



U.S. Department of Justice

Justice Management Division

Washington, D.C. 20530

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

FROM: Lee J. Lofthus
Assistant Attorney General
for Administration

SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2021 Special Counsel's Office Budget Request

TIMETABLE: As soon as possible.

DISCUSSION: Attached is the John Durham Special Counsel Office Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 budget plan. The Justice Management Division has completed its review under 28 C.F.R. 600.8(a)(1) and recommends approval. The FY 2019 budget estimate is \$6,483,496, which, after OMB technical adjustments, totals \$6,113,937 in available operational funds.

RECOMMENDATION: Justice Management Division recommends that the Attorney General approve the Special Counsel's Office FY 2021 budget.

APPROVE: W Barr
Date: December 15, 2020

Concurring Components:
None

DISAPPROVE _____

Nonconcurring Components:
None

OTHER: _____

Attachment

cc: Jolene A. Lauria, Deputy Assistant Attorney General/Controller

John Durham Special Counsel FY21 Budget Request

	FY2021

INCOME 0

Full Time Permanent 1,889,478
 Other Than Full Time Permanent 0
 Other Personnel Compensation 0
 Special Personnel Services Benefits 0
 Civilian Personnel Benefits 558,507
 Other Personnel Benefits 0
 Personnel Adjustment for Detailees 0

Personnel 2,447,985

Travel 1,262,285
 Mail 15,000
 Rent 584,216
 Communications 46,000
 Printing 45,000
 Other Contractual Services 1,513,450
 Supplies 100,000
 Equipment 100,000

TOTAL NON-PERSONNEL COSTS 3,665,952

TOTAL COSTS 6,113,937

Mandatory Sequester 5.7% 369,559

TOTAL REQUEST 6,483,496

Direct Positions 16
 [Attorneys] [0]

Reimbursable Detailees 4
 [Attorneys] [0]

Non-Reimbursable Investigative Staff 0
 [Agents] [0]

Total SCO Staff 20





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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

THROUGH (CONCURRING): THE DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL

FROM: Lee J. Lofthus
Assistant Attorney General **Lee Lofthus** Date: 2021.06.30
for Administration 17:27:24 -04'00'

SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2022 Special Counsel's Office Budget Request

PURPOSE: To obtain the Attorney General's review and approval of the Special Counsel's budget request in accordance with 28 CFR Part 600.8(a)(1).

AG DECISION REQUESTED BY: As soon as possible.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: The John Durham Special Counsel Office Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 budget plan is attached for Attorney General approval.

DISCUSSION: Attached is the John Durham Special Counsel Office Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 budget plan. The Justice Management Division has completed its review under 28 C.F.R. 600.8(a)(1). The FY 2022 budget estimate is \$4,463,525, which, after Office of Management and Budget technical adjustments for the mandatory sequester, totals \$4,209,104 in available operational funds.

CONCURRENCE: Brad Weinsheimer, Associate Deputy Attorney General

NON-CONCURRENCE: None.

CONSULTATION: None.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS: None. The Special Counsel budgets are not made public. A six-month expenditure report is made public for the periods ending March 31 and September 30 each fiscal year, but not the budget request itself.

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS: None.

OTHER STAKEHOLDERS: None.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Attorney General review the submitted budget request and render a decision on an approved budget request for Fiscal Year 2022 for the Special Counsel's Office.

APPROVE: MG 9-8-21

Concurring Component:

ADAG [Signature]
DAG [Signature]

DISAPPROVE: _____

Non-concurring Component:

None

OTHER: _____

Attachment

John Durham Special Counsel FY22 Budget Request

	FY2022

INCOME	0
Full Time Permanent	1,446,596
Other Than Full Time Permanent	0
Other Personnel Compensation	0
Special Personnel Services Benefits	0
Civilian Personnel Benefits	427,597
Other Personnel Benefits	0
Personnel Adjustment for Detailees	0
Personnel	1,874,193
Travel	457,207
Mail	15,000
Rent	306,350
Communications	14,300
Printing	45,000
Other Contractual Services	1,297,054
Supplies	100,000
Equipment	100,000
TOTAL NON-PERSONNEL COSTS	2,334,911
TOTAL COSTS	4,209,104
Mandatory Sequester 5.7%	254,421
TOTAL REQUEST	4,463,525

Direct Positions	1
[Attorneys}	[0]
Reimbursable Detailees	11
[Attorneys]	[0]
Non-Reimbursable Investigative Staff	3
[Agents]	[0]
Total SCO Staff	15



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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

THROUGH: THE DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL

FROM: Jolene Ann Laura JOLENE
Acting Assistant Attorney General LAURIA
for Administration

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JOLENE LAURIA
Date: 2022.07.06
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SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2023 Special Counsel's Office Budget Request

PURPOSE: To obtain the Attorney General's review and approval of the Special Counsel's budget request in accordance with 28 CFR Part 600.8(a)(1).

AG DECISION REQUESTED BY: As soon as possible.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: The John Durham Special Counsel Office Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 budget plan is attached for Attorney General approval.

DISCUSSION: Attached is the John Durham Special Counsel Office Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 budget plan developed with the expectation the special counsel efforts will conclude not later than January 31, 2023. The Justice Management Division has completed its review under 28 C.F.R. 600.8(a)(1). The FY 2023 budget estimate is \$1,046,392, which, after Office of Management and Budget technical adjustments for the mandatory sequester, totals \$986,748 in available operational funds.

The following expectations from the Special Counsel Office have been factored into the budget calculations:

1. The proposed budget contemplates funding through January 31, 2023. If the *Danchenko* matter is resolved sooner than that date (that is, either the defendant is convicted and sentenced prior to January 31, 2023, or the prosecution is unsuccessful) then, of course, the expenditures would end whenever that matter resolves and the office shutdown is completed. The Special Counsel has sought funding only to complete the Denchenko trial through sentencing and for activities necessary for an orderly shutdown of the Special Counsel's Office at the conclusion of the trial. Those are the only authorized expenses pursuant to this budget request.
2. With respect to expenditures for attorney personnel, the proposed budget contemplates expenses for two GS 15 positions and Special Counsel Durham.

3. With respect to additional personnel expenditures, the proposed budget contemplates funding for two paralegals through January 31, 2023, two contractors (through November 29, 2022, and one contractor (through October 28, 2022.
4. The non-personnel costs have been calculated based on a pro rata analysis of our earlier SCO budgets.

CONCURRENCE: Brad Weinsheimer, Associate Deputy Attorney General

NON-CONCURRENCE: None.

CONSULTATION: None.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS: None. The Special Counsel budgets are not made public. A six-month expenditure report is made public for the periods ending March 31 and September 30 each fiscal year, but not the budget request itself.

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS: None.

OTHER STAKEHOLDERS: None.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Attorney General review the submitted budget request and render a decision on an approved budget request for Fiscal Year 2023 for the Special Counsel's Office.

APPROVE: MSJ 7/19/22

Concurring Components:
ADAG [Signature]

DISAPPROVE: _____

Non-concurring Component:
None

OTHER: _____

Attachments:

- Proposed Fiscal Year 2023 Special Counsel Budget
- Memorandum from Special Counsel Durham to Associate Deputy Attorney General Bradley Weinsheimer

John Durham Special Counsel FY23 Budget Request

Attachment

	FY2023

INCOME	0
Full Time Permanent	193,522
Other Than Full Time Permanent	0
Other Personnel Compensation	0
Special Personnel Services Benefits	0
Civilian Personnel Benefits	57,203
Other Personnel Benefits	0
Personnel Adjustment for Detailees	0

Personnel	250,725
Travel	89,232
Mail	15,000
Rent	91,860
Communications	4,767
Printing	15,000
Other Contractual Services	470,165
Supplies	25,000
Equipment	25,000

TOTAL NON-PERSONNEL COSTS	736,023
TOTAL COSTS	986,748
Mandatory Sequester 5.7%	59,644
TOTAL REQUEST	1,046,392

Direct Positions	1
[Attorneys]	[0]
Reimbursable Detailees	4
[Attorneys]	[0]
Non-Reimbursable Investigative Staff	3
[Agents]	[0]
Total SCO Staff	8



MEMORANDUM

TO: Bradley Weinsheimer
Associate Deputy Attorney General

FROM: John H. Durham
Special Counsel

DATE: June 24, 2022

SUBJECT: FY 2023 Budget for Special Counsel's Office

Pursuant to our recent conversation concerning the proposed FY 2023 budget for the Special Counsel's Office, a copy of which is being emailed to you along with this Memo, the following expectations have been factored into the calculations:

1. The proposed budget contemplates funding through January 31, 2023. If the *Danchenko* matter is resolved sooner than that date (that is, either the defendant is convicted and sentenced prior to January 31, 2023, or the prosecution is unsuccessful) then, of course, the expenditures would end whenever that matter resolves and the office shutdown is completed.
2. With respect to expenditures for attorney personnel, the proposed budget contemplates expenses for two GS 15 positions (likely (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)), plus me.
3. With respect to additional personnel expenditures, the proposed budget contemplates funding for two paralegals (namely, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) through January 31, 2023, two contractors ((b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) through November 29, 2022, and one contractor (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) through October 28, 2022).
4. The non-personnel costs, as I understand it, have been calculated based on a pro rata analysis of our earlier SCO budgets.

Please let me know if you need additional information from us regarding the proposed FY 2023 budget for the Special Counsel's Office.



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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

THROUGH:

THE DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL

ANDREW
BRUCK

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ANDREW BRUCK
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FROM:

Jolene Ann Lauria
Acting Assistant Attorney General
for Administration

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SUBJECT:

Request to Extend Fiscal Year 2023 Special Counsel's Office Budget

PURPOSE:

To obtain the Attorney General's review and approval of the extension of the Special Counsel's budget timeframe in accordance with 28 CFR Part 600.8(a)(1).

AG DECISION REQUESTED BY: As soon as possible.

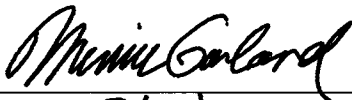
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: Extending the John Durham Special Counsel Office Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 budget for Attorney General approval.

DISCUSSION: Special Counsel John Durham has requested to extend the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 budget through May 19, 2023. The Justice Management Division has completed its review under 28 C.F.R. 600.8(a)(1). The Special Counsel has sought additional time to complete the final activities necessary for an orderly shutdown of the Special Counsel's Office, including properly securing and transferring all records. The previously approved FY 2023 amended budget amount for \$2,060,087, which after Office of Management and Budget technical adjustment for the mandatory sequester, totals \$1,942,663 in available operational funds is sufficient through May 19, 2023.

CONSULTATION: None.

OTHER STAKEHOLDERS: None.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Attorney General review the submitted budget request and render a decision on an approved extension of the budget request for Fiscal Year 2023 for the Special Counsel's Office.

APPROVE: 
5/12/2023

Concurring Components:
None

DISAPPROVE: _____

Non-concurring Components:
None

OTHER: _____

Attachment:

- John Durham Special Counsel Fiscal Year 2023 Amended Budget Summary

John Durham Special Counsel FY23 Amended Budget

Attachment

	FY2023 Previously Approved Budget thru January 31, 2023	New Request	FY2023 Total thru May 19, 2023
INCOME	0	0	0
Full Time Permanent	447,267	99,782	547,049
Other Than Full Time Permanent	-	-	-
Other Personnel Compensation	-	-	-
Special Personnel Services Benefits	-	-	-
Civilian Personnel Benefits	154,241	34,411	188,652
Other Personnel Benefits	-	-	-
Personnel Adjustment for Detailees	-	-	-
PERSONNEL	601,508	134,193	735,701
Travel	136,042	16,117	152,159
Mail	15,000	-	15,000
Rent	137,789	34,448	172,237
Communications	7,150	1,787	8,937
Printing	22,500	-	22,500
Other Contractual Services	671,716	114,413	786,129
Supplies	25,000	-	25,000
Equipment	25,000	-	25,000
TOTAL NON-PERSONNEL COSTS	1,040,197	166,765	1,206,962
TOTAL COSTS	1,641,705	300,958	1,942,663
Mandatory Sequester 5.7%	99,233	18,191	117,424
TOTAL REQUEST	1,740,938	319,149	2,060,087
Direct Positions [Attorneys]	1 [0]	0	1 [0]
Reimbursable Detailees [Attorneys]	6 [0]	0	6 [0]
Non-Reimbursable Investigative Staff [Agents]	3 [0]	0	3 [0]
Total SCO Staff	10	0	10