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To: Good ander, Margaret V. (OAG)
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Subject: RE: Priv Consultation
To: Loeb, Emily M. (ODAG); Thompson, Karl (ODAG); Goodlander, Margaret V. (OAG)
Cc: Noll, Andrew (ODAG)
Sent: February 18, 2021 12:06 PM (UTC-05:00)

Having looked at this, (b) (5)

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USA Durham).

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Thanks, Brad.

From: Loeb, Emily M. (ODAG) <(b) (6)>
Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 10:53 PM
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Subject: Priv Consultation

Hi all per our conversation, this is what we propose using for consultation purposes on the privilege questions and to aid in your review of the issues. Brad, let us know if there are any concerns and, if not, we will keep this moving.

Emily

Emily M. Loeb
Associate Deputy Attorney General
Office of the Deputy Attorney General
c: (b) (6)
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From: Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG)
Subject: Re: Checking in re: briefings
To: Heinze man, Kate (OAG)
Cc: Good ander, Margaret V. (OAG); Visser, Tim (OAG); F etcher, Brian H. (OAG); K apper, Matthew B. (OAG)
Sent: February 24, 2021 8:03 AM (UTC-05:00)

Thanks Kate -
Apologies, I meant to send this last night.

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and Durham's investigation

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And I'd like to discuss how we want to handle (b) (5) which isn't exactly a briefing - T

On Feb 24, 2021, at 6:38 AM, Heinzelman, Kate (OAG) <(b) (6)> wrote:

Thank you all very much for putting this together. I'm attaching a consolidated and somewhat refined draft. I'll set some time today for us to discuss this (possibly at our afternoon check-in if Matt is free then).

Please feel free to send any comments / additions before then.

Best,
Kate

From: Goodlander, Margaret V. (OAG) <(b) (6)>
Sent: Tuesday, February 23, 2021 9:54 PM
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Cc: Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG) <(b) (6)>
Subject: RE: Checking in re: briefings

And here's my current briefing brainstorm:

I. Briefings/Meetings MBG (b) (5) During Yesterday's Hearing

I reviewed my notes/the transcript from yesterday and there appear to be 3-4 (b) (5):

1. January 6 (FBI/USAO-DC)

- MBG stated yesterday that "my first priority will be to have a briefing on where we are, if I'm confirmed, with the investigations" and "to find out what additional resources we need," including whether additional funding and/or additional statutory authorities are and will be necessary.

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3. Meeting with John Durham

- In response to questions from Senators Grassley and others, MBG stated that “one of the very first things I m going to have to do is speak with Mr. Durham, figure out how his investigation is going.”

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II. Other Possible Briefings to Consider for Weeks 1-2:

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Subject: RE: Checking in re: briefings

Here is my current briefing brainstorm:

Priority #1 (Weeks 1-2):

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Priority #2 (Weeks 2-3):

(b) (5)

Priority #3 (First Month):

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I also gave thought to general briefings on (b) (5) [redacted] But those do not strike me as having Week 1-2 urgency.

-Tim

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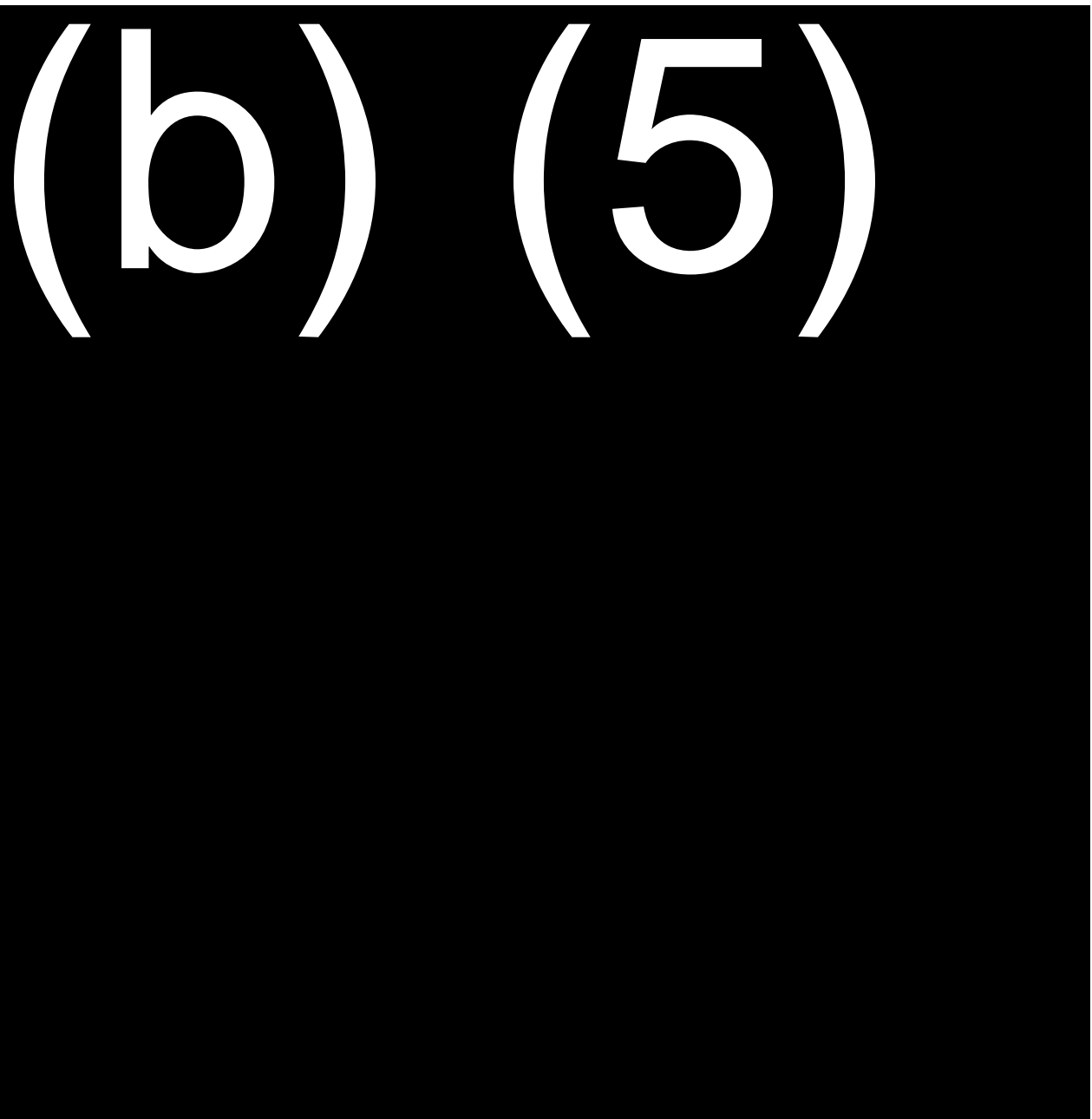
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All-

Pasted below is a first cut at the highest-priority briefings in my portfolio. For the (b) (5) [REDACTED], I've included a few bullets sketching the specific topics that could be included in each. I'm sure that will change greatly based on input from the relevant components. But I thought a bit of detail would help define the briefings in the (b) (5) [REDACTED], where there are so many overlapping and intersecting issues.

The first three briefings strike me as the most time-sensitive; the other two could probably wait a little longer (but not too much longer (b) (5) [REDACTED]).

-Brian



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My top nominee, by far, is (b) (5)

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Tamarra Matthews Johnson
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Subject: Checking in re: briefings

All-

If you haven't done so, can you please circulate today your list of recommended briefings for the A/AG?
This doesn't need to be formal at this point, just a bullet on topic. We can then prioritize and build out.
Kate

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BOSTON – A former member of the Boston-based Devon Street Kings Chapter of the Massachusetts Almighty Latin King and Queen Nation (“Latin Kings”) was sentenced yesterday on racketeering charges.

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Justice Dept. Backs Away From Trump Era but Is Still Expected to Test Garland

Several politically charged investigations await Judge Merrick B. Garland, President Biden's nominee for attorney general.

By Katie Benner

March 4, 2021, 5:00 a.m. ET

WASHINGTON — As Judge Merrick B. Garland prepares to take over the Justice Department, officials have already begun to reverse Trump-era policies denounced by Democrats and restore what longtime employees described as a less charged environment where they no longer feared retaliation from the president or public criticism from the attorney general.

Judge Garland, who is expected to be confirmed as attorney general in the coming days with bipartisan support, emphasized in his [confirmation hearing](#) his experience as a former prosecutor and his commitment to protecting the department from partisan influence. His remarks gave many Justice Department officials the impression that he would be an evenhanded leader who would trust and respect them.

But the judge's vow to be fair and apolitical will be immediately tested by politically thorny investigations, efforts to reverse Trump-era measures and the Biden administration's aims to reinvigorate civil rights initiatives and combat domestic terrorism, including the [sprawling investigation into the Capitol attack](#) by a pro-Trump mob on Jan. 6.

Monty Wilkinson, the acting attorney general and a career law enforcement official, quickly began reversing the Trump administration's signature initiatives last month, including some viewed with skepticism even by Republicans. He rescinded contentious guidance to prosecutors about voter fraud investigations and harsh sentencing, as well as the "zero tolerance" policy for illegal entry into the United States from Mexico, which separated thousands of children from their families.

Since President Biden took office on Jan. 20, the department has also [notified the Supreme Court](#) that it would [no longer challenge the Affordable Care Act](#), disavowing its position under the Trump administration. It [withdrew a lawsuit](#) that accused Yale of discriminating against Asian-American and white applicants, seen as part of a wider effort to dismantle affirmative action. And it retracted support for a [lawsuit seeking to block transgender students](#) from participating in girls' high school sports.

Other moves by Mr. Wilkinson helped raise morale among employees who saw President Donald J. Trump and

Attorney General William P. Barr as wielding the Justice Department for political gain, according to current and former employees. Most notably, Mr. Wilkinson asked a Trump-appointed prosecutor to stay on to oversee an investigation into Mr. Biden's son, Hunter Biden; and he allowed John H. Durham, the special counsel, to continue his inquiry into the Russia investigation. Department officials viewed the decisions as an indication that facts, rather than political interests, would set the course.

Though Democrats said they considered those moves an important reset, more difficult work lies ahead.

Senator [Richard J. Durbin](#), Democrat of Illinois and the chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, accused previous department leaders during Judge Garland's confirmation hearing of shaking the public trust in the department as they sought to advance Mr. Trump's personal and political interests. Mr. Durbin called for the next attorney general to restore faith in the rule of law.

Despite support from many Republicans on the committee, which voted 15 to 7 to advance Mr. Garland's nomination, at least one objected to expediting his confirmation, Mr. Durbin said on Wednesday. "It could be days, maybe even into next week, before he can take the job," Mr. Durbin said in a speech on the Senate floor.

Like any attorney general, Judge Garland will face headwinds once he is in charge of criminal investigations with political dimensions. "The integrity and wisdom of decision-making throughout the department will continually be drawn into question," Kenneth Starr, the former Whitewater special prosecutor, said in Senate testimony supporting the judge's nomination.

Judge Garland told the committee that the first briefing he would receive from aides would be on the assault on the Capitol, which he called "the most heinous attack on the democratic processes" he had seen and an indicator that [domestic extremism](#) was a greater problem now than it was when he investigated the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing.

Leadership of that investigation is in flux. The head of the Capitol assault investigation, Michael R. Sherwin, has stepped down as the acting U.S. attorney in Washington and may relinquish oversight of the case in the coming weeks, according to a memo he wrote to the office.

That investigation promises to be politically tinged; it has already edged toward Mr. Trump's inner circle, with the F.B.I. examining [communications between extremists and his ally Roger J. Stone Jr.](#) And as the department prioritizes its fight against domestic extremism, with the Capitol case at the center of its work, it will face unavoidable questions about [links between extremists and the Republican Party](#).

Judge Garland's record of combating domestic terrorism — which includes not only the Oklahoma City case but also his supervision of the [1996 Atlanta Olympics bombing](#) and the [Unabomber case](#) — can help blunt fears of politicization in those investigations, said Matthew Schneider, a partner at the Honigman law firm and a former U.S. attorney in Michigan.

When Mr. Schneider's office indicted [members of a violent white supremacist group](#) in a [plot to kidnap Gov.](#)

[Gretchen Whitmer](#) of Michigan, a Democrat who had sparred with Mr. Trump, political infighting between the two overshadowed his announcement, he said.

Two other inquiries — the federal tax fraud investigation into Hunter Biden and the Durham investigation into any potential wrongdoing by Obama-era officials who opened the Russia inquiry — are certain to be met with accusations of political influence, no matter their outcomes.

Justice Department employees expressed hope that Judge Garland's reputation for fairness and integrity would help mitigate some of those accusations. He is also a departure in temperament and leadership from Mr. Barr's sometimes combative bluntness, which current and former employees predicted could help dampen controversy.

"He has the reputation we need in an attorney general right now," Kenneth L. Wainstein, a former Justice Department official under President George W. Bush, said of Judge Garland. "He's recognized as being a thoughtful person, not as an ideologue or as a political partisan. And he understands what it means to be the attorney general for the country, and not for the president. There will never be a morning when you open the paper and see that he's misused his authority to protect the president."

Mr. Barr's approach to politically charged prosecutorial matters was also a model to be avoided, current and former employees said. He contravened norms to let prosecutors investigate fraud before the election was certified, fueling fears that the results could not be trusted. He ordered them to lower a sentencing recommendation for Mr. Stone, who was [convicted of seven felonies](#) but later [pardoned by Mr. Trump](#). And he sought to drop a case against Mr. Trump's former national security adviser [Michael T. Flynn, who had pleaded guilty](#) to lying to investigators. Mr. Barr also used a manuscript review process intended to keep classified information private to [sue Stephanie Winston Wolkoff](#), the author of a gossipy tell-all about working for the former first lady Melania Trump.

Under Mr. Wilkinson, the department withdrew the legal action against Ms. Wolkoff and returned to working through established chains of command.

Judge Garland is also expected to try to revive the Justice Department's civil rights division, which under Mr. Trump saw its priorities drastically shift. [Religious freedoms were prioritized](#) over work to protect rights for L.G.B.T.Q. people. The department all but [stopped using consent decrees](#) as a tool to overhaul police departments with records of racial discrimination and other abuses. Mr. Barr sought to [more narrowly enforce Civil Rights Act prohibitions](#) on racial discrimination, and he accused the Black Lives Matter movement of [using Black people as props](#) for a radical political agenda.

Late last year, the department banned any diversity and inclusion training or programming to comply with [Mr. Trump's executive order that banned such training](#) and said that implicit bias did not exist. That guidance was rescinded.

Judge Garland's positions so far demonstrate a contrast, and his commitment to diversity and inclusion appeared heartfelt, said a Justice Department employee who belonged to the D.O.J. Gender Equality Network, an employee-run advocacy organization that promotes equitable treatment for workers in the department.

But Republicans have already warned against an embrace of progressive priorities, insisting that religious freedom must not lose priority and that consent decrees should not be widely used. Senator Mike Lee, Republican of Utah, has indicated that he will not support Kristen Clarke, Mr. Biden's nominee to run the civil rights division.

But Judge Garland made clear at his hearing that he supported reversing the version of civil rights under the Trump administration, rooting his position in the department's origins in fighting the Ku Klux Klan and upholding the Civil Rights Act to protect the rights of "the most vulnerable members of our society."

That mission "remains urgent because we do not yet have equal justice," Judge Garland said. "Communities of color and other minorities still face discrimination in housing, in education, in employment and in the criminal justice system."

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Sent: Thursday, April 29, 2021 12:27 PM

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From: Loeb, Emily M. (ODAG) (b) (6)

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To: Goodlander, Margaret V. (OAG) (b) (6)

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From: Goodlander, Margaret V. (OAG) (b) (6)

Sent: Thursday, April 29, 2021 10:42 AM

To: Loeb, Emily M. (ODAG) (b) (6)

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You are the best thank you! also you are handling the sections, below, right? Would you be able to send by ~3pm?

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From: Loeb, Emily M. (ODAG) <(b) (6)>

Sent: Thursday, April 29, 2021 10:33 AM

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Confirming (b) (5) looked good to me and I made minor tweaks other than adding those additional qs on (b) (5)

Emily M. Loeb
Associate Deputy Attorney General
Office of the Deputy Attorney General
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From: USDOJ-Office of Public Affairs
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Grand Jury Indicts D.C. Attorney with Making False Statements to the FBI in 2016 Regarding Alleged Communications Between Trump Organization and Russian Bank
To: Goodlander, Margaret V. (OAG)
Sent: September 16, 2021 4:37 PM (UTC-04:00)

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Note: To view the indictment, click [here](#).

Grand Jury Indicts D.C. Attorney with Making False Statements to the FBI in 2016 Regarding Alleged Communications Between Trump Organization and Russian Bank

WASHINGTON – Special Counsel John Durham today announced that a federal grand jury returned an indictment in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia charging Michael A. Sussmann, 57, a Washington, D.C.-based attorney, with making a false statement to the FBI on Sept. 19, 2016. The charge in the indictment stems from a set of allegations brought by Sussmann to the FBI related to an alleged secret channel of communications between the Trump Organization and a Russian bank.

Sussmann is expected to make his initial appearance in the D.C. federal court as soon as tomorrow. The court will schedule the appearance.

As alleged in the indictment, on Sept. 19, 2016, Sussman, a lawyer at a large international law firm, met with the FBI General Counsel at FBI Headquarters in Washington, D.C. Sussmann had requested the meeting to provide the General Counsel with certain data files and “white papers” that allegedly demonstrated a covert communications channel between the Trump Organization and a Russia-based bank. Sussmann, who had previously represented the Democratic National Committee in connection with a cyber hack, falsely stated to the General Counsel that he was not bringing these allegations to the FBI on behalf of any client. This false representation led the General Counsel to understand that Sussmann was providing information as a good citizen rather than a paid advocate or political operative. In fact, Sussmann assembled and conveyed the allegations to the FBI on behalf of at least two clients, including a U.S. technology executive and the Clinton Presidential Campaign.

It is alleged that beginning in July 2016, Sussmann worked with the aforementioned U.S. technology executive, other cyber researchers, and a U.S.-based investigative firm to assemble the data and white papers that Sussmann ultimately provided to the FBI and the media. The technology executive, for his part, exploited his access to non-public data at multiple internet companies and enlisted the assistance of researchers at a U.S.-based university who were receiving and analyzing internet data in connection with a pending federal government cybersecurity research contract designed to identify the perpetrators of malicious cyber-attacks and protect U.S. national security. The indictment further alleges that researchers were tasked to mine this internet data to establish “an inference” and “narrative” that would tie then-presidential candidate Donald Trump to Russia, and which the executive believed would please certain “VIPs.” The indictment also alleges that Sussmann, his law firm, and the technology executive coordinated with representatives and agents of the Clinton Campaign in these efforts.

It is further alleged that Sussmann’s false statement misled FBI personnel and deprived the FBI of information that might have permitted it more fully to assess and uncover the origins of the relevant data and analysis, including the identities and motivations of Sussmann’s clients.

The FBI ultimately determined that there was insufficient evidence to support the allegations of a secret communications channel between the Trump Organization and the Russia-based bank.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant Special Counsel Andrew DeFilippis and Assistant Special Counsel Michael T. Keilty, with the support and assistance of other members of Special Counsel Durham’s team. The Special Counsel’s investigation is ongoing.

An indictment is merely an allegation and all defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

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Sent: October 18, 2021 12:19 PM (UTC-04:00)

Here's the current list. (b) (5) issue is a good add. Let me know if you have others.

Thanks!

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From: Gupta, Vanita (OASG) (b) (6)
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This likely falls into the hot topic bucket but we are sending over some Q&A on (b) (5)

From: Seidman, Ricki (OASG) (b) (6)
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This doe NOT include the “Hot Topics” section. Will send that separately.

There are additional Q & A that we held back from the book because we believe these is no chance they will be asked. If you see things that you believe he will be asked that are not included here, please let me know.

Thanks!

From: USDOJ-Office of Public Affairs
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Russian National Indicted for Making False Statements to the FBI
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Russian National Indicted for Making False Statements to the FBI

Defendant Allegedly Lied About the Source of Information Provided to the FBI During the 2016 Presidential Campaign

WASHINGTON – Special Counsel John Durham today announced that a federal grand jury returned an indictment in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia charging Igor Danchenko, 43, a Russian citizen residing in Virginia, with five counts of making false statements to the FBI. The charges in the indictment stem from statements made by Danchenko relating to the sources he used in providing information to a U.K. investigative firm that prepared what are identified in the indictment as “Company Reports.”

The indictment was returned on Nov. 3 and unsealed today. Danchenko was arrested earlier today and is scheduled to appear before U.S. Magistrate Judge Theresa C. Buchanan today at 2:30 p.m.

According to the indictment, on June 15, 2017, March 16, 2017, May 18, 2017, Oct. 24, 2017, and Nov. 16, 2017, Danchenko made false statements regarding the sources of certain information that he provided to a U.K. investigative firm that was then included in reports prepared by the U.K. investigative firm and subsequently passed to the FBI. The June 15, 2017, false statement count alleges that Danchenko denied that he had spoken with a particular individual about material information contained in one of the Company Reports when he knew that was untrue. The March 16, 2017, May 18, 2017, Oct. 24, 2017, and Nov. 16, 2017, counts involve statements made by Danchenko on those dates to FBI agents regarding information he purportedly had received from an anonymous caller who he believed to be a particular individual, when in truth and in fact he knew that was untrue. The information purportedly conveyed by the anonymous caller included the allegation that there were communications ongoing between the Trump campaign and Russian officials and that the caller had indicated the Kremlin might be of help in getting Trump elected.

Charges contained in an indictment are only allegations. The defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant Special Counsel Andrew J. DeFilippis, Assistant Special Counsel Michael T. Keilty, and Assistant Special Counsel Jonathan E. Algor, with the support and assistance of other members of Special Counsel Durham’s team. The Special Counsel’s investigation is ongoing.

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From: Coey, Anthony D. (PAO)
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Press inquiry on Margaret Goodlander's involvement in Durham probe
To: Kapper, Matthew B. (OAG); Goodlander, Margaret V. (OAG)
Cc: Iverson, Dena (PAO)
Sent: December 9, 2021 3:42 PM (UTC-05:00)

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From: Chuck Ross (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, December 9, 2021 3:33 PM
To: Coey, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Press inquiry on Margaret Goodlander's involvement in Durham probe

Mr. Coey,

How are you? I'm reaching out for a story we're writing about Margaret Goodlander.

A House Republican and a watchdog group we have talked to are questioning whether Ms. Goodlander has had any involvement or input regarding the Durham probe. They're raising these questions because her husband, Jake Sullivan, has been referenced in one indictment so far (that of Michael Sussmann). There is also a strong likelihood he would be discussed in any report issued by Durham given his role on the Clinton campaign. They're saying this is an issue because AG Garland has ultimate say over Durham's investment, the approval of his budget and the release of his eventual report.

I was hoping to find out whether the Department may have already addressed this issue internally. Is Ms. Goodlander recused from having any involvement in the Durham matter? Has she advised AG Garland or the Department on the investigation? If she has not officially recused, what would the rationale be for her not being made to do so?

Thank you for any help,
Chuck Ross
Senior Investigative Reporter
The Washington Free Beacon
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From: Heinze man, Kate (OAG)
Subject: Re: Draft Off Topic Q and A --
To: Co ey, Anthony D. (PAO)
Cc: Donohue, Jennifer (PAO); Hornbuck e, Wyn (PAO); Good ander, Margaret V. (OAG)
Sent: February 21, 2022 5:56 PM (UTC-05:00)

Looks good. There's a "t" missing in "brought" in second question. I'm working on one more line for the last q. Adding Maggie for additional thoughts.

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On Feb 21, 2022, at 5:45 PM, Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6) > wrote:

Any glaring omissions?

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