

Klingler, McLaurine E. EOP/WHO

From: Klingler, McLaurine E. EOP/WHO
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 6:07 PM
To: mary.blanche.hankey@usdoj.gov
Subject: Immigration Executive Order Implementation Meeting with Stephen Miller

Hey Mary Blanche,

I got so excited when I saw that you were one of the people to reach out to about this. I hope things are going well!

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. Do you have any time restrictions on Monday (1/30)? Let me know when you can!

Thanks,
McLaurine

Hanrahan, Peggi (Sessions)

From: Hanrahan, Peggi (Sessions)
Sent: Thursday, February 9, 2017 9:52 AM
To: Hankey, Mary Blanche (OAG); Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO; Cutrona, Danielle (Judiciary-Rep); Kyl, Jon; Reinhardt, Mary Abigail; Reinhardt, Paul; Sessions, Sam; Strange, Luther; Ivanka Trump (b)(6) Ivanka Trump email; Walk, John; Walk Home, Ruthie; Kushner, Jared; Bryant, Errical (OAG)
Subject: Re: Sessions contact information

Correction. Cell for AG is (b) (6)

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 9, 2017, at 8:52 AM, Hanrahan, Peggi (Sessions) <Peggi_Hanrahan@sessions.senate.gov> wrote:

I am sending this to let you know that both of the emails and the cell phone number you have for Senator-Attorney General Sessions no longer work. His new personal email is (b) (6) and his new personal cell phone number is (b) (6). Please use this contact information for all non-official emails and phone calls. He will have a DOJ email and phone but you should not use that except for official Justice business. Also, he requests that this information not be shared. I will be at Justice starting on Friday. My personal email is (b) (6) and my cell is (b) (6). (b) (6) Thanks!

Peggi V. Hanrahan
Executive Assistant to Senator Jeff Sessions

Bryant, Errical (OAG)

From: Bryant, Errical (OAG)
Sent: Friday, February 10, 2017 5:38 PM
To: Hankey, Mary Blanche (OAG); Jackson, Wykema C. (OAG)
Cc: Tucker, Rachael (OAG); Hunt, Jody (OAG); Bennett, Catherine T (OAG); Washington, Tracy T (OAG); Schedule, AG84 (OAG) (JMD); Hanrahan, Peggi (OAG)
Subject: RE: Update! Briefing Materials for Monday, February 13, 2017

The call has been removed.

From: Hankey, Mary Blanche (OAG)
Sent: Friday, February 10, 2017 4:42 PM
To: Jackson, Wykema C. (OAG) <wcjackson@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Tucker, Rachael (OAG) <ratucker@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Hunt, Jody (OAG) <johunt@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Bennett, Catherine T (OAG) <cbennett@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Washington, Tracy T (OAG) <twashington@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Schedule, AG84 (OAG) (JMD) <ag.schedule84@usdoj.gov>; Bryant, Errical (OAG) <ebryant@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Hanrahan, Peggi (OAG) <phanrahan@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: Update! Briefing Materials for Monday, February 13, 2017

Has there been any confirmation on the 10 am call? JBS will need to be briefed by a few individuals to prepare. Thanks!

On Feb 10, 2017, at 3:16 PM, Jackson, Wykema C. (OAG) <wcjackson@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

You are listed as the POC for the events listed below on the AG's schedule for Monday, and we are expecting briefing materials from you. Please send two copies of your complete package, (including tabs if appropriate), by 5:00 pm today, so that we can prepare the book. If you do not have any materials, or if you have a separate binder, please reply to this message so that we know not to include them in our table of contents. Thanks.

IF YOU DO NOT HAVE MATERIALS, PLEASE LET US KNOW.

Mary Blanch Hankey

***Briefing on the Bannon Call (currently on hold)**

Rachael Tucker

***Meeting on (b) (5)**

Jody Hunt

***Phone Call: Steve Bannon and Stephen Miller (currently on hold)**

***Meeting with Mayor Rahm Emanuel**

Hunt, Jody (OAG)

From: Hunt, Jody (OAG)
Sent: Friday, February 10, 2017 9:05 PM
To: Dumbauld, Cassidy M. EOP/WHO
Subject: RE: Introduction

Cassidy -- Things have been rather hectic given the AG's first full day, with many briefings and appointments. Can we please touch base next week to determine whether we can get something on the schedule? -- Jody

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

From: Hunt, Jody (OAG)
Sent: Friday, February 10, 2017 2:11 PM
To: 'Dumbauld, Cassidy M. EOP/WHO' <(b) (6)>
Subject: RE: Introduction

Unfortunately I do not think Monday at 9:00 a.m. would work for his schedule given other briefings he has in the morning. If we do this, it very likely will need to be another time or day. Let me talk to him and get back to you.

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

From: Dumbauld, Cassidy M. EOP/WHO [mailto:(b) (6)]
Sent: Friday, February 10, 2017 1:08 PM
To: Hunt, Jody (OAG) <Jody.Hunt@usdoj.gov>
Cc: Klingler, McLaurine E. EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>
Subject: RE: Introduction

Hi Jodie,

I believe this is a separate meeting with just Stephen Miller and Steve Bannon and potentially Secretary Kelly.

Would Monday at 9am work?

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

From: Hunt, Jody (OAG) [mailto:Jody.Hunt@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Friday, February 10, 2017 1:05 PM
To: Dumbauld, Cassidy M. EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>
Subject: RE: Introduction

Hi Cassidy,

Hi Cassidy. (b) (5)

. -- Jody

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

From: Dumbauld, Cassidy M. EOP/WHO [mailto:(b) (6)]

Sent: Friday, February 10, 2017 8:58 AM

To: jody.hunt@usdoj.gov

Subject: Introduction

Hi Jody,

My name is Cassidy and I work in Steve Bannon's office. He and Stephen Miller are interested in having a meeting with the Attorney General early next week regarding (b) (5). We were thinking Monday at 9 am. Is that possible to facilitate?

Thank you so much!

Cassidy

Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO

From: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO
Sent: Tuesday, February 14, 2017 11:19 AM
To: Hunt, Jody (OAG)
Subject: RE:

(b) (6)

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

From: Hunt, Jody (OAG) [mailto:Jody.Hunt@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, February 14, 2017 11:13 AM
To: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>
Subject: RE:

Okay. Running from meeting to meeting with the AG right now. Will call you as soon as I get a chance. What is the best number to reach you? -- Jody

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

From: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO [mailto:(b) (6)]
Sent: Tuesday, February 14, 2017 10:23 AM
To: Hunt, Jody (OAG) <Jody.Hunt@usdoj.gov>
Subject:

Let's talk today before you head over

Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO

From: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO
Sent: Wednesday, February 15, 2017 7:17 PM
To: Hunt, Jody (OAG)
Subject: RE:

Just tried you - give me a ring when you can: (b) (6)

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

From: Hunt, Jody (OAG) [mailto:Jody.Hunt@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, February 15, 2017 4:27 PM
To: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>
Subject: RE:

202-514-3893

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

From: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO [mailto:(b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, February 15, 2017 2:35 PM
To: Hunt, Jody (OAG) <Jody.Hunt@usdoj.gov>
Subject:

What is best # to reach you on?

Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO

From: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO
Sent: Sunday, February 19, 2017 7:27 PM
To: Hunt, Jody (OAG)
Subject: Re: RE: RE:

That was last I heard but I could be wrong

Sent from my iPhone

> On Feb 19, 2017, at 7:21 PM, Hunt, Jody (OAG) <Jody.Hunt@usdoj.gov> wrote:

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> He definitely will read it.

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> Perhaps plans changed, but as of Friday I was told Kelly is leaving Tuesday afternoon. The AG is at Supreme Court Tuesday morning.

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> Wednesday morning would be good if Kelly is not leaving until Wednesday.

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

> From: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO [mailto:(b) (6)]

> Sent: Sunday, February 19, 2017 7:15 PM

> To: Hunt, Jody (OAG) <Jody.Hunt@usdoj.gov>

> Subject: Re: RE:

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> Joint DOJ DHS press briefing.

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> Please make sure AG reads latest draft of the EO.

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> I had thought Kelly was leaving wed morning.

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> Sent from my iPhone

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>> On Feb 19, 2017, at 7:06 PM, Hunt, Jody (OAG) <Jody.Hunt@usdoj.gov> wrote:

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>> Okay. Yes, many changes. I will circle up.

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>> Any further thinking on platform for public rollout? I understand Kelly is traveling from Tuesday afternoon to Thursday night.

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

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>> From: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO [mailto:(b) (6)]

>> Sent: Sunday, February 19, 2017 6:19 PM

>> To: Hunt, Jody (OAG) <Jody.Hunt@usdoj.gov>

>> Subject:

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>> We need to (b) (5)

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Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO

From: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO
Sent: Monday, February 20, 2017 12:05 PM
To: Hunt, Jody (OAG)
Subject: RE: RE:

You are right -- just spoke to DHS, Kelly is in fact leaving Tuesday.

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

From: Hunt, Jody (OAG) [mailto:Jody.Hunt@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Sunday, February 19, 2017 7:21 PM
To: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>
Subject: RE: RE:

He definitely will read it.

Perhaps plans changed, but as of Friday I was told Kelly is leaving Tuesday afternoon. The AG is at Supreme Court Tuesday morning.

Wednesday morning would be good if Kelly is not leaving until Wednesday.

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Sent: Sunday, February 19, 2017 7:15 PM
To: Hunt, Jody (OAG) <Jody.Hunt@usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: RE:

Duplicative Record

Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO

From: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO
Sent: Monday, February 20, 2017 10:25 PM
To: Jody.Hunt@usdoj.gov
Subject: Fwd: CA Cop Killed by Gang Member Who Received Early Release Under New CA Law

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Spicer, Sean M. EOP/WHO" <(b) (6)>
Date: February 20, 2017 at 10:18:04 PM EST
To: "Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO" <(b) (6)>
Cc: "Bannon, Stephen K. EOP/WHO" <(b) (6)>, Reince Priebus <(b) (6)>, "Bossert, Thomas P. EOP/WHO" <(b) (6)>
Subject: Re: CA Cop Killed by Gang Member Who Received Early Release Under New CA Law

Agreed

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 20, 2017, at 9:54 PM, Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO <(b) (6)> wrote:

We need to get facts on what happened here

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 20, 2017, at 9:53 PM, Bannon, Stephen K. EOP/WHO <(b) (6)> wrote:

Outraged

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 20, 2017, at 9:17 PM, Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO <(b) (6)> wrote:

FOR WHO (b) (6) WRITE:

Absolutely heartbreaking --

<http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-whittier-police-shooting-20170220-story.html>

Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO

From: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2017 7:51 AM
To: Hunt, Jody (OAG)
Subject: Re: RE:

We must do everything we can

Sent from my iPhone

> On Feb 21, 2017, at 12:39 AM, Hunt, Jody (OAG) <Jody.Hunt@usdoj.gov> wrote:

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> Let's hope we get it to the finish line in the right shape.

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

> From: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO [mailto:(b) (6)]

> Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2017 12:18 AM

> To: Jody.Hunt@usdoj.gov

> Subject:

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> Thanks for helping to push this through. Greatly appreciated.

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> Sent from my iPhone

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Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO

From: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2017 11:39 AM
To: Hunt, Jody (OAG)
Subject: (b) (5)

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Thanks.

Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO

From: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2017 10:24 PM
To: Hunt, Jody (OAG)
Subject: Re:

Thanks

Sent from my iPhone

> On Feb 21, 2017, at 10:23 PM, Hunt, Jody (OAG) <Jody.Hunt@usdoj.gov> wrote:

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>> On Feb 21, 2017, at 9:53 PM, Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO (b) (6)

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Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO

From: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2017 8:19 PM
To: Hunt, Jody (OAG)
Cc: Katsas, Gregory G. EOP/WHO
Subject: RE: EO

Thanks

From: Hunt, Jody (OAG) [mailto:Jody.Hunt@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2017 8:05 PM
To: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>
Cc: Katsas, Gregory G. EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>
Subject: RE: EO

Thank you. (b) (5)

The AG still trying to speak with Mattis and Tillerson.

From: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO [mailto:(b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2017 7:45 PM
To: Hunt, Jody (OAG) <Jody.Hunt@usdoj.gov>
Cc: Katsas, Gregory G. EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>
Subject: RE: EO

Yes. (b) (5) ?

From: Hunt, Jody (OAG) [mailto:Jody.Hunt@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2017 7:35 PM
To: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>
Cc: Katsas, Gregory G. EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>
Subject: EO

We have seen news reports indicating that according to WH officials the EO rollout will not be until next week. Is that accurate?

Katsas, Gregory G. EOP/WHO

From: Katsas, Gregory G. EOP/WHO
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2017 8:45 PM
To: Hunt, Jody (OAG)
Cc: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO
Subject: Re: EO

Jody, we are squared away with the Secretaries. Call me and I'll fill you in.

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 22, 2017, at 8:06 PM, Hunt, Jody (OAG) <Jody.Hunt@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Duplicative Record



Katsas, Gregory G. EOP/WHO

From: Katsas, Gregory G. EOP/WHO
Sent: Friday, February 24, 2017 3:06 PM
To: Jody Hunt; Bash, John F. EOP/WHO; Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO
Subject: EO

Can we talk about the various pieces. I am free any time for the rest of the day. Thanks.

Sent from my iPhone

Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO

From: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2017 8:56 AM
To: Jody.Hunt@usdoj.gov
Subject: Fwd: Will a defiant Sanctuary City receive \$2.5 Billion for FBI facility?

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Maria Espinoza <maria@theremembranceproject.org>
Date: February 27, 2017 at 8:42:40 AM EST
To: <(b) (6)>
Subject: Will a defiant Sanctuary City receive \$2.5 Billion for FBI facility?

Stephen -

If Trump allows this to take place, how can he say he is cutting off funding for sanctuary cities?

Decision is to be made next month as to which location will win this \$2.5 Billion facility.

Prince George County, Maryland - REFUSES TO ABIDE BY IMMIGRATION LAWS

Fairfax County, Virginia - WILL ENFORCE LAWS

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2017/feb/12/sanctuary-city-debate-shrouds-decision-on-fbis-new/>

<https://www.lifezette.com/polizette/trump-has-new-fbi-hq-as-leverage-over-sanctuary-county/>

<http://federalnewsradio.com/agency-oversight/2016/12/new-fbi-headquarters-gets-go-ahead-house-committee/>

Maria

Hunt, Jody (OAG)

From: Hunt, Jody (OAG)
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2017 11:14 AM
To: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO
Subject: RE:

Working to get information (including on e (b) (5)

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

From: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO [mailto:(b) (6)]
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2017 11:09 AM
To: Hunt, Jody (OAG) <Jody.Hunt@usdoj.gov>
Subject:

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Hunt, Jody (OAG)

From: Hunt, Jody (OAG)
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2017 8:28 PM
To: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO
Cc: Katsas, Gregory G. EOP/WHO; Tucker, Rachael (OAG)
Subject: RE: Post-9/11 Convictions...

On the 2011 GAO chart below, aliens plus naturalized citizens would be "greater than 60%"... (aliens with legal immigration status 26%; aliens without legal immigration status 17%; and naturalized citizens 21%)

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Sent: Monday, February 27, 2017 8:22 PM
To: Hunt, Jody (OAG) <Jody.Hunt@usdoj.gov>
Cc: Katsas, Gregory G. EOP/WHO (b) (6); Tucker, Rachael (OAG) <Rachael.Tucker@usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: Post-9/11 Convictions...

So what is aliens plus naturalized citizens? Obvi a huge percentage.

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 27, 2017, at 8:05 PM, Hunt, Jody (OAG) <Jody.Hunt@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Still waiting for DHS info on immigration status.

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There is a public GAO report from 2011 that contains a section on post-9/11 international terrorism and terrorism-related convictions that breaks down the NSD statistics as follows:

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Forty-Three Percent of Individuals Convicted as a Result of Terrorism-Related Investigations Were Aliens

In March 2010, DOJ's National Security Division reported information on convictions resulting from international

terrorism investigations conducted since September 11, 2001. According to DOJ, the convictions represent cases where defendants were directly linked to international terrorism as well as those who at the time of charging appeared to have a connection to international terrorism. To determine if any of the individuals convicted in these terrorism-related cases were aliens, we requested that U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) provide us the immigration or citizenship status, if known, of these individuals.

Based on USCIS information, 173 (43 percent) of the 399 individuals included in DOJ's list of convictions resulting from international terrorism-related investigations were, at the time of charging, aliens with or without legal immigration status. The remaining 226 individuals (57 percent) were either U.S. citizens¹¹, naturalized U.S. citizens, aliens brought into the United States for prosecution, or unknown. Of the 105 aliens with legal immigration status, 68 (65 percent) were lawful permanent residents. Table 3 shows the immigration or citizenship status related to these individuals.

¹¹ See DOJ, *Introduction to National Security Division Statistics on Unsealed International Terrorism and Terrorism-Related Convictions* (Washington, D.C. March 2010). DOJ included individuals identified and detained in the course of a nationwide investigation conducted after September 11, 2001, and subsequently charged with a criminal offense, as well as additional defendants who, at the time of charging, appeared to have a connection to international terrorism even if they were not charged with a terrorism-related offense. We did not verify these individuals' connections to terrorism.

¹² This category includes U.S. citizens who were born in the United States (52 individuals) or derived U.S. citizenship (2 individuals). For 5 of the individuals included in this category, the source of their U.S. citizenship could not be determined. For this analysis, we treated naturalized U.S. citizens as a separate category.

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Table 3: Immigration or Citizenship Status at the Time of Charging of Individuals Convicted as a Result of Terrorism-Related Investigations

Immigration or citizenship status	Number of individuals	Percent
Aliens with legal immigration status	105	26
Naturalized U.S. citizens	83	21
Aliens without legal immigration status	68	17
U.S. citizens ^a	59	15
Aliens brought into the United States for prosecution	50	13
Unknown ^b	34	9
Total	399	100

Source: GAO Analysis of DOJ and USCIS data.

^a This category includes U.S. citizens who were born in the United States (52 individuals) or derived U.S. citizenship (2 individuals). For 5 of the individuals included in this category, the source of their U.S. citizenship could not be determined. For this analysis, we treated naturalized U.S. citizens as a separate category.

^b The immigration/citizenship status of some individuals is unknown because of a lack of identifying information needed to determine their status.

^c Percentages may not add to 100 due to rounding.

About 20 Percent of Individuals Convicted under Statutes Directly Related to Terrorism Were Aliens

According to DOJ, some of the defendants on the DOJ list were charged with violations of federal statutes that are directly related to international terrorism, such as hostage taking and bombings of places of public use.

Twenty-two individuals (21 percent) of the 107 individuals convicted of statutes identified by DOJ as directly related to terrorism were aliens with or without legal immigration status, as shown in table 4. The remaining 85 individuals (79 percent) were either U.S. citizens, naturalized U.S. citizens, aliens brought into the United States for prosecution, or unknown. Of the 107 individuals, 62 individuals were also convicted under other statutes not directly related to terrorism.

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Table 4: Number of Individuals Convicted under Statutes Directly Related to Terrorism According to DOJ

Immigration or citizenship status	Number of convicted individuals	Percent
U.S. citizens	30	28
Aliens brought into the United States for prosecution	30	28
Naturalized U.S. citizens	16	15

Immigration or citizenship status	10	10
Aliens with legal immigration status	13	12
Aliens without legal immigration status	9	8
Unknown	9	8
Total	107	100

Source: GAO Analysis of DOJ and USCIS data.

*Percentages may not add to 100 due to rounding.

About 50 Percent of Individuals Convicted under Other Statutes Were Aliens

DOJ also included on its list defendants where the investigation involved an identified link to international terrorism but they were charged with violating other statutes, including fraud, immigration, drugs, false statements, and general conspiracy charges. Of the 292 individuals convicted under other statutes, 151 individuals (52 percent) were aliens with or without legal immigration status. The remaining 141 individuals (48 percent) were either U.S. citizens, naturalized U.S. citizens, aliens brought into the United States for prosecution, or unknown, as shown in table 5.

Table 5: Number of Individuals Convicted under Other Statutes According to DOJ

Immigration or citizenship status	Number of convicted individuals	Percent
Aliens with legal immigration status	92	32
Naturalized U.S. citizens	67	23
Aliens without legal immigration status	59	20
U.S. citizens	29	10
Aliens brought into the United States for prosecution	20	7
Unknown	25	9
Total	292	100

Source: GAO Analysis of DOJ and USCIS data.

*Percentages may not add to 100 due to rounding.

Three of the Individuals on DOJ's List Received U.S. Citizenship after Their Conviction

An individual applying for naturalization must demonstrate good moral character for a statutory period of time—from 5 years preceding the application up to admission to citizenship. This includes not having been convicted of crimes, such as murder, rape, drug trafficking, or other aggravated felonies prior to or during that period, as well as not having been convicted of other crimes during that period, such as certain drug offenses or convictions that led to 180 days or more of prison time.

Based upon our analysis of USCIS and DOJ data, three of the individuals on the DOJ list received U.S. citizenship after their convictions. Two were convicted of unlawful production of an identity document and one was convicted of transferring funds out of the country in violation of U.S. sanctions.

According to USCIS documentation, in all three cases

- the convictions were outside of the statutory period, were not aggravated felonies, and resulted in no prison time for the defendants;
- all required background checks were conducted and resolved with appropriate law enforcement agencies; and
- no national security, public safety, or other grounds of ineligibility existed.

As a result, USCIS determined that each of these

individuals were able to demonstrate good moral character within the required period of time and met all other requirements for naturalization.

Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO

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Sent: Monday, February 27, 2017 11:22 PM
To: Hunt, Jody (OAG); Katsas, Gregory G. EOP/WHO
Cc: Tucker, Rachael (OAG)
Subject: RE: Post-9/11 Convictions. . .

Thanks very much

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Sent: Monday, February 27, 2017 11:16 PM
To: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>; Katsas, Gregory G. EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>
Cc: Tucker, Rachael (OAG) <Rachael.Tucker@usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Post-9/11 Convictions. . .

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From: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO [mailto:(b) (6)]
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2017 9:01 PM
To: Hunt, Jody (OAG) <Jody.Hunt@usdoj.gov>; Katsas, Gregory G. EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>
Cc: Tucker, Rachael (OAG) <Rachael.Tucker@usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Post-9/11 Convictions. . .

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Subject: RE: Post-9/11 Convictions. . .

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From: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO [mailto:(b) (6)]
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2017 8:29 PM
To: Hunt, Jody (OAG) <Jody.Hunt@usdoj.gov>; Katsas, Gregory G. EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>

Cc: Tucker, Rachael (OAG) <rachael.tucker@usdoj.gov>

Subject: RE: Post-9/11 Convictions. . .

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Subject: RE: Post-9/11 Convictions. . .

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From: Katsas, Gregory G. EOP/WHO [[\(b\) \(6\)](mailto:(b) (6))]

Sent: Monday, February 27, 2017 8:12 PM

To: Hunt, Jody (OAG) <Jody.Hunt@usdoj.gov>

Cc: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO <(b) (6)> Tucker, Rachael (OAG)
<Rachael.Tucker@usdoj.gov>

Subject: RE: Post-9/11 Convictions. . .

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Speaking of which, in a moment, I'll send around some suggested edits to the new draft.

From: Hunt, Jody (OAG) [<mailto:Jody.Hunt@usdoj.gov>]

Sent: Monday, February 27, 2017 8:05 PM

To: Katsas, Gregory G. EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>

Cc: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO <(b) (6)> ; Tucker, Rachael (OAG)
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Subject: Post-9/11 Convictions. . .

Duplicative Record

Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO

From: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2017 5:23 PM
To: Jody.Hunt@usdoj.gov

Sessions needs to call Reince re immigration in about 45 minutes.

Sent from my iPhone

Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO

From: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2017 10:47 PM
To: Hunt, Jody (OAG)
Subject: Re:

Many thanks

Sent from my iPhone

> On Feb 28, 2017, at 10:38 PM, Hunt, Jody (OAG) <Jody.Hunt@usdoj.gov> wrote:
>
> I know you had a big hand in that. It was great!

Katsas, Gregory G. EOP/WHO

From: Katsas, Gregory G. EOP/WHO
Sent: Sunday, March 5, 2017 2:44 PM
To: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO; Dubke, Michael D. EOP/WHO
Cc: McGahn, Donald F. EOP/WHO; Bash, John F. EOP/WHO; Walk, John EOP/WHO; Jody Hunt
Subject: Fwd: Re: Fwd:

Here is the latest in the data.

(b) (5)

. (DOJ servers are down right now, but I just talked to Jody by phone.)

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Walk, John EOP/WHO" <(b) (6)>
Date: March 5, 2017 at 2:18:11 PM EST
To: "Katsas, Gregory G. EOP/WHO" <(b) (6)>
Cc: "Bash, John F. EOP/WHO" <(b) (6)>
Subject: Re: Fwd:

The data is incorporated and Gene is checking internally to be sure it is in a form that everyone is comfortable with for release. I'm expecting to get the document this afternoon. I will forward it when I get it.

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 5, 2017, at 1:47 PM, Katsas, Gregory G. EOP/WHO
<(b) (6)> wrote:

John (b) (5). Thanks.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO"
<(b) (6)>
Date: March 5, 2017 at 1:27:06 PM EST
To: "McGahn, Donald F. EOP/WHO"
<(b) (6)>, "Katsas, Gregory G.
EOP/WHO" <(b) (6)>, "Dubke, Michael
D. EOP/WHO" <(b) (6)>, "Hunt, Jody
(OAG)" <Jody.Hunt@usdoj.gov>

(b) (5)

Katsas, Gregory G. EOP/WHO

From: Katsas, Gregory G. EOP/WHO
Sent: Sunday, March 5, 2017 6:31 PM
To: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO
Cc: Hunt, Jody (OAG); McGahn, Donald F. EOP/WHO; Dubke, Michael D. EOP/WHO; Bash, John F. EOP/WHO; Walk, John EOP/WHO
Subject: Re:

That should be doable. (b) (5)

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[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

> On Mar 5, 2017, at 6:19 PM, Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO <(b) (6)> wrote:

>
> We need to at least make the topline public and highlight examples

>
> Sent from my iPhone

>
>> On Mar 5, 2017, at 5:17 PM, Hunt, Jody (OAG) <Jody.Hunt@usdoj.gov> wrote:

>>
>> No. (b) (5)

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

>>
>>> On Mar 5, 2017, at 5:08 PM, Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO <(b) (6)> wrote:

>>>
(b) (5)

Hunt, Jody (OAG)

From: Hunt, Jody (OAG)
Sent: Sunday, March 5, 2017 6:31 PM
To: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO
Cc: Hunt, Jody (OAG); McGahn, Donald F. EOP/WHO; Katsas, Gregory G. EOP/WHO; Dubke, Michael D. EOP/WHO
Subject: Re:

info derived from the spreadsheets is in the letter.

post 9/11 majority terrorism convictions foreign born

more than 300 pending investigations are refugees

> On Mar 5, 2017, at 6:17 PM, Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO (b) (6) wrote:

>

> Is the info in the spreadsheet going to be made public? (b) (5)

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> Sent from my iPhone

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>> On Mar 5, 2017, at 5:17 PM, Hunt, Jody (OAG) <Jody.Hunt@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Duplicative Record

Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO

From: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2017 10:07 AM
To: Hunt, Jody (OAG)
Subject: Re: RE:

Let us know what you need

Sent from my iPhone

> On Mar 6, 2017, at 10:06 AM, Hunt, Jody (OAG) <Jody.Hunt@usdoj.gov> wrote:

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(b) (5)

discussed with folks this morning.

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

> From: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO [mailto:(b) (6)]

> Sent: Monday, March 6, 2017 1:21 AM

> To: Hunt, Jody (OAG) <Jody.Hunt@usdoj.gov>

> Subject:

>

> What can we do here? http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/U/US_IMMIGRATION_COURTS?SITE=AP&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT&CTIME=2017-03-04-10-28-10

>

Cutrona, Danielle (OAG)

From: Cutrona, Danielle (OAG)
Sent: Friday, March 10, 2017 5:10 PM
To: Hunt, Jody (OAG)
Cc: Boente, Dana (ODAG); Crowell, James (ODAG); Mizelle, Chad (ODAG); Terwilliger, Zachary (ODAG)
Subject: Re: Sanctuary Cities

These are all things we mentioned to Stephen at the meeting this morning. (b) (5)

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

On Mar 10, 2017, at 5:07 PM, Hunt, Jody (OAG) <johunt@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

I now have to leave for a meeting at 5:15 p.m. I do not need to be a part of this discussion in any event, as I am told that you guys have been on the issue and that you met on it at WH today.

Stephen Miller and Steve Bannon called to say that (b) (5)

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Some of the things they mentioned as examples were (b) (5)

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Please coordinate together to move in this direction so that we have something to show on Monday.

From: Hunt, Jody (OAG)
Sent: Friday, March 10, 2017 4:21 PM
To: Boente, Dana (ODAG) <dboente@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Crowell, James (ODAG) <jcrowell@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Mizelle, Chad (ODAG) <cmizelle@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Cutrona, Danielle (OAG) <dcutrona@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Sanctuary Cities
Importance: High

Important: Are you available to meet later this afternoon to discuss sanctuary cities? I received a call and we have some marching orders that we should discuss. Perhaps 5:30 p.m.?

Hunt, Jody (OAG)

From: Hunt, Jody (OAG)
Sent: Friday, March 10, 2017 5:37 PM
To: Mizelle, Chad (ODAG); Cutrona, Danielle (OAG)
Cc: Boente, Dana (ODAG); Crowell, James (ODAG); Terwilliger, Zachary (ODAG)
Subject: RE: Sanctuary Cities

Okay. I do not know what all was discussed at the WH Meeting, but Stephen was very clear (b) (5)

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From: Mizelle, Chad (ODAG)
Sent: Friday, March 10, 2017 5:24 PM
To: Cutrona, Danielle (OAG) <dcutrona@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Hunt, Jody (OAG) <johunt@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Boente, Dana (ODAG) <dboente@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Crowell, James (ODAG) <jcrowell@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Terwilliger, Zachary (ODAG) <zterwilliger@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: Sanctuary Cities

I just got out of a meeting, but I'm available to meet anytime.

On Mar 10, 2017, at 5:09 PM, Cutrona, Danielle (OAG) <dcutrona@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

Duplicative Record

Swanson, Matthew L. (ODAG)

From: Swanson, Matthew L. (ODAG)
Sent: Friday, March 24, 2017 1:55 PM
To: Boente, Dana (ODAG); Crowell, James (ODAG); Terwilliger, Zachary (ODAG); Goldsmith, Andrew (ODAG); Aminfar, Amin (ODAG); Bonilla, Armando (ODAG); Ferber, Scott (ODAG); Gauhar, Tashina (ODAG); Hall, William A. (ODAG); Lan, Iris (ODAG); Raman, Sujit (ODAG); Schools, Scott (ODAG); Woods, Rae (ODAG); Chandler, Adam (ODAG); Barnett, Gary (ODAG); Bressack, Leah (ODAG); Mizelle, Chad (ODAG); Murray, Michael (ODAG); Sheehan, Matthew (ODAG)
Subject: FW: Notification of Records Search to be Conducted in Response to the FOIA, Bassin, OIP No. DOJ-2017-003175 (DAG)
Attachments: 01. Initial Request (2.27.17).pdf

The initial request is attached. Details of the search process can be found below.

Best,
Matt

From: Kochurka, Kimberley (OIP)
Sent: Friday, March 24, 2017 1:52 PM
To: Swanson, Matthew L. (ODAG) <mswanson@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Hibbard, Douglas (OIP) <dhibbard@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Notification of Records Search to be Conducted in Response to the FOIA, Bassin, OIP No. DOJ-2017-003175 (DAG)

The purpose of this email is to notify you that the records of the below-listed officials will be searched in response to the attached Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request.

The requester, Ian Bassin, is seeking records pertaining to:

- Named individuals in the request regarding Executive Order 13769, Protecting the Nation from Foreign Terrorist Entry into the United States since January 20, 2017

The officials that will be searched for this request are:

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The FOIA requires agencies to conduct a reasonable search in response to FOIA requests. For your information, this search will encompass the email and computer files (e.g. G or H drive) maintained by the officials listed above. We have also initiated searches in the Offices of the Attorney General, Associate Attorney General, and of the Departmental Executive Secretariat.

To the extent officials within your office maintain other types of records, such as text and voice messages, or material maintained within a classified system, that would be responsive to this request but would not be located as a result of OIP's records search, please indicate so in response to this email. OIP staff will make arrangements to conduct those searches as necessary. Similarly, if your office would not maintain any records responsive to this request or you can readily identify the official(s), be they either current or former employees, that would maintain records responsive to this request, you may indicate so in response to this email.

Please note that the Federal Records Act, as amended in 2014, and DOJ Policy Statement 0801.04 provide that government employees may not use a non-official email account for official business unless the communication is fully captured in a DOJ recordkeeping system – either by copying their official account or forwarding any such messages to their official account within twenty days. Should any records custodians have official records responsive to this FOIA request which are on a non-official account but were not copied into their official email account, those records should be provided to OIP.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please feel free to call me at 202-616-9712 or by replying to this email.

Attachment

Hanrahan, Peggi (OAG)

From: Hanrahan, Peggi (OAG)
Sent: Monday, March 27, 2017 3:45 PM
To: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO
Subject: RE: Latest draft

I am back from (b) (6) so you can call any time.

From: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO [mailto:(b) (6)]
Sent: Monday, March 27, 2017 1:55 PM
To: Hanrahan, Peggi (OAG) <Peggi.Hanrahan@usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: Latest draft

Thanks

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 27, 2017, at 1:42 PM, Hanrahan, Peggi (OAG) <Peggi.Hanrahan@usdoj.gov> wrote:

They were already out the door with it when I sent that so no way for me to correct it. Hopefully she can do it on the way over. I will be here after 3:30 or so. (b) (6). My direct is (b) (6). Just call later.

From: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO [mailto:(b) (6)]
Sent: Monday, March 27, 2017 1:12 PM
To: Hanrahan, Peggi (OAG) <Peggi.Hanrahan@usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: Latest draft

I sent corrections to Sara. Can you talk later today?

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 27, 2017, at 1:05 PM, Hanrahan, Peggi (OAG) <Peggi.Hanrahan@usdoj.gov> wrote:

<20170327 Remarks for Attorney General Sessions on Sanctuary Cities (5).docx>

Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO

From: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO
Sent: Tuesday, March 28, 2017 8:40 AM
To: Cutrona, Danielle (OAG) (Danielle.Cutrona@usdoj.gov);
Chad.Mizelle@usdoj.gov

<http://www.dailynews.com/government-and-politics/20170327/la-mayor-vows-to-fight-trump-administration-attempt-to-strip-sanctuary-city-funding>

Cutrona, Danielle (OAG)

From: Cutrona, Danielle (OAG)
Sent: Tuesday, March 28, 2017 9:39 PM
To: (b)(6) Kathryn Talento White House Email
Cc: Stephen Miller; Rybicki, David (OAG); Jody.Hunt@usdoj.gov
Subject: Fwd: Opioid Commission EO v.8 skinny
Attachments: Opioid Commission EO v.8 skinny.docx; ATT00001.htm

Katy--Good changes. Thanks so much.

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Talento, Kathryn F. EOP/WHO" <(b) (6)>
Date: March 28, 2017 at 9:31:07 PM EDT
To: "Cutrona, Danielle (OAG)" <Danielle.Cutrona@usdoj.gov>
Subject: Opioid Commission EO v.8 skinny

Hanrahan, Peggi (OAG)

From: Hanrahan, Peggi (OAG)
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2017 7:18 AM
To: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO
Subject: Re:

I think so. He was going to go to Tampa tomorrow and Thursday but can only do one trip so I think it will be with Kelly next week.

On Apr 10, 2017, at 10:03 PM, Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO <(b) (6)> wrote:

Is he going to border with Kelly?

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 10, 2017, at 1:41 PM, Hanrahan, Peggi (OAG) <Peggi.Hanrahan@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Let him go. He is missing meetings!

McKinney, Suzanna (OAG)

From: McKinney, Suzanna (OAG)
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2017 11:44 AM
To: Hunt, Jody (OAG)
Subject: RE: Stephen Miller Call/Meeting

P.S. Apparently he would like to call you at 6 now. Want me to provide a number, or would you still like to initiate?

Suzanna R. McKinney
U.S. Department of Justice
Office of the Attorney General
Direct: (202)514-9795
Mobile: (b) (6)



From: Hunt, Jody (OAG)
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2017 11:29 AM
To: McKinney, Suzanna (OAG) <sumckinney@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Stephen Miller Call/Meeting

Oh joy.

I have a number for Stephen, so I can call him.

From: McKinney, Suzanna (OAG)
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2017 11:28 AM
To: Hunt, Jody (OAG) <johunt@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Stephen Miller Call/Meeting

Good for you!! What phone number is best for you today?

It's super quiet around here. The most exciting thing you missed was a "Code Blue" drill.

Suzanna R. McKinney
U.S. Department of Justice
Office of the Attorney General
Direct: (202)514-9795
Mobile: (b) (6)



From: Hunt, Jody (OAG)
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2017 11:25 AM
To: McKinney, Suzanna (OAG) <sumckinney@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Stephen Miller Call/Meeting

I am just working from home. Can talk to Dana and Jim on that issue tomorrow.

From: McKinney, Suzanna (OAG)
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2017 11:23 AM
To: Hunt, Jody (OAG) <johunt@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Stephen Miller Call/Meeting

Dually noted. I'll pencil the phone call in for 5 o'clock.

Also, what time can you talk with Dana & Jim?

Suzanna R. McKinney
U.S. Department of Justice
Office of the Attorney General
Direct: (202)514-9795
Mobile: (b) (6)



From: Hunt, Jody (OAG)
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2017 11:20 AM
To: McKinney, Suzanna (OAG) <sumckinney@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Stephen Miller Call/Meeting

The WH canceled the regular Tuesday meeting for today (and sometimes I don't go anyway). He and I can try to connect by phone later today.

From: McKinney, Suzanna (OAG)
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2017 11:07 AM
To: Hunt, Jody (OAG) <johunt@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Stephen Miller Call/Meeting

He didn't. I thought you might want the option of talking in person *if it was a possibility*, so I told them I would check with you to see if you would be over there/available to drop by (it's only tentative on your calendar). I've been communicating with his assistant, a former Sessions staffer.

Should I not have proposed that? I hope that doesn't mess you up!

Suzanna R. McKinney
U.S. Department of Justice
Office of the Attorney General
Direct: (202)514-9795

Mobile: (b) (6)



From: Hunt, Jody (OAG)
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2017 10:52 AM
To: McKinney, Suzanna (OAG) <sumckinney@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Stephen Miller Call/Meeting

Why did he think I was going to be at the WH?

From: McKinney, Suzanna (OAG) [<mailto:sumckinney@jmd.usdoj.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2017 9:59 AM
To: Hunt, Jody (OAG) <Jody.Hunt@usdoj.gov>
Subject: Stephen Miller Call/Meeting

Stephen Miller would like to schedule a call with you this afternoon at 5 o'clock (if you're available), OR if you wanted to chat in person, you could drop by his office at the White House since you'll already be there? He'll be in his office and free at noon.

His assistant is getting back to me about the topic of the call/conversation. Thoughts?

Suzanna R. McKinney
U.S. Department of Justice
Office of the Attorney General
Direct: (202)514-9795
Mobile: (b) (6)



McKinney, Suzanna (OAG)

From: McKinney, Suzanna (OAG)
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2017 1:41 PM
To: Hunt, Jody (OAG)
Subject: RE: 5:00 Tomorrow with Dana & Jim

Sure. I put it on your calendar as tentative.

Did you want to provide a number to Stephen Miller's office, or do you want to initiate the call?

Suzanna R. McKinney
U.S. Department of Justice
Office of the Attorney General
Direct: (202)514-9795
Mobile: (b) (6)



From: Hunt, Jody (OAG)
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2017 1:39 PM
To: McKinney, Suzanna (OAG) <sumckinney@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: 5:00 Tomorrow with Dana & Jim

Probably. But as usual we may have to play it by ear depending on what is happening with the AG.

From: McKinney, Suzanna (OAG) [<mailto:sumckinney@jmd.usdoj.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2017 1:37 PM
To: Hunt, Jody (OAG) <Jody.Hunt@usdoj.gov>
Subject: 5:00 Tomorrow with Dana & Jim

Does it work for you to talk with Dana & Jim around 5 tomorrow?

Suzanna R. McKinney
U.S. Department of Justice
Office of the Attorney General
Direct: (202)514-9795
Mobile: (b) (6)



McKinney, Suzanna (OAG)

From: McKinney, Suzanna (OAG)
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2017 5:29 PM
To: Hunt, Jody (OAG)
Subject: Re: Stephen Miller Call

His cell is (b) (6) in case you need it.

Suzanna R. McKinney
U.S. Department of Justice
Office of the Attorney General
Direct: (202)514-9795
Mobile: (b) (6)



Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 11, 2017, at 4:55 PM, Hunt, Jody (OAG) <johunt@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

No. I have a 7:00 pm meeting. But I can call him later on tonight. If he is free then great. If not, we can connect later.

On Apr 11, 2017, at 4:38 PM, McKinney, Suzanna (OAG) <sumckinney@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

Apparently he's been delayed until 7:30 p.m. Does that work for you for a call?

Suzanna R. McKinney
U.S. Department of Justice
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Mobile: (b) (6)



Sent from my iPhone

Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO

From: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO
Sent: Sunday, April 16, 2017 2:55 PM
To: Hunt, Jody (OAG)
Subject: Re: Washington Examiner: How Jeff Sessions is helping bring in the 'Trump era'

Terrific

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 16, 2017, at 2:43 PM, Hunt, Jody (OAG) <Jody.Hunt@usdoj.gov> wrote:

How Jeff Sessions is helping bring in the 'Trump era'

Washington Examiner

Kelly Cohen

April 16, 2017 – 12:00 AM

<http://www.washingtonexaminer.com/how-jeff-sessions-is-helping-bring-in-the-trump-era/article/2620354>

"This is a new era. This is the Trump era," Attorney General Jeff Sessions declared from the U.S.-Mexico border last week.

Since he became the nation's top law enforcement officer, the former Alabama senator has been carrying out many of President Trump's campaign promises — and he has done so perhaps the most smoothly of any administration official.

Sessions may have had a rocky confirmation, but he has been "moving very quickly to do the things he said he would," John Malcolm at the conservative Heritage Foundation told the Washington Examiner. And he's carrying out his mission without a team in place.

Trump has yet to nominate hundreds of lower-level officials throughout the Justice Department, all of whom must be confirmed by the Senate. And yet, he is carrying out his agenda.

Here are some of the ways Sessions has done just that:

Immigration

Sessions has directed all U.S. attorneys to step up prosecutions of illegal immigrants, especially those who have crossed the border more than once.

He also has ended the Obama-era policy of "catch and release," which sends back illegal immigrants at the border instead of holding them for breaking federal law.

"Pursuant to the president's executive order, we will now be detaining all adults who are apprehended at the border. They will not be released," Sessions said.

Though the nation's backlog of immigration cases will undoubtedly grow with the new policies, Sessions announced a new hiring bump to help speed up the process. And for immigrants who need to be sent to jail, Sessions has rescinded guidance from former President Barack Obama's administration that directed the Bureau of Prisons to phase out private prison contracts.

Sessions also has threatened to crack down on jurisdictions that don't comply with federal immigration detention requests. Cities that continue to adhere to "sanctuary" policies could lose billions in federal grant funding, Sessions has said.

For groups such as the Federation for American Immigration Reform, simply having the administration say it will take up immigration enforcement has made a big difference.

Ira Mehlman, FAIR's media director, said the biggest results — fewer illegal border crossings and arrests at the border — have come by "projecting the idea that we are serious about immigration enforcement."

"People are responding rationally to the signals that we send," Mehlman said, adding that ending catch and release was one of the best concrete moves Sessions has done.

Next up, he said FAIR hopes Sessions deals with the immigrants in the country illegally and gives companies incentives not to hire illegal immigrants, which would be the "biggest deterrent," as it is the reason why so many people cross the border without documentation in the first place.

Law enforcement and crime

Sessions is what Jim Pasco, the executive director of the National Fraternal Order of Police, calls a "career civil servant" who has always been "a go-to guy for law enforcement."

"He's always the same unabashed supporter of justice that he's always been," Pasco said of the former top Republican on the Senate Judiciary

Committee, revealing that his union has met with Sessions, Trump and Vice President Mike Pence in publicly and privately announced meetings.

In every major public speech since being sworn in, Sessions has brought up an increase in crime and has promised the Justice Department will become tougher on crime and help boost public safety.

"These first few months have been a successful opening chapter in what will be a long story about restoring public safety in America," said Justice Department spokesman Ian Prior. "Over the next few months, that story will continue to develop as the department announces new initiatives and renews its commitment to keep our communities safe."

The agency is reviewing any existing or possible consent decrees, which are court-binding agreements that bring in the federal government to help police with reforms. Sessions recently ordered a sweeping review of them, making clear his belief that "it is not the responsibility of the federal government to manage non-federal law enforcement agencies."

Pasco and the police union, which was the only police organization which to testify in support of Sessions' confirmation, say they like such an approach.

"He does not see himself as the police chief of every city. He sees himself as an asset, as someone who can facilitate federal assistance in addressing crime problems — but he isn't trying to take any place over," Pasco said.

Pasco says he hopes the next item Sessions' tackles is the so-called militarization of police. The 1033 Program, which gives excessive military equipment to civil law enforcement agencies, was rolled back under Obama.

Beefing up that program is something Pasco says he discussed with Sessions, Trump and Pence, and they are "actively reviewing that now, with a view to ensuring that police officers get and have the assets they need to protect themselves as they protect their cities."

Civil rights

Civil rights were heavily emphasized under Obama Attorney General Loretta Lynch.

One of Lynch's biggest civil rights actions was issuing federal guidance that required schools receiving federal funds to allow transgender students to use the bathroom facility in accordance to their gender

identity. Failing to do so would violate federal civil rights law, Lynch said.

In February, the Justice Department and the Department of Education said schools are no longer obligated to follow that guidance, which sparked backlash from LGBTQ groups.

"Congress, state legislatures and local governments are in a position to adopt appropriate policies or laws addressing this issue," Sessions said. "The Department of Justice remains committed to the proper interpretation and enforcement of Title IX and to its protections for all students, including LGBTQ students, from discrimination, bullying and harassment."

The National Center for Transgender Equality charges that since the administration withdrew the Obama guidance in February, "the administration has begun a sweeping attack on civil rights in the workplace, schools, housing, healthcare and the ballot box."

"The transgender community — comprised of over 1.5 million Americans — is just one of many communities being callously targeted by the administration's actions and rhetoric. Congress and the American people must recognize this threat for what it is and stand up for the dignity and equality of all Americans," said Executive Director Mara Keisling.

On Friday, the Justice Department also withdrew its lawsuit — brought by the Obama administration last year — against North Carolina over its "bathroom bill." The decision to dismiss its lawsuit comes after Gov. Roy Cooper and Republican lawmakers reached a compromise last month and repealed the legislation — House Bill 2 — requiring transgender people to use public restroom facilities that corresponded to their birth gender.

However, despite the repeal, LGBTQ groups are critical of the new law, saying it still allows for discrimination.

Vanita Gupta, the head of the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division under Obama, tweeted against the lawsuit being dropped: "Sadly predictable. They can dismiss but they cannot erase. The fight for LGBTQ justice is strong."

Sentencing laws

Though Sessions has yet to move on sentencing laws, his hiring of Steven H. Cook, a former federal prosecutor, signals that changes could be coming.

Cook, who has been the president of the National Association of

Assistant U.S. Attorneys, was recently appointed to be one of Sessions' top advisers — though it has not been publicly announced — on criminal justice.

"When you put criminals in jail, crime goes down," Cook told the Knoxville, Tenn., News Sentinel last year. "That's what incapacitation is designed to do, and it works."

Known as being a hardliner on sentencing laws like Cook, Sessions has been vocal in his support of mandatory minimum sentences.

During the Obama administration, former Attorney General Eric Holder issued a memo allowing prosecutors the flexibility for no longer having to pursue the mandatory minimum for certain low-level drug offenses. That memo could be in jeopardy not just under Sessions' new Task Force on Crime Reduction and Public Safety, but under Cook as well. The National Association of Assistant U.S. Attorneys, under Cook's leadership, opposed Obama's efforts to reform sentencing laws.

"When mandatory minimums are either eliminated or reduced substantially, it reduces the ability of law officers to negotiate and protect the public," Sessions said at a Senate hearing in 2015. "I've been there, I've prosecuted cases."

Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO

From: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO
Sent: Sunday, April 16, 2017 2:58 PM
To: Hunt, Jody (OAG)
Subject: Re: Washington Examiner: How Jeff Sessions is helping bring in the 'Trump era'

Let's build on this momentum

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 16, 2017, at 2:43 PM, Hunt, Jody (OAG) <Jody.Hunt@usdoj.gov> wrote:

How Jeff Sessions is helping bring in the 'Trump era'

Washington Examiner

Kelly Cohen

April 16, 2017 – 12:00 AM

<http://www.washingtonexaminer.com/how-jeff-sessions-is-helping-bring-in-the-trump-era/article/2620354>

"This is a new era. This is the Trump era," Attorney General Jeff Sessions declared from the U.S.-Mexico border last week.

Since he became the nation's top law enforcement officer, the former Alabama senator has been carrying out many of President Trump's campaign promises — and he has done so perhaps the most smoothly of any administration official.

Sessions may have had a rocky confirmation, but he has been "moving very quickly to do the things he said he would," John Malcolm at the conservative Heritage Foundation told the Washington Examiner. And he's carrying out his mission without a team in place.

Trump has yet to nominate hundreds of lower-level officials throughout the Justice Department, all of whom must be confirmed by the Senate. And yet, he is carrying out his agenda.

Here are some of the ways Sessions has done just that:

Immigration

Sessions has directed all U.S. attorneys to step up prosecutions of illegal immigrants, especially those who have crossed the border more than once.

Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO

From: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2017 1:09 AM
To: Peggi.Hanrahan@usdoj.gov
Subject: For situational awareness

Article for the AG --

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-4416996/Cops-hunt-man-shot-killed-man-Facebook-Live.html>

Hanrahan, Peggi (OAG)

From: Hanrahan, Peggi (OAG)
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2017 8:50 AM
To: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO
Subject: RE:

His personal one that he doesn't watch as closely but for more non-business things is (b) (6) and his DOJ one for business is Camden.Hybart@usdoj.gov . Please don't share either. I sent Mrs. Sessions' email to McLaurine.

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

From: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO (b) (6)
Sent: Saturday, April 15, 2017 10:41 PM
To: Peggi.Hanrahan@usdoj.gov
Subject:

What emails are good for JBS?

Sent from my iPhone

Winfree, Paul L. EOP/WHO

From: Winfree, Paul L. EOP/WHO
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2017 3:08 PM
To: jody.hunt@usdoj.gov
Subject: DOJ Approps

Hey Jody --

Stephen Miller mentioned that he had a convo with AG Sessions this afternoon about reaching out to appropriators about the agency's budget. He also asked that I reached out to you.

Do you have a few moments to chat tomorrow about this?

Best, Paul

Paul Winfree

Deputy Director of the Domestic Policy Council, and Director of Budget Policy THE WHITE HOUSE

(b) (6)

Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO

From: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2017 12:52 PM
To: Jeff Sessions (camden.hybart@usdoj.gov)
Subject: RE: Touching base on border

Sorry I missed your call – was at press conference. Just tried you back.

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

From: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2017 11:56 AM
To: Jeff Sessions (camden.hybart@usdoj.gov) <camden.hybart@usdoj.gov>
Subject: Touching base on border

Let me know if you have time to chat today re: media.

Hunt, Jody (OAG)

From: Hunt, Jody (OAG)
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2017 4:51 PM
To: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO
Subject: RE:

Will try you in a moment.

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

From: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO [mailto:(b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2017 4:27 PM
To: Hunt, Jody (OAG) <Jody.Hunt@usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE:

Sorry - was in the Italy mtg. Are you free now?

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

From: Hunt, Jody (OAG) [mailto:Jody.Hunt@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2017 2:44 PM
To: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO (b) (6)
Subject: RE:

Just tried you. Can try again shortly.

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

From: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO [mailto:(b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2017 2:27 PM
To: Hunt, Jody (OAG) <Jody.Hunt@usdoj.gov>
Subject:

Can you chat? 2 questions from POTUS.

Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO

From: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO
Sent: Saturday, April 22, 2017 7:18 PM
To: Hybart, Camden (JMD)
Subject: Re:

Also, (b) (5).

Thanks again and have a great night.

Sent from my iPhone

> On Apr 22, 2017, at 7:16 PM, Hybart, Camden (JMD) <Camden.Hybart@usdoj.gov> wrote:

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> Ok. Thanks

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> Sent from my iPhone

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>> On Apr 22, 2017, at 7:14 PM, Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO (b) (6) wrote:

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>> Great talking with you and your team. (b) (5) (b) (5)

(b) (5)

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>> Sent from my iPhone

Crowell, James (ODAG)

From: Crowell, James (ODAG)
Sent: Sunday, April 23, 2017 2:17 PM
To: Mizelle, Chad (ODAG)
Cc: Terwilliger, Zachary (ODAG)
Subject: Re: Sanctuary Cities

This seems fine (b) (5). Please do cover memo through me through dag to the Ag and attach your memo. Thanks. I'll walk it through tom morning.

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 23, 2017, at 1:40 PM, Mizelle, Chad (ODAG) <cmizelle@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

Jim,

At the White House meeting on Friday, Greg Katsas suggested (b) (5)

[REDACTED]

First, (b) (5)

[REDACTED]

Second, (b) (5)

[REDACTED]

Third, Stephen Miller (b) (5):

Fourth, the attached draft has been cleared by CIV, the White House Counsel's Office, Danielle, and Zach.

If you have any concerns with this idea or with the draft, please let me know.

Otherwise, I'll circulate it to the 5th floor. (b) (5)

(b) (5)

If this is something that needs A/DAG Boente's sign off, please let me know and I will prepare the usual cover memo and have that ready for his signature.

Best,
Chad

<AG Statement on EO.docx>

Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO

From: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO
Sent: Sunday, April 23, 2017 2:43 PM
To: Hybart, Camden (JMD)
Subject: RE: Call

Sorry I missed this email this am. I thought the interview went very well. (b) (5)

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

From: Hybart, Camden (JMD) [mailto:Camden.Hybart@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Sunday, April 23, 2017 7:49 AM
To: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO (b) (6)
Subject: Call

At office. Could chat a few minutes if you have time. Nothing critical.

Sent from my iPhone

Bryant, Errical (OAG)

From: Bryant, Errical (OAG)
Sent: Wednesday, April 26, 2017 3:36 PM
To: Hunt, Jody (OAG)
Subject: RE:
Attachments: (b) (5).eml

I just forwarded it to you. Also attached

From: Hunt, Jody (OAG)
Sent: Wednesday, April 26, 2017 3:01 PM
To: Bryant, Errical (OAG) <ebryant@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Hanrahan, Peggi (OAG) <phanrahan@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE:

I think we have to wait to see the actual invite and time.

From: Bryant, Errical (OAG)
Sent: Wednesday, April 26, 2017 3:00 PM
To: Hunt, Jody (OAG) <johunt@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Hanrahan, Peggi (OAG) <phanrahan@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE:

Should I wait or go ahead and work on rescheduling events?

From: Hunt, Jody (OAG)
Sent: Wednesday, April 26, 2017 2:58 PM
To: Bryant, Errical (OAG) <ebryant@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Hanrahan, Peggi (OAG) <phanrahan@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject:

I just got word to expect an invite from the WH shortly for a PC small group at around 1:00 or 1:30 p.m. tomorrow. That will really throw a wrench in the works.

Hanrahan, Peggi (OAG)

From: Hanrahan, Peggi (OAG)
Sent: Thursday, April 27, 2017 4:16 PM
To: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO
Subject: RE: RE:

I will tell him. Should be between 6:30 and 7:00 and from his blocked cell number.

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

From: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO [mailto:(b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, April 27, 2017 4:12 PM
To: Hanrahan, Peggi (OAG) <Peggi.Hanrahan@usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: RE:

(b) (6)

Sent from my iPhone

> On Apr 27, 2017, at 4:10 PM, Hanrahan, Peggi (OAG) <Peggi.Hanrahan@usdoj.gov> wrote:
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> OK well, he is in back-to-back meetings until he leaves for the plane about 6:30. I can tell him to
call you on the way to Andrews. What is the best number for him to call from the car?

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

> From: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO [mailto:(b) (6)]
> Sent: Thursday, April 27, 2017 4:04 PM
> To: Peggi.Hanrahan@usdoj.gov
> Subject:

> I need to talk to JBS before the trip tomorrow.

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Hunt, Jody (OAG)

From: Hunt, Jody (OAG)
Sent: Friday, April 28, 2017 9:02 AM
To: Bryant, Errical (OAG)
Subject: Fwd: AG's calendar - next Friday, May 5

I should be included

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Tucker, Rachael (OAG)" <ratucker@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Date: April 28, 2017 at 8:59:37 AM EDT
To: "Bryant, Errical (OAG)" <ebryant@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: "Hunt, Jody (OAG)" <johunt@jmd.usdoj.gov>, "Hanrahan, Peggi (OAG)" <phanrahan@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Fwd: AG's calendar - next Friday, May 5

(b) (5) : (b) (5) . I'd like to be included and Danielle should be too. Is this possible?

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Hill, John L. (ODAG)" <jhill@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Date: April 27, 2017 at 3:47:47 PM EDT
To: "Tucker, Rachael (OAG)" <ratucker@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: AG's calendar - next Friday, May 5

Rachael,

Could I get a few minutes on the AG's calendar next Friday, May 5?

As we discussed on Tuesday, DOJ, among others, has been tasked with updating the President on (b) (5)

(b) (5), Stephen Miller (b) (5)

Grant Mendenhall (who oversees the FBI's CT division) was also present today. If the AG is available on the 5th, I'd invite Grant to join me. Also, I'm out next Monday – Thursday, hence the Friday request.

Best,
John

John L. Hill
Counsel to the Deputy Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice
202-353-3030

Klingler, McLaurine E. EOP/WHO

From: Klingler, McLaurine E. EOP/WHO
Sent: Monday, May 1, 2017 4:57 PM
To: Hunt, Jody (OAG)
Subject: RE: Call with Stephen Miller

Great, thank you!

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

From: Hunt, Jody (OAG) [mailto:Jody.Hunt@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Monday, May 1, 2017 4:13 PM
To: Klingler, McLaurine E. EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>
Subject: RE: Call with Stephen Miller

Use (b) (6)

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

From: Klingler, McLaurine E. EOP/WHO [mailto:(b) (6)]
Sent: Monday, May 1, 2017 4:10 PM
To: Hunt, Jody (OAG) <Jody.Hunt@usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Call with Stephen Miller

That works for Stephen, what is the best number to reach you?

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

From: Hunt, Jody (OAG) [mailto:Jody.Hunt@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Monday, May 1, 2017 4:08 PM
To: Klingler, McLaurine E. EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>
Subject: RE: Call with Stephen Miller

I should be available at 6:30 p.m if that would work for Stephen.

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

From: Klingler, McLaurine E. EOP/WHO [mailto:(b) (6)]
Sent: Monday, May 1, 2017 3:48 PM
To: jody.hunt@usdoj.gov
Subject: Call with Stephen Miller

Hi Jody,

Do you have a moment to talk with Stephen tonight? He is available after 6:00pm. Let me know.

Do you have a moment to talk with Stephen tonight? He is available after 6:00pm, let me know what time would work best. Thank you!

McLaurine Klingler
Executive Assistant to Stephen Miller
White House

(b) (6)

Hybart, Camden (JMD)

From: Hybart, Camden (JMD)
Sent: Thursday, May 18, 2017 6:36 AM
To: (b)(6) Stephen Miller White House Email
Subject: Call

Call me when you can.

Sent from my iPhone

Hunt, Jody (OAG)

From: Hunt, Jody (OAG)
Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2017 7:16 PM
To: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO
Subject: FW: ATTORNEY GENERAL JEFF SESSIONS PREPARED REMARKS TO THE UNITED STATES SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

In case you did not see this . . .

From: USDOJ-Office of Public Affairs (SMO)
Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2017 2:55 PM
To: USDOJ-Office of Public Affairs (SMO) <Ex_PAOMailbox@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: ATTORNEY GENERAL JEFF SESSIONS PREPARED REMARKS TO THE UNITED STATES SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE



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ATTORNEY GENERAL JEFF SESSIONS PREPARED REMARKS TO THE UNITED STATES SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Thank you Chairman Burr and Ranking Member Warner for allowing me to publicly appear before the committee today.

I appreciate the Committee's critically important efforts to investigate Russian interference with our democratic process. Such interference can never be tolerated and I encourage every effort to get to the bottom of any such allegations.

As you know, the Deputy Attorney General has appointed a special counsel to investigate matters related to Russian interference in the 2016 election. I am here today to address several issues that have been specifically raised before this committee, and I appreciate the opportunity to respond to questions as fully as I am able to do so. But as I advised you, Mr. Chairman, and consistent with long-standing Department of Justice practice, I cannot and will not violate my duty to protect confidential communications with the President.

Now, let me address some issues directly: I did not have any private meetings nor do I recall any

conversations with any Russian officials at the Mayflower Hotel. I did not attend any meetings at that event. Prior to the speech, I attended a reception with my staff that included at least two dozen people and President Trump. Though I do recall several conversations I had during that pre-speech reception, I do not have any recollection of meeting or talking to the Russian Ambassador or any other Russian officials. If any brief interaction occurred in passing with the Russian Ambassador during that reception, I do not remember it. After the speech, I was interviewed by the news media, which had gathered as I remember in a different room, and then I left the hotel.

But whether I ever attended a reception where the Russian Ambassador was also present is entirely beside the point of this investigation into Russian interference with the 2016 campaigns. Let me state this clearly: I have never met with or had any conversations with any Russians or any foreign officials concerning any type of interference with any campaign or election. Further, I have no knowledge of any such conversations by anyone connected to the Trump campaign. I was your colleague in this body for 20 years, and the suggestion that I participated in any collusion or that I was aware of any collusion with the Russian government to hurt this country, which I have served with honor for over 35 years, or to undermine the integrity of our democratic process, is an appalling and detestable lie.

Relatedly, there is the assertion that I did not answer Senator Franken's question honestly at my confirmation hearing. That is false. This is how it happened. He asked me a rambling question that included dramatic, new allegations that the United States intelligence community had advised President-elect Trump that "there was a continuing exchange of information during the campaign between Trump's surrogates and intermediaries for the Russian government." I was taken aback by these explosive allegations, which he said were being reported in breaking news that day. I wanted to refute immediately any suggestion that I was a part of such an activity. I replied, "Senator Franken, I'm not aware of any of those activities. I have been called a surrogate at a time or two in that campaign and I didn't have — did not have communications with the Russians, and I'm unable to comment on it."

That was the context in which I was asked the question, and in that context, my answer was a fair and correct response to the charge as I understood it. It simply did not occur to me to go further than the context of the question and list any conversations I may have had with Russians in routine situations, as I had with numerous other foreign officials.

Please hear me now. It was only in March of this year that a reporter asked my spokesperson whether I had ever met with any Russian officials. This was the first time that question had been posed. On the same day, we provided that reporter with the information related to the meeting I and my staff had held in my Senate office with Ambassador Kislyak, as well as the brief encounter in July after a speech that I had given during the convention in Cleveland, Ohio. I also provided the reporter a list of all 25 foreign ambassador meetings I had held during 2016. In addition, I provided supplemental testimony to the Senate Judiciary Committee to explain this. I readily acknowledged these two meetings. Certainly nothing improper occurred.

Let me also explain clearly the circumstances of my recusal from the investigation into the Russian interference with the 2016 election. I was sworn in as Attorney General on Thursday, February 9th. The very next day, I met with career Department officials, including a senior ethics official, to discuss some things publicly reported in the press and that might have some bearing on the issue of recusal. From that point, February 10th, until I announced my formal recusal on March 2nd, I was never briefed on any investigative details and did not access information about the investigation; I received only the limited information that the Department's career officials determined was necessary to inform my recusal decision. As such, I have no knowledge about this investigation beyond what has been publicly reported, and I have taken no action with regard to any such investigation. On the date of my formal recusal, my Chief of Staff sent an email to the heads of the relevant departments, including by name to Director Comey of the FBI, to instruct them to

inform their staffs of this recusal and to advise them not to brief me or involve me in any such matters. And in fact, they have not. Importantly, I recused myself not because of any asserted wrongdoing on my part during the campaign, but because a Department of Justice regulation, 28 CFR 45.2, required it. That regulation states, in effect, that Department employees should not participate in investigations of a campaign if they have served as a campaign advisor.

The scope of my recusal, however, does not and cannot interfere with my ability to oversee the Department of Justice, including the FBI, which has an \$8 billion budget and 35,000 employees. I presented to the President my concerns, and those of Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein, about the ongoing leadership issues at the FBI as stated in my letter recommending the removal of Mr. Comey along with the Deputy Attorney General's memorandum, which have been released publicly by the White House. It is a clear statement of my views. It is absurd, frankly, to suggest that a recusal from a single specific investigation would render an Attorney General unable to manage the leadership of the various Department of Justice law enforcement components that conduct thousands of investigations.

Finally, during his testimony, Mr. Comey discussed a conversation he and I had about a meeting Mr. Comey had with the President. I am happy to share with the committee my recollection of the conversation I had with Mr. Comey. Following a routine morning threat briefing, Mr. Comey spoke to me and my Chief of Staff. While he did not provide me with any of the substance of his conversation with the President, Mr. Comey expressed concern about the proper communications protocol with the White House and with the President. I responded to his comment by agreeing that the FBI and Department of Justice needed to be careful to follow Department policies regarding appropriate contacts with the White House. Mr. Comey had served in the Department of Justice for the better part of two decades, and I was confident that Mr. Comey understood and would abide by the Department's well-established rules governing any communications with the White House about ongoing investigations. My comments encouraged him to do just that and indeed, as I understand, he did. Our Department of Justice rules on proper communication between the Department and the White House have been in place for years. Mr. Comey well knew them, I thought, and assumed correctly that he complied with them.

I will finish with this. I recused myself from any investigation into the campaigns for President, but I did not recuse myself from defending my honor against scurrilous and false allegations. At all times throughout the course of the campaign, the confirmation process, and since becoming Attorney General, I have dedicated myself to the highest standards.

The people of this country expect an honest and transparent government and that is what we are giving them. This President wants to focus on the people of this country to ensure they are treated fairly and kept safe. The Trump agenda is to improve the lives of the American people. I know some have other agendas, but that is his agenda and it is one I share.

Importantly, as Attorney General I have a responsibility to enforce the laws of this Nation, to protect this country from its enemies, and to ensure the fair administration of justice. I intend to work every day with our fine team and the superb professionals in the Department of Justice to advance the important work we have to do. These false attacks, the innuendo, and the leaks, you can be sure, will not intimidate me. In fact, these events have only strengthened my resolve to fulfill my duty to reduce crime, and to support our federal, state, and local law enforcement officers who work our streets every day. Just last week, it was reported that overdose deaths in this country are rising faster than ever recorded. The murder rate is up over 10 percent—the largest increase since 1968. Together, we are telling the gangs, the cartels, the fraudsters, and the terrorists—we are coming after you. Every one of our citizens, no matter who they are or where they live, has the right to be safe in their homes and communities. And I will not be deterred, and I will not allow this great Department to be deterred from its vital mission.

Thank you.

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Hanrahan, Peggi (OAG)

From: Hanrahan, Peggi (OAG)
Sent: Friday, July 14, 2017 3:42 PM
To: Bryant, Errical (OAG)
Subject: RE:

Oh yeah, hot and heavy. He just stepped out to take a call from Stephen Miller from Air Force One returning from France. Back in there now. I am sure they will go until 4:30.

From: Bryant, Errical (OAG)
Sent: Friday, July 14, 2017 3:40 PM
To: Hanrahan, Peggi (OAG) <phanrahan@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE:

Are they still meeting down there?

From: Hanrahan, Peggi (OAG)
Sent: Friday, July 14, 2017 3:39 PM
To: Bryant, Errical (OAG) <ebryant@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE:

I will be here on Monday but may take off on another travel day.

From: Bryant, Errical (OAG)
Sent: Friday, July 14, 2017 3:37 PM
To: Hanrahan, Peggi (OAG) <phanrahan@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject:

In the event you want to take a break on Monday, the Tuesday calendar has been completed and is ready to be printed.

McKinney, Suzanna (OAG)

From: McKinney, Suzanna (OAG)
Sent: Friday, July 28, 2017 5:12 PM
To: Hankey, Mary Blanche (OAG)
Subject: RE: Press Gaggle by Senior Policy Advisor Stephen Miller en route Ronkonkoma, NY, 7/28/2017

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Suzanna R. McKinney
U.S. Department of Justice
Office of the Attorney General
Direct: (202)514-9795
Mobile: (b) (6)



From: Hankey, Mary Blanche (OAG)
Sent: Friday, July 28, 2017 5:10 PM
To: McKinney, Suzanna (OAG) <sumckinney@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: FW: Press Gaggle by Senior Policy Advisor Stephen Miller en route Ronkonkoma, NY, 7/28/2017

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From: White House Press Office [<mailto:whitehouse-noreply@messages.whitehouse.gov>]
Sent: Friday, July 28, 2017 3:36 PM
To: Hankey, Mary Blanche (OAG) <mbhankey@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Press Gaggle by Senior Policy Advisor Stephen Miller en route Ronkonkoma, NY, 7/28/2017

THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

July 28, 2017

PRESS GAGGLE
BY WHITE HOUSE SENIOR POLICY ADVISOR STEPHEN MILLER

Aboard Air Force One
En Route Ronkonkoma, New York

12:57 P.M. EDT

MR. MILLER: Hello, everybody. So were just going to do a very quick on-the-record about the MS-13 event. It's a short flight. We're going to be starting our descent soon, so I'm just going to talk real quick, answer a few questions, give you some color for you stories, and then I'm going to go back.

So our big focus on MS-13 is getting the resources we need to accomplish to the mission. What does that mean? It means we need more ICE officers. We've got Tom Homan, who you heard from yesterday -- he's just sitting a few rows away from me, right over there -- and we have about 5,000-plus enforcement and removal officers in the country. That's not nearly enough to police an immigration system as large and expansive as ours, or to deal with the fact that you have tens of thousands of folks from the recent wave of Central America who've disappeared. We don't know where they are. We have to send people out to find them. It's an enormous burden. And 5,000 EROs is just not enough to do it.

We also need to get expedited removal for illegal migrants from Central America, so you don't have a situation where you show up, you get an NTA -- a notice to appear -- and then you just sort of disappear. That also means we need to get the court backlog down; it's about 6,000 cases right now. So we need more immigration judges, and of course you need more prosecutors so you can actually put MS-13 and other cartels in jail.

And, finally, we need the border wall and other border infrastructure -- sensors, towers, you name it.

So those are the big legislative pieces. But obviously, administratively, we talked about this in the last couple days -- To talk about it too -- but if you're a gang member, we're going to find you and we're going to remove you. You don't have to have to additional items on your record. If you're a gang member and you're here illegally, then you're going home. That is a major policy change, and that's one of the reasons why we're having so much success in depleting the ranks of the cartels and the gangs. But obviously we're going to need Congress in both parties to step up and provide these extra resources.

So that's all I have to say, and then I'll take any questions you have about this.

Q So, today, in Geneva, the International Organization for Migration held a briefing and said that the impact of this "get tough" approach, without deterrent measures, is pushing migrants, pushing illegal immigrants into more dangerous routes and actually fueling the coffers of gangs and transnational organizations. And I'm wondering if you're concerned about that as well, and if there are, sort of, initiatives that you're going to be taking that deal

with deterrence in that aspect, as well.

MR. MILLER: I would associate myself closely with the comments that Tom Homan gave at the press briefing yesterday, which is that a message of tolerance toward illegal immigration is the number-one boon to smugglers and traffickers. And we've seen the results of that over the last eight years in terms of massive human rights violations associated with the Central American migrant surge, in terms of a humanitarian catastrophe playing out across the region.

And so that permissive approach, we've seen the results, and the results have been deadly and horrific. By sending a message that you won't tolerate illegal immigration, it will shut down the smugglers. We've already seen a huge increase in the price that people have to pay to get smuggled, which, in and of itself is an enormous deterrent. And Secretary Kelly has worked to go into the region and to send the message that it's not safe to come; that if you will come, you will be returned. And he's working cooperatively with the governments in the region to help make sure that message is sent to migrants. And, ultimately, that is the most humanitarian approach.

Q With all this focus on measures that the administration can do -- take towards immigration, has the President gotten closer to a decision on DACA?

MR. MILLER: Right now, as you know, there's an ongoing threat of litigation about DACA. And Secretary Kelly is working with the Justice Department on dealing with that. I don't have any news to make about it today, but I would say that our administration, from a policy standpoint, remains resolutely focused on protecting jobs, wages, and security for American citizens. And when we have further announcements on that, we will make them.

Q Nikki Haley I think is traveling here. What is her role in this? Is she going to be giving any remarks ahead of the President? Or is she just here to, sort of, make a show about the U.N.'s role in migration?

MR. MILLER: Well, I mean, in addition to any role -- and there of course, is some with respect to the United Nations and global migration issues -- obviously, the President of the United States, at all times of the day, is working on the many different foreign policy issues facing our country, and I'm sure that they're discussing those on a variety of different fronts.

Q Given the challenges of healthcare, trying to get legislation through, have you given any new thought to the strategy for how you're going to get through funding for a wall, or money for new ICE agents, given that Democrats are united in opposition to that kind of legislation?

MR. MILLER: That's a great question. That's actually -- that's a good one to end on, so I can make a really strong statement for

everybody.

If Senate Democrats try to block the funding we need to protect our nation from criminals, drug dealers, cartels, and terrorists, it will cause an uproar from the American people. And they will pay a steep political price.

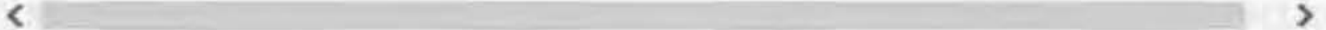
Thank you.

END

1:07 P.M. EDT

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Mizelle, Chad (ODAG)

From: Mizelle, Chad (ODAG)
Sent: Sunday, August 6, 2017 1:24 PM
To: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO
Cc: Cutrona, Danielle (OAG)
Subject: Re:

I'm free from now until 4.

> On Aug 6, 2017, at 1:13 PM, Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO <(b) (6)> wrote:

>

> Chad -- are you free this afternoon?

>

> Sent from my iPhone

>

>> On Aug 6, 2017, at 1:09 PM, Cutrona, Danielle (OAG) <Danielle.Cutrona@usdoj.gov> wrote:

>>

>> Sure. Let me know what time

>>

>>> On Aug 6, 2017, at 12:56 PM, Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO <(b) (6)> wrote:

>>>

>>> Can we talk today re: sanctuary cities latest?

>>>

>>> Sent from my iPhone

>>>

>

Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO

From: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO
Sent: Sunday, August 6, 2017 2:35 PM
To: Mizelle, Chad (ODAG)
Cc: Cutrona, Danielle (OAG)
Subject: Re:

Yes. Thanks.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 6, 2017, at 2:34 PM, Mizelle, Chad (ODAG) <Chad.Mizelle@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Let's do 3 pm, if that works for you guys. Number is below. Jesse is unavailable.

Access (local/intl: (b) (6) CONUS toll free (b) (6)
PIN: (b) (6)

On Aug 6, 2017, at 1:52 PM, Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO (b) (6) wrote:

Great

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 6, 2017, at 1:46 PM, Mizelle, Chad (ODAG) <Chad.Mizelle@usdoj.gov> wrote:

On it.

On Aug 6, 2017, at 1:45 PM, Cutrona, Danielle (OAG)
<dcutrona@md.usdoj.gov> wrote:

Chad -- Can you loop on Jesse and check on setting up a conference line?

On Aug 6, 2017, at 1:40 PM, Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO
<(b) (6)> wrote:

Yes -- can DOJ set up a call line?

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 6, 2017, at 1:35 PM, Cutrona, Danielle
(OAG) <Danielle.Cutrona@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Stephen--Can we add someone from the
Associates office? They are handling the
litigation.

On Aug 6, 2017, at 1:24 PM, Mizelle,
Chad (ODAG)
<cmizelle@imd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

Duplicative Records



Mizelle, Chad (ODAG)

From: Mizelle, Chad (ODAG)
Sent: Wednesday, August 16, 2017 8:19 PM
To: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO
Subject: Re:

Thank you.

> On Aug 16, 2017, at 12:48 PM, Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO <(b) (6)> wrote:
>
> Incredible job. You should be very proud.
>
> Sent from my iPhone
>

Cutrona, Danielle (OAG)

From: Cutrona, Danielle (OAG)
Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2017 6:38 PM
To: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO; (b)(6) Donald McGahn White House Email Katsas, Gregory G.
EOP/WHO; Rick Dearborn (b) (6); Bremberg, Andrew P.
EOP/WHO
Cc: Brand, Rachel (OASG); Hunt, Jody (OAG)

FYI <https://www.axios.com/trump-seriously-considering-ending-daca-2476724345.html>

Simms, Donna Y. (ODAG)

From: Simms, Donna Y. (ODAG)
Sent: Friday, August 25, 2017 1:42 PM
To: Gauhar, Tashina (ODAG); Hill, John L. (ODAG); Groves, Brendan M. (ODAG); Terwilliger, Zachary (ODAG); Mizelle, Chad (ODAG); Troester, Robert J. (ODAG); Lan, Iris (ODAG)
Subject: FW: FYSA - WF 3883993 dojprod_Control_Sheet_DOJ_2017825_133842
Attachments: dojprod_Control_Sheet_DOJ_2017825_133842.rtf; 3883993.pdf

Adding Zach T., Chad, Bob, and Iris.

From: Simms, Donna Y. (ODAG)
Sent: Friday, August 25, 2017 1:40 PM
To: Gauhar, Tashina (ODAG) <tagauhar@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Hill, John L. (ODAG) <jhill@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Groves, Brendan M. (ODAG) <bmgroves@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: FYSA - WF 3883993 dojprod_Control_Sheet_DOJ_2017825_133842

Attached

Donna

Donna Simms
Office of the Deputy Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice
Washington, DC 20530
(202) 514-2073
donna.y.simms@usdoj.gov

Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO

From: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO
Sent: Friday, August 25, 2017 7:38 PM
To: Hunt, Jody (OAG)
Subject: Re: Follow up from PC

(b) (6)

Sent from my iPhone

> On Aug 25, 2017, at 7:29 PM, Hunt, Jody (OAG) <Jody.Hunt@usdoj.gov> wrote:

>

> Sorry to not have gotten back to you before now. Wall to wall all day. I will try to give you a call.

>

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

> From: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO [mailto:(b) (6)]

> Sent: Friday, August 25, 2017 8:47 AM

> To: Hunt, Jody (OAG) <johunt@jmd.usdoj.gov>

> Subject: Follow up from PC

>

> Let me know when you can talk today

>

> Sent from my iPhone

>

Hanrahan, Peggi (OAG)

From: Hanrahan, Peggi (OAG)
Sent: Monday, August 28, 2017 2:32 PM
To: Bryant, Errical (OAG)
Subject: RE:

I would say no, he can go visit with Stephen Miller but never know what he wants. Is the PC just him?

From: Bryant, Errical (OAG)
Sent: Monday, August 28, 2017 2:30 PM
To: Hanrahan, Peggi (OAG) <phanrahan@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject:

I don't think we should have him come here tomorrow before the WH PC. He lands at 2:55pm and then needs to be at the WH at 4pm. Let me know if you think he would want to come here first.

Bennett, Catherine T (OAG)

From: Bennett, Catherine T (OAG)
Sent: Thursday, August 31, 2017 2:14 PM
To: Hanrahan, Peggi (OAG); Hunt, Jody (OAG); Hankey, Mary Blanche (OAG); Barnett, Gary E. (OAG); Cutrona, Danielle (OAG); Tucker, Rachael (OAG); Morrissey, Brian (OAG); Eyler, Gustav (OAG); LaCour, Alice S. (OAG)
Subject: FW: Notification of Records Search to be Conducted in Response to the FOIA, Salem, OIP No. DOJ-2017-006035 (AG)
Attachments: 01. Initial Request (8.14.17).pdf

From: Kochurka, Kimberley (OIP)
Sent: Thursday, August 31, 2017 1:28 PM
To: Bennett, Catherine T (OAG) <cbennett@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Villanueva, Valeree A (OIP) <vvillanueva@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Notification of Records Search to be Conducted in Response to the FOIA, Salem, OIP No. DOJ-2017-006035 (AG)

All,

You will be receiving FOIA request emails, such as this one, for your information only, and as a courtesy, from analysts in the Office of Information Policy (OIP). If you have classified information pertaining to any subject matter, please inform me and I will contact the analyst in OIP. An explanation for these searches can be found in the email below. If you have any questions whatsoever, please direct them to Doug Hibbard, Senior Advisor, Initial Request Staff, at 6-5461. Thank you.

Peggi: Please note that where AG Sessions is listed, OIP is referring to his records and not yours, **but that you will need to search if necessary, if you feel as though the AG has classified material(s);** and where your name is listed, OIP is referring to your records only.

The purpose of this email is to notify you that the records of the below-listed officials will be searched in response to the attached Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request.

The requester, Muhammad Salem, is seeking records pertaining to:

- Records of communication between the Department and nine White House officials, pertaining to certain topics
- See attached request for White House officials and the topics

The officials that will be searched for this request are:

(b) (5)

(b) (5)

The FOIA requires agencies to conduct a reasonable search in response to FOIA requests. For your information, this search will encompass the email and computer files (e.g. C or H drive) maintained by the officials listed above. We have also initiated a search in the Offices of the Deputy Attorney General, Associate Attorney General, Public Affairs, Legal Policy, Legislative Affairs, Information Policy, and of the Departmental Executive Secretariat.

To the extent officials within your office maintain other types of records, such as text and voice messages, or material maintained within a classified system, that would be responsive to this request but would not be located as a result of OIP's records search, please indicate so in response to this email. OIP staff will make arrangements to conduct those searches as necessary. Similarly, if your office would not maintain any records responsive to this request or you can readily identify the official(s), be they either current or former employees, that would maintain records responsive to this request, you may indicate so in response to this email.

Please note that the Federal Records Act, as amended in 2014, and DOJ Policy Statement 0801.04 provide that government employees may not use a non-official email account for official business unless the communication is fully captured in a DOJ recordkeeping system – either by copying their official account or forwarding any such messages to their official account within twenty days. Should any records custodians have official records responsive to this FOIA request which are on a non-official account but were not copied into their official email account, those records should be provided to OIP.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please feel free to call me at 202-616-9712 or by replying to this email.

Attachment

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(b) (6)

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Monday, September 4, 2017 9:37 AM
To: (b) (6); Sarah H. Sanders; Marc Short; Jennifer Korn; Stephen Miller; Jared Kushner; Ivanka Trump; Don mcgahn; kellyanne conway; Nick Ayers
Subject: Don't dehumanize dreamers into bargaining chips newt

From newt:

According to news reports the President will find a way to recognize the illegality of the Obama DACA rule while putting pressure on Congress to legalize the process by passing appropriate legislation.

If announced as a pro-Dreamer challenge to Congress it will strengthen the President both with 800,000 dreamers and their families, friends, and coworkers and with the 70-80% of the country that oppose deporting them.

However there is a danger that they will be characterized as a bargaining chip to get something the White House wants.

That will send a signal of dehumanization and weaken much of the good will that the six month delay could potentially create.

It would also let the Democrats posture as those who have concerns for the people involved.

This is a real opportunity to put the burden on Congress and get something good done.

It could have a very positive impact on 2018.

We should not weaken it with the wrong imagery.

Sent from my iPad

Hybart, Camden (JMD)

From: Hybart, Camden (JMD)
Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2017 8:13 AM
To: (b)(6) Stephen Miller White House Email
Subject: Statement

Available for a call. (b) (6)

Sent from my iPhone

Ferrato, Katherine M. (ODAG)

From: Ferrato, Katherine M. (ODAG)
Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2017 8:40 AM
To: Rosenstein, Rod (ODAG); Hur, Robert (ODAG); Crowell, James (ODAG); Terwilliger, Zachary (ODAG); Goldsmith, Andrew (ODAG); Ohr, Bruce (ODAG); Cook, Steven H. (ODAG); Gauhar, Tashina (ODAG); Lan, Iris (ODAG); Raman, Sujit (ODAG); Schools, Scott (ODAG); Troester, Robert J. (ODAG); Frank, Michael (ODAG); Bolitho, Zachary (ODAG); Loveland, Daniel (ODAG); Medina, Amelia (ODAG); Hill, John L. (ODAG); Bumatay, Patrick (ODAG); Bressack, Leah (ODAG); Mizelle, Chad (ODAG); Murray, Michael (ODAG); Sheehan, Matthew (ODAG)
Cc: Murphy, Marcia (ODAG); Gamble, Nathaniel (ODAG)
Subject: FW: Notification of Records Search to be Conducted in Response to the FOIA, Salem, OIP No. DOJ-2017-006232 (DAG)
Attachments: 01. Initial Request (8.14.17).pdf

Hi all —The initial request is attached. Let me know if you have any questions.

From: Kochurka, Kimberley (OIP)
Sent: Thursday, August 31, 2017 1:30 PM
To: Ferrato, Katherine M. (ODAG) <kferrato@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Villanueva, Valeree A (OIP) <vvillanueva@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Notification of Records Search to be Conducted in Response to the FOIA, Salem, OIP No. DOJ-2017-006232 (DAG)

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Attachment

Non-responsive records

From: Bryant, Errical (OAG) [mailto:Errical.Bryant@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Thursday, September 14, 2017 8:32 AM
To: Johnson, Will
Subject: RE: Rep. Labrador Meeting Request w/ Attorney General Sessions
Importance: High

Good morning Will,

Thanks for the update. Please provided a copy of the letter in which you are referring. We will need this info first thing this morning. Once we receive that letter, we will update you on the request.

All the best,

Errical A. Bryant
Director of Scheduling
United States Attorney General

From: Johnson, Will [mailto:(b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, September 13, 2017 3:05 PM
To: Bryant, Errical (OAG) <ebryant@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Rep. Labrador Meeting Request w/ Attorney General Sessions

Good Afternoon Errical,

My apologies, when I reached out to request a meeting with Attorney General Sessions, I had been arranging a meeting between Congressman Labrador and Stephen Miller at the White House, the topic of which was immigration. For the call this Friday, Congressman Labrador is hoping to discuss a letter that was recently sent by the Idaho State Legislature to Attorney General Sessions. Thank you very much.

Warm Regards,

Will

Will Johnson | Scheduler/Executive Assistant
Rep. Raúl Labrador (ID-01) | (b) (6)
1523 Longworth House Office Building | Washington, DC 20515
www.labrador.house.gov <image001.png> @Raúl Labrador
<image002.png> RaúlRLabrador

From: Bryant, Errical (OAG) [mailto:Errical.Bryant@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, September 13, 2017 11:37 AM

TO: Johnson, Will
Subject: RE: Rep. Labrador Meeting Request w/ Attorney General Sessions

Thanks Will,

From: Johnson, Will [mailto:(b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, September 13, 2017 9:41 AM
To: Bryant, Errical (OAG) <ebryant@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Rep. Labrador Meeting Request w/ Attorney General Sessions

Hi Errical,

Thank you for the call and for your assistance in setting this up. I have confirmed the call between Attorney General Sessions and Congressman Labrador for 3:30pm ET / 1:30pm MT on Friday, September 15th. The best number to reach the Congressman is (b) (6)

Thanks again and have a great rest of your week!

Best,

Will

Will Johnson | Scheduler/Executive Assistant
Rep. Raúl Labrador (ID-01) | 202-225-(b) (6)
1523 Longworth House Office Building | Washington, DC 20515
www.labrador.house.gov <image001.png> @Raúl Labrador
<image002.png> RaúlRLabrador

From: Bryant, Errical (OAG) [mailto:Errical.Bryant@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, September 13, 2017 8:02 AM
To: Johnson, Will
Subject: RE: Rep. Labrador Meeting Request w/ Attorney General Sessions
Importance: High

Good morning Will,

Unfortunately, the AG is not available of an in person meeting. But, he can do a brief phone call today at 1:45. If the Congressman would like to do this, we will need a confirmation first thing this morning.
Thanks

From: Johnson, Will [mailto:(b) (6)]
Sent: Tuesday, September 12, 2017 5:25 PM
To: Bryant, Errical (OAG) <ebryant@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Rep. Labrador Meeting Request w/ Attorney General Sessions

Good Afternoon Errical,

I am reaching out on behalf of Congressman Raúl Labrador to request a meeting with Attorney General Sessions to discuss immigration. Congressman Labrador is hoping that the meeting could be this week, particularly early Thursday afternoon, but is flexible.

but we are flexible.

Is this something that you can assist me in arranging? I would very much appreciate it! Thank you and I look forward to hearing from you.

Warm Regards,

Will

Will Johnson | Scheduler/Executive Assistant

Rep. Raúl Labrador (ID-01) | (b) (6)

1523 Longworth House Office Building | Washington, DC 20515

www.labrador.house.gov <image001.png> @Raúl_Labrador

<image002.png> [RaúlRLabrador](#)

Mizelle, Chad (ODAG)

From: Mizelle, Chad (ODAG)
Sent: Saturday, September 16, 2017 10:16 PM
To: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO
Subject: Re:

Feel free to call anytime.

> On Sep 16, 2017, at 9:59 PM, Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO <(b) (6)> wrote:
>
> Sorry I didn't call -- will call tomorrow.
>
> Sent from my iPhone
>
>> On Sep 16, 2017, at 12:56 PM, Mizelle, Chad (ODAG) <Chad.Mizelle@usdoj.gov> wrote:
>>
>> Yes. My number is (b) (6) I'm available for the next several hours.
>>
>>> On Sep 16, 2017, at 11:26 AM, Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>
wrote:
>>>
>>> Do you have time to chat this weekend?
>>>
>>> Sent from my iPhone
>>>
>

Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO

From: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO
Sent: Wednesday, September 20, 2017 2:49 PM
To: Mizelle, Chad (ODAG)
Subject: Re: RE:

Thank you

Sent from my iPhone

> On Sep 20, 2017, at 2:47 PM, Mizelle, Chad (ODAG) <Chad.Mizelle@usdoj.gov> wrote:

>

> No worries. That sounds good. Thanks.

>

> Best,

> Chad

>

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

> From: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO [mailto:(b) (6)]

> Sent: Wednesday, September 20, 2017 2:37 PM

> To: Mizelle, Chad (ODAG) <cmizelle@jmd.usdoj.gov>

> Cc: Klingler, McLaurine E. EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>

> Subject:

>

> Sorry again about not calling. McLaurine will schedule a time.

>

> Sent from my iPhone

>

Mizelle, Chad (ODAG)

From: Mizelle, Chad (ODAG)
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 10:44 PM
To: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO
Cc: Klingler, McLaurine E. EOP/WHO
Subject: Re:

Yes, I'm still going.

> On Sep 21, 2017, at 10:40 PM, Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO (b) (6) > wrote:

>

> Still up?

>

> Sent from my iPhone

>

>> On Sep 21, 2017, at 7:23 PM, Mizelle, Chad (ODAG) <Chad.Mizelle@usdoj.gov> wrote:

>>

>> Can you try my cell? I'm at (b) (6)

>>

>>> On Sep 21, 2017, at 7:00 PM, Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO <(b) (6)> wrote:

>>>

>>> Just tried you

>>>

>

Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO

From: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO
Sent: Thursday, October 5, 2017 11:13 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Cc: Mizelle, Chad (ODAG)
Subject: Re:

Thanks. Let's follow up when you have a moment.

Sent from my iPhone

> On Oct 5, 2017, at 11:07 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:
>
> We sent out a statement earlier
>
>> On Oct 5, 2017, at 11:06 PM, Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO <(b) (6)> wrote:
>>
>> How is DOJ going to respond?
>>
>>> <http://m.sfgate.com/news/article/Jerry-Brown-signs-bill-making-California-a-12255884.php><
>>
>>
>> Sent from my iPhone
>

Whitaker, Matthew (OAG)

From: Whitaker, Matthew (OAG)
Sent: Saturday, October 7, 2017 8:09 PM
To: McGinley, William J. EOP/WHO
Cc: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO; Gabriel, Robert EOP/WHO
Subject: Re: Call Monday

Yes

Sent from my iPhone

> On Oct 7, 2017, at 8:00 PM, McGinley, William J. EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>
wrote:
>
> Matt, are you available Monday at 10:30 for a call with Stephen Miller and me? Please let us
know. Thanks
>
> William McGinley
> Cabinet Secretary
> The White House
>
> Sent from my iPhone. Please forgive typos.

Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO

From: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO
Sent: Sunday, October 8, 2017 9:55 PM
To: Hybart, Camden (JMD)
Subject: FYI

The Cabinet Meeting is Monday October 16th. Bill McGinley and I will be speaking to your COS tomorrow on (b) (5). In the meantime, we will have to figure out how to engage the cabinet on explaining the priorities to the public and the Congress.

Whitaker, Matthew (OAG)

From: Whitaker, Matthew (OAG)
Sent: Monday, October 9, 2017 6:07 PM
To: McGinley, William J. EOP/WHO
Subject: Re: Call Monday

Will I need to do anything special tomorrow to get into whitehouse tomorrow? Also, is there any way to get credentials? Thanks, Matt

> On Oct 7, 2017, at 8:00 PM, McGinley, William J. EOP/WHO (b) (6) wrote:

>

> Matt, are you available Monday at 10:30 for a call with Stephen Miller and me? Please let us know. Thanks

>

> William McGinley

> Cabinet Secretary

> The White House

>

> Sent from my iPhone. Please forgive typos.

Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO

From: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO
Sent: Monday, October 16, 2017 4:07 PM
To: Hanrahan, Peggi (OAG)
Cc: Klingler, McLaurine E. EOP/WHO
Subject: RE: Article from Attorney General Sessions

Thank you!

From: Hanrahan, Peggi (OAG) [mailto:Peggi.Hanrahan@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Monday, October 16, 2017 3:46 PM
To: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>
Cc: Klingler, McLaurine E. EOP/WHO (b) (6)
Subject: Article from Attorney General Sessions

See attached.

Peggi V. Hanrahan
Confidential Assistant to the Attorney General
Phone: (202) 514-2003

Klingler, McLaurine E. EOP/WHO

From: Klingler, McLaurine E. EOP/WHO
Sent: Saturday, October 21, 2017 2:43 PM
To: Whitaker, Matthew (OAG)
Subject: RE: Call with Stephen Miller Today

Great, see dial-information below. And just one correction, it will John Walk on the call, not John Bash. Thank you!

Dial-In: (b) (6)
Code: (b) (6)

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

From: Whitaker, Matthew (OAG) [mailto:Matthew.Whitaker@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Saturday, October 21, 2017 2:39 PM
To: Klingler, McLaurine E. EOP/WHO (b) (6)
Subject: Re: Call with Stephen Miller Today

Yes

> On Oct 21, 2017, at 2:37 PM, Klingler, McLaurine E. EOP/WHO (b) (6)
wrote:

>
> How about 3:30pm?

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

> From: Whitaker, Matthew (OAG) [mailto:Matthew.Whitaker@usdoj.gov]
> Sent: Saturday, October 21, 2017 2:36 PM
> To: Klingler, McLaurine E. EOP/WHO (b) (6)
> Subject: Re: Call with Stephen Miller Today

> Now until 5 pm good

>> On Oct 21, 2017, at 2:21 PM, Klingler, McLaurine E. EOP/WHO (b) (6)
>> wrote:

>> Hi Matt,

>> Are you available today for a call with Stephen Miller, John Bash, and Danielle Cutrona? Please let me know what time works best. Thank you.

--

>>
>> McLaurine Klingler
>> Executive Assistant to Stephen Miller
>> White House
>>
>

Tucker, Rachael (OAG)

From: Tucker, Rachael (OAG)
Sent: Sunday, October 22, 2017 9:56 PM
To: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO
Cc: Cutrona, Danielle (OAG); Whitaker, Matthew (OAG); Walk, John EOP/WHO
Subject: RE: Refugee report

I've spoken to DHS and Gary. Waiting to hear back from State. Will be in touch.

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

From: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO [mailto:(b) (6)]
Sent: Sunday, October 22, 2017 9:07 PM
To: Tucker, Rachael (OAG) <ratucker@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Cutrona, Danielle (OAG) <dcutrona@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Whitaker, Matthew (OAG) <mwhitaker@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Walk, John EOP/WHO (b) (6)
Subject: RE: Refugee report

Touch base with Gary

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

From: Tucker, Rachael (OAG) [mailto:Rachael.Tucker@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Sunday, October 22, 2017 9:07 PM
To: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO (b) (6)
Cc: Cutrona, Danielle (OAG) <Danielle.Cutrona@usdoj.gov>; Whitaker, Matthew (OAG) <Matthew.Whitaker@usdoj.gov>; Walk, John EOP/WHO (b) (6)
Subject: Re: Refugee report

Ferrato, Katherine M. (ODAG)

From: Ferrato, Katherine M. (ODAG)
Sent: Monday, October 23, 2017 10:25 AM
To: Rosenstein, Rod (ODAG); Hur, Robert (ODAG); Crowell, James (ODAG); Terwilliger, Zachary (ODAG); Goldsmith, Andrew (ODAG); Ohr, Bruce (ODAG); Cook, Steven H. (ODAG); Gauhar, Tashina (ODAG); Lan, Iris (ODAG); Raman, Sujit (ODAG); Schools, Scott (ODAG); Troester, Robert J. (ODAG); Frank, Michael (ODAG); Hill, John L. (ODAG); Bumatay, Patrick (ODAG); Bolitho, Zachary (ODAG); Loveland, Daniel (ODAG); Medina, Amelia (ODAG); Bressack, Leah (ODAG); Mizelle, Chad (ODAG); Murray, Michael (ODAG); Sheehan, Matthew (ODAG)
Cc: Gamble, Nathaniel (ODAG); Murphy, Marcia (ODAG)
Subject: FW: Notification of Records Search to be Conducted in Response to the FOIA, Kopplin, OIP No. DOJ-2018-000318 (DAG)
Attachments: 01. Initial Request (10.10.17).pdf

All—The initial request regarding communications, containing specific keywords, among individuals within the Department as well as between individuals within the Department and individuals within the Offices of the President and Vice President is attached. Let me know if you have any questions.

From: Smith, James M. (OIP)
Sent: Friday, October 20, 2017 5:55 PM
To: Ferrato, Katherine M. (ODAG) <kferrato@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Villanueva, Valeree A (OIP) <vvillanueva@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Notification of Records Search to be Conducted in Response to the FOIA, Kopplin, OIP No. DOJ-2018-000318 (DAG)

Good Afternoon,

The purpose of this email is to notify you that the records of the below-listed officials will be searched in response to the attached Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request.

The requester, Zack Kopplin of the Government Accountability Project, is seeking records pertaining to:

- Communications, containing specific keywords, among individuals within the Department of Justice ("Department"), as well as between individuals within the Department and individuals within the Offices of the President and Vice President. [See Attached Request for the List of Keywords]
- Time Frame: Since November 8, 2016.

The officials that will be searched for this request are:

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The FOIA requires agencies to conduct a reasonable search in response to FOIA requests. For your information, this search will encompass the email and computer files (e.g. C or H drive) maintained by the officials listed above. We have also initiated searches in the Offices of the Attorney General, Associate Attorney General, Legislative Affairs, Legal Policy, and Public Affairs, as well as the Departmental Executive Secretariat.

To the extent officials within your office maintain other types of records, such as text and voice messages, or material maintained within a classified system, that would be responsive to this request but would not be located as a result of OIP's records search, please indicate so in response to this email. OIP staff will make arrangements to conduct those searches as necessary. Similarly, if your office would not maintain any records responsive to this request or you can readily identify the official(s), be they either current or former employees, that would maintain records responsive to this request, you may indicate so in response to this email.

Please note that the Federal Records Act, as amended in 2014, and DOJ Policy Statement 0801.04 provide that government employees may not use a non-official email account for official business unless the communication is fully captured in a DOJ recordkeeping system – either by copying their official account or forwarding any such messages to their official account within twenty days. Should any records custodians have official records responsive to this FOIA request which are on a non-official account but were not copied into their official email account, those records should be provided to OIP.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please feel free to call me at (202) 305-0580 or by replying to this email.

Best,

James Matthew Smith
Attorney-Advisor
Office of Information Policy
U.S. Department of Justice
(202) 305-0580

Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO

From: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO
Sent: Tuesday, October 31, 2017 6:13 PM
To: Hamilton, Gene (OAG)
Cc: Klingler, McLaurine E. EOP/WHO
Subject: RE: New Email Address

Thank you

From: Hamilton, Gene (OAG) [mailto:Gene.Hamilton@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, October 31, 2017 12:56 PM
To: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO (b) (6)
Cc: Klingler, McLaurine E. EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>
Subject: New Email Address

Hey y'all,

This is my new email address. My new work mobile is (b) (6). Desk is 202-514-4469. McLaurine, would you mind adding me to the recurring Friday meeting invite?

Thank you!

Gene P. Hamilton
Counselor to the Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice

Cutrona, Danielle (OAG)

From: Cutrona, Danielle (OAG)
Sent: Thursday, November 2, 2017 2:46 PM
To: Hamilton, Gene (OAG)
Subject: FW: Publishing Immigration Status of Arrestees
Attachments: cis.org-New Bill Would Shed Light on Migrants and Crime.pdf; infosheet.pdf

Just fyi

From: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO (b) (6)
Sent: Monday, October 16, 2017 3:12 PM
To: Cutrona, Danielle (OAG) <dcutrona@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: FW: Publishing Immigration Status of Arrestees

From: Yates, Marshall [mailto:(b) (6)]
Sent: Monday, October 16, 2017 2:28 PM
To: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>
Cc: Zadrozny, John A. EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>; Hahn, Julia A. EOP/WHO (b) (6)
Subject: Publishing Immigration Status of Arrestees

Good Afternoon,

I have been working on a policy proposal for Congressman Brooks called the *Arrest Statistics Reporting Act*. As you may know, this proposal was worked on extensively by my predecessor and your colleague, Peter White. The general idea is to have the FBI's yearly crime reports include the best known immigration status of an arrestee and either their country of origin or nationality. This information would be useful to achieve other objectives of President Trump, including combating sanctuary cities and opening the factual dialogue regarding the impact immigration has on state and local law enforcement.

While this bill was introduced last Congress as [HR 3151](#), Congressman Brooks has not reintroduced this legislation because he is hoping to gain more traction and support from the Trump Administration first. The underlying policy goals and intent of the legislation can be more easily and speedily achieved through the Executive. Simply put, using existing authority the President could issue an Executive Order requiring the FBI, DHS, and ICE to work in collaboration in order to openly report and make this information publicly available.

We need some help from the White House because, despite numerous letters and outreach, we have not made any progress within FBI or DOJ to have them compile the information voluntarily. Unfortunately, the bureaucrats within FBI and CJIS insist that accounting for the immigration status, country of origin, and the offense that the immigrant has committed is logistically impossible for them right now. I chalk this up to typical mindset of bureaucratic employees avoiding enacting any new conservative policies. This is why I believe that the Trump Administration can help by taking some Executive Action on its own to direct these agencies to work together to compile the information to make the data publicly available.

Let me know if this is something that you or someone else in your office would consider working on. I would

be willing to provide all of the work as needed. However, as you know, it's important that we put together as much information on the criminal tendencies of immigrants to effectively counter mainstream narratives.

Marshall Yates

Legislative Counsel | Congressman Mo Brooks AL-05
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Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO

From: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO
Sent: Thursday, November 2, 2017 6:50 PM
To: Hamilton, Gene (OAG)

Call me back

Hahn, Julia A. EOP/WHO

From: Hahn, Julia A. EOP/WHO
Sent: Saturday, November 4, 2017 6:29 PM
To: Hamilton, Gene (OAG); Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO
Subject: RE: terrorists who came in on DV program

That's fine. Gene, do you have Francis' cell phone number? Could you share? I only have his direct desk line.

From: Hamilton, Gene (OAG) [mailto:Gene.Hamilton@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Saturday, November 4, 2017 5:40 PM
To: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>
Cc: Hahn, Julia A. EOP/WHO (b) (6)
Subject: Re: terrorists who came in on DV program

No one else has this. No one is going to be checking this data tonight.

Gene P. Hamilton
Counselor to the Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice

On Nov 4, 2017, at 5:21 PM, Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO <(b) (6)> wrote:

Who can help with this in your stead?

From: Hamilton, Gene (OAG) <Gene.Hamilton@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Saturday, November 4, 2017 5:13:44 PM
To: Hahn, Julia A. EOP/WHO
Cc: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO
Subject: Re: terrorists who came in on DV program

I can't access my computer remotely for some reason. Not going to happen today.

Gene P. Hamilton
Counselor to the Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice

On Nov 4, 2017, at 1:37 PM, Hahn, Julia A. EOP/WHO <(b) (6)> wrote:

Gene,

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Very important we have this info today.

Thank you!

thank you!

Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO

From: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO
Sent: Thursday, November 16, 2017 2:24 PM
To: Hamilton, Gene (OAG); Hahn, Julia A. EOP/WHO
Subject: RE: 22 MS-13 MEMBERS AND ASSOCIATES CHARGED FEDERALLY IN ICE'S MS-13 TARGETED 'OPERATION RAGING BULL' WHICH NETTED A TOTAL OF 267 ARRESTS

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To: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO <(b) (6)> Hahn, Julia A. EOP/WHO
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Subject: FW: 22 MS-13 MEMBERS AND ASSOCIATES CHARGED FEDERALLY IN ICE'S MS-13 TARGETED 'OPERATION RAGING BULL' WHICH NETTED A TOTAL OF 267 ARRESTS

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2017

**22 MS-13 MEMBERS AND ASSOCIATES CHARGED FEDERALLY IN
ICE'S MS-13 TARGETED 'OPERATION RAGING BULL' WHICH
NETTED A TOTAL OF 267 ARRESTS**

53 arrested in El Salvador, 214 arrested across the United States

WASHINGTON — U.S. Department of Justice and U.S. Department of Homeland

Security (DHS) officials today announced the results of stepped up efforts by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and the department to target and dismantle MS-13 – culminating in the arrest of 267 in the United States and overseas.

“Operation Raging Bull” was led by ICE’s Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) with support from federal, state, local and international law enforcement partners, and was conducted in support of the Department of Justice’s renewed prioritization of the violent transnational gang.

“With more than 10,000 members across 40 states, MS-13 is one of the most dangerous criminal organizations in the United States today,” said Attorney General Jeff Sessions. “President Trump has ordered the Department of Justice to reduce crime and take down transnational criminal organizations, and we will be relentless in our pursuit of these objectives. That’s why I have ordered our drug trafficking task forces to use every law available to arrest, prosecute, convict, and defund MS-13. And we are getting results. So far this year, we have secured convictions against more than 1,200 gang members and worked with our partners in Central America to arrest and charge some 4,000 MS-13 members. I want to thank the Department of Homeland Security, our federal law enforcement agents and prosecutors from the U.S. Attorneys’ Offices and the Criminal Division’s Organized Crime and Gang Section as well as Treasury, BOP, DOJ’s OCDETF task force members, and all of our state and local law enforcement partners for their hard work. These 267 arrests are the next step toward making this country safer by taking MS-13 off of our streets for good.”

“MS-13 has long been a priority for ICE. However we are now combating the gang with renewed focus and an unprecedented level of cooperation among DHS’s components and our domestic and international partners,” said Thomas Homan, ICE Deputy Director and Senior Official Performing the Duties of the Director. “ICE has the ability to pursue complex criminal cases using our statutory authorities and to prevent crime by using our administrative arrest authorities to remove gang members from the country. We will not rest until every member, associate, and leader of MS-13 has been held accountable for their crimes, and those in this country illegally have been removed.”

The operation was conducted in two phases, targeting dangerous gang members and their global financial networks. The first phase of the operation which was announced previously, netted 53 arrests in El Salvador at the conclusion of an 18-month investigation in September. The second phase was conducted across the United States from Oct. 8 to Nov. 11, and concluded with 214 MS-13 arrests nationwide.

HSI received significant operational support, including intelligence sharing and collaboration, from ICE’s Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO), U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), U.S. Border Patrol, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), the U.S. Department of Treasury, U.S. Department of Justice’s Bureau of Prisons (BOP), as well as state, local, federal, and international law enforcement partners. The Organized Crime and Gang Section of the Justice Department’s Criminal Division, with funding from the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Forces, along with the U.S. Attorneys’ Offices in the Districts of Arizona, Maryland, Massachusetts, Northern District of California, Southern District of Iowa and Southern District of Texas, and are prosecuting the cases.

“Securing the homeland is a critical piece of the USCIS mission,” said USCIS Director L. Francis Cissna. “We are committed to supporting and providing intelligence to our law enforcement colleagues on public safety initiatives like Operation Raging Bull. We will

bring all of our agency's resources to bear in helping protect the American public from violent crime, and in the pursuit of those who seek to endanger the security of our nation."

"This joint effort is not new. It is something we all do as law enforcement," said Border Patrol Deputy Chief Scott Luck. "I look forward to continue working with my partners here at Headquarters as well as the field to address not just this threat but all threats."

"The Bureau of Prisons is proud to have supported our local, state, and federal law enforcement partners in this successful effort to enhance public safety," said Assistant Director Frank Lara for the Federal Bureau of Prisons Correctional Programs. "The Bureau of Prisons will continue to work collaboratively to combat the threat violent gangs pose inside prisons and in the community."

Of the total 214 arrests made in the United States, 93 were arrested on federal and/or state criminal charges including murder, aggravated robbery, Racketeering Influenced Corrupt Organization (RICO) offenses, Violent Crime in Aid of Racketeering (VICAR) offenses, narcotics trafficking, narcotics possession, firearms offenses, domestic violence, assault, forgery, DUI and illegal entry/reentry. The remaining 121 were arrested on administrative immigration violations.

Sixteen of the 214 arrested were U.S. citizens and 198 were foreign nationals, of which only five had legal status to be in the United States. Foreign nationals arrested were from El Salvador (135), Honduras (29), Mexico (17), Guatemala (12), Ecuador (4) and Costa Rica (1).

Sixty-four individuals had illegally crossed the border as unaccompanied alien children; most are now adults.

Examples of the federal prosecutions during this operation include:

- In Baltimore, Maryland, the arrest and [indictment](#) of four MS-13 members on charges that include violent crimes in aid of racketeering and conspiracy to commit murder in aid of racketeering;
- In Greenbelt, Maryland, the arrest and [indictment](#) of eight MS-13 members on charges that include conspiracy to participate in a racketeering enterprise, conspiracy to distribute and possession with intent to distribute controlled substances and conspiracy to interfere with interstate commerce by extortion; and
 - MS-13 members and associates were arrested in East Boston and Chelsea, Massachusetts; Falfurrias, Hidalgo and Laredo, Texas; Nogales, Tucson and Yuma, Arizona; Council Bluffs, Iowa; Annapolis, Baltimore, Clinton, Beltsville, Upper Marlboro, Centreville and Jessup, Maryland; and San Jose, California and charged with various federal offenses including illegal alien in possession of a firearm and illegal re-entry after deportation.

Following this operation, ICE has added six MS-13 fugitives to its list of "most wanted" individuals, including one fugitive wanted for homicide in Montgomery County, Texas, and five others wanted for their involvement in the homicide and attempted homicides of El Salvadoran police officers. All are suspected of being somewhere in the U.S.

Individuals are confirmed as gang members if they admit membership in a gang; have been convicted of violating Title 18 USC 521 or any other federal or state law

criminalizing or imposing civil consequences for gang-related activity; or if they meet certain other criteria such as having tattoos identifying a specific gang or being identified as a gang member by a reliable source.

Gang associates are individuals who exhibit gang member criteria but who are not formally initiated into the gang. Law enforcement officers encountering these individuals will determine whether indications of gang association are present by referring to the gang membership criteria.

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Subject: FW: DHS Report: EO 13768
Attachments: 17-4815 AS1-Reviewed 180-Day Progress Report 11.17.17 v3.pdf

FYI. Further to our Friday afternoon discussion (b) (5)

Andrew

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From: Staff Secretary
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Subject: DHS Report: EO 13768

Attached please find the 180-day progress report from DHS on Executive Order 13768: Enhancing the Public Safety in the Interior of the United States. The report details the progress made on each provision of the EO.

Thank you,

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Hamilton, Gene (OAG)

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Subject: RE: DENATURALIZATION SOUGHT AGAINST FIVE CHILD SEXUAL ABUSERS IN FLORIDA, ILLINOIS, AND TEXAS

Thanks, JZ. Just FYI--Fox has it and Drudge has already linked at the top left column. Further attention is always appreciated.

Gene P. Hamilton
Counselor to the Attorney General
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Subject: RE: DENATURALIZATION SOUGHT AGAINST FIVE CHILD SEXUAL ABUSERS IN FLORIDA, ILLINOIS, AND TEXAS

Thanks, Gene,

Adding Stephen and WH comms.


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Note: The Complaints to Revoke Denaturalization can be found here: [Alvarado](#), [Beleno](#), [Corral](#), [Herrera](#), and [Omopariola](#).

DENATURALIZATION SOUGHT AGAINST FIVE CHILD SEXUAL ABUSERS IN FLORIDA, ILLINOIS, AND TEXAS

WASHINGTON – Today, the U.S. Department of Justice filed denaturalization lawsuits against five individuals who, according to the Department's complaints, unlawfully procured their U.S. citizenship by concealing sexual abuse of minor victims during the naturalization process. The civil complaints were filed in federal court in the Southern District of Florida, the Northern District of Illinois, the Northern District of Texas (two cases), and the Southern District of Texas.

"Committing fraud in any immigration matter undermines the integrity of our immigration system, and is a betrayal of the American people's generosity," said Attorney General Jeff Sessions. "It is especially appalling when it also involves the sexual abuse of children. The Department of Justice has a duty to prosecute these crimes vigorously, particularly so for individuals who commit fraud in the naturalization process. I am confident that justice will be done in these cases, and I want to thank ICE, CBP, USCIS, our Civil Division, and our U.S. Attorneys' offices for their hard work. This Department will continue to fight to denaturalize immigration fraudsters and to protect the American people from sex offenders."

The cases were referred to the Department of Justice by the Department of Homeland Security's U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and U.S. Customs and Border Protection with investigative support from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

"I commend the DHS personnel working diligently to remove dangerous criminals from our streets," said Acting Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security Elaine Duke. "Those who unlawfully procured citizenship by concealing crimes – especially sexual abuse of minors – should have their citizenship revoked."

Under the Immigration and Nationality Act, the citizenship of a naturalized U.S. citizen may be revoked, and his or her certificate of naturalization canceled, if naturalization was illegally procured or procured by concealment of a material fact or by willful

misrepresentation.

The five defendants committed crimes of sexual abuse of minor victims prior to naturalizing. As the civil complaints allege, such crimes rendered the defendants ineligible for citizenship from the start. By willfully concealing child sexual abuse crimes, the defendants also independently rendered themselves subject to denaturalization.

A description of each of the five cases and the allegations of the United States follows:

Jorge Luis Alvarado

Jorge Luis Alvarado, 56, a native of Mexico, naturalized on March 9, 2000. Shortly before filing his naturalization application, Alvarado made unlawful sexual contact with a sixteen-year-old child. In March 2007, he pleaded guilty in Texas state court to committing indecency with a child by sexual contact, a second-degree felony. Alvarado was ordered to community supervision and to register as a sex offender. He has been residing in southern Texas. *United States of America v. Jorge Luis Alvarado* (S.D. Tex.).

Alberto Mario Beleno

Alberto Mario Beleno, 64, a native of Colombia, naturalized on Feb. 26, 2001. Before Beleno naturalized as a U.S. citizen, he committed lewd and lascivious acts on a six-year-old child. In 2001, less than three months after he naturalized, Beleno was arrested and ultimately pleaded guilty/nolo-contendere in Florida state court to committing felony lewd and lascivious exhibition and felony lewd and lascivious molestation on a minor in 1993 and 1994. Beleno was ordered to register as a sex offender for his conduct. His last known residence in the United States is in Miami, Florida. *United States of America v. Alberto Mario Beleno* (S.D. Fla.).

Eleazar Corral Valenzuela

Eleazar Corral Valenzuela, 49, a native of Mexico, naturalized on June 15, 2000. Prior to applying to naturalize, he sexually abused a minor child. In November 2000, after he had naturalized, Corral pleaded guilty in Illinois state court to aggravated criminal sexual abuse, a Class 2 felony. He was ordered to register as a sex offender. He has been residing in Aurora, Illinois. *United States of America v. Eleazar Corral Valenzuela* (N.D. Ill.).

Moises Herrera-Gonzalez

Moises Herrera-Gonzalez, 55, a native of Mexico, naturalized on Sept. 25, 1999. On Jan. 1, 1996, before he filed his naturalization application, Herrera-Gonzalez sexually assaulted and injured a six-year-old child. He filed his naturalization application in September 1996, nine months after the sexual assault. On July 8, 2002, after he naturalized, Herrera-Gonzalez pleaded guilty in Texas state court to committing bodily injury to a child, a third-degree felony. He was sentenced to five years in prison. He has been residing in Arlington, Texas. *United States of America v. Moises Herrera-Gonzalez* (N.D. Tex.).

Emmanuel Olugbenga Omopariola

Emmanuel Olugbenga Omopariola, 60, a native of Nigeria, naturalized on July 1, 2004. Before he filed his naturalization application in May 2003, Omopariola made unlawful sexual contact with a seven-year-old child. In 2015, after he naturalized, Omopariola pleaded guilty in Texas state court to Indecency with a Child – Sexual Contact, a second-degree felony. He was ordered to five years of community supervision and placed on the sex offender registry. He has been residing in Grand Prairie, Texas. *United States of America v. Emmanuel Olugbenga Omopariola* (N.D. Tex.).

These cases were investigated by ICE, CBP, and USCIS, and the Civil Division's Office of Immigration Litigation, District Court Section (OIL-DCS). These cases are being prosecuted by OIL-DCS and its National Security and Affirmative Litigation Unit (NS/A Unit) with support from the U.S. Attorney's Offices for the Southern District of Florida, Northern District of Illinois, Northern District of Texas, and Southern District of Texas.

The claims made in the complaint are allegations only, and there has been no determination of liability.

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Subject: RE: GCM

Gene,

I have some back-story. On a call now. Will call you back in approx. 30 mins.

Andrew

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Sent: Tuesday, November 28, 2017 9:11 AM
To: Hamilton, Gene (OAG) <Gene.Hamilton@usdoj.gov>
Cc: Bremberg, Andrew P. EOP/WHO <(b) (6)> Veprek, Andrew M. EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>; Bash, Zina G. EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>; Zadrozny, John A. EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>; Wetmore, David H. EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>; Whetstone, Trevor D. EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>
Subject: Re: GCM

Adding full immigration team for action.

Agree this is strange.

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 28, 2017, at 8:32 AM, Hamilton, Gene (OAG) <Gene.Hamilton@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Hey y'all,

(b) (5)

Best,

Gene P. Hamilton
Counselor to the Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice

Cutrona, Danielle (OAG)

From: Cutrona, Danielle (OAG)
Sent: Tuesday, November 28, 2017 3:13 PM
To: Whitaker, Matthew (OAG); Tucker, Rachael (OAG); Barnett, Gary E. (OAG)
Subject: FW: White House

See below—Jayne and Suzanna asked me to compile a list of invites for the WH for our xmas party. There is a separate list of JBS alum, so I don't have them all WH JBS alum on here. Who else am I missing?

(b) (5)



From: McKinney, Suzanna (OAG)
Sent: Tuesday, November 28, 2017 1:40 PM
To: Schreiber, Jayne (OAG) <jschreiber@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Cutrona, Danielle (OAG) <dcutrona@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: White House

Danielle for White House!

Suzanna R. McKinney
U.S. Department of Justice
Office of the Attorney General



From: Schreiber, Jayne (OAG)
Sent: Tuesday, November 28, 2017 1:31 PM
To: McKinney, Suzanna (OAG) <sumckinney@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: White House

Who do you recommend to identify those from the White House that should be invited?

Also, do you, or does Andrew, have a current list of Schedule C employees?

Zadrozny, John A. EOP/WHO

From: Zadrozny, John A. EOP/WHO
Sent: Wednesday, November 29, 2017 5:34 PM
To: Cutrona, Danielle (OAG); Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO
Cc: Hamilton, Gene (OAG)
Subject: RE: icymi

Awesome.

Thanks, Danielle.

JZ

w: (b) (6)

c: (b) (6)

From: Cutrona, Danielle (OAG) [mailto:Danielle.Cutrona@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, November 29, 2017 12:31 PM
To: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO (b) (6); Zadrozny, John A. EOP/WHO
(b) (6)
Cc: Hamilton, Gene (OAG) <Gene.Hamilton@usdoj.gov>
Subject: icymi

CISSNA AT WORKER EVENT: U.S.
Citizenship and Immigration Services
Director Francis Cissna will speak about
protecting U.S. workers at an event
Saturday in Orlando, Fla. The panel was
organized by Sara Blackwell, a Florida-
based attorney best known for
representing Disney IT workers who
were [laid off and forced to train](#) their
foreign replacements in late 2014. The
Disney case, along with several others,
drew attention to the use of H-1B
employment visas to outsource and
offshore U.S. jobs, and
Blackwell [campaigned](#) with Trump in
2016.

Cissna will be joined by USCIS Office
of Policy and Strategy Chief Kathy

Nuebel Kovarik and Ombudsman Julie Kirchner, along with two displaced workers, according to Blackwell. The conversation will mostly focus on work visas and new enforcement measures put in place by the Trump administration. The panel takes place at Chuy's Restaurant at 3 p.m. Read more [here](#).

><https://www.politico.com/newsletters/morning-shift/2017/11/29/shutdown-standoff-035331><

Mizelle, Chad (ODAG)

From: Mizelle, Chad (ODAG)
Sent: Friday, December 1, 2017 2:41 PM
To: (b)(6) Stephen Miller White House Email
Subject: 5 mins to chat?

Stephen,

Do you have a few minutes either before or after our meeting to chat? I'm already here at the WH.

Best,
Chad

Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO

From: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO
Sent: Tuesday, December 5, 2017 9:31 PM
To: Hamilton, Gene (OAG)
Cc: Hahn, Julia A. EOP/WHO; Zadrozny, John A. EOP/WHO; Bash, Zina G. EOP/WHO
Subject: Re: JOSE INEZ GARCIA-ZARATE TO FACE FEDERAL FIREARM CHARGES IN THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA


Big deal

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On Dec 5, 2017, at 8:55 PM, Hamilton, Gene (OAG) <Gene.Hamilton@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Gene P. Hamilton
Counselor to the Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice

From: USDOJ-Office of Public Affairs [<mailto:USDOJ-OfficeofPublicAffairs@public.govdelivery.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, December 5, 2017 8:52 PM
To: Hamilton, Gene (OAG) <ghamilton@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: JOSE INEZ GARCIA-ZARATE TO FACE FEDERAL FIREARM CHARGES IN THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

 The United States Department of Justice

Brian J. Stretch
United States Attorney
Northern District of California

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2017
WWW.JUSTICE.GOV/USDOJ
CONTACT: ABRAHAM SIMMONS
PHONE: (415) 436-7264

Note: The indictment can be found [here](#).

JOSE INEZ GARCIA-ZARATE TO FACE FEDERAL FIREARM CHARGES IN THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

Grand Jury Indicts Garcia-Zarate for Being a Felon in Possession of a Firearm and Ammunition and for Being an Illegal Alien In Possession of a Firearm and Ammunition

SAN FRANCISCO – A federal grand jury indicted Jose Inez Garcia-Zarate today for being a felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition, and for being an illegally present alien in possession of a firearm and ammunition, announced United States Attorney General Jefferson B. Sessions; United States Attorney Brian J. Stretch from the Northern District of California; and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) Special Agent in Charge Jill Snyder.

According to the indictment, on July 1, 2015, Garcia-Zarate, a citizen of Mexico who reportedly is 47 years old, possessed a semi-automatic pistol and multiple rounds of ammunition in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(1) (felon in possession of a firearm) and 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(5) (unlawfully present alien in possession of a firearm).

An indictment merely alleges that a crime has been committed and Garcia-Zarate, like all defendants, is presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt. Garcia-Zarate currently is in state custody on other charges. If convicted of either violation of 18 U.S.C. § 922(g), Garcia-Zarate faces a maximum statutory penalty of 10 years in prison. However, any sentence will be imposed by the court only after consideration of the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and the federal statute governing the imposition of a sentence, 18 U.S.C. § 3553.

Assistant United States Attorneys Hallie Hoffman and Shiao Lee are prosecuting this case. This case is the result of an investigation by the ATF.

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Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO

From: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO
Sent: Wednesday, December 6, 2017 3:30 PM
To: Hamilton, Gene (OAG); Zadrozny, John A. EOP/WHO; Veprek, Andrew M. EOP/WHO; Walk, John EOP/WHO; Schouten, Schuyler J. EOP/WHO
Subject: RE: U.S. Cities Want to Join U.N. Migration Talks That Trump Boycotted

Let's talk

From: Hamilton, Gene (OAG) [mailto:Gene.Hamilton@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 6, 2017 3:23 PM
To: Zadrozny, John A. EOP/WHO <(b) (6)> Veprek, Andrew M. EOP/WHO
(b) (6) <(b) (6)>; Walk, John EOP/WHO <(b) (6)> Schouten, Schuyler J. EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>
Cc: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>
Subject: RE: U.S. Cities Want to Join U.N. Migration Talks That Trump Boycotted

Our team here flagged it for our attention. At first blush, (b) (5)

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Gene P. Hamilton
Counselor to the Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice

From: Zadrozny, John A. EOP/WHO [mailto:(b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, December 6, 2017 3:19 PM
To: Hamilton, Gene (OAG) <ghamilton@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Veprek, Andrew M. EOP/WHO
(b) (6) <(b) (6)>; Walk, John EOP/WHO <(b) (6)> Schouten, Schuyler J. EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>
Cc: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>
Subject: RE: U.S. Cities Want to Join U.N. Migration Talks That Trump Boycotted

Actually adding Schuyler this time.

JZ

W: (b) (6)
C: (b) (6)

From: Zadrozny, John A. EOP/WHO
Sent: Wednesday, December 6, 2017 3:19 PM
To: 'Hamilton, Gene (OAG)' <Gene.Hamilton@usdoj.gov>; Veprek, Andrew M. EOP/WHO
(b) (6); Walk, John EOP/WHO (b) (6)
Cc: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>
Subject: RE: U.S. Cities Want to Join U.N. Migration Talks That Trump Boycotted

Thanks, Gene.

I am adding John Walk and Schuyler Schouten (and Stephen). (b) (5)

JZ

WJ

C:

(b) (6)

From: Hamilton, Gene (OAG) [<mailto:Gene.Hamilton@usdoj.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, December 6, 2017 3:16 PM
To: Zadrozny, John A. EOP/WHO <(b) (6)> Veprek, Andrew M. EOP/WHO
(b) (6)
Subject: FW: U.S. Cities Want to Join U.N. Migration Talks That Trump Boycotted

>><http://foreignpolicy.com/2017/12/05/u-s-cities-want-to-join-u-n-migration-talks-that-trump-boycotted/><<

Mizelle, Chad (ODAG)

From: Mizelle, Chad (ODAG)
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 9:02 AM
To: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO
Cc: Klingler, McLaurine E. EOP/WHO
Subject: Re: RE:

Phone is good. Just let me know when works for you.

You can reach me at (b) (6)

Best,
Chad

On Dec 11, 2017, at 8:57 AM, Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO <(b) (6)> wrote:

Phone probably easier though

From: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 8:55 AM
To: 'Mizelle, Chad (ODAG)' <Chad.Mizelle@usdoj.gov>
Cc: Klingler, McLaurine E. EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>
Subject: RE:

If you're around, swing by.

From: Mizelle, Chad (ODAG) [<mailto:Chad.Mizelle@usdoj.gov>]
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 8:50 AM
To: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO (b) (6)
Cc: Klingler, McLaurine E. EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>
Subject: Re:

Yes. I'm available anytime, except from 12:15 to 1:15. Happy to chat on the phone or come over to you.

On Dec 10, 2017, at 11:02 PM, Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO (b) (6) wrote:

Can we talk tomorrow morning?

Sent from my iPhone

Mizelle, Chad (ODAG)

From: Mizelle, Chad (ODAG)
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 11:49 AM
To: Salvi, Mary E. EOP/WHO
Subject: RE: Call w/ Andrew Bremberg

Hi Mary,

Good to hear from you. I'm happy to speak with Andrew. Any time after 5:30 would be best for me.

Also, I spoke with Stephen Miller earlier in the week. (b) (6)

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All the best,
Chad

From: Salvi, Mary E. EOP/WHO [mailto:(b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 10:28 AM
To: Mizelle, Chad (ODAG) <cmizelle@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Call w/ Andrew Bremberg

Chad,

Great to speak with you! Wondering if you had time today to speak with Andrew Bremberg?

Let me know what times works, and a good number to be reached.

Andrew is free anytime from 3 – 5 PM and after 5:30 PM. (If these time frames don't work, happy to be flexible!)

Thanks,

Mary Salvi
White House | Domestic Policy Council

(b) (6)

Watson, Theresa (OAG)

From: Watson, Theresa (OAG)
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 11:54 AM
To: Tucker, Rachael (OAG); Cutrona, Danielle (OAG)
Cc: Whitaker, Matthew (OAG); Bryant, Errical (OAG)
Subject: RE: National Security Strategy Event Memo
Attachments: National Security Strategy Memo.docx

From: Tucker, Rachael (OAG)
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 11:53 AM
To: Cutrona, Danielle (OAG) <dcutrona@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Watson, Theresa (OAG) <twatson@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Whitaker, Matthew (OAG) <mwhitaker@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Bryant, Errical (OAG) <ebryant@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: National Security Strategy Event Memo

Can you send me the memo?

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 14, 2017, at 11:45 AM, Cutrona, Danielle (OAG) <dcutrona@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

I think we need to let Rachael decide.

From: Watson, Theresa (OAG)
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 11:31 AM
To: Tucker, Rachael (OAG) <ratucker@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Whitaker, Matthew (OAG) <mwhitaker@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Cutrona, Danielle (OAG) <dcutrona@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Bryant, Errical (OAG) <ebryant@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: National Security Strategy Event Memo

Folks: The AG is on travel on Dec. 18, do we want to have the DAG attend?

From: Riggs, Charlotte R. EOP/WHO [mailto:[\(b\) \(6\)](mailto:(b) (6))]
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 11:26 AM
To: Watson, Theresa (OAG) <twatson@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Bryant, Errical (OAG) <ebryant@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: National Security Strategy Event Memo

Hi Theresa and Errical,

Just wanted to pass along the memo for the National Security Strategy Event on 12/18 at 2PM. I know Ashley reached out to see if AG Sessions is attending, but we have not heard back yet. If you have an RSVP, please let me know and I'm happy along to pass the information.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to reach out to me.

Thanks,
Charlotte

Charlotte Riggs
Assistant to the Senior Director
Office of Cabinet Affairs
The White House
M: (b) (6)

Klingler, McLaurine E. EOP/WHO

From: Klingler, McLaurine E. EOP/WHO
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2017 4:51 PM
To: Mizelle, Chad (ODAG)
Subject: RE: Call with Stephen Miller

Stephen informed me that you two have talked so there's no need for a call tonight. Have a nice weekend!

From: Mizelle, Chad (ODAG) [mailto:Chad.Mizelle@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2017 2:51 PM
To: Klingler, McLaurine E. EOP/WHO (b)(6) McLaurine Klingler White House Email
Subject: Re: Call with Stephen Miller

I am. He can reach me at (b) (6)

Looking forward to it.

Best,
Chad

On Dec 15, 2017, at 2:43 PM, Klingler, McLaurine E. EOP/WHO (b)(6) McLaurine Klingler White House Email wrote:

Hi Chad,

Are you available at 6:00pm for a call with Stephen? Thanks!

McLaurine

Ferrato, Katherine M. (ODAG)

From: Ferrato, Katherine M. (ODAG)
Sent: Monday, December 18, 2017 12:54 PM
To: Rosenstein, Rod (ODAG); Hur, Robert (ODAG); Terwilliger, Zachary (ODAG); Bolitho, Zachary (ODAG); Goldsmith, Andrew (ODAG); Cook, Steven H. (ODAG); Gauhar, Tashina (ODAG); Lan, Iris (ODAG); Raman, Sujit (ODAG); Schools, Scott (ODAG); Troester, Robert J. (ODAG); Frank, Michael (ODAG); Hill, John L. (ODAG); Bumatay, Patrick (ODAG); Loveland, Daniel (ODAG); Medina, Amelia (ODAG); Bressack, Leah (ODAG); Mizelle, Chad (ODAG); Murray, Michael (ODAG); Sheehan, Matthew (ODAG); Geise, John (ODAG); Groves, Brendan M. (ODAG); Hunt, Ted (ODAG); Swanson, James (ODAG)
Cc: Gamble, Nathaniel (ODAG); Murphy, Marcia (ODAG)
Subject: FW: Notification of Records Search to be Conducted in Response to the FOIA, Murphy, OIP No. DOJ-2018-000999 (DAG)
Attachments: 01. Initial Request (11.16.17).pdf

All—The initial request for records pertaining to Stephen Miller is attached.

From: Smith, James M. (OIP)
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2017 6:15 PM
To: Ferrato, Katherine M. (ODAG) <kferrato@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Villanueva, Valeree A (OIP) <vvillanueva@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Notification of Records Search to be Conducted in Response to the FOIA, Murphy, OIP No. DOJ-2018-000999 (DAG)

The purpose of this email is to notify you that the records of the below-listed officials will be searched in response to the attached Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request.

The requester, Allison Murphy of The Protect Democracy Project, is seeking:

- Records created or transmitted by or between White House senior advisor Stephen Miller, including but not limited to his email address ending in "who.eop.gov," and Department of Justice employees
- Time Frame: Since November 9, 2016

The officials that will be searched for this request are:

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- Please advise our office if any of the above custodians should be included or removed from this search.

The FOIA requires agencies to conduct a reasonable search in response to FOIA requests. For your information, this search will encompass the email and computer files (e.g. C or H drive) maintained by the officials listed above. We have also initiated searches in the Offices of the Attorney General, Legislative Affairs, Public Affairs, and Information Policy, as well as the Departmental Executive Secretariat.

To the extent officials within your office maintain other types of records, such as text and voice messages, or material maintained within a classified system, that would be responsive to this request but would not be located as a result of OIP's records search, please indicate so in response to this email. OIP staff will make arrangements to conduct those searches as necessary. Similarly, if your office would not maintain any records responsive to this request or you can readily identify the official(s), be they either current or former employees, that would maintain records responsive to this request, you may indicate so in response to this email.

Please note that the Federal Records Act, as amended in 2014, and DOJ Policy Statement 0801.04 provide that government employees may not use a non-official email account for official business unless the communication is fully captured in a DOJ recordkeeping system – either by copying their official account or forwarding any such messages to their official account within twenty days. Should any records custodians have official records responsive to this FOIA request which are on a non-official account but were not copied into their official email account, those records should be provided to OIP.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please feel free to call me at (202) 305-0580 or by replying to this email.

Best,

James Matthew Smith
Attorney-Advisor
Office of Information Policy
U.S. Department of Justice
(202) 305-0580

Hamilton, Gene (OAG)

From: Hamilton, Gene (OAG)
Sent: Monday, December 18, 2017 1:22 PM
To: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO
Subject: RE: BOSNIAN HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSER RESIDING IN NORTH CAROLINA PLEADS GUILTY TO POSSESSION OF A FRAUDULENTLY OBTAINED IMMIGRATION DOCUMENT

Briefly yesterday. Sitting down soon—just not sure when yet.

Gene P. Hamilton
Counselor to the Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice

From: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO [mailto:(b) (6)]
Sent: Monday, December 18, 2017 1:18 PM
To: Hamilton, Gene (OAG) <ghamilton@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: BOSNIAN HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSER RESIDING IN NORTH CAROLINA PLEADS GUILTY TO POSSESSION OF A FRAUDULENTLY OBTAINED IMMIGRATION DOCUMENT

Have you talked with Kirjsten?

From: Hamilton, Gene (OAG) [mailto:Gene.Hamilton@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Monday, December 18, 2017 1:16 PM
To: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>; Zadrozny, John A. EOP/WHO (b) (6)>; Bash, Zina G. EOP/WHO <(b) (6)> Hahn, Julia A. EOP/WHO <(b) (6)> Veprek, Andrew M. EOP/WHO (b) (6)> Wetmore, David H. EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>
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Subject: Fwd: BOSNIAN HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSER RESIDING IN NORTH CAROLINA PLEADS GUILTY TO POSSESSION OF A FRAUDULENTLY OBTAINED IMMIGRATION DOCUMENT

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(b) (5). That said, interesting facts here FWIW

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**BOSNIAN HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSER RESIDING IN
NORTH CAROLINA PLEADS GUILTY TO POSSESSION OF
A FRAUDULENTLY OBTAINED IMMIGRATION
DOCUMENT**

WASHINGTON – A Bosnian Serb residing in North Carolina pleaded guilty today lying to obtain lawful permanent resident status by concealing his military status and criminal activity during the war in Bosnia. Attorney General Jeff Sessions, Acting Assistant Attorney General John P. Cronan and Special Agent in Charge Nick Annan of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) Atlanta made the announcement.

Milan Trisic, 54, most recently residing in Charlotte, North Carolina, pleaded guilty to a single count of obtaining a Permanent Resident Card, commonly referred to as a "green card," by making materially false claims and statements. Trisic entered his plea before Magistrate Judge David S. Cayer in the U.S. District Court in Charlotte.

"Those who seek to come to this country must respect our laws," said Attorney General Sessions. "Entering this country on the basis of fraud is unacceptable. The American people can be assured that this Department is working every day to protect them from the threat posed by criminals who seek to take advantage of our generous immigration system. I want to commend our Homeland Security Investigators and DOJ attorneys for achieving justice in this case."

According to the admissions made in connection with his plea, Trisic, an ethnic Serb with Bosnian citizenship, is a lawful permanent resident of the United States living in North Carolina. On Nov. 3, 2016, Trisic possessed a green card that was unlawfully obtained. In response to questions on his legal permanent resident application, Trisic knowingly concealed his military service in the Bratunac Brigade, a unit in the Army of the Serb Republic; concealed his criminal activity in Bosnia and Herzegovina, and lied about his whereabouts during the war in Bosnia and Herzegovina in the early and mid-1990s.

As part of his plea of guilty, Trisic admitted that he served in the Army of the Serb Republic as a member of the Bratunac Brigade during various tours of

duty between April 1992 and January 1996, at a time when Bosnia and Herzegovina was in the midst of a civil war. Due to its proximity to Serbia, in 1992 forces both aligned with and from Serbia began an ethnic cleansing campaign against the non-Serbian population in and around Bratunac. Trisic admitted that he engaged in various unlawful activities while serving with the Bratunac Brigade, such as the unlawful beating, detention and transportation of Muslim prisoners. Additionally, Trisic admitted that the Bratunac Brigade, operating primarily in eastern Bosnia and Herzegovina, was one of the military units responsible for the July 1995 Srebrenica massacre that resulted in the deaths of between 7,000 and 8,000 Bosnian Muslim men.

Trisic also admitted that he knowingly lied about his whereabouts during the war in Bosnia. In order to obtain refugee status, Trisic falsely claimed that he resided in Serbia during the war, when in fact he actually resided in Bratunac, Bosnia, where he served as part of the Bratunac Brigade. Trisic later used his illegally obtained status as a refugee to unlawfully obtain permanent resident status in the United States.

Sentencing is not yet scheduled. As part the plea agreement, Trisic will be ordered removed from the United States upon completion of his sentence.

This case is the result of an investigation conducted by HSI.

Trial Attorneys Frank G. Rangoussis and Ann Marie Ursini of the Criminal Division's Human Rights and Special Prosecutions Section and Assistant U.S. Attorney Kenneth Smith from the Western District of North Carolina are prosecuting the case.

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Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO

From: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO
Sent: Monday, December 18, 2017 4:01 PM
To: Hamilton, Gene (OAG); Zadrozny, John A. EOP/WHO; Hahn, Julia A. EOP/WHO; Bash, Zina G. EOP/WHO; Wetmore, David H. EOP/WHO; Whetstone, Trevor D. EOP/WHO; Veprek, Andrew M. EOP/WHO
Subject: RE: IRAQI REFUGEE SENTENCED FOR ATTEMPTING TO PROVIDE MATERIAL SUPPORT TO ISIL

Add to list

From: Hamilton, Gene (OAG) [mailto:Gene.Hamilton@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Monday, December 18, 2017 3:48 PM
To: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO (b) (6) >; Zadrozny, John A. EOP/WHO (b) (6) >; Hahn, Julia A. EOP/WHO (b) (6) >; Bash, Zina G. EOP/WHO (b) (6) >; Wetmore, David H. EOP/WHO (b) (6) >; Whetstone, Trevor D. EOP/WHO (b) (6) >; Veprek, Andrew M. EOP/WHO (b) (6) >
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From: USDOJ-Office of Public Affairs [mailto:USDOJ-OfficeofPublicAffairs@public.govdelivery.com]
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MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2017

IRAQI REFUGEE SENTENCED FOR ATTEMPTING TO PROVIDE MATERIAL SUPPORT TO ISIL

HOUSTON – Omar Farai Saeed Al Hardan, the 25-year-old refugee who was born in

1003101. On May 1, 2016, Al Hardan, the 29-year-old refugee who was born in Iraq and resided in Houston, has been ordered to federal prison for 16 years following his conviction of attempting to provide material support or resources to a designated foreign terrorist organization. He pleaded guilty Oct. 17, 2016.

Acting U.S. Attorney Abe Martinez, Acting Assistant Attorney General for National Security Dana Boente, Special Agent in Charge Perrye K. Turner of the FBI's Houston Division and Special Agent in Charge Mark Dawson of Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) in Houston made the announcement.

"Any person who provides material support to a foreign terrorist organization will be investigated and prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law," said Martinez. "Al Hardan's actions were treacherous and completely antithetical to the freedoms we as U.S. citizens value. The sentence imposed today reflects the Department of Justice's resolve to seek out and punish all violators who would give aid and comfort to international terrorists."

Today, U.S. District Judge Lynn Hughes, who accepted the guilty plea, handed Al Hardan a 192-month sentence. He will also be on supervised release for the rest of his life.

At the time of his plea, Al Hardan had admitted he attempted to provide material support – specifically himself – to the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL). Al

Hardan entered the United States as a refugee on or about Nov. 2, 2009. Prior to entering the country, Al Hardan was in at least two refugee camps in Jordan and Iraq. After being admitted into the U.S. as an Iraqi refugee, he was granted legal permanent residence status on or about Aug. 22, 2011, and had resided in Houston.

In 2013, federal agents began investigating Al Hardan who had been communicating with a California man whom he understood was associated with the Al-Nusrah Front. In those communications, the individual had told Al Hardan that he had previously traveled to Syria to fight for Al-Nusrah and discussed plans to return to Syria with Al Hardan to fight for Al-Nusrah.

Beginning in June 2014 and continuing through 2015, Al Hardan also developed a relationship with a Confidential Human Source (CHS). During that time, they discussed traveling overseas to support ISIL in fighting jihad and various ways to assist ISIL. Al

Hardan also said he wanted to be trained in building remote transmitter/receiver detonators for improvised explosive devices, wanted to learn to use cell phones as the remote detonators and wanted to build remote detonators for ISIL. Al Hardan indicated he taught himself how to make remote detonators by accessing online training videos and other resources he found online and showed the CHS a circuit board he built to be used as a transmitter for a detonator.

On Nov. 5, 2014, Al Hardan took an oath of loyalty to ISIL. Two days later, Al Hardan and the CHS participated in approximately one hour of tactical weapons training with an AK-47 that Al Hardan indicated he wanted.

During the investigation, Al Hardan had also posted many statements on social media in support of ISIL. One of those included a photo of a Humvee with an ISIL flag. Above the photo, Al Hardan posted, "ISIS yesterday in Iraq, today in Syria and Allah willing, tomorrow in Jerusalem." He also made numerous statements about his plans to travel to Syria and fight alongside ISIL and become a martyr. In one instance he said "I want to blow myself up. I want to travel with the Mujahidin. I want to travel to be with those who are against America. I am against America."

Upon his arrest in January 2016, investigators discovered training CDs on how to build remote detonators, electronic circuitry components, tools used to build circuitry, multiple cell phones (that had not been activated), a prayer list for committing Jihad and

becoming a martyr and the ISIL flag.

Al Hardan has been and will remain in custody pending transfer to a U.S. Bureau of Prisons facility to be determined in the near future.

The FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force and HSI conducted the investigation with the assistance of the Houston Police Department. Assistant U.S. Attorneys Ted Imperato, Carolyn Ferko and S. Mark McIntyre prosecuted the case.

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Bennett, Catherine T (OAG)

From: Bennett, Catherine T (OAG)
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 12:28 PM
To: McKinney, Suzanna (OAG); Whitaker, Matthew (OAG); Smith, Andrew H. (OAG); Cutrona, Danielle (OAG); Barnett, Gary E. (OAG); Tucker, Rachael (OAG); Morrissey, Brian (OAG); Hamilton, Gene (OAG); LaCour, Alice S. (OAG)
Subject: FW: Notification of Records Search to be Conducted in Response to the FOIA, Murphy, OIP No. DOJ-2018-000998 (AG)
Attachments: 01. Initial Request (11.16.17).pdf

All,

You will be receiving FOIA request emails, such as this one, for your information only, and as a courtesy, from analysts in the Office of Information Policy (OIP). If you have classified information pertaining to any subject matter, please inform me and I will contact the OIP analyst. An explanation for these searches can be found in the email below. If you have any questions whatsoever, please direct them to Doug Hibbard, Senior Advisor, Initial Request Staff, at 6-5461. Thank you.

From: Smith, James M. (OIP)
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2017 6:14 PM
To: Bennett, Catherine T (OAG) <cbennett@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Villanueva, Valeree A (OIP) <vvillanueva@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Notification of Records Search to be Conducted in Response to the FOIA, Murphy, OIP No. DOJ-2018-000998 (AG)

The purpose of this email is to notify you that the records of the below-listed officials will be searched in response to the attached Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request.

The requester, Allison Murphy of The Protect Democracy Project, is seeking:

- Records created or transmitted by or between White House senior advisor Stephen Miller, including but not limited to his email address ending in "who.eop.gov," and Department of Justice employees
- Time Frame: Since November 9, 2016

The officials that will be searched for this request are:

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- Please advise our office if any of the above custodians should be included or removed from this search.

The FOIA requires agencies to conduct a reasonable search in response to FOIA requests. For your information, this search will encompass the email and computer files (e.g. C or H drive) maintained by the officials listed above. We have also initiated searches in the Offices of the Deputy Attorney General, Legislative Affairs, Public Affairs, and Information Policy, as well as the Departmental Executive Secretariat.

To the extent officials within your office maintain other types of records, such as text and voice messages, or material maintained within a classified system, that would be responsive to this request but would not be located as a result of OIP's records search, please indicate so in response to this email. OIP staff will make arrangements to conduct those searches as necessary. Similarly, if your office would not maintain any records responsive to this request or you can readily identify the official(s), be they either current or former employees, that would maintain records responsive to this request, you may indicate so in response to this email.

Please note that the Federal Records Act, as amended in 2014, and DOJ Policy Statement 0801.04 provide that government employees may not use a non-official email account for official business unless the communication is fully captured in a DOJ recordkeeping system – either by copying their official account or forwarding any such messages to their official account within twenty days. Should any records custodians have official records responsive to this FOIA request which are on a non-official account but were not copied into their official email account, those records should be provided to OIP.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please feel free to call me at (202) 305-0580 or by replying to this email.

Best,

James Matthew Smith
Attorney-Advisor
Office of Information Policy
U.S. Department of Justice
(202) 305-0580

Bryant, Errical (OAG)

From: Bryant, Errical (OAG)
Sent: Tuesday, January 2, 2018 9:33 AM
To: Whitaker, Matthew (OAG); Cutrona, Danielle (OAG)
Subject: FW: Invitation for the Attorney General

Good morning Folks,

Let me know if you have any interest in this event.
Thanks

From: Mark Krikorian [mailto:msk@cis.org]
Sent: Tuesday, January 2, 2018 8:17 AM
To: Bryant, Errical (OAG) <ebryant@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Invitation for the Attorney General

Ms. Bryant: Danielle Cutrona gave me your contact information to extend an invitation to the Attorney General to attend and say a few words at the Center for Immigration Studies' upcoming board dinner on Friday, January 26.

This is a private, off-the-record event with our board, staff, and a few guests, maybe a total of 30 people, at the Capitol Hilton, 16th and K streets. Past speakers have included Rep. Lamar Smith, Stephen Miller, Danielle herself, Bay Buchanan, and many others.

No formal presentation would be necessary, just some comments off the cuff about immigration – really, whatever he'd want to say. It's not only off the record, but he'll be among friends. Our board chairman is Peter Nunez – he and the Attorney General know each other from their days as U.S. Attorneys during the Reagan years (Pete was in San Diego).

Even if Mr. Sessions skipped dinner (which starts around 6:30) and just dropped in to say a few words, we would be grateful.

Last year, when still in the Senate, Mr. Sessions spoke at a reception we held at the National Press Club as part of a training boot camp for new-media reporters and bloggers and was very generous with his time, spending a full hour and a half with the attendees. For the dinner later this month, even just 10 minutes would be greatly appreciated.

To sum up, the CIS board dinner will be Friday, January 26, at the Capitol Hilton at 16th and K streets (in one of the second-floor function rooms), cocktails at 5:30 pm, dinner starting around 6:30, with the speaker usually offering some comments over dessert at 7-ish, followed by some back-and-forth discussion.

Let me know if there's any other information you'd need from me. Thanks for considering my request. – MK

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Mark Krikorian, Executive Director
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Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO

From: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO
Sent: Tuesday, January 2, 2018 11:56 PM
To: Hamilton, Gene (OAG)
Subject: Re:

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> On Jan 2, 2018, at 11:34 PM, Hamilton, Gene (OAG) <Gene.Hamilton@usdoj.gov> wrote:

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> We should talk in the morning about this and some other things.

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> Gene P. Hamilton

> Counselor to the Attorney General

> U.S. Department of Justice

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>>> On Jan 2, 2018, at 11:33 PM, Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO <(b) (6)> wrote:

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>>> <http://insider.foxnews.com/2018/01/02/ice-director-rips-california-governor-jerry-brown-sanctuary-state-law><

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Zadrozny, John A. EOP/WHO

From: Zadrozny, John A. EOP/WHO
Sent: Tuesday, January 9, 2018 10:48 PM
To: Hamilton, Gene (OAG)
Cc: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO; Walk, John EOP/WHO
Subject: Re: DACA preliminary injunction -- Judge Alsup

Adding the rest of the DPC immigration team.

JZ

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On Jan 9, 2018, at 10:43 PM, Hamilton, Gene (OAG) <Gene.Hamilton@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Judge Alsup entered a preliminary injunction tonight

For the foregoing reasons, defendants ARE HEREBY ORDERED AND ENJOINED , pending final judgment herein or other order, to maintain the DACA program on a nationwide basis on the same terms and conditions as were in effect before the rescission on September 5, 2017, including allowing DACA enrollees to renew their enrollments, with the exceptions (1) that new applications from applicants who have never before received deferred action need not be processed; (2) that the advance parole feature need not be continued for the time being for anyone; and (3) that defendants may take administrative steps to make sure fair discretion is exercised on an individualized basis for each renewal application

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Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO

From: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO
Sent: Tuesday, January 9, 2018 11:19 PM
To: Hamilton, Gene (OAG)
Cc: Zadrozny, John A. EOP/WHO; Walk, John EOP/WHO; Moran, John S. EOP/WHO
Subject: Re: DACA preliminary injunction -- Judge Alsup

Adding Moran.

I think (b) (5)

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On Jan 9, 2018, at 11:17 PM, Hamilton, Gene (OAG) <Gene.Hamilton@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Okay with something like this coming from our OPA on the interim?

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Gene P. Hamilton
Counselor to the Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice

On Jan 9, 2018, at 11:04 PM, Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO <(b) (6)> wrote:

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On Jan 9, 2018, at 10:43 PM, Hamilton, Gene (OAG)
<Gene.Hamilton@usdoj.gov> wrote:

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Zadrozny, John A. EOP/WHO

From: Zadrozny, John A. EOP/WHO
Sent: Wednesday, January 10, 2018 6:54 AM
To: Hamilton, Gene (OAG); Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO
Cc: Walk, John EOP/WHO; Moran, John S. EOP/WHO; Cutrona, Danielle (OAG); Mizelle, Chad (ODAG)
Subject: RE: DACA preliminary injunction -- Judge Alsup

Gene:

What is (b) (5) [REDACTED] [REDACTED] ?

I would argue (b) (5) [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

JZ

w: (b) (6) [REDACTED]

c: (b) (6) [REDACTED]

From: Hamilton, Gene (OAG) [mailto:Gene.Hamilton@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, January 10, 2018 12:16 AM
To: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO <(b) (6) [REDACTED]>
Cc: Zadrozny, John A. EOP/WHO <(b) (6) [REDACTED]>; Walk, John EOP/WHO <(b) (6) [REDACTED]>; Moran, John S. EOP/WHO <(b) (6) [REDACTED]>
Subject: Re: DACA preliminary injunction -- Judge Alsup

This was our final (not from AG, just DOJ):

"Today's order doesn't change the Department of Justice's position on the facts: DACA was implemented unilaterally after Congress declined to extend these benefits to this same group of illegal aliens. As such, it was an unlawful circumvention of Congress, and was susceptible to the same legal challenges that effectively ended DAPA. The Department of Homeland Security therefore acted within its lawful authority in deciding to wind down DACA in an orderly manner. Promoting and enforcing the rule of law is vital to protecting a nation, its borders, and its citizens. The Justice Department will continue to vigorously defend this position, and looks forward to vindicating its position in further litigation."

Gene P. Hamilton
Counselor to the Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice

On Jan 9, 2018, at 11:39 PM, Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO <(b) (6) [REDACTED]> wrote:

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On Jan 9, 2018, at 11:30 PM, Hamilton, Gene (OAG) <Gene.Hamilton@usdoj.gov> wrote:

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U.S. Department of Justice

On Jan 9, 2018, at 11:19 PM, Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO

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Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO

From: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO
Sent: Monday, January 15, 2018 11:28 AM
To: Gene.Hamilton@usdoj.gov
Cc: Hahn, Julia A. EOP/WHO

We need to add in (b) (5)

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Hamilton, Gene (OAG)

From: Hamilton, Gene (OAG)
Sent: Monday, January 15, 2018 1:14 PM
To: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO
Subject: RE: DHS Report: Section 11, Protecting the Nation from Foreign Terrorist Entry

Someone should check the stats just to be sure.

Gene P. Hamilton
Counselor to the Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice

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

From: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO [mailto:(b) (6)]
Sent: Monday, January 15, 2018 1:13 PM
To: Hamilton, Gene (OAG) <ghamilton@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: DHS Report: Section 11, Protecting the Nation from Foreign Terrorist Entry

Thanks

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> On Jan 15, 2018, at 1:11 PM, Hamilton, Gene (OAG) <Gene.Hamilton@usdoj.gov> wrote:
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> Importantly, (b) (5)

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Hamilton, Gene (OAG)

From: Hamilton, Gene (OAG)
Sent: Monday, January 15, 2018 6:23 PM
To: (b)(6) Stephen Miller White House Email
Subject: Testimony of Secretary Kirstjen M Nielsen (1-16-18).pdf
Attachments: Testimony of Secretary Kirstjen M Nielsen (1-16-18).pdf; ATT00001.txt

Hahn, Julia A. EOP/WHO

From: Hahn, Julia A. EOP/WHO
Sent: Monday, January 15, 2018 8:32 PM
To: Sadler, Kelly J. EOP/WHO
Cc: Ferre, Helen A. EOP/WHO; Love, Kelly A. EOP/WHO; Gidley, Hogan H. EOP/WHO; Rateike, Bradley A. EOP/WHO; Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO; Shah, Raj S. EOP/WHO; Schlapp, Mercedes V. EOP/WHO; Hamilton, Gene (OAG)
Subject: RE: DIAL-IN FOR 8:30AM SURROGATES CALL

Adding Gene.

From: Sadler, Kelly J. EOP/WHO
Sent: Monday, January 15, 2018 8:30 PM
To: Hahn, Julia A. EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>
Cc: Ferre, Helen A. EOP/WHO <(b) (6)> Love, Kelly A. EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>; Gidley, Hogan H. EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>; Rateike, Bradley A. EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>; Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>; Shah, Raj S. EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>; Schlapp, Mercedes V. EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>
Subject: DIAL-IN FOR 8:30AM SURROGATES CALL

Guys:

Below is WH (and DOJ) dial-in for tomorrow's 8:30AM call with surrogates. Julia will be hosting with Gene Hamilton (please forward to Gene as I don't have his email address). Please forward on to anyone not included on this email chain, who should be. Invites have been sent out to the surrogates.

Best,
Kelly

Host Dial-In: (b) (6)
Leader Code: (b) (6)

Kelly Sadler
Director of Surrogate & Coalitions Outreach
Office of Communications
White House
C: (b) (6)

Ferre, Helen A. EOP/WHO

From: Ferre, Helen A. EOP/WHO
Sent: Monday, January 15, 2018 9:37 PM
To: Hahn, Julia A. EOP/WHO; Gene.Hamilton@usdoj.gov; Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO; Gidley, Hogan H. EOP/WHO; Schlapp, Mercedes V. EOP/WHO; Sadler, Kelly J. EOP/WHO; Love, Kelly A. EOP/WHO
Subject: RE: Tmrw's calls

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

From: Hahn, Julia A. EOP/WHO
Sent: Monday, January 15, 2018 9:35 PM
To: Gene.Hamilton@usdoj.gov; Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO <(b) (6)> Gidley, Hogan H. EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>; Schlapp, Mercedes V. EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>; Sadler, Kelly J. EOP/WHO <(b) (6)> Love, Kelly A. EOP/WHO <(b) (6)> Ferre, Helen A. EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>
Subject: Tmrw's calls

The surrogates briefing call with gene is at 8:30am tmrw.

The media/reporters briefing call with gene is at 9am.

Looking to set up call with hill staffers a little later in day.

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Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO

From: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO
Sent: Tuesday, January 16, 2018 9:03 AM
To: Hahn, Julia A. EOP/WHO; Gene.Hamilton@usdoj.gov

Remember -- (b) (5)

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Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO

From: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO
Sent: Tuesday, January 16, 2018 2:29 PM
To: Hamilton, Gene (OAG); Gidley, Hogan H. EOP/WHO; Hahn, Julia A. EOP/WHO
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Re: What's your #?

It's just shorthand for foreign-born

From: Hamilton, Gene (OAG) [mailto:Gene.Hamilton@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, January 16, 2018 1:50 PM
To: Gidley, Hogan H. EOP/WHO (b) (6); Hahn, Julia A. EOP/WHO (b) (6); Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO (b) (6)
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Re: What's your #?

(b) (5)

Gene P. Hamilton
Counselor to the Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice

From: Gidley, Hogan H. EOP/WHO [mailto:(b) (6)]
Sent: Tuesday, January 16, 2018 1:45 PM
To: Hahn, Julia A. EOP/WHO <(b) (6)> Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO (b) (6)
Cc: Hamilton, Gene (OAG) <ghamilton@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Fwd: [EXTERNAL] Re: What's your #?

Guidance Gene?

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Davis, Julie" <julie.davis@nytimes.com>
Date: January 16, 2018 at 12:20:11 PM EST
To: "Gidley, Hogan H. EOP/WHO" <(b) (6)>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: What's your #?

My confusion is over this line from the fact sheet:

The report found that approximately three out of every four individuals convicted of international terrorism-related charges between September 11, 2001 and December 31, 2016 are foreign-born individuals who entered the United States **through our immigration system**.

My understanding is that the 402 referenced here (the approximately three out of four of the 549 total) include foreigners who were extradited here to face trial; in other words, they did not enter as immigrants at all. Can you clarify?

Thanks,
Julie

On Tue, Jan 16, 2018 at 12:00 PM, Davis, Julie <julie.davis@nytimes.com> wrote:

I should have by now, but do not. I have another question about the immigration/terrorism report and something in the fact sheet you guys sent out about it.

Thanks,
/jhd

Julie Hirschfeld Davis
White House Correspondent
The New York Times
julie.davis@nytimes.com

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Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO

From: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO
Sent: Tuesday, January 16, 2018 11:06 PM
To: Hybart, Camden (JMD)
Subject: Re:

Yes. (b) (5).

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> On Jan 16, 2018, at 11:04 PM, Hybart, Camden (JMD) <Camden.Hybart@usdoj.gov> wrote:

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> Thanks. We have a unassailable message.

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>> On Jan 16, 2018, at 11:02 PM, Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO (b) (6) wrote:

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>> Great job on Tucker!!

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Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO

From: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO
Sent: Wednesday, January 17, 2018 8:55 AM
To: Gene.Hamilton@usdoj.gov

Need to talk ASAP

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Hahn, Julia A. EOP/WHO

From: Hahn, Julia A. EOP/WHO
Sent: Thursday, January 18, 2018 2:18 PM
To: Hamilton, Gene (OAG)
Cc: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] JUSTICE DEPARTMENT SEEKS TO OBTAIN DENATURALIZATION OF MAN WITH ALLEGED PARTICIPATION IN EXTRAJUDICIAL KILLINGS DURING THE BALKANS CONFLICT

Thank you.

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On Jan 18, 2018, at 2:15 PM, Hamilton, Gene (OAG) <Gene.Hamilton@usdoj.gov> wrote:

It's in the complaint that is linked to at the top of the release—bottom of page 1. (b) (5)
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Gene P. Hamilton
Counselor to the Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice

From: Hahn, Julia A. EOP/WHO [mailto:(b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, January 18, 2018 2:13 PM
To: Hamilton, Gene (OAG) <ghamilton@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>
Subject: Fwd: [EXTERNAL] JUSTICE DEPARTMENT SEEKS TO OBTAIN DENATURALIZATION OF MAN WITH ALLEGED PARTICIPATION IN EXTRAJUDICIAL KILLINGS DURING THE BALKANS CONFLICT

Gene, I've been told this guy was a refugee. (b) (5)

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Date: January 18, 2018 at 1:47:17 PM EST
To: (b) (6)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] JUSTICE DEPARTMENT SEEKS TO OBTAIN DENATURALIZATION OF MAN WITH ALLEGED PARTICIPATION IN EXTRAJUDICIAL KILLINGS DURING THE BALKANS CONFLICT
Reply-To: USDOJ-OfficeofPublicAffairs@public.govdelivery.com



From: [Name Redacted] <[Email Redacted]>

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2018

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**JUSTICE DEPARTMENT SEEKS TO OBTAIN
DENATURALIZATION OF MAN WITH ALLEGED
PARTICIPATION IN EXTRAJUDICIAL KILLINGS DURING
THE BALKANS CONFLICT**

WASHINGTON - The United States today filed a civil denaturalization complaint in the Northern District of Iowa against a 51-year old man who allegedly obtained his naturalized U.S. citizenship by fraud, the U.S. Department of Justice and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) announced.

Eso Razic, a native of the former Yugoslavia and subsequently a citizen of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, allegedly concealed his service in multiple paramilitary organizations during the conflict in the Balkans in the early 1990s. The United States alleges that while serving as a member of those combatant groups, Razic participated in the extrajudicial killing of three individuals, including a wounded prisoner of war. The complaint alleges that Razic fraudulently obtained permanent resident status and citizenship by misrepresenting and concealing his membership in and conduct with these groups.

"The Department of Justice is committed to ensuring that our immigration system serves the national interest," said Acting Assistant Attorney General Chad Readler of the Justice Department's Civil Division. "When our immigration system and public safety are undermined by fraudsters, the Justice Department will prosecute them and use civil denaturalization to protect the integrity of our nation's immigration system and defend the security of our nation."

"Laws that regulate access to United States citizenship must be respected," said U.S. Attorney Peter E. Deegan, Jr. for the Northern District of Iowa. "Our office will work vigorously with our enforcement partners to ensure that naturalization is reserved for qualified individuals and that the rule of law is upheld."

"This denaturalization filing demonstrates the U.S. government's enduring commitment to identify and bring to justice those who have committed human rights violations in any part of the world," said ICE Homeland Security Investigations Deputy Executive Associate Director Derek Benner. "The United States will not serve as a safe haven for those who have committed such atrocities and then fled from justice. We will identify, locate, and work to prosecute and/or remove human rights violators in the U.S. regardless of their nationality, ethnicity, or religious background."

The case was investigated by ICE's Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) Human Rights Violator and War Crimes Unit (HRVWCU) and the Civil Division's Office of Immigration Litigation, District Court Section (OIL-DCS), with support from ICE's Office of the Principal Legal Advisor (OPLA) Human Rights Law Section (HRLS). The case is being jointly prosecuted by Counsel for National Security Aaron Petty of OIL-DCS's National Security and Affirmative Litigation Unit (NS/A Unit) and Assistant U.S. Attorney Jacob Schunk of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Iowa, with support from Assistant

Chief Counsel Abby Meyer of ICE OPLA, Omaha Office.

The claims made in the complaint are allegations only, and there have been no determinations of liability.

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Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO

From: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO
Sent: Thursday, January 18, 2018 11:18 PM
To: Hamilton, Gene (OAG)
Subject: Re:

Thank you

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 18, 2018, at 10:59 PM, Hamilton, Gene (OAG) <Gene.Hamilton@usdoj.gov> wrote:

My understanding is that (b) (5)

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Hamilton, Gene (OAG)

From: Hamilton, Gene (OAG)
Sent: Friday, January 19, 2018 3:31 PM
To: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO
Subject: Re:

Sure. I am still here, waiting for the boss to wrap up his other pc

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Counselor to the Attorney General
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On Jan 19, 2018, at 3:26 PM, Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO <(b) (6)> wrote:

Let's talk later.

Bennett, Catherine T (OAG)

From: Bennett, Catherine T (OAG)
Sent: Tuesday, January 23, 2018 11:21 AM
To: McKinney, Suzanna (OAG); Whitaker, Matthew (OAG); Smith, Andrew H. (OAG); Cutrona, Danielle (OAG); Barnett, Gary E. (OAG); Tucker, Rachael (OAG); Morrissey, Brian (OAG); Hamilton, Gene (OAG); LaCour, Alice S. (OAG)
Subject: FW: Notification of Records Search to be Conducted in Response to the FOIA, Murphy, OIP No. DOJ-2018-001065 (AG), et. al.
Attachments: Murphy Initial Request.pdf

All,

You will be receiving FOIA request emails, such as this one, for your information only, and as a courtesy, from analysts in the Office of Information Policy (OIP). If you have classified information pertaining to any subject matter, please inform me and I will contact the OIP analyst. An explanation for these searches can be found in the email below. If you have any questions whatsoever, please direct them to Doug Hibbard, Senior Advisor, Initial Request Staff, at 6-5461. Thank you.

From: Baker, Brittne (OIP)
Sent: Tuesday, January 23, 2018 9:42 AM
To: Bennett, Catherine T (OAG) <cbennett@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Villanueva, Valeree A (OIP) <vvillanueva@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Notification of Records Search to be Conducted in Response to the FOIA, Murphy, OIP No. DOJ-2018-001065 (AG), et. al.

Good Morning,

The purpose of this email is to notify you that the records of the below-listed officials will be searched in response to the attached Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request.

The requester, Allison Murphy of the Protect Democracy Project, is seeking:

- Records pertaining to Hillary Clinton
- Records between the Department and the Executive Office of the President, including, but not limited to: John Kelly, Kirstjen Nielsen, Reince Priebus, Stephen Miller, Steve Bannon, Jared Kushner, Don McGahn, Mike Pence, concerning Hillary Clinton
- Records between the Department and OMB concerning Hillary Clinton
- Timeframe: since January 20, 2017

The officials that will be searched are:

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- Please advise our office if any of the above custodians should be removed, or additional custodians should be included in this search.

The FOIA requires agencies to conduct a reasonable search in response to FOIA requests. For your information, this search will encompass the email and computer files (e.g. G or H drive) maintained by the officials listed above. We have also initiated searches in the Offices of the Deputy Attorney General, Associate Attorney General, and Legislative Affairs, as well as the Departmental Executive Secretariat.

To the extent officials within your office maintain other types of records, such as text and voice messages, or material maintained within a classified system that would be responsive to the this request but would not be located as a result of OIP's search, please indicate so in response to this email. OIP staff will make arrangements to conduct those searches as necessary. Similarly, if your office would not maintain any records responsive to this request or you can readily identify the officials, be they either current or former employees, that would maintain records responsive to this request, you may indicate so in response to this email.

Please note that the Federal Records Act, as amended in 2014, and DOJ Policy Statement 0801.04 provide that government employees may not use a non-official email account for official business unless the communication is fully captured in a DOJ recordkeeping system – either by copying their official account or forwarding any such messages to their official account within twenty days. Should any records custodians have official records responsive to this FOIA request which are on a non-official account but were not copied into their official email account, those records should be provided to OIP.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please feel free to call me at 202-514-0833 or by replying to this email.

Thank you,

Brittnie R. Baker
Attorney-Advisor
Office of Information Policy
U.S. Department of Justice
(202) 514-0833

Zadrozny, John A. EOP/WHO

From: Zadrozny, John A. EOP/WHO
Sent: Monday, January 29, 2018 10:14 PM
To: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO; Hamilton, Gene (OAG); Walk, John EOP/WHO; Mizelle, Chad R. EOP/WHO; Wold, Theo J. EOP/WHO
Subject: RE: (b) (5)

Stephen:

DPC is, in conjunction with BATS and WHCO.

Gene, call me tomorrow about this.

JZ

W: (b) (6)

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Subject: (b) (5)

Hi y'all,

I know there are 1,000 things going on, but I am hearing murmurs about things happening with (b) (5)

Please let me know if we can discuss soon.

Thanks,

Gene P. Hamilton
Counselor to the Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice

Hamilton, Gene (OAG)

From: Hamilton, Gene (OAG)
Sent: Friday, February 2, 2018 8:16 AM
To: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO

<http://www.foxnews.com/us/2018/02/02/ice-raid-hits-77-businesses-in-northern-california.html>

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Gunn, Ashley L. EOP/WHO

From: Gunn, Ashley L. EOP/WHO
Sent: Friday, February 2, 2018 3:08 PM
To: Eliza Thurston; Whitaker, Matthew (OAG); Bryant, Errical (OAG); Yeager, Demi (OAG)
Subject: Fwd: NEW TIME - APA (In-House): Law Enforcement Roundtable on MS-13

Ashley Gunn
Special Assistant to the President
Cabinet Affairs, The White House
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Subject: NEW TIME - APA (In-House): Law Enforcement Roundtable on MS-13

Please note that this event will now take place on **Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at 1:45 PM (45 min)**.

From: Office Of Presidential Scheduling
Sent: Friday, February 2, 2018 8:37 AM
To: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>; Hahn, Julia A. EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>; Gabriel, Robert EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>; Schlapp, Mercedes V. EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>; Mocarski, Ashley D. EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>; Staff Secretary <(b) (6)>
Subject: APA (In-House): Law Enforcement Roundtable on MS-13

This email is to inform you that your schedule proposal for **Law Enforcement Roundtable on MS-13** has been **APPROVED** and added to the President's schedule. Information regarding your event is below.

PROJECT OFFICER:

Stephen Miller, Assistant to the President and Senior Advisor for Policy
Mercedes Schlapp, Assistant to the President and Senior Advisor for Strategic Communications

WORKING CONTACT/POC: Julia Hahn, Special Assistant to the President

DATE/TIME/LENGTH OF PARTICIPATION: Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at 2:30 PM (45 min)

LOCATION: Roosevelt Room

EVENT FORMAT/PROGRAM: Roundtable Discussion

PRESS: Press Pool

EXTERNAL PARTICIPANTS:

Attorney General Jeff Sessions, Department of Justice
Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen, Department of Homeland Security
Acting Director Tom Homan, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)
Director Francis Cissna, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services
Commissioner Kevin McAleenan, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP)
Acting Director of VOICE Barbara Gonzalez, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)
Associate Deputy Attorney General Zach Terwilliger, Department of Justice
Principal Associate Attorney General Rob Hur, Department of Justice
Representative Peter King (R-NY)

INTERNAL PARTICIPANTS:

General John Kelly, Assistant to the President and Chief of Staff
Stephen Miller, Assistant to the President and Senior Advisor for Policy

Please review this information to ensure accuracy. Any updates regarding your event must be shared with the Office of Presidential Appointments and Scheduling. It is the responsibility of the Project Officer or his/her designee to finalize all details of the approved activity.

Thank you,

Office of Presidential Appointments and Scheduling

Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO

From: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO
Sent: Tuesday, February 6, 2018 10:25 AM
To: Gene.Hamilton@usdoj.gov
Subject: DPC/DOJ Weekly Immigration Policy Meeting

Cutrona, Danielle (OAG)

From: Cutrona, Danielle (OAG)
Sent: Tuesday, February 6, 2018 3:12 PM
To: Whitaker, Matthew (OAG)
Subject: From (b) (6)

Danielle,

This Washington Post piece was widely circulated as well and tweeted by then candidate Trump
(b) (6)

Here is the tweet:

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My subsequent Pro Trump pieces include:

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I would like a fair hearing about my writings and my opportunity to serve.

Thank you,

(b) (6)

Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO

From: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO
Sent: Tuesday, February 6, 2018 10:39 PM
To: Hamilton, Gene (OAG)
Subject: Re: MINKLER ANNOUNCES FEDERAL IMMIGRATION CHARGES AGAINST ILLEGAL ALIEN INVOLVED IN I-70 MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT

Thanks. Julia -- please amplify.

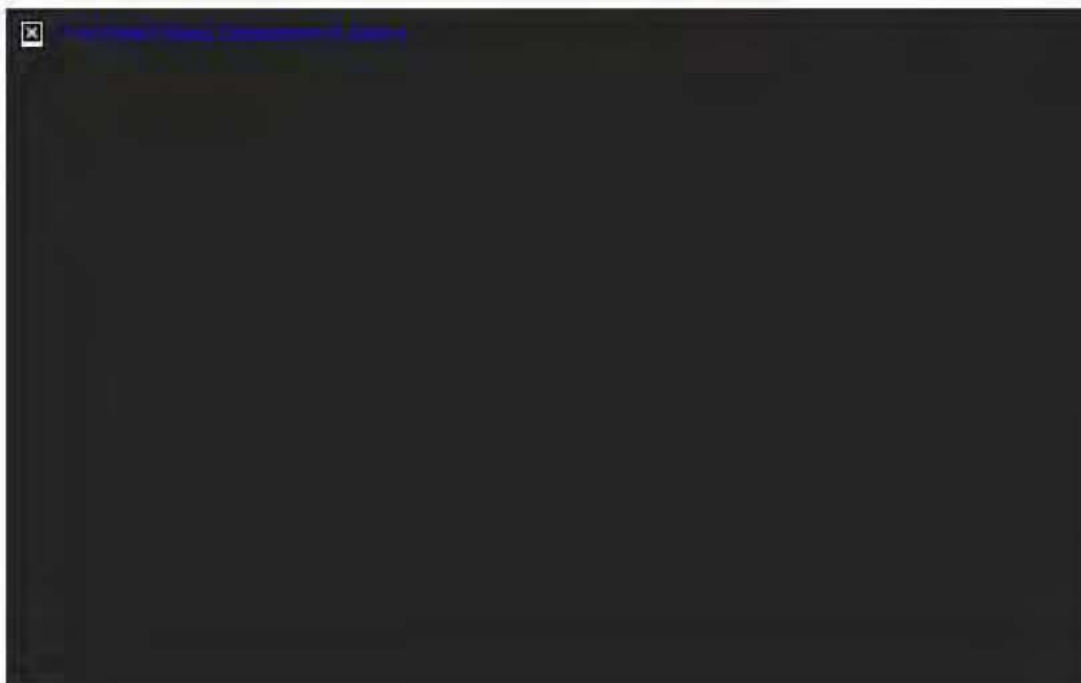
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Reply-To: <USDOJ-OfficeofPublicAffairs@public.govdelivery.com>



Josh J. Minkler
United States Attorney
Southern District of Indiana

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2018
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PHONE: (317) 229-2409

**MINKLER ANNOUNCES FEDERAL IMMIGRATION
CHARGES AGAINST ILLEGAL ALIEN INVOLVED IN I-70
MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT**

INDIANAPOLIS – United States Attorney Josh J. Minkler today announced federal charges against an illegal alien from Guatemala. Manuel Orrego-Zavala 37, was charged by a criminal complaint with illegal re-entry of a previously deported alien.

“The defendant in this case allegedly re-entered the country illegally for the second time before he put the public safety of Indianapolis at risk and took the lives of two innocent men early Sunday morning,” said Minkler. “In April, Attorney General Sessions directed all federal prosecutor to prioritize charging aliens that illegally re-enter the country, especially if they are a risk to public safety or there is a criminal history present. Following the rule of law is the foundation of our American democracy, and my office is committed to fulfilling the Attorney General’s directive.”

According to the criminal complaint, Orrego-Zavala was encountered by law enforcement in Indianapolis, Indiana, on Feb. 4, 2018, when he was arrested after being involved in a fatal motor vehicle accident on Interstate 70. At the time of his arrest, Orrego-Zavala provided law enforcement authorities with the alias, “Alex G. Cabrera,” but Homeland Security agents soon learned—through cooperation and information sharing with the Indianapolis Metro Police Department—his true identity was Manuel Orrego-Zavala, a citizen of Guatemala.

The complaint further states Orrego-Zavala was arrested by Immigration and Customs Enforcement and Removal Operations (ICE ERO) in October 2006, and removed from the United States to Guatemala in January 2007. At that time, Orrego-Zavala was prohibited from returning to the United States for 10 years. In March 2009, he was arrested by ICE ERO and in May 2009, removed to Guatemala and prohibited from returning for 20 years.

Orrego-Zavala will remain in custody while the case is investigated by the Indiana

State Police and the Marion County Prosecutor's Office. The immigration charges will remain pending until the conclusion of all state matters.

A criminal complaint is only a charge and not evidence of guilt. All defendants are presumed innocent until proven otherwise in federal court.

According to Assistant United States Attorney William McCoskey who is prosecuting this case for the government, Orrego-Zavala faces up to 10 years of imprisonment if convicted.

In October 2017, United States Attorney Josh J. Minkler announced a Strategic Plan designed to shape and strengthen the District's response to its most significant public safety challenges. This prosecution demonstrates the office's firm commitment to utilize and partner with law enforcement agencies to prosecute illegal immigration cases. See United States Attorney's Office, Southern District of Indiana [Strategic Plan](#) Section 1.8.

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Subject: RE: DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FILES DENATURALIZATION COMPLAINT AGAINST DIVERSITY VISA RECIPIENT WHO TRANSFERRED NON-PROFIT FUNDS TO SPECIALLY DESIGNATED GLOBAL TERRORIST

Julia working on a WH press release.

From: Hamilton, Gene (OAG) [mailto:Gene.Hamilton@usdoj.gov]
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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2018

NOTE: The relevant court documents can be found here: [Complaint to Revoke Naturalization](#) and [Exhibits A-E](#).

**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FILES DENATURALIZATION
COMPLAINT AGAINST DIVERSITY VISA RECIPIENT WHO
TRANSFERRED NON-PROFIT FUNDS TO SPECIALLY**

TRANSFERRED NON-PROFIT FUNDS TO SPECIALLY DESIGNATED GLOBAL TERRORIST

WASHINGTON – The Department of Justice today filed a complaint in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Missouri to revoke the naturalization of a Sudan native—who entered the United States on an F-1 student visa and gained lawful permanent resident status through the diversity visa lottery program—for violating and conspiring to violate sanctions imposed against Iraq under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA), as well as obstructing Internal Revenue laws.

According to the complaint, Mubarak Ahmed Hamed violated and conspired to violate sanctions imposed against Iraq under the IEEPA from 1997 through July 21, 2000, the date of his naturalization. As the CEO of a non-profit organization, the Islamic American Relief Agency (IARA), Hamed regularly authorized and transferred tax-exempt funds from IARA accounts in the United States to an account in Jordan controlled by Khalid Al-Sudanee, a/k/a Khalid Ahmad Jumah Al-Sudani, knowing that Al-Sudanee would transport such funds into Iraq.

In 2004, both Al-Sudanee and IARA were designated by the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) as Specially Designated Global Terrorists (SDGT). During this time, the IARA implemented projects that were funded by USAID, however there are no specific allegations that such funding was siphoned to Iraq or in violation of the IEEPA.

On June 25, 2010, Hamed pleaded guilty to conspiring to illegally transfer more than \$1 million to Iraq in violation of federal sanctions, and to obstructing administration of the laws governing tax-exempt charities. Hamed was sentenced to four years and 10 months in federal prison on January 11, 2012.

On Jan. 16, 2018, the Departments of Justice and Homeland Security jointly released the "Section 11 Report," which shined a light on the nation's current immigration system and how it can be used to undermine national security and public safety. The report revealed—among other statistics—that nearly three out of every four individuals convicted of international terrorism-related charges in U.S. federal courts between Sept. 11, 2001 and Dec. 31, 2016 were foreign-born.

"This alleged denaturalization case is indicative that America needs this reform to our broken immigration system now more than ever. Under the guise of running a non-profit to assist in the famine crises in Africa, a 'Diversity Visa' recipient allegedly transferred funds on a regular basis to a known terrorist, undermining our nation's lawful immigration system, public safety, and national security," said Attorney General Jeff Sessions. "Immigration is a national security issue, and a merit-based immigration system would better serve our national interest because it would benefit the American people."

"The defendant has pleaded guilty to despicable crimes, including the funneling of money to a known terrorist organization, from 1997 through his naturalization as a U.S. citizen in July 2000, all while conveniently failing to disclose his nefarious activities," said Thomas Homan, Deputy Director of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. "Plain and simple, if you defraud the U.S. government during the naturalization process, you risk having your citizenship revoked."

"Every visa decision is a national security decision that affects individual Americans. We commend the work of the Department of Justice and look forward to continued coordination with the Department of Homeland Security and the intelligence and law enforcement communities to protect our nation's borders," said Assistant Secretary Carl Risch of the Department of State Bureau of Consular Affairs. "Continued efforts to

improve interagency security vetting for visa applicants will enhance our ability to identify persons who mean us harm and prevent their entry into the United States.”

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), ICE Office of the Principal Legal Advisor (OPLA), and Civil Division’s Office of Immigration Litigation, District Court Section’s (OIL-DCS) National Security and Affirmative Litigation Unit (NS/A Unit) investigated the case. The case is being litigated by the NS/A Unit with support from ICE OPLA and the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Western District of Missouri.

The claims made in the complaint are allegations only, and there have been no determinations of liability.

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Hamilton, Gene (OAG)

From: Hamilton, Gene (OAG)
Sent: Thursday, February 8, 2018 6:10 PM
To: Hahn, Julia A. EOP/WHO; Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO
Subject: FW: THREE INDIVIDUALS INDICTED FOR VISA FRAUD SCHEME FOR PROFIT

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The United States Government is at fault.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2018

NOTE: The relevant documents can be found here: [Indictment](#)

THREE INDIVIDUALS INDICTED FOR VISA FRAUD SCHEME FOR PROFIT

Defendants Allegedly Provided Armenian Nationals with Fake Dance Certificates and Staged Photos in Traditional Costumes to Qualify for P-3 Visa Program for Entertainers

WASHINGTON – Three individuals were indicted in the Eastern District of New York for their alleged roles in a multi-year visa fraud scheme that brought Armenian citizens into the United States for profit.

Acting Assistant Attorney General John P. Cronan of the Justice Department's Criminal Division; U.S. Attorney Richard P. Donoghue of the Eastern District of New York and Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary Christian J. Schurman for U.S. Department of State Diplomatic Security and Director for Diplomatic Security Service (DSS), made the announcement.

Stella Boyadjian, 47, of Rego Park, New York; Hrachya Atoyan, 30, of Glendale, California; and Diana Grigoryan, aka "Dina Abramova," 41, of the Republic of

California; and Diana Grigoryan aka Dina Akopovna, 41, of the Republic of Armenia, were charged in a 15-count indictment unsealed yesterday in federal court in Brooklyn with multiple counts of visa fraud and with conspiracy to defraud the United States, commit visa fraud, and illegally bring aliens into the United States. Boyadjian and Grigoryan are also charged with related money laundering charges, and Boyadjian is charged with aggravated identity theft.

Boyadjian was arraigned yesterday before U.S. Magistrate Judge James Orenstein. Atoyan's initial appearance for removal proceedings to the Eastern District of New York is scheduled for later today, in the Central District of California.

"Fraudsters who undermine our immigration system threaten our public safety and our national security," said Acting Assistant Attorney General John P.

Cronan. "The Justice Department will not tolerate abuses of our nation's immigration laws like those alleged in the indictment unsealed today. We will root out immigration fraud and bring those responsible to justice."

"As alleged in the indictment, the defendants choreographed their fraud scheme by dressing visa applicants in traditional dance costumes and creating fake concert flyers in order to deceive a government program that allows foreign nationals to temporarily enter the United States as artistic performers," said U.S.

Attorney Donoghue. "As a result of outstanding investigative work and commitment to protecting the integrity of the immigration process by this Office and our law enforcement partners, the defendants will now face the music for their alleged crimes."

"The Diplomatic Security Service is firmly committed to protecting the integrity of all U.S. visas and travel documents -- especially those, like the P-3 visa, which allow for entertainers to visit the United States to perform in culturally unique events and deepen our understanding of different cultures," said Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary Schurman. "This case is the result of a strong partnership among federal law enforcement agencies and DSS' global network of special agents working together to stop visa and passport crimes and stop criminals from earning illegal income by exploiting U.S. visas, passports, and foreign workers."

According to the indictment, unsealed today upon the arrest of Boyadjian and Atoyan, Boyadjian led a transnational network of co-conspirators who engaged in a widespread visa fraud scheme to bring Armenian citizens into the United States by fraudulently claiming to the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) that the Armenians were members of folk performance groups, and thus qualified for P-3 "Culturally Unique Artist" visas. The P-3 nonimmigrant visa classification allows foreign nationals to temporarily travel to the United States to perform, teach or coach as artists or entertainers, under a program that is culturally unique. A U.S. employer or sponsoring organization is required to submit a USCIS Form I-129 Petition for a Non-Immigrant Worker, along with supporting documentation, attesting that the performances in the United States are culturally unique.

As alleged in the indictment, Boyadjian ran a non-profit organization called Big Apple Music Awards Foundation, based in Rego Park, New York. Boyadjian used the Big Apple Music Awards Foundation as well as formal and informal Armenian music industry contacts in the United States and Armenia to perpetuate the scheme. Boyadjian and others solicited Armenian citizens who wanted to come to the United States and charged them between \$3,000 and \$15,000 to be included on the Form I-129 Petitions. Boyadjian and other associates in Armenia acquired fraudulent performer certificates and organized staged photo sessions where the

aliens wore traditional Armenian folk outfits to make it appear as though they were traditional Armenian performers. After being trained how to defeat U.S. visa interviews, the individual aliens presented these certificates and photos to U.S. consular officers during their visa interviews. Once the Armenians entered the United States, some would pay Boyadjian and her associates additional money to be included in another fraudulent petition asking for P-3 visa extensions. Some aliens have overstayed their visas and remain unlawfully in the United States.

This case was a joint investigation by the DSS's Criminal Fraud Investigations and Overseas Criminal Investigations Divisions with assistance from the USCIS Fraud Detection and National Security, Center Fraud Detection Operations in Vermont.

Trial Attorney Sasha N. Rutizer of the Criminal Division's Human Rights and Special Prosecutions Section and Assistant U.S. Attorney David Gopstein of the Eastern District of New York are prosecuting the case.

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

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They can't be deported unless they have a final order of deportation anyway. (b) (5)

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Undocumented immigrants who came to the United States as children and serve in the military will not be deported even if current legal protections expire, Defense Secretary Jim Mattis announced today.

Mattis told reporters he spoke with Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen today to confirm that any so-called "DREAMers" on active duty or in the active reserves — as well as those who have signed papers to join but are waiting to go to boot camp — will not be subject to any kind of deportation.

Mattis' promise of protection also extends to veterans who left the military with an honorable discharge.

"We would always stand by one of our people," he said.

There are only two exceptions in which someone could be deported, Mattis noted: if he or she committed a serious felony, or if a federal judge signed a final order of deportation.

The Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, or DACA, which provides renewable visas to those brought to the country illegally as children, will expire March 5 if Congress does not act.

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**OREGON MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO FORCED LABOR AND
RELATED CRIMES IN CONNECTION WITH SCHEME TO
COERCE THAI NATIONALS TO WORK**

Defendant used debts, fraud, threats of financial and reputational harm, and other means to compel victims to work long hours for minimal pay at restaurants in Oregon and Washington

WASHINGTON – Paul Jumroon, also known as Veraphon Phatanakitjumboon, 54, of Depoe Bay, Oregon, and a naturalized citizen originally from Thailand, pleaded guilty yesterday in a U.S. District Court in Portland, Oregon, to forced labor, visa fraud conspiracy, and filing a false federal income tax return, announced Acting Assistant Attorney General John Gore of the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division, U.S. Attorney Billy J. Williams of the District of Oregon, Special Agent in Charge Renn Cannon of the FBI in Oregon, and Special

Agent in Charge Darrell Waldon of IRS Criminal Investigation's Seattle Field Office. Jumroon waived indictment by a federal grand jury and pleaded guilty to an information filed by the United States Attorney's Office and the Civil Rights Division.

According to the defendant's plea agreement and admissions in court, between 2011 and 2014, the defendant and his associates fraudulently obtained E-2 visas to bring Thai nationals into the United States to provide cheap labor at his restaurants, Curry in a Hurry in Lake Oswego, Oregon and Teriyaki Thai in Ridgefield, Washington. E-2 visas are granted to foreign nationals who invest substantial money in a U.S. business and direct its operations, and to employees who have special qualifications that make their services essential to that business.

Jumroon used the fraudulently obtained visas to entice four forced labor victims to come to the United States by making false promises to them. According to court documents, the first victim arrived in the United States in June 2012, and the second victim arrived in April 2013. Jumroon used inflated travel expenses, debt manipulation, threats of deportation, serious financial and reputational harm, verbal abuse, and control over identification documents, among other means, to compel the victims to work 12 hours a day, six to seven days a week, for minimal pay, until they managed to leave in October 2013 and 2014, respectively.

As part of the defendant's guilty plea, Jumroon agreed to pay all four victims a combined \$131,391.95 in restitution for their unpaid labor in connection with his forced labor scheme.

The defendant further admitted to filing multiple false tax returns with the Internal Revenue Service, failing to report cash income earned from his restaurants between 2012 and 2015. As part of the plea agreement, Jumroon agreed to pay tax due and owing in the amount of \$120,384 to the IRS.

"Combatting human trafficking is a priority for Attorney General Sessions and the Justice Department," said Acting Assistant Attorney General Gore of the Civil Rights Division. "Securing a guilty plea today is just another example of this commitment and the work of the Civil Rights Division, in coordination with the U.S. Attorney's Office, to hold those who choose to exploit vulnerable individuals accountable for their actions."

"Human trafficking is a degrading crime that undermines our nation's most basic promise of liberty. This defendant preyed on the hopes of vulnerable workers, using fear to compel them to work long hours for little pay. He turned a promise of employment and a better life into a human tragedy for his own financial gain," said U.S. Attorney Billy J. Williams for the District of Oregon. "This case demonstrates our firm commitment to holding traffickers accountable and restoring the rights, freedom and dignity of victims. It should also serve as a reminder that these types of crimes happen all around us and often in plain sight. We encourage all Oregonians to remain watchful for signs of human trafficking and to notify law enforcement immediately when something seems amiss."

"The American dream is built on the belief that hard work can bring about a better life. For the victims in this case, that dream turned into a nightmare of false promises, forced labor and abuse," said Renn Cannon, Special Agent in Charge of the FBI in Oregon. "These cases are very difficult to identify and work, so we are thankful the courageous victims in this case were able to reach out for help through trusted community contacts."

"Forced labor schemes, such as the one employed by Paul Jumroon, are

deplorable crimes that have no place in today's society," said Darrell Waldon, Special Agent in Charge of IRS Criminal Investigation's Seattle Field Office. "Falsely reporting income and expenses associated with such schemes will continue to be vigorously investigated by IRS-CI Special Agents."

Jumroon faces a maximum of 20 years in prison for forced labor, five years in prison for visa fraud conspiracy, and three years in prison for filing a false tax return. His sentencing is scheduled for May 24 before United States District Judge Anna J. Brown.

Attorney General Sessions recently issued a proclamation commemorating January as National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month, and the Justice Department recently hosted a Human Trafficking Summit where both the Attorney General and Associate Attorney General Rachel Brand gave remarks.

The District of Oregon is one of six districts designated through a competitive, nationwide selection process as a Phase II Anti-Trafficking Coordination Team (ACTeam), through the interagency ACTeam Initiative of the Departments of Justice, Homeland Security and Labor. ACTeams focus on developing high-impact human trafficking investigations and prosecutions involving forced labor, international sex trafficking and sex trafficking by force, fraud or coercion through interagency collaboration among federal prosecutors and federal investigative agencies.

This prosecution is the result of the joint investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Homeland Security Investigations, Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation and Department of State's Diplomatic Security Service, with assistance from the Department of Labor's Wage and Hour Division and Portland Police Bureau. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Hannah Horsley and Scott Bradford of the District of Oregon, and Lindsey Roberson of the Civil Rights Division's Human Trafficking Prosecution Unit.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FILES COMPLAINT TO

**DENATURALIZE DIVERSITY VISA RECIPIENT WHO OBTAINED
NATURALIZED CITIZENSHIP AFTER FAILING TO DISCLOSE TWO
PRIOR ORDERS OF REMOVAL**

WASHINGTON – The Department of Justice yesterday filed a complaint in the Eastern District of Michigan to revoke the naturalized U.S. citizenship of Humayun Kabir Rahman fka Md Humayun Kabir Talukder aka Ganu Miah aka Shafi Uddin. The case was referred to the Department of Justice by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) and identified as a part of [Operation Janus](#).

The complaint alleges Humayun Kabir Rahman arrived in the United States in February 1992 at John F. Kennedy International Airport, claiming his true name was Ganu Miah while in possession of a passport that did not belong to him. He was paroled into the

United States so he could seek asylum, and his application was referred to the immigration court where an immigration judge ordered him removed in 1998. In 1994, while Ganu Miah's proceeding was underway, Rahman sought asylum under a different name, Shafi Uddin. That application was also referred to the immigration court, and he was ordered to be removed in 1997. Later in 1997, using his third identity, Md Humayun

Kabir Talukder, Rahman applied for and received an immigrant visa through the diversity visa program, claiming he had entered the United States by car from Canada. In 2004, he applied for and was granted permanent resident status, which he ultimately used to become a naturalized U.S. citizen in 2004. Throughout his immigration and naturalization proceedings, Rahman concealed that he had twice been ordered removed and lied about his identity and immigration history under oath. Rahman was also never lawfully admitted to the permanent resident status upon which he naturalized.

"As our country's leaders debate the future of our immigration system, this alleged case of a decade of defrauding the United States to obtain citizenship is particularly alarming," said Acting Assistant Attorney General Chad A. Readler for the Justice Department's Civil Division. "In this instance, the suspect allegedly lied to the government as he twice sought to secure asylum under different identities, but was rebuffed and ordered removed both times before being randomly selected for a diversity visa. While the United States Senate assesses whether to continue the diversity visa program, the Justice Department will find the program's fraudsters and hold them to account, to protect our national security."

"This case illustrates the kind of fraud that we have discovered, and I hope today's announcement sends a clear message that attempting to fraudulently obtain U.S. citizenship will not be tolerated," USCIS Director Francis Cissna said in a statement. "We are grateful to our partners who are working to bring these cases to justice and protect the integrity of our immigration system."

This case was investigated by USCIS and the Civil Division's Office of Immigration Litigation, District Court Section (OIL-DCS). The case is being prosecuted by OIL-DCS's National Security and Affirmative Litigation Unit (NS/A Unit), with support from USCIS Office of the Chief Counsel, Central Law Division.

The claims made in the complaint are allegations only, and there have been no determinations of liability.

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THREE MS-13 GANG MEMBERS SENTENCED TO LENGTHY SENTENCES IN BROOKLYN FEDERAL COURT FOR MURDER OF 19-YEAR OLD MAN

Defendants Lured Victim from Queens to Long Island and Then Shot Him, Believing Victim Was Cooperating with Law Enforcement

Earlier today, in federal court in Brooklyn, defendants Milton Contreras, Oscar Welman Espinoza-Merino and Jose Osmin Rubio were each sentenced by United States District Judge Margo K. Brodie following their convictions for the murder of a 19-year-old victim on Long Island in 2014. Contreras was sentenced to 27 years' imprisonment, while Espinoza-Merino and Osmin Rubio were each sentenced to more than 24 years' imprisonment. After serving their sentences, all three defendants will face deportation from the United States.

Richard P. Donoghue, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of New York; Angel M. Melendez, Special Agent-in-Charge, United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) New York; Ashan M. Benedict, Special Agent-in-Charge, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, New York Field Division (ATF); and James P. O'Neill, Commissioner, New York City Police Department, announced the sentences.

Mr. Donoghue also expressed his appreciation to the Suffolk County Police Department for their assistance during the investigation.

"Today's sentence marks the final chapter in the pursuit of justice against these three MS-13 gang members who brutally murdered a teenager execution-style when they suspected him of cooperating with law enforcement," stated United States Attorney Donoghue. "This prosecution is part of the ongoing mission of this Office to protect the residents of this district from the violence and lawlessness of MS-13, and we will not rest until the MS-13 criminal organization is entirely dismantled."

"It is not a secret that MS-13 gang members are violent for the sake of being violent, and in this particular case exhibited their murderous ways by executing a teenager in Long Island," stated HSI Special Agent-in-Charge Melendez. "As they use violence to seek power through instilling fear into the neighborhoods in which they live, we will be relentless working with our partners to dismantle this vicious gang and bring peace back to the communities."

"The individuals that committed this heinous act of violence are rightfully where they belong. While in prison, they can reflect on the terror and pain they inflicted on their community. Gangs like MS-13 that seek to terrorize the community putting citizens at fear for their lives should know that law enforcement is committed to rooting this evil from our society and making the streets safe for everyone," stated ATF Special Agent-in-Charge Benedict. "I would like to express my gratitude to the United States Attorney for prosecuting the case. I also would like to thank the Special Agents and Task Force Officers of the ATF's Joint Firearms Task Force and our counterparts at HSI and the NYPD for diligently pursuing this case until justice was served."

As detailed in the superseding indictment, the three defendants—along with a fourth defendant convicted of the murder, Byron Lopez, who has not yet been sentenced—are members of the Jamaica, Queens and/or Brentwood, Long Island chapters of the violent street gang La Mara Salvatrucha, also known as "MS-13." On February 25, 2014, Lopez, Espinoza-Merino, Contreras and Rubio directed the victim, fellow gang member Sidney Valverde, to travel to Long Island under the false pretense that they needed him to assist in gang business there. In fact, the co-conspirators planned to kill Valverde because they believed that he was providing information about the gang's activities to law enforcement. After Valverde arrived in Long Island, the co-conspirators shot him in the back of the head and left his body on Miller Place Beach in Suffolk County where it was

head and on his body, which was discovered by a beachcomber approximately two weeks later.

This case is the latest in a series of federal prosecutions by the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of New York targeting members of the MS-13, a violent international criminal organization. The MS-13's leadership is based in El Salvador and Honduras, but the gang has thousands of members across the United States. With numerous branches, or "cliques," the MS-13 is the largest and most violent street gang on Long Island. Since 2003, hundreds of MS-13 members, including dozens of clique leaders, have been convicted on federal felony charges in this district. A majority of those MS-13 members have been convicted on federal racketeering charges for participating in murders, attempted murders, and assaults. Since 2010 alone, this Office has obtained indictments charging MS-13 members with carrying out more than 40 murders in the Eastern District of New York and has convicted dozens of MS-13 leaders and members in connection with those murders.

The government's case is being handled by the Office's Organized Crime and Gangs Section. Assistant United States Attorney Alixandra Smith is in charge of the prosecution.

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Brentwood, New York

MILTON CONTRERAS (aka "Diabolico")

Age: 22

Brentwood, New York

JOSE OSMIN RUBIO (aka "Slow")

Age: 30

Brentwood, New York

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BYRON LOPEZ

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