find themselves already trapped in the dark worlds of gang violence or drug abuse. But the best way to tackle these problems is to convince young people to stay away from gangs and drugs and violence in the first place.

The fight against violent transnational gangs, drugs and violent crime will not be easy. It is a huge task. But we know it can be done. Our nation has successfully taken on violent criminal organizations before, and we can do it again.

This fight will require strong leadership and cooperation at the federal, state, and local levels and the

Department of Justice is working hard to do our part. This is the Trump era so you can be confident that this nation's leadership has your back.

In many areas, we have already made dramatic progress in these first 100 days. To carry out the President's commitment to combat violent crime and restore public safety, in February we established a Department of Justice Task Force on Crime Reduction and Public Safety. In March, I issued a memo to all federal prosecutors, making clear that prosecuting violent criminals is a high priority, and directing them to work closely with their federal, state, local and tribal law enforcement partners to target the most violent offenders in each district.

Along with our partners at the Department of Homeland Security, we are also carrying out the President's promise to secure our borders and restore a lawful system of immigration. Last month, I announced new guidance to federal prosecutors regarding our commitment to criminal immigration enforcement. We are making such enforcement a priority.

Those who attempt to enter the country illegally are now detained ending the dangerous "catch and release" policies of the previous administration. To reduce the backlog of cases at the border, we have surged immigration judges to detention facilities near the border, and streamlined the process for bringing on additional immigration judges, so we can adjudicate these cases more swiftly. And thanks to President Trump's clear leadership on this issue, illegal border crossings are at their lowest monthly figure in at least 17 years.

We have also taken steps to end the lawless practices of so-called "sanctuary" jurisdictions, which make our country less safe. I understand there are those who disagree. But the American people rightly demand a lawful system of immigration. Congress has established a lawful system of immigration.

The Bureau of Justice Statistics just released a report showing that 42 percent of defendants charged in U.S. district court were non-U.S. citizens. And according to the U.S. Sentencing Commission, in 2013, 48 percent of all deported aliens who were convicted for coming back to the United States illegally were also convicted of a non-immigration related crime.

And yet, I regret to say that we've seen district attorneys openly brag about not charging cases appropriately giving special treatment to illegal aliens to ensure these criminal aliens aren't deported from their communities. They advertise that they will charge a criminal alien with a lesser offense than presumably they would charge a United States citizen. It baffles me.

Regardless, no jurisdiction has a right to violate federal law, especially when that violation leads to the death of innocent Americans, like Kate Steinle. As the President has made clear, our system is a system of laws, and we will be the Administration that ends the rampant immigration illegality.

At the direction of President Trump, our department is also working to make sure that all of you, the brave men and women of law enforcement, understand that our nation supports your noble work and has the back of all honest and honorable law enforcement officers.

I have directed our department to develop strategies to support the thousands of law enforcement agencies across the country that seek to prevent crime and protect the public. And I have made clear that this Department of Justice will not sign consent decrees that will cost more lives by handcuffing the police instead of criminals and stopping lawful police procedures that have been proven to reduce crime.



This is just the beginning. In all that we do, the Department of Justice will be guided by a clear sense of purpose: we will maintain public safety; we will uphold the Constitution and enforce our nation's laws; and we will ensure equal justice for all Americans. And I am confident that with the President's support and with you leading the way, we will win this fight.

Thank you again for working so hard to ensure the safety and security of America.

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## Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Sent:** Friday, April 28, 2017 1:39 PM  
**To:** Savage, Charlie  
**Cc:** Marc Raimondi; Ian Prior  
**Subject:** Re: Boente to lead NSD?

Check press release we sent out:)

On Apr 28, 2017, at 1:38 PM, Savage, Charlie <[savage@nytimes.com](mailto:savage@nytimes.com)> wrote:

Hi there- Can you please confirm CNN report?

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Charlie Savage  
The New York Times

Phone: 202-862-0317

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## Savage, Charlie

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**From:** Savage, Charlie  
**Sent:** Friday, April 28, 2017 1:41 PM  
**To:** Prior, Ian (OPA)  
**Cc:** Marc Raimondi; Sarah Isgur Flores  
**Subject:** Re: Boente to lead NSD?

Sorry yes! I've been scrambling on breaking news in NSA land and was just asked to confirm orally across the room

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Charlie Savage  
The New York Times

Phone: 202-862-0317  
Cel [REDACTED] (b) (6)

On Fri, Apr 28, 2017 at 1:38 PM, Prior, Ian (OPA) <[Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov](mailto:Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov)> wrote:

Yes, did you not get the release?

Ian D. Prior

Principal Deputy Director of Public Affairs

Office: [202.616.0911](tel:202.616.0911)

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**From:** Savage, Charlie [mailto:[savage@nytimes.com](mailto:savage@nytimes.com)]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 28, 2017 1:38 PM  
**To:** Marc Raimondi <[marc.raimondi@usdoj.gov](mailto:marc.raimondi@usdoj.gov)>; Ian Prior <[ian.prior@usdoj.gov](mailto:ian.prior@usdoj.gov)>; Sarah Isgur Flores <[sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov)>  
**Subject:** Boente to lead NSD?

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From: Raimondi, Marc  
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Date: Fri Apr 28 2017 14:17:00 EDT  
To: Savage, Charlie <savage@nytimes.com>  
Cc: Blank  
Bcc: Blank  
Subject: RE: Boente to lead NSD?  
Attachments: image001.png  
image002.png

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Wasn't your finest moment... ;-)

From: Savage, Charlie [mailto:savage@nytimes.com]  
Sent: Friday, April 28, 2017 2:14 PM  
To: Raimondi, Marc (OPA) <Marc.Raimondi@usdoj.gov>  
Subject: Re: Boente to lead NSD?

thanks - saw that after i hit send and felt dumb

Charlie Savage

The New York Times

Phone: 202-862-0317

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On Fri, Apr 28, 2017 at 2:06 PM, Raimondi, Marc (OPA) <Marc.Raimondi@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Yes

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FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 2017

(202) 514-2007

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ATTORNEY GENERAL JEFF SESSIONS ANNOUNCES DANA BOENTE TO SERVE AS ACTING ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY DIVISION

WASHINGTON – Attorney General Jeff Sessions today announced the appointment of Dana Boente as Acting Assistant Attorney General of the National Security Division. Boente succeeds Acting Assistant Attorney General Mary McCord, who serves as the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General and who recently announced that she would be departing in May.

“Dana Boente has been a dedicated public servant for decades and has served in important leadership roles in the Department of Justice,” said Attorney General Sessions. “In recent months, he has provided extraordinary leadership during the transition period. I am pleased that he has agreed to continue his service by leading our efforts to keep America safe. I also thank Mary McCord for her dedicated service to the department.”

Prior to this appointment, Boente had been serving as the Acting Deputy Attorney General since Jan. 30, 2017, and has served and will continue to serve as the U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia since his confirmation by the U.S. Senate on Dec. 15, 2015. Boente was appointed by the Attorney General in December 2012 to serve as the U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Louisiana, a position he held until September 2013. Boente began his career with the Justice Department in 1984 with the Tax Division, and in January 2001 he became an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Fraud Unit of the Eastern District of Virginia.

From 2005 to 2007, Boente served as the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General of the Tax Division. Following his service with the Tax Division, he returned to the Eastern District of Virginia when he was selected as the First Assistant U.S. Attorney. He served as acting U.S. Attorney for that office from October 2008 through September 2009 and from Sept. 23, 2013 until his Senate confirmation.

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From: Savage, Charlie [mailto:savage@nytimes.com]

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Sent: Friday, April 28, 2017 1:38 PM

To: Marc Raimondi <marc.raimondi@usdoj.gov>; Ian Prior <ian.prior@usdoj.gov>; Sarah Isgur Flores <sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov>

Subject: Boente to lead NSD?

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## Del Wilber

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**From:** Del Wilber  
**Sent:** Monday, May 1, 2017 8:55 AM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Cc:** Ian Prior; Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA)  
**Subject:** Re: anything of interest today?

I need some news!

Del Wilber

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202-862-6624 (w)

Twitter: @delwilber

A Good Month for Murder: <http://amzn.to/22vNLU4>

Rawhide Down: <http://amzn.to/29H1l8l>

On May 1, 2017, at 8:53 AM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <[Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov)> wrote:

Lord willing should be quiet today

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Sarah Isgur Flores

Director of Public Affairs

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**From:** Wilber, Del [<mailto:del.wilber@wsj.com>]

**Sent:** Monday, May 1, 2017 8:51 AM

**To:** Ian Prior <[ian.prior@usdoj.gov](mailto:ian.prior@usdoj.gov)>; Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <[Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov)>;  
Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA) <[Wyn.Hornbuckle@usdoj.gov](mailto:Wyn.Hornbuckle@usdoj.gov)>

**Subject:** anything of interest today?

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[A Good Month for Murder](#)

[Rawhide Down: The Near Assassination of Ronald Reagan](#)

## Creighton, Kelly M (OPA)

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**From:** Creighton, Kelly M (OPA)  
**Sent:** Monday, May 1, 2017 12:35 PM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA); Savage, Charlie; Ian Prior  
**Cc:** Rebecca Ruiz  
**Subject:** RE: new nyt reporter  
**Attachments:** OBD-220 Privacy Act-fillable Press Media.pdf

Rebecca attached is the form you need to complete. (For place of birth, please let city and state.) Since you will be here tomorrow afternoon, we can get you fingerprinted. Needs to be between 1:00 - 3:00.

Charlie your badge does not have escort privileges. Someone from PAO will need to escort at all times. Also, please have Eric return his badge ASAP.

Thanks.

KC

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Sent:** Monday, May 1, 2017 12:00 PM  
**To:** Savage, Charlie <savage@nytimes.com>; Ian Prior <ian.prior@usdoj.gov>  
**Cc:** Rebecca Ruiz <rebecca.ruiz@nytimes.com>; Creighton, Kelly M (OPA) <kcreighton@jmd.usdoj.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: new nyt reporter

Great to meet you! Welcome! Barring breaking news, tomorrow should be good.

Kelly cc'ed here can help you with the pass. I believe your hard pass should allow you to escort her, but Kelly will know that better as well.

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Sarah Isgur Flores  
Director of Public Affairs

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**From:** Savage, Charlie [<mailto:savage@nytimes.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 1, 2017 11:58 AM  
**To:** Sarah Isgur Flores <[sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov)>; Ian Prior <[ian.prior@usdoj.gov](mailto:ian.prior@usdoj.gov)>  
**Cc:** Rebecca Ruiz <[rebecca.ruiz@nytimes.com](mailto:rebecca.ruiz@nytimes.com)>  
**Subject:** new nyt reporter

Hi Sarah/Ian --

Rebecca Ruiz (Cc'd) has moved down from NY to join the DC bureau and is succeeding Eric Lichtblau as a DOJ beat reporter, starting today. I was wondering if I could bring her by Main Justice tomorrow afternoon and



introduce her to you guys. Or, when would be a good time?

Also, do I have the authority to escort her through the hallways with my DOJ press hard pass, or would she need someone from your office to meet us at the door?

And whom should she speak with, please, about getting a hard pass for herself? I got mine in 2003 so don't remember the process, except I think I had to get fingerprinted at the FBI...

Thanks!

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Charlie Savage  
The New York Times

Phone: 202 862 0317

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U.S. Department of Justice

Contractor Employee Security Information Form

Please complete the following information. PRINT OR TYPE.

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(Last name) (First name) (Middle name)

Other names used: (Former name(s) changed legally or otherwise, aliases, nicknames, maiden names, former married name(s), etc.)

2. Place of Birth

3. Date of Birth

4. Male Female

5. Social Security No.

6. U.S. Citizen by Birth Naturalized

Alien Registration No.

Cert. No. Petition No.

Date, Place and Court

Alien Native Country

Registration No: Date of Entry

Port of Entry

7. Present Employment (Give name of present employer, supervisor, and address)

Supervisor's Phone Number

How long with present employer?

Before signing this form, make sure you have answered all questions fully and correctly.

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I certify that the statements made by me on this form are true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and are made in good faith. I understand that this information may be used for a criminal records identification check done by the Federal Bureau of Investigations.

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## Carrie Johnson

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**From:** Carrie Johnson  
**Sent:** Monday, May 1, 2017 3:06 PM  
**To:** Prior, Ian (OPA)  
**Cc:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) (Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov)  
**Subject:** NPR question

Hi there

You in the office today? Occurs to me some folks are taking a late spring break, or a long weekend.

Have a quick question.

Thanks

Carrie Johnson

[Cjohnson2@npr.org](mailto:Cjohnson2@npr.org)

202-513-2216 office

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## Savage, Charlie

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**From:** Savage, Charlie  
**Sent:** Monday, May 1, 2017 7:32 PM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Cc:** Ian Prior; Creighton, Kelly M (OPA); Rebecca Ruiz  
**Subject:** RE: new nyt reporter

I may not be able to come over tomorrow p.m. unfortunately. Rebecca may still want to come to start badging process without me, or maybe later in week.

On May 1, 2017 12:37 PM, "Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)" <[Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov)> wrote:

See I learn new things every day!

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Sarah Isgur Flores

Director of Public Affairs

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**From:** Creighton, Kelly M (OPA)  
**Sent:** Monday, May 1, 2017 12:35 PM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <[siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov)>; Savage, Charlie <[savage@nytimes.com](mailto:savage@nytimes.com)>; Ian Prior <[ian.prior@usdoj.gov](mailto:ian.prior@usdoj.gov)>  
**Cc:** Rebecca Ruiz <[rebecca.ruiz@nytimes.com](mailto:rebecca.ruiz@nytimes.com)>  
**Subject:** RE: new nyt reporter

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## Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 2, 2017 10:28 AM  
**To:** Tucker, Eric  
**Subject:** RE: can I give you a quick call?

Whats that old saying about when you assume?

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Sarah Isgur Flores  
Director of Public Affairs

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**From:** Tucker, Eric [mailto:etucker@ap.org]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 2, 2017 10:24 AM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: can I give you a quick call?

I assume that dynamic is different when the world's oldest and largest newsgathering organization affirmatively comes to you with information! ☺

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:[Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov)]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 02, 2017 10:17 AM  
**To:** Tucker, Eric  
**Subject:** RE: can I give you a quick call?

In general, when we are ready to tell yall something we send out an advisory. Until then, you can probably assume I'm not going to discuss whatever it is.

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Sarah Isgur Flores  
Director of Public Affairs

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**From:** Tucker, Eric [mailto:etucker@ap.org]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 2, 2017 9:56 AM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <[Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: can I give you a quick call?

OK, will do. In the meantime, are you aware of a big announcement in Louisiana this week?

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:[Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov)]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 02, 2017 9:55 AM  
**To:** Tucker, Eric  
**Subject:** RE: can I give you a quick call?

Id hit up ian

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Sarah Isgur Flores  
Director of Public Affairs

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**From:** Tucker, Eric [<mailto:etucker@ap.org>]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 2, 2017 9:52 AM

**To:** [sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov)

**Subject:** can I give you a quick call?

## Del Wilber

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**From:** Del Wilber  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 2, 2017 10:45 AM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Subject:** Re: What's the lineup today?

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Del Wilber

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Twitter: @delwilber

A Good Month for Murder: <http://amzn.to/22vNLU4>

Rawhide Down: <http://amzn.to/29H1l8l>

On May 2, 2017, at 10:28 AM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <[Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov)> wrote:

When and if we do, you'll see it in a release.

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Sarah Isgur Flores  
Director of Public Affairs

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**From:** Wilber, Del [<mailto:del.wilber@wsj.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 2, 2017 10:26 AM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <[Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: What's the lineup today?

you have anything on this walter scott thing?

On Tue, May 2, 2017 at 10:24 AM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <[Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov)> wrote:

To clarify I mean in terms of policy announcements. There can always be breaking news of course.

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Sarah Isgur Flores  
Director of Public Affairs

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 2, 2017 9:52 AM  
**To:** 'Del Wilber' <[del.wilber@wsj.com](mailto:del.wilber@wsj.com)>  
**Subject:** RE: What's the lineup today?

Not expecting anything major today

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Sarah Isgur Flores  
Director of Public Affairs

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**From:** Del Wilber [<mailto:del.wilber@wsj.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 2, 2017 9:28 AM  
**To:** Sarah Isgur Flores <[Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov)>  
**Subject:** What's the lineup today?

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**Carrie Johnson**

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**From:** Carrie Johnson  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 2, 2017 6:45 PM  
**To:** Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov> Prior; Sarah Isgur Flores (OPA)  
**Subject:** Can someone call me

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Sent from my iPhone

## Carrie Johnson

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**From:** Carrie Johnson  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 3, 2017 10:18 AM  
**To:** 'Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)'  
**Subject:** RE: baton rouge

THANK YOU

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 03, 2017 10:17 AM  
**To:** Carrie Johnson; Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov> (Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov)  
**Cc:** 'Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA)'  
**Subject:** RE: baton rouge

My understanding is the local USA office will send a media advisory this am. But no, that time frame does not sound correct to me.

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Sarah Isgur Flores  
Director of Public Affairs

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**From:** Carrie Johnson [mailto:CJohnson2@npr.org]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 3, 2017 10:03 AM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) (Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>; Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov> (Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>  
**Cc:** 'Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA)' <Wyn.Hornbuckle@usdoj.gov>  
**Subject:** baton rouge

Can you confirm on the record or on background we should have someone in place in Baton Rouge noon EST, 11 am CST?

I'm also watching Comey and trying to update Morning Edition so need to get the word out to our member station in Louisiana.

Thanks  
Carrie

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**Carrie Johnson**

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**From:** Carrie Johnson  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 3, 2017 10:51 AM  
**To:** 'Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)'  
**Subject:** RE: Media advisory

THANK YOU

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

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]  
Sent: Wednesday, May 03, 2017 10:50 AM  
To: Carrie Johnson  
Subject: Media advisory

**Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)**

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 3, 2017 11:15 AM  
**To:** Prior, Ian (OPA)  
**Bcc:** Tucker, Eric; Reid, Paula; Viswanatha, Aruna; Williams, Pete (NBCUniversal); Thomas, Pierre; Woodruff, Betsy; Zapotosky, Matt; Jarrett, Laura; Chris Strohm; Andrea Noble; Wilber, Del; Johnson, Kevin; Mike.Levine@abc.com  
**Subject:** FW: Revised Media Advisory: MDLA, U.S. Attorney's Office  
**Attachments:** 5-3-17 REVISED Alton Sterling Press Release.pdf

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Sarah Isgur Flores  
Director of Public Affairs

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# Department of Justice

Acting United States Attorney Corey Amundson  
Middle District of Louisiana

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 2017  
[www.usdoj.gov/usao/lam](http://www.usdoj.gov/usao/lam)

CONTACT: DANETTE WILLIS  
TELEPHONE: 225-389-0443  
FACSIMILE: 225-389-0561

\*\*\*\*\* MEDIA ADVISORY \*\*\*\*\*

## **PRESS CONFERENCE REGARDING FEDERAL CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION INTO DEATH OF ALTON STERLING**

BATON ROUGE, LA Acting United States Attorney Corey Amundson announced today that his office, together with the United States Department of Justice-Civil Rights Division and the Federal Bureau of Investigation-New Orleans Field Office, will hold a press conference in the Jury Assembly Room in the United States Federal Courthouse located at 777 Florida Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana at 1:00 p.m. CST.

Press should plan to arrive at the Courthouse and be in place by 12:30 p.m. Broadcast Media: Pool only. WAFB will be the pool. Any questions on pool should be directed to WAFB @ (225) 215-4801 or [rhays@wafb.com](mailto:rhays@wafb.com).

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## Zapotosky, Matt

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**From:** Zapotosky, Matt  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 3, 2017 3:53 PM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Cc:** Prior, Ian (OPA)  
**Subject:** RE: response to a family claim

Fair enough. Just offering the opportunity. Thanks for writing back.

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 03, 2017 3:52 PM  
**To:** Zapotosky, Matt <matt.zapotosky@washpost.com>  
**Cc:** Prior, Ian (OPA) <ian.prior@usdoj.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: response to a family claim

Consistent with longstanding DOJ policy regarding ongoing investigations, because the Louisiana Attorney General's Office is conducting its investigation, we will be not be commenting further about the facts of this case.

On May 3, 2017, at 2:51 PM, Zapotosky, Matt <[matt.zapotosky@washpost.com](mailto:matt.zapotosky@washpost.com)> wrote:

Hey Sarah and Ian

As the U.S. Attorney was speaking, the lawyer for Sterling's family claimed that DOJ investigators told them that at the beginning of the interaction, Officer Salamoni put his gun to Sterling's head and said "I'll kill you bitch." That detail wasn't in the press release, nor did the U.S. Attorney mention it.

Is that true? If so, can you say why it wasn't revealed at the press conference or in the release?

Many thanks,

**Matt Zapotosky** | The Washington Post

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## Zapotosky, Matt

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**From:** Zapotosky, Matt  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 4, 2017 11:49 AM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Subject:** RE: pitch

Well, on the record would be preferable that would give it real power. I'd advocate for that.

But I suppose I'd take what I can get.

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:[Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 04, 2017 11:48 AM  
**To:** Zapotosky, Matt <[matt.zapotosky@washpost.com](mailto:matt.zapotosky@washpost.com)>; Prior, Ian (OPA) <[ian.prior@usdoj.gov](mailto:ian.prior@usdoj.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: pitch

And would this be on background not for attribution so you can learn about it or are you looking for someone on the record?

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**From:** Zapotosky, Matt [mailto:[matt.zapotosky@washpost.com](mailto:matt.zapotosky@washpost.com)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 4, 2017 11:46 AM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <[Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov)>; Prior, Ian (OPA) <[ian.prior@usdoj.gov](mailto:ian.prior@usdoj.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: pitch

I'd hope to strike while the iron is hot like before the weekend, if possible.

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:[Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 04, 2017 11:46 AM  
**To:** Zapotosky, Matt <[matt.zapotosky@washpost.com](mailto:matt.zapotosky@washpost.com)>; Prior, Ian (OPA) <[ian.prior@usdoj.gov](mailto:ian.prior@usdoj.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: pitch

Let me ask. I know this morning theyre still traveling back from Baton Rouge. What's your time frame?

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**From:** Zapotosky, Matt [mailto:[matt.zapotosky@washpost.com](mailto:matt.zapotosky@washpost.com)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 4, 2017 11:44 AM  
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**Subject:** pitch

Hey Ian and Sarah

I'm brainstorming a story that looks broadly at how hard it is to substantiate civil rights charges against police officers, but I'm wondering, might I be able to sit down with someone in the Civil Rights Division and talk (even if just in general terms) about that topic? I realize they couldn't comment on a case like Sterling, which has that ongoing element with the state AG, but maybe they could talk about past cases and just the legal challenges of bringing prosecutions in instances like these?

I can obviously get outside experts to do that and I might do that anyway if you won't make someone available. But it'd be a lot more powerful to hear the experiences of people doing the work right now.

Many thanks,

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## Del Wilber

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**From:** Del Wilber  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 4, 2017 12:45 PM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Subject:** Re: still very interested

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A Good Month for Murder: <http://amzn.to/22vNLU4>

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On May 4, 2017, at 12:41 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <[Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov)> wrote:

Noted

On May 4, 2017, at 12:00 PM, Wilber, Del <[del.wilber@wsj.com](mailto:del.wilber@wsj.com)> wrote:

in interviewing sessions.

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**From:** julia.ainsley@thomsonreuters.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 4, 2017 12:45 PM  
**To:** Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov; Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov; mark.abueg@usdoj.gov  
**Subject:** 50 religious org lawsuits under Obama

Hi Sarah,

We just wanted to fact check Trump's statement earlier on the Obama administration having sued 50 religious organizations. Do you have a list of these organizations or the lawsuits you can provide? I'm checking with the White House as well .

Thank you,

Julia

**Julia Edwards Ainsley**

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**Tucker, Eric**

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**From:** Tucker, Eric  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 4, 2017 4:12 PM  
**To:** Prior, Ian (OPA)  
**Cc:** sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov  
**Subject:** RE: Seeking comment for DOJ encryption story today

Thanks!

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**From:** Prior, Ian (OPA) [mailto:Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 04, 2017 4:00 PM  
**To:** Tucker, Eric; Prior, Ian (OPA)  
**Cc:** sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov  
**Subject:** RE: Seeking comment for DOJ encryption story today

You can attribute to me:

“Encryption is certainly a growing challenge to our work, and the Department is taking a fresh look at possible solutions.”

Ian D. Prior  
Principal Deputy Director of Public Affairs  
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Cel [REDACTED] (b) (6)

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**From:** Tucker, Eric [mailto:etucker@ap.org]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 4, 2017 2:58 PM  
**To:** Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>  
**Cc:** sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov  
**Subject:** RE: Seeking comment for DOJ encryption story today

Close of business today would be great. Thanks a lot.

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**From:** Prior, Ian (OPA) [mailto:Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 04, 2017 2:35 PM  
**To:** Tucker, Eric  
**Cc:** sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov; ian.prior@usdoj.gov  
**Subject:** Re: Seeking comment for DOJ encryption story today

Deadline?

Ian D. Prior  
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On May 4, 2017, at 11:11 AM, Tucker, Eric <etucker@ap.org> wrote:

Ian, Sarah: I'm writing a story for today based on Director Comey's comments on encryption. He said he wasn't yet sure whether the Justice Department would pursue a legislative fix to resolve the encryption debate (something the Obama administration did not do). I'd like to know for a story I'm doing today what steps AG Sessions, or DAG Rosenstein, will take before Congress to try to address this issue. Thanks.

Eric

Here's Comey from yesterday: "I don't know yet how the new administration intends to approach it, but it's something we have to talk about. Because like you I care a lot about privacy. I also care an awful lot about public safety there continues to be a huge collision between those two things we care about."

**Carrie Johnson**

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**From:** Carrie Johnson  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 4, 2017 5:28 PM  
**To:** Sarah Isgur Flores (OPA)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Statement on So-Called 'Religious Freedom' Executive Order

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** ACLU Media <[media@aclu.org](mailto:media@aclu.org)>  
**Date:** May 4, 2017 at 5:27:38 PM EDT  
**To:** <[Cjohnson2@npr.org](mailto:Cjohnson2@npr.org)>  
**Subject:** Statement on So-Called 'Religious Freedom' Executive Order

## **ACLU Statement on So-Called 'Religious Freedom' Executive Order**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
May 4, 2017

CONTACT:  
Steve Smith, 212-519-7811, [ssmith@aclu.org](mailto:ssmith@aclu.org)

NEW YORK — After careful review of the executive order covering the Johnson Amendment signed by President Trump today, the American Civil Liberties Union has determined not to file a lawsuit at this time.

American Civil Liberties Union Executive Director Anthony D. Romero issued the following statement:

“Today’s executive order signing was an elaborate photo-op with no discernible policy outcome. After careful review of the order’s text we have determined that the order does not meaningfully alter the ability of religious institutions or individuals to intervene in the political process. The order portends but does not yet do harm to the provision of reproductive health services.

“President Trump’s prior assertion that he wished to ‘totally destroy’ the Johnson Amendment with this order has proven to be a textbook case of ‘fake news.’

“The directive to federal agencies to explore religious-based exceptions to healthcare does cue up a potential future battle, but as of now, the status quo has not changed.

“What President Trump did today was merely provide a faux sop to religious conservatives and kick the can down the road on religious exemptions on reproductive health care services.

“We will continue our steadfast charge to defend Americans’ right to exercise their religion and ensure their freedom from having others’ beliefs forced upon them. The ACLU stands ready to sue the Trump administration and in the event that this order triggers any official government action at all, we will see Trump in court, again.”

This statement is online here:

<https://www.acLU.org/news/acLU-statement-so-called-religious-freedom-executive-order>

If you would rather not receive future communications from American Civil Liberties Union, let us know by clicking [here](#).  
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## Horwitz, Sari

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**From:** Horwitz, Sari  
**Sent:** Friday, May 5, 2017 10:57 AM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Cc:** Prior, Ian (OPA)  
**Subject:** RE: dreiband

I am impressed!! :) And I really do appreciate it, Sarah. I just hope I can get to them before the Post puts the story up online. One of them, for example, is just boarding a plane and is not sure when he can get back to me.

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]  
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**To:** Horwitz, Sari <Sari.Horwitz@washpost.com>  
**Cc:** Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: dreiband

For a guy who doesn't work here and hasn't been nominated for anything...I'd think you'd be more impressed I ever found names!

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**From:** Horwitz, Sari [mailto:Sari.Horwitz@washpost.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 5, 2017 10:51 AM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>  
**Cc:** Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: dreiband

I will try to call these folks right now and hopefully will reach them, but the story will be published very soon and I've been asking for names from you all and Jones Day for at least a week. :)

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [<mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>]

**Sent:** Friday, May 05, 2017 10:42 AM

**To:** Horwitz, Sari <[Sari.Horwitz@washpost.com](mailto:Sari.Horwitz@washpost.com)>

**Cc:** Prior, Ian (OPA) <[Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov](mailto:Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov)>

**Subject:** dreiband

We aren't commenting on any personnel issues as you know. But wanted to pass along some folks who I know know Eric since I hear you're writing it up:

Don Livingston is a former EEOC general counsel. His cell i (b) (6); office (b) (6); and his email is

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former EEOC Vice Chair Leslie Silverman number i (b) (6). Her e-mail address i (b) (6).

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