

From: Evers, Austin (ODAG)
Subject: FW: OLA Incoming Correspondence 8/9/2022
To: Atkinson, Lawrence (ODAG); Newman, David A. (ODAG)
Cc: Bruck, Andrew (ODAG); Miller, Marshall (ODAG)
Sent: August 9, 2022 8:05 PM (UTC-04:00)
Attached: 2022.08.08_FBI Director_Mar-a-Lago Raid Briefing.pdf, 2022.08.09_FBI Director_Records Production and Preservation.pdf

Suggest sharing if you have not already.

From: Brennan, Shea (OLA) <(b) (6)>
Sent: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 7:05 PM
To: Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG) <(b) (6)> Goodlander, Margaret V. (OAG)
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Cc: Antell, Kira M. (OLA) <(b) (6)> Calce, Christina M. (OLA) <(b) (6)>
Uriarte, Carlos F. (OLA) <(b) (6)> Gardner, Joshua E. (OLA) <(b) (6)> Lai,
Albert K. (OLA) <(b) (6)>
Subject: OLA Incoming Correspondence 8/9/2022

Good evening,

Please find attached and a summary below of incoming correspondence:

1. **Letter from Congressman Turner to FBI Director Wray** – Requesting an immediate briefing from Director Wray to the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence regarding the national security threats used to justify the search of former President Trump’s residence.
2. **Letter from Congressman Turner to FBI Director Wray** – Requesting that the FBI provide the evidentiary basis to justify their search of former President Trump’s residence and an inventory of all seized documents no later than August 24; requesting that the FBI advise in writing as to how it will ensure all relevant FBI records will be preserved.
3. **Letter from Congresswoman Sánchez and 29 MoCs to AG and DAG** – Expressing their support of collective bargaining rights for immigration judges, and requesting that the Department allow immigration judges to recertify the National Association of Immigration Judges as their union.

Shea Brennan

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Desk: (b) (6)

From: Miller, Marshall (ODAG)
Subject: FW: OLA Incoming Correspondence 8/9/2022
To: (b)(6) DAG Monaco Account
Sent: August 9, 2022 8:30 PM (UTC-04:00)
Attached: 2022.08.08_FBI Director_Mar-a-Lago Raid Briefing.pdf, 2022.08.09_FBI Director_Records Production and Preservation.pdf, 2022-08-09-IN-EOIR-Sanchez et al- Restore Immigration Judges Union.pdf

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From: Evers, Austin (ODAG)
Subject: FW: Hill inquiries to FBI
To: Newman, David A. (ODAG); Atkinson, Lawrence (ODAG); Loeb, Emily M. (ODAG)
Cc: Bruck, Andrew (ODAG); Miller, Marshall (ODAG)
Sent: August 10, 2022 4:58 PM (UTC-04:00)
Attached: 2022.08.08_FBI Director_Mar-a-Lago Raid Briefing.pdf, 2022.08.09_FBI Director_Records Production and Preservation.pdf, 08.10.22 Rubio to FBI Wray re Trump Raid.pdf

FYI

From: Calce, Christina M. (OLA) <(b) (6)>
Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 4:55 PM
To: Loeb, Emily M. (ODAG) <(b) (6)> Evers, Austin (ODAG) <(b) (6)>
Cc: Uriarte, Carlos F. (OLA) <(b) (6)>
Subject: Hill inquiries to FBI

FBI reports that they have received five inquiries total so far re: Monday:

1. HPSCI RM Michael Turner – 8/8/22 letter seeking a briefing;
2. HPSCI RM Michael Turner – 8/9/22 letter styled as a document preservation request;
3. SSCI Staff – 8/9/22 inquiries from minority staff seeking information regarding public reports of a national security nexus (two separate calls, both from same staffer);
4. SSCI RM Rubio – 8/10/22 letter seeking a meeting w/Wray; and
5. Sen. Rick Scott – 8/10/22 staff email seeking a call w/Wray.

DOJ OLA has not had any inquiries yet.

Thanks,
Christina

Christina Calce
Deputy Assistant Attorney General
Office of Legislative Affairs
U.S. Department of Justice
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August 10, 2022

The Honorable Christopher Wray
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
935 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Director Wray:

Like many Americans, I was outraged to learn of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI's) unprecedented raid on former President Trump's residence in Palm Beach, Florida from the media. The FBI's actions, less than three months from the upcoming elections, are doing more to erode public trust in our government institutions, the electoral process, and the rule of law in the U.S. than the Russian Federation or any other foreign adversary. These values represent the very core of what the United States stands for, and what the FBI is mandated to protect. Yet the FBI raid sows the same division – and exacerbates the same loss of confidence in the U.S. political process – that adversaries like Vladimir Putin go to great lengths to foment.

According to press reports, the August 8, 2022 raid may relate to an ongoing national security investigation regarding compliance with the protection of classified information. No one is above the law, but every American also deserves equal justice under it. The FBI appears to have taken steps related to President Trump that it has never taken with any other former President, and that it has generally failed to take with respect to certain criminal referrals made from elements of the Intelligence Community (IC) to the U.S. Department of Justice (DoJ) relating to instances where individuals allegedly disclosed classified information without authorization.

As such, I request the answers to the following questions, no later August 17, 2022, as it relates to criminal referrals made by any element of the IC to the DoJ regarding unauthorized disclosure of classified information during the past five years:

- Of referrals made by other elements of the IC, what percentage of those referrals resulted in the FBI opening preliminary investigations? What percentage of those referrals resulted in full investigations?
- In what percentage of the referrals did the FBI raid the private residence of the individual in question?
- Of the referrals made, what percentage of those referrals resulted in a formal filing of criminal charges?

All Americans deserve the right to know why the FBI raided President Trump's residence, but the law requires that you inform, at a minimum, the leadership of the

congressional intelligence committees regarding such activities if the purpose of the raid was related to an investigation regarding the unauthorized disclosure of classified information with intelligence equities.

Therefore, I expect an explanation as to why I, and to the best of my knowledge every other leader of the congressional intelligence committees, first learned of this raid on President Trump's residence via the media, despite the law requiring the committees to be fully and currently informed of all intelligence activities undertaken by the U.S. Government, including any significant anticipated intelligence activity.

In addition, I request a meeting to understand the FBI's concerns regarding the handling of classified material in this instance, and to understand why the FBI did not keep the congressional intelligence committee leadership fully and currently informed as the FBI has done in previous sensitive cases.

Thank you for your prompt response to these important issues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. Rubio', is centered on the page.

Marco Rubio
U.S. Senator

From: Loeb, Emily M. (ODAG)
Subject: FW: Hill inquiries to FBI
To: Miller, Marshall (ODAG)
Cc: Evers, Austin (ODAG)
Sent: August 10, 2022 5:13 PM (UTC-04:00)
Attached: 2022.08.08_FBI Director_Mar-a-Lago Raid Briefing.pdf, 2022.08.09_FBI Director_Records Production and Preservation.pdf, 08.10.22 Rubio to FBI Wray re Trump Raid.pdf

Marshall – please see below. I understand (b) (5) [REDACTED], per the below.

From: Calce, Christina M. (OLA) <(b) (6)> [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 4:55 PM
To: Loeb, Emily M. (ODAG) <(b) (6)> [REDACTED] Evers, Austin (ODAG) <(b) (6)> [REDACTED]
Cc: Uriarte, Carlos F. (OLA) <(b) (6)> [REDACTED]
Subject: Hill inquiries to FBI

Duplicative Records

From: Calce, Christina M. (OLA)
Subject: FW: Letter from Ranking Member Ron Johnson re raid of Mar-a-Lago
To: Loeb, Emily M. (ODAG); Evers, Austin (ODAG)
Cc: Uriarte, Carlos F. (OLA)
Sent: August 10, 2022 5:36 PM (UTC-04:00)
Attached: 2022-08-10 RHJ to DOJ FBI re Mar a Lago raid.pdf

FYI. Note that this is only from Johnson (Grassley did not join) and expressly notes that he is not requesting a response.

From: Downey, Brian (HSGAC) (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 5:31 PM
To: Calce, Christina M. (OLA) <(b) (6)> (b)(6), (7)(C), 7(E) per FBI (OCA) (FBI) (b)(6), (7)(C), 7(E) per FBI Miles, Adam (OIG) <Adam.Miles@usdoj.gov>
Cc: Wittmann, Scott (HSGAC) <(b) (6)>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Letter from Ranking Member Ron Johnson re raid of Mar-a-Lago
Importance: High

Hello,

Please find attached a letter from Ranking Member Ron Johnson to the Attorney General and the Director. The Inspector General was cc'd. Please confirm receipt of the letter.

Thank you,

Brian M. Downey
Staff Director
Ranking Member Ron Johnson
Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations
U.S. Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON
HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS
WASHINGTON, DC 20510-6250

August 10, 2022

The Honorable Merrick Garland
Attorney General
Department of Justice

The Honorable Christopher Wray
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Dear Attorney General Garland and Director Wray:

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) raid on former President Donald Trump's residence at Mar-a-Lago is deeply concerning. It occurred almost two weeks after I sent a letter to both of you highlighting recent whistleblower allegations which raise serious questions regarding the integrity of the FBI and your agencies' ability to do its job without political bias.¹

The FBI's unprecedented actions against former President Trump, without any stated justification, only add to the mounting evidence of corruption within our federal law enforcement agencies and is yet another example of a multi-tiered system of justice and federal agencies being weaponized against the left's political opponents.

I understand other members of Congress have requested that you provide a full explanation for the raid at the former president's residence. I request that information immediately. However, given your history of lack of transparency and obstruction of my investigations, I am not confident that your explanation for the raid will be forthright, honest, or ease anyone's concerns.

Instead, I want to reiterate my message to the brave men and women who work at the FBI and the Department of Justice who are frustrated and concerned with the direction your agencies are taking:

If you have witnessed wrongdoing at your agency, please come forward and share your concerns with my office. You have a right to talk to Congress.

¹ Letter from Sen. Ron Johnson, Ranking Member, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to Merrick Garland, Attorney General, Dep't of Justice, Avril Haines, Director, Office of National Intelligence, Christopher A. Wray, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Michael E. Horowitz, Inspector General, Dep't of Justice, July 26, 2022.

By exposing the truth, Congress can hold accountable those who continue to abuse our system of justice.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ron Johnson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ron Johnson
Ranking Member
Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations

cc: The Honorable Jon Ossoff
Chairman

The Honorable Michael E. Horowitz
Inspector General

From: Brennan, Shea (OLA)
Subject: OLA Incoming Correspondence 8/10/22
To: Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG); Goodlander, Margaret V. (OAG); Davies, Susan M. (OLP); Henthorne, Betsy (OASG); Colangelo, Matthew (OASG); Loeb, Emily M. (ODAG); Miller, Marshall (ODAG); Evers, Austin (ODAG)
Cc: Antell, Kira M. (OLA); Calce, Christina M. (OLA); Uriarte, Carlos F. (OLA); Gardner, Joshua E. (OLA); Lai, Albert K. (OLA)
Sent: August 10, 2022 7:08 PM (UTC-04:00)
Attached: 2022-08-10-IN-FBI-Johnson- Mar a Lago raid.pdf

Good evening,

Please find attached and a summary below of today's incoming correspondence:

1. **Letter from Senator Johnson to AG Garland and FBI Director Wray** – Requesting an explanation for the raid of former President Trump's Mar-a-Lago residence and encouraging DOJ and FBI employees to share concerns of wrongdoing with his office.

Shea Brennan

Congressional Affairs Specialist

Office of Legislative Affairs

U.S. Department of Justice

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From: Henthorne, Betsy (OASG)
Subject: Re: OLA Incoming Correspondence 8/10/22
To: Brennan, Shea (OLA)
Cc: Bruck, Andrew (ODAG)
Sent: August 11, 2022 8:50 AM (UTC-04:00)
Attached: 2022-08-10-IN-FBI-Johnson- Mar a Lago raid.pdf

Hi Shea—can you please add Jodie Morse from our office to this distribution list? I also noticed the DAG’s COS Andrew Bruck isn’t on it, so cc’ing him in case he wants to be added as well.

Thank you!

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 10, 2022, at 7:07 PM, Brennan, Shea (OLA) <(b) (6)> wrote:

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Shea Brennan

Congressional Affairs Specialist

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From: Loeb, Emily M. (ODAG)
Subject: FW: OLA Incoming Correspondence 8/12/22
To: Evers, Austin (ODAG)
Sent: August 12, 2022 6:18 PM (UTC-04:00)
Attached: 2022-08-12-IN-OLA-Scott-Mar a Largo raid.pdf

She might want this in her book.

From: Brennan, Shea (OLA) <(b) (6)>

Sent: Friday, August 12, 2022 6:17 PM

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From: Goodlander, Margaret V. (OAG)
Subject: Re: Hill Incoming
To: Calce, Christina M. (OLA)
Cc: Uriarte, Carlos F. (OLA)
Sent: August 12, 2022 9:13 PM (UTC-04:00)
Attached: 2022.08.12_FBI Director_Request for Response on Informant.pdf, 08122022 SRS Ltr to DOJ and FBI.pdf, 2022-08-10 RHJ to DOJ FBI re Mar a Lago raid.pdf, Fwd_Request for Call with AG Garland.eml, 2022.08.08_FBI Director_Mar-a-Lago Raid Briefing.pdf, 2022.08.09_FBI Director_Records Production and Preservation.pdf, 08.10.22 Rubio to FBI Wray re Trump Raid.pdf

Thank you, Christina!

On Aug 12, 2022, at 17:19, Calce, Christina M. (OLA) <(b) (6)> wrote:

Hi Maggie,

Following up on today's meeting, we have received the following incoming on Monday's events:

1. HPSCI RM Michael Turner – 8/8/22 letter seeking a briefing;
2. HPSCI RM Michael Turner – 8/9/22 letter styled as a document preservation request;
3. SSCI Staff – 8/9/22 inquiries from minority staff seeking information regarding public reports of a national security nexus (two separate calls, both from same staffer);
4. SSCI RM Rubio – 8/10/22 letter seeking a meeting w/Wray;
5. Sen. Rick Scott – 8/10/22 staff email seeking a call w/Wray;
6. Sen. Rick Scott – 8/12/22 letter to AG and D. Wray asking about docs that accompanied the warrant
7. HSPCI R's – 8/12/22 Letter seeking information about the alleged informant
8. HSGAC Minority Staff (staff to Johnson) also sent a number of questions via email to FBI OCA. These largely parallel the questions in the 8/12/22 Scott letter.

As Carlos mentioned, we are working on (b) (5)

Don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

Thanks,
Christina

Christina Calce
Deputy Assistant Attorney General
Office of Legislative Affairs
U.S. Department of Justice
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From: Calce, Christina M. (OLA)
Subject: FW: Letter for Attorney General Garland
To: Evers, Austin (ODAG); Uriarte, Carlos F. (OLA)
Sent: August 15, 2022 11:47 AM (UTC-04:00)
Attached: 2022-08-15 HJC GOP to Garland re Trump raid.pdf

FYSA. From Jordan & 17 HJC R's.

From: DOJ Correspondence (SMO) <Ex_DojCorrespondence@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Sent: Monday, August 15, 2022 11:46 AM
To: DOJExecSec (JMD) <DOJExecSec@usdoj.gov>
Cc: EXECSEC Quality Control <EXECSECQualityControl@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Calce, Christina M. (OLA)
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<(b) (6)>; Williams, Kim (OLA) <(b) (6)>
Subject: FW: Letter for Attorney General Garland

Please assign to OLA (Calce), thank you.

Best,

Soraya Haddad
Office of Legislative Affairs
U.S. Department of Justice

From: Bidelman, Kiley <(b) (6)>
Sent: Monday, August 15, 2022 11:06 AM
To: DOJ Correspondence (SMO) <Ex_DojCorrespondence@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Castor, Stephen <(b) (6)>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Letter for Attorney General Garland

Good morning – please see attached a letter addressed to Attorney General Garland.

Please confirm receipt of this letter.

Thanks,
Kiley

Kiley N. Bidelman
Clerk
Committee on the Judiciary
Rep. Jim Jordan, Ranking Member
2226 Rayburn HOB, Washington, DC 20515
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From: Uriarte, Carlos F. (OLA)
Subject: Fwd: [EXTERNAL] Alert: DOJ Opposes Court Release of FBI Trump Search Warrant Affidavit
To: Evers, Austin (ODAG)
Sent: August 15, 2022 4:46 PM (UTC-04:00)

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Begin forwarded message:

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To: "Uriarte, Carlos F. (OLA)" <(b) (6)>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Alert: DOJ Opposes Court Release of FBI Trump Search Warrant Affidavit

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DOJ Opposes Court Release of FBI Trump Search Warrant Affidavit

By Chris Strohm and Zoe Tillman / August 15, 2022 04:41PM ET / Bloomberg Government

The Justice Department said Monday it opposes the release of an FBI affidavit justifying a search warrant used to seize documents at former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago home in Florida last week.

While DOJ had asked the court to publicly release the search warrant last week, the department said in a filing Monday that the affidavit "presents a very different set of considerations."

"There remain compelling reasons, including to protect the integrity of an ongoing law enforcement investigation that implicates national security, that support keeping the affidavit sealed," the department said in a filing in a Florida court.

The department responded to a request filed by the conservative group Judicial Watch and some media organizations seeking the release of all materials related to the unprecedented search of the former president's residence, which resulted in the seizure of 11 sets of classified documents.

Last week, a Florida judge [released](#) the search warrant and list of material seized during the search after a request from the Justice Department that Trump didn't oppose. But the underlying affidavit would reveal the most extensive information used to justify the action, possibly including sources used by FBI agents and details about the documents and classified information.

Releasing an affidavit at this stage of an investigation would be highly unusual and require the approval of a federal judge. Unlike the warrant itself and the seizure receipt, which the FBI gave to Trump's lawyer during the Aug. 8 search and he was free to share after, Trump wouldn't have seen a copy of that document.

The FBI's seizure of classified material from Trump has thrown US politics into turmoil, and court filings [revealed](#) the former president may be under investigation for mishandling government records and potentially compromising national security information.

The list of information seized during the search includes documents that bore the US government's highest top-secret rating, and prosecutors indicated they are exploring possible violations of the federal Espionage Act among other allegations. The FBI seized "TS/SCI documents," which stands for top-secret and sensitive compartmented information, a government label for material gathered through sensitive intelligence sources or methods.

--With assistance from Erik Larson.

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From: Simms, Donna Y. (ODAG)
Subject: FW: ECATS-2022-105789 - OLA -Ltr from Chmn Mark Warner & RMM Marco Rubio dtd 08/14/2022
To: Evers, Austin (ODAG); Lan, Iris (ODAG); Atkinson, Lawrence (ODAG); Newman, David A. (ODAG); Brinkley, Winnie (ODAG); Brockman, Audrey (ODAG); Brown, Angela M. (DAG); Chandler, Adam (ODAG); Gamble, Nathaniel (ODAG); Simms, Donna Y. (ODAG); Thomas, Tina M. (ODAG)
Sent: August 16, 2022 12:06 PM (UTC-04:00)
Attached: ECATS-2022-105789 - ES Summary Sheet.docx, ECATS-2022-105789 - Incoming - AG Garland from Senators Mark Warner and Marco Rubio.pdf

FYI.

Respectfully,

Donna Y. Simms

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From: Bodger, Pricillia (JMD) (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, August 16, 2022 11:30 AM
To: InfoCopies <InfoCopies@usdoj.gov>; ODAG INFO COPIES (b) (6) >
Cc: Haddad, Soraya (OLA) (b) (6)
Subject: ECATS-2022-105789-Ltr from Chmn Mark Warner & RMM Marco Rubio dtd 08/14/2022

Respectfully,

Pricillia Bodger

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Justice Management Division/Executive Secretariat
Correspondence and Communications Control Team

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From: Uriarte, Carlos F. (OLA)
Subject: RE: Draft Letter
To: Evers, Austin (ODAG)
Cc: Calce, Christina M. (OLA)
Sent: August 16, 2022 2:19 PM (UTC-04:00)
Attached: 2022.08.15 MAL Draft Response (CFU v2).docx

Austin,

Proposed updated draft attached. Note that this version references (b) (5)

It would be great to get this letter out tomorrow if possible, especially since the letter will need updating as the litigation unfolds.

Happy to discuss if helpful.

Carlos

From: Evers, Austin (ODAG) <(b) (6)>
Sent: Saturday, August 13, 2022 5:24 PM

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From: [DOJ Correspondence \(SMO\)](#)
To: [DOJExecSec \(JMD\)](#)
Cc: [EXECSEC Quality Control](#); [Calce, Christina M. \(OLA\)](#); [Calce, Christina M. \(OLA\)](#); [Lai, Albert K. \(OLA\)](#); [Gardner, Joshua E. \(OLA\)](#); [Whitehead, Thaimarah \(OLA\)](#); [Williams, Kim \(OLA\)](#)
Subject: FW: Letter for Attorney General Garland
Date: Monday, August 15, 2022 11:45:36 AM
Attachments: [2022-08-15 HJC GOP to Garland re Trump raid.pdf](#)

Please assign to OLA (Calce), thank you.

Best,

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Soraya Haddad
Office of Legislative Affairs
U.S. Department of Justice

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Sent: Monday, August 15, 2022 11:06 AM
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Letter for Attorney General Garland

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Please confirm receipt of this letter.

Thanks,
Kiley

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Rep. Jim Jordan, Ranking Member
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From: Brennan, Shea (OLA)
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To: Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG); Goodlander, Margaret V. (OAG); Davies, Susan M. (OLP); Henthorne, Betsy (OASG); Colangelo, Matthew (OASG); Miller, Marshall (ODAG); Evers, Austin (ODAG); Morse, Jodie (OASG); Bruck, Andrew (ODAG); Figures, Shomari (OAG); Berger, Christine (OAG)
Cc: Antell, Kira M. (OLA); Calce, Christina M. (OLA); Uriarte, Carlos F. (OLA); Gardner, Joshua E. (OLA); Lai, Albert K. (OLA)
Sent: August 19, 2022 6:46 PM (UTC-04:00)
Attached: 2022-08-19-IN-OLA-Turner-Mar-A-Lago.pdf

Good evening,

Please find today's incoming correspondence attached and summarized below:

1. **Letter from Representative Turner to AG Garland** – Requesting a briefing to the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence regarding the national security risk related to the materials seized by the FBI at former President Trump's Mar-a-Lago residence, as well as a description and status update of those materials.

Shea Brennan

Congressional Affairs Specialist

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From: Uriarte, Carlos F. (OLA)
Subject: RE: MAL letter
To: Evers, Austin (ODAG)
Sent: August 24, 2022 8:33 AM (UTC-04:00)

Hey,

Do you mind reviewing so we can add this one to the agenda for the 2pm? Hoping to get this one out before the end of the week.

Carlos

From: Uriarte, Carlos F. (OLA)
Sent: Tuesday, August 23, 2022 3:31 PM
To: Evers, Austin (ODAG) <(b) (6)>
Subject: Fwd: MAL letter

Begin forwarded message:

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Date: August 23, 2022 at 11:59:44 AM EDT
To: "Uriarte, Carlos F. (OLA)" <(b) (6)>
Subject: MAL letter

Carlos – FBI just came back with one final edit (b) (5)

We're working on finding 30 mins this afternoon.

Thanks,
Christina

Christina Calce
Deputy Assistant Attorney General
Office of Legislative Affairs
U.S. Department of Justice
(b) (6)

From: Evers, Austin (ODAG)
Subject: RE: MAL letter
To: Uriarte, Carlos F. (OLA)
Sent: August 24, 2022 9:20 AM (UTC-04:00)
Attached: 2022.08.23 MAL Draft Response - CMC.docx

Minor nits

From: Uriarte, Carlos F. (OLA) <(b) (6)>

Sent: Tuesday, August 23, 2022 3:31 PM

To: Evers, Austin (ODAG) <(b) (6)>

Subject: Fwd: MAL letter

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Calce, Christina M. (OLA)" <(b) (6)>

Date: August 23, 2022 at 11:59:44 AM EDT

(b) (6)

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From: Evers, Austin (ODAG)
Subject: RE: Letters
To: Newman, David A. (ODAG); Miller, Marshall (ODAG)
Cc: Uriarte, Carlos F. (OLA)
Sent: August 24, 2022 10:00 AM (UTC-04:00)
Attached: 2022.08.23 MAL Draft Response - CMC.docx

One more letter draft. This one would be for responding to non-intel committee chairs/ranking members. This version has been reviewed by FBI OCA.

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

From: Newman, David A. (ODAG) <(b) (6)>
Sent: Wednesday, August 24, 2022 8:31 AM
To: Evers, Austin (ODAG) <(b) (6)> Miller, Marshall (ODAG) <(b) (6)>
Cc: Uriarte, Carlos F. (OLA) <(b) (6)>
Subject: RE: Letters

I will do my best to make 2pm ET and hope to be on the call. (I will be coming back from somewhere with questionable cell reception.)

See attached for my suggestion for this letter. (Including in PDF form as well as in Word, so you can see my comment on a mobile device.) As discussed with ODNI yesterday, (b) (5)

[REDACTED]

Happy to talk through further. I may not be able to make today's ODNI call, unfortunately due to some scheduling challenges.

-David

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

From: Evers, Austin (ODAG) <(b) (6)>
Sent: Tuesday, August 23, 2022 10:20 PM
To: Miller, Marshall (ODAG) <(b) (6)>
Cc: Uriarte, Carlos F. (OLA) <(b) (6)> Newman, David A. (ODAG) <(b) (6)>
Subject: Re: Letters

I am

Austin R. Evers
(b) (6) (m)

> On Aug 23, 2022, at 10:18 PM, Miller, Marshall (ODAG) <(b) (6)> wrote:
>
> It's going to be a little difficult to jam something into the schedule before 1130. Are you guys free at 2?
>
> -----Original Message-----
> From: Evers, Austin (ODAG) <(b) (6)>
> Sent: Tuesday, August 23, 2022 10:11 PM

> To: Miller, Marshall (ODAG) <(b) (6)> Uriarte, Carlos F. (OLA)
<(b) (6)>
> Cc: Newman, David A. (ODAG) <(b) (6)>
> Subject: RE: Letters
>
> Attached (note, the DOJ letter and outline are quite preliminary). We have another call with ODNI at 11:30 tomorrow. If you want to try to meet before then, I'm free 8-10:30 and 11-11:30.
>
> -----Original Message-----
> From: Miller, Marshall (ODAG) <(b) (6)>
> Sent: Tuesday, August 23, 2022 9:59 PM
> To: Uriarte, Carlos F. (OLA) <(b) (6)> Evers, Austin (ODAG)
<(b) (6)>
> Cc: Newman, David A. (ODAG) <(b) (6)>
> Subject: Letters
>
> Can we get the most recent draft of the response to the letters, along with the latest draft of what a briefing might look like. Also, Carlos can you update re the gang of 8 tomorrow morning? And let's put a meeting on with the DAG for tomorrow.
> Thanks.
>
> Sent from my iPhone

From: Uriarte, Carlos F. (OLA)
Subject: RE: Letters
To: Evers, Austin (ODAG); Newman, David A. (ODAG); Miller, Marshall (ODAG)
Sent: August 24, 2022 1:44 PM (UTC-04:00)
Attached: 2022.08.24 MAL Draft Response - SSCI.docx
Updated proposed draft of the letter from me to SSCI.

Thanks,
Carlos

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

From: Evers, Austin (ODAG) <(b) (6)>

Duplicative Records

From: Uriarte, Carlos F. (OLA)
Subject: Fwd: Letter drafts
To: Tyson, Jill Courtney (OCA) (FBI)
Cc: Evers, Austin (ODAG)
Sent: August 25, 2022 10:42 PM (UTC-04:00)
Attached: 2022.08.24 MAL Draft Response - SSCI (edit) v2.docx, ODNI Response Draft (25 August 2022) v3.docx

Jill,

Updated letters attached. Please let us know if you all have any concerns. Hoping to finalize in the am.

Carlos

Carlos Felipe Uriarte
Assistant Attorney General

U.S. Department of Justice
Office of Legislative Affairs

(b) (6)

Cell: (b) (6)

From: Uriarte, Carlos F. (OLA)
Subject: Fwd: Letter drafts
To: Evers, Austin (ODAG); Freedman, Brett (NSD); Newman, David A. (ODAG)
Sent: August 26, 2022 12:53 PM (UTC-04:00)
Attached: 2022.08.24 MAL Draft Response - SSCI (edit) v2 mlg.docx

For your consideration.

Begin forwarded message:

From: (b)(6), (7)(C), (7)(E) per FBI
Date: August 26, 2022 at 12:18:27 PM EDT
To: "Uriarte, Carlos F. (OLA)" <(b) (6)>
Cc: "Dunham, Christopher G. (OCA) (FBI)" (b)(6), (7)(C), (7)(E) per FBI >
Subject: FW: Letter drafts

Carlos,

In case it's helpful, passing along a (b)(5) per FBI (highlighted in blue).

Best,
(b)(6), (7)(C), (7)(E) per FBI

From: Dunham, Christopher G. (OCA) (FBI) (b)(6), (7)(C), (7)(E) per FBI
Sent: Friday, August 26, 2022 10:30 AM
To: (b)(6), (7)(C), (7)(E) per FBI OGC) (FBI) (b)(6), (7)(C), (7)(E) per FBI
Subject: FW: Letter drafts

From: Uriarte, Carlos F. (OLA) <(b) (6)>
Sent: Friday, August 26, 2022 10:25 AM
To: Dunham, Christopher G. (OCA) (FBI) (7)(E) per FBI
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - FW: Letter drafts

FYSA – Just added you to a call at 10 as I understand Jill is out today.

Hoping to finalize these asap.

From: Uriarte, Carlos F. (OLA)
Sent: Thursday, August 25, 2022 10:42 PM
To: Tyson, Jill Courtney (OCA) (FBI) (7)(E) per FBI
Cc: Evers, Austin (ODAG) <(b) (6)>
Subject: Fwd: Letter drafts

Jill,

Updated letters attached. Please let us know if you all have any concerns. Hoping to finalize in the am.

Carlos

Carlos Felipe Uriarte
Assistant Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice
Office of Legislative Affairs
(b) (6)
Cell: (b) (6)



U.S. Department of Justice

Office of Legislative Affairs

Office of the Assistant Attorney General

Washington, D.C. 20530

The Honorable Carolyn Maloney
Chairwoman
Committee on Oversight and Reform
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Maloney,

Thank you for your letter dated April 7, 2022, regarding correspondence you received from the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). We appreciate the opportunity to explain our position in this matter.

As NARA has explained previously in correspondence with you, as part of NARA's role in collecting and archiving the records of the Trump Administration, NARA received boxes of materials that included certain items "marked as classified national security information."¹ Based upon NARA's concerns about whether such materials had been properly handled, it referred this matter to the Department of Justice (Department). As the Attorney General said in February when asked about this matter: The Department "will do what we always do under these circumstances—look at the facts and the law and take it from there."²

While we have great respect for the oversight authority of the House Committee on Oversight and Reform (Committee), in light of the Department's law enforcement responsibilities, and consistent with NARA's response to you on March 28, 2022, the Department previously asked NARA not to share or otherwise disclose to others information relating to this matter in order to protect the integrity of our ongoing work. Based upon that request, NARA referred you to the Department. As you know, the Department's longstanding policy, across administrations of both parties, is "to comply with Congressional requests for information to the fullest extent consistent with the constitutional and statutory obligations of the Executive Branch, [and] the Department's goal in all cases is to satisfy legitimate legislative interests while protecting Executive Branch confidentiality interests. Examples of confidential

¹ Letter from David S. Ferriero to Chairwoman Carolyn B. Maloney, Committee on Oversight and Reform (Feb. 18, 2022), available at <https://www.archives.gov/files/foia/ferriero-response-to-02.09.2022-maloney-letter.02.18.2022.pdf>.

² Matt Zapposky, *Commenting on classified material found at Mar-a-Lago, Garland says Justice Dept. will 'look at the facts and the law,'* Washington Post (Feb. 22, 2022).

information include ... information the disclosure of which might compromise open criminal investigations or prosecutions or civil cases.”³

With respect to your request for a briefing on this matter, under well established Department policy, we are unable to provide your office with information related to this matter at this time.⁴ We appreciate that your letter to the Department acknowledged that the Committee “does not wish to interfere in any manner with any potential or ongoing [Department] investigation.”

We hope this information is helpful. Please do not hesitate to contact this office if we may provide additional assistance regarding this or any other matter.

Sincerely,

Peter S. Hyun
Acting Assistant Attorney General

³ Letter from Assistant Attorney General Robert Raben to Chairman John Linder, Subcommittee on Rules and Organization of the House, Committee on Rules at 2-3 (Jan. 27, 2000), *available at* <https://www.justice.gov/file/1080046/download>.

⁴ *Id.* at 3 (“Congressional inquiries during the pendency of a matter pose an inherent threat to the integrity of the Department’s law enforcement and litigation functions. Such inquiries inescapably create the risk that the public and the courts will perceive undue political and Congressional influence over law enforcement and litigation decisions. Such inquiries often seek records and other information that our responsibilities for these matters preclude us from disclosing.”).

From: Evers, Austin (ODAG)
Subject: Updated letters
To: Miller, Marshall (ODAG); Freedman, Brett (NSD); Uriarte, Carlos F. (OLA); Newman, David A. (ODAG)
Sent: August 26, 2022 1:49 PM (UTC-04:00)
Attached: 2022.08.24 MAL Draft Response - SSCI (edit) v2.docx, 2022.08.26 MAL Draft Response - non-intel.docx, ODNI Response Draft (25 August 2022) v3.docx

Marshall – updated our letters per our discussion.

Austin R. Evers

Office of the Deputy Attorney General

U.S. Department of Justice

(b) (6) (m)
(b) (6) (o)

From: Miller, Marshall (ODAG)
Subject: FW: Letters ok
To: (b)(6) DAG Monaco email
Sent: August 26, 2022 6:09 PM (UTC-04:00)
Attached: 2022.08.26 - DOJ response to SSCI draft - clean.docx

From: Evers, Austin (ODAG) <(b) (6)>
Sent: Friday, August 26, 2022 6:03 PM
To: Miller, Marshall (ODAG) <(b) (6)> Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG)
<(b) (6)> Uriarte, Carlos F. (OLA) <(b) (6)> Newman, David A. (ODAG)
<(b) (6)>
Subject: Letters ok

Our change accepted. Theirs remains as it was.

Carlos is prepared to finalize and sign the letter and, with ODNI, (b) (5) . Ok?

Austin R. Evers
Office of the Deputy Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice
(b) (6) (m)
(b) (6) (o)

From: Uriarte, Carlos F. (OLA)
Subject: RE: Letters ok
To: Miller, Marshall (ODAG); Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG)
Cc: Evers, Austin (ODAG); Newman, David A. (ODAG)
Sent: August 26, 2022 6:49 PM (UTC-04:00)
Attached: 2022.08.26-OUT-Warner-Rubio-FBI's execution search of former President.pdf

Final letter, attached. Will let you know when sent.

Carlos

From: Miller, Marshall (ODAG) <(b) (6)>
Sent: Friday, August 26, 2022 6:34 PM
To: Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG) <(b) (6)>
Cc: Evers, Austin (ODAG) <(b) (6)> Uriarte, Carlos F. (OLA) <(b) (6)> Newman, David A. (ODAG) <(b) (6)>
Subject: Re: Letters ok

Ok here too

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 26, 2022, at 6:16 PM, Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG) <(b) (6)> wrote:

Good here with that change. Thanks.

From: Evers, Austin (ODAG) <(b) (6)>
Sent: Friday, August 26, 2022 6:10 PM
To: Miller, Marshall (ODAG) <(b) (6)> Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG) <(b) (6)> Uriarte, Carlos F. (OLA) <(b) (6)> Newman, David A. (ODAG) <(b) (6)>
Subject: RE: Letters ok

Thank you – Carlos and I are proofing.

From: Miller, Marshall (ODAG) <(b) (6)>
Sent: Friday, August 26, 2022 6:09 PM
To: Evers, Austin (ODAG) <(b) (6)> Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG) <(b) (6)> Uriarte, Carlos F. (OLA) <(b) (6)> Newman, David A. (ODAG) <(b) (6)>
Subject: RE: Letters ok

There's a missing (b) (5) .

From: Evers, Austin (ODAG) <(b) (6)>
Sent: Friday, August 26, 2022 6:03 PM
To: Miller, Marshall (ODAG) <(b) (6)> Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG) <(b) (6)> Uriarte, Carlos F. (OLA) <(b) (6)> Newman, David A. (ODAG) <(b) (6)>
Subject: Letters ok

Our change accepted. Theirs remains as it was.

Carlos is prepared to finalize and sign the letter and, with ODNI, (b) (5) . Ok?

Austin R. Evers

Office of the Deputy Attorney General

U.S. Department of Justice

(b) (6) (m)

(b) (6) (o)

From: Evers, Austin (ODAG)
Subject: RE: Letter
To: Uriarte, Carlos F. (OLA)
Sent: August 30, 2022 2:19 PM (UTC-04:00)
Attached: 2022.08.26-OUT-Johnson-FBI's execution search of former President - non-intel.docx

I teed this up for folks, stand by. One edit we'd need to make attached.

From: Uriarte, Carlos F. (OLA) <(b) (6)>

Sent: Tuesday, August 30, 2022 1:36 PM

To: Evers, Austin (ODAG) <(b) (6)>

Subject: Letter

From: Evers, Austin (ODAG)
Subject: RE: Letter
To: Uriarte, Carlos F. (OLA)
Sent: August 31, 2022 2:09 PM (UTC-04:00)
Attached: 2022.08.26-OUT-Johnson-FBI's execution search of former President - non-intel.docx

Final edits from MM

From: Uriarte, Carlos F. (OLA) <(b) (6)>

Sent: Tuesday, August 30, 2022 1:36 PM

To: Evers, Austin (ODAG) <(b) (6)>

Subject: Letter

From: Miller, Marshall (ODAG)
Subject: RE: non-intel letter
To: Evers, Austin (ODAG); Uriarte, Carlos F. (OLA)
Sent: September 1, 2022 8:53 AM (UTC-04:00)
Attached: 2022.08.26-OUT-Johnson-FBI's execution search of former President - non-intel mlm mk.docx

+ Carlos. Additional edits in track in the attached.

From: Evers, Austin (ODAG) <(b) (6)>
Sent: Wednesday, August 31, 2022 2:33 PM
To: Miller, Marshall (ODAG) <(b) (6)>
Subject: RE: non-intel letter

Ah sorry – here you go.

From: Miller, Marshall (ODAG) <(b) (6)>
Sent: Wednesday, August 31, 2022 2:30 PM
To: Evers, Austin (ODAG) <(b) (6)>
Subject: RE: non-intel letter

Can you send me what the draft looks like now? Think we may want to bounce it off the DAG

From: Evers, Austin (ODAG) <(b) (6)>
Sent: Wednesday, August 31, 2022 2:29 PM
To: Miller, Marshall (ODAG) <(b) (6)>
Subject: RE: non-intel letter

Received. Teed up for OLA to do their thing.

From: Miller, Marshall (ODAG) <(b) (6)>
Sent: Wednesday, August 31, 2022 1:07 PM
To: Evers, Austin (ODAG) <(b) (6)>
Subject: Re: non-intel letter

Yes. I have it to Donna to give to you.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 31, 2022, at 1:06 PM, Evers, Austin (ODAG) <(b) (6)> wrote:

Did you have any edits to the non-intel letter? Carlos says the DAG indicated OLA should send today.

Austin R. Evers
Office of the Deputy Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice

(b) (6) (m)
(b) (6) (o)

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

September 2, 2022

The Honorable Merrick B. Garland
Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20530-0001

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

As you know, on August 8, 2022, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) raided former President Donald J. Trump’s home in Palm Beach, Florida. This unprecedented and shocking act should have necessitated timely and meaningful engagement with Congress. However, rather than choosing transparency, the Department of Justice (DOJ) waited almost three weeks to offer a briefing. Unfortunately, DOJ’s request made no mention of appearing before the Members of Congress who conduct primary Article I oversight over the DOJ and the FBI—namely, those on the House and Senate Judiciary committees.

In these extraordinary circumstances, the DOJ is proceeding in a manner that is eroding public trust and confidence. Indeed, during remarks on August 11, 2022 about the raid, you stated that “the Department of Justice will speak through its court filings and its work.” Continuing, you stated that “standing department rules and our ethical obligations prevent me from providing further details as to the basis of the search at this time.” Yet just hours later, on that very same day, “people familiar with the investigation” began planting stories in the press, purporting to leak selected information, and framing up their self-serving framing of the issues. This conduct—claiming publicly that the DOJ cannot provide transparency, while allowing anonymous leaks to create a one-sided narrative—eliminates the DOJ’s claim to continue with this shroud of secrecy. You stated: “More information will be made available in the appropriate way and at the appropriate time.” The appropriate time is now, and the appropriate way is to publicly appear before and answer these important questions to the congressional committees of jurisdiction that oversee your department.

Yet rather than appearing before the relevant committees of jurisdiction, the DOJ appears to want to limit interactions on this matter to a narrow group of Members. Concerningly, this request mimics initial engagements by the Obama Administration during the Russia collusion hoax investigation, in which senior Obama Administration officials attempted to limit interactions with Congress and shroud their politically motivated investigation into the Trump Campaign under the guise of national security. This secrecy allowed bad actors to leak cherry-picked information about alleged Russian collusion to create false public narratives and mislead the American people. After several years and through the efforts of Republicans on the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence and the House Judiciary Committee, the American people discovered the Obama Administration’s abuse and politicization of our national security apparatus. We refuse to let you or

senior officials in the DOJ or the FBI attempt to repeat history and hide facts regarding this matter from congressional oversight.

The unprecedented nature of the FBI's search of President Trump's home and the broad public interest surrounding the raid require more than just a private briefing with the congressional and intelligence committee leadership. The Biden Administration cannot ignore its obligation to submit to public hearings in the House Judiciary Committee, which is charged with broad oversight of the operations and functions of the DOJ and the FBI. Republicans on the House Judiciary Committee have called on you to testify in public; the Administration's failure to appear before the Judiciary Committee only willfully illustrates a desire by the DOJ and the FBI to avoid oversight by their committee of primary jurisdiction. As elected representatives of the American people, we will not abide by any attempt from unelected administration bureaucrats to limit access to information and impede their constitutional oversight responsibilities by appropriate congressional committees.

Further, you have ignored Republican requests for documents relating to the unprecedented raid on President Trump's home. To ensure effective oversight, you must produce all requested materials immediately without redactions or withholdings. During previous congressional investigations into actions taken by the DOJ and the FBI, those agencies attempted to shield documents from congressional review, often arguing classification or citing ambiguous national security concerns as reasons to limit congressional oversight. We will not accept any unlawful attempts to limit congressional access to documents. In summation, we request the following:

1. Your appearance, along with FBI Director Christopher Wray, in public hearings before the House Judiciary Committee concerning the raid on President Trump's home; and
2. The provision of all communications and documents requested by Republicans relating to the raid on President Trump's home.

A cornerstone of our democracy is the equal application of the law. Unfortunately, our country has seen rampant politicization of the DOJ and the FBI during the past year and a half. The American people deserve and demand better, and you can start to remedy these ills by appearing publicly and answering all questions from the congressional committees of jurisdiction, as well as the immediate production of all requested materials to Congress.

Sincerely,



KEVIN McCARTHY
House Republican Leader



Mike Turner
Ranking Member
House Permanent Select Committee on
Intelligence



Jim Jordan
Ranking Member
House Judiciary Committee



James Comer
Ranking Member
House Oversight Committee

From: Uriarte, Carlos F. (OLA)
Subject: Draft Response
To: Evers, Austin (ODAG)
Sent: September 2, 2022 1:13 PM (UTC-04:00)
Attached: 2022.09.02-OUT-McCarthy et al.- FBI's search of former president (CFU Edits).docx

From: Uriarte, Carlos F. (OLA)
Subject: RE: Draft Response
To: Evers, Austin (ODAG)
Sent: September 2, 2022 2:53 PM (UTC-04:00)
Attached: 2022.09.02-OUT-McCarthy et al.pdf

My nit is (b) (5).

From: Uriarte, Carlos F. (OLA)
Sent: Friday, September 2, 2022 2:32 PM
To: Evers, Austin (ODAG) <(b) (6)>
Subject: RE: Draft Response

One nit. Otherwise looks good to me. I think we should send asap.

From: Evers, Austin (ODAG) <(b) (6)>
Sent: Friday, September 2, 2022 2:15 PM
To: Uriarte, Carlos F. (OLA) <(b) (6)>
Subject: RE: Draft Response

From: Uriarte, Carlos F. (OLA) <(b) (6)>
Sent: Friday, September 2, 2022 1:13 PM
To: Evers, Austin (ODAG) <(b) (6)>
Subject: Draft Response

From: Miller, Marshall (ODAG)
Subject: RE: Draft Letter
To: Uriarte, Carlos F. (OLA); Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG)
Cc: Evers, Austin (ODAG)
Sent: September 2, 2022 3:52 PM (UTC-04:00)
Attached: 2022.09.02-OUT-McCarthy et al.- FBI's search of former president mIm edits.docx

From: Uriarte, Carlos F. (OLA) <(b) (6)>
Sent: Friday, September 2, 2022 3:29 PM
To: Miller, Marshall (ODAG) <(b) (6)> Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG)
<(b) (6)>
Cc: Evers, Austin (ODAG) <(b) (6)>
Subject: Draft Letter

Marshall and Matt,

Attached please find a draft letter to Leader McCarthy in response to the letter we received earlier today.

Please let me know if you have any suggestions or concerns.

I am hoping to send this letter before the end of the day today.

Carlos

From: Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG)
Subject: Re: Draft Letter
To: Uriarte, Carlos F. (OLA)
Cc: Miller, Marshall (ODAG); Evers, Austin (ODAG)
Sent: September 2, 2022 4:10 PM (UTC-04:00)
Attached: 2022.09.02-OUT-McCarthy et al (355 pm).pdf, 2022.09.02-OUT-McCarthy et al.- FBI's search of former president (355 pm).docx

This is good. No edits.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 2, 2022, at 3:57 PM, Uriarte, Carlos F. (OLA) <(b) (6)> wrote:

Clean word doc. PDF includes Marshall's redline changes.

From: Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG) <(b) (6)>
Sent: Friday, September 2, 2022 3:54 PM
To: Miller, Marshall (ODAG) <(b) (6)>
Cc: Uriarte, Carlos F. (OLA) <(b) (6)> Evers, Austin (ODAG)
<(b) (6)>
Subject: Re: Draft Letter

Working from phone - can someone accept Marshall's edits and send new version? Want to be sure I'm seeing items that may be tracked.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 2, 2022, at 3:52 PM, Miller, Marshall (ODAG) <(b) (6)> wrote:

From: Uriarte, Carlos F. (OLA) <(b) (6)>
Sent: Friday, September 2, 2022 3:29 PM

Duplicative Records

From: Uriarte, Carlos F. (OLA)
Subject: RE: Letter to Attorney General Garland
To: Freedman, Brett (NSD); (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) per NSD (NSD)
Cc: Evers, Austin (ODAG)
Sent: September 2, 2022 5:33 PM (UTC-04:00)
Attached: Final-2022.09.02-OUT-McCarthy et al.- FBI's search of former president.pdf

Our response, attached.

From: Uriarte, Carlos F. (OLA)
Sent: Friday, September 2, 2022 10:35 AM
To: Freedman, Brett (NSD) <(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) per NSD (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) per NSD (NSD) <(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) per NSD
Cc: Evers, Austin (ODAG) <(b) (6)
Subject: FW: Letter to Attorney General Garland

FYSA

From: Uriarte, Carlos F. (OLA)
Sent: Friday, September 2, 2022 10:35 AM
To: Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG) <(b) (6) Berger, Christine (OAG)
<(b) (6) Miller, Marshall (ODAG) <(b) (6) Evers, Austin (ODAG)
<(b) (6) Newman, David A. (ODAG) <(b) (6)
Cc: Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) <(b) (6) Antell, Kira M. (OLA) <(b) (6) Calce,
Christina M. (OLA) <(b) (6) Brennan, Shea (OLA) <(b) (6)
Subject: FW: Letter to Attorney General Garland

Flagging for your awareness the attached letter to the Attorney General from House Republican leadership regarding the court-approved search of the former president's Florida home.



U.S. Department of Justice

Office of Legislative Affairs

Office of the Assistant Attorney General

Washington, D.C. 20530

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Michael Turner
Ranking Member
Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Jim Jordan
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable James Comer
Ranking Member
Committee on Oversight and Reform
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Leader McCarthy, Ranking Member Turner, Ranking Member Jordan, and Ranking Member Comer:

This letter responds to your letter to the Department of Justice (Department) dated September 2, 2022, regarding the FBI's execution of a court-approved search of the premises in Florida belonging to the former President. As you know, the Department is engaged with Majority and Minority staff to provide information to Congress in a manner consistent with the Department's obligations and longstanding policies.

Regarding the potential risk to national security posed by the recovered materials, the Department is working with counterparts in the Intelligence Community (IC) to facilitate a classification review of relevant materials and an IC assessment of the potential risk to national

security that would result from their release. In conducting this assessment, the Office of the Director of National Intelligence will closely coordinate with the Department to ensure the review does not unduly interfere with the criminal investigation.

Regarding requests for non-public information about the criminal investigation, the Department has an obligation to adhere to laws and our policies that prohibit us from disclosing information about ongoing criminal matters. The Department's longstanding position is that, "[a]lthough Congress has a clearly legitimate interest in determining how the Department enforces statutes, Congressional inquiries during the pendency of a matter pose an inherent threat to the integrity of the Department's law enforcement and litigation functions."¹ Disclosing confidential information about ongoing investigations could violate the law or court orders and could impede the Department's ability to gather relevant facts and enforce the law, free from inappropriate interference. Along the same lines, providing Congress with confidential information about active investigations risks jeopardizing those investigations and creating the appearance that Congress may be exerting pressure or attempting to influence Department decisions in certain cases. Finally, disclosing non-public information related to an ongoing investigation risks improperly harming the reputation of individuals involved in the matter, as a case might ultimately not warrant prosecution or other legal action, and not all information gathered during an investigation is necessarily offered or admitted into evidence where an action is brought.

As the Attorney General explained in his public remarks on August 11, 2022, the Department speaks through its court filings and its work. Also, on August 11, 2022, the Department filed a motion in the Southern District of Florida to unseal the court-authorized search warrant and associated property receipt related to the search on August 8, 2022. On August 15, 2022, the Department filed an omnibus response to motions to unseal other materials related to the search warrant. On August 25, 2022, the court ordered a partial release of portions of the search warrant affidavit and other court filings, consistent with the Department's proposals. Other portions of the affidavit and other court filings remain under seal pursuant to a court order. On August 30, 2022, the Department filed a response to a motion filed by the former President related to the search. The Department's factual and legal rationales are set forth in our court filings.

Upholding the rule of law means applying the law evenly, without fear or favor. All Americans are entitled to the evenhanded application of the law, due process of law, and the presumption of innocence. Much of the Department's work is by necessity and by law conducted out of the public eye. We do this to protect the constitutional rights of all Americans and to protect the integrity of our investigations.

¹ Letter from Assistant Attorney General Robert Raben to Chairman John Linder, Jan. 27, 2000 (the "Linder Letter") (citing precedent dating back to the beginning of the 20th century), *available at* <https://www.justice.gov/file/1080046/download>; *see also* Justice Manual §§ 1-7.000, et seq., Confidentiality and Media Contacts Policy; 1-8.200, Communications with Congress; 1-8.210, Responding to Congressional Requests Generally.

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
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The Department remains committed to cooperating with Congress while protecting our ongoing investigations. We hope you find this information helpful.

Sincerely,

Carlos Felipe Uriarte
Assistant Attorney General

cc: The Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Speaker
The Honorable Adam Schiff, Chairman
The Honorable Jerrold Nadler, Chairman
The Honorable Carolyn Maloney, Chairwoman

From: Uriarte, Carlos F. (OLA)
Subject: Re: Background TPs
To: Freedman, Brett (NSD)
Cc: Evers, Austin (ODAG) (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) per NSD (NSD)
Sent: September 5, 2022 8:33 AM (UTC-04:00)
Attached: Background TPs -9.3.22.docx

Thanks, Brett. Just a couple comments I will circulate this morning.

On Sep 4, 2022, at 4:16 PM, Freedman, Brett (NSD) <(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) per NSD> wrote:

Duplicative Records

From: Uriarte, Carlos F. (OLA)
Subject: RE: Background TPs
To: Freedman, Brett (NSD); Evers, Austin (ODAG)
Cc: (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) per NSD (NSD)
Sent: September 5, 2022 10:57 AM (UTC-04:00)
Attached: Background TPs -9.3.22 (CFU).docx

Thanks all for the very helpful TPs. I made just a few suggestions, mostly to make it easier to understand for the uninitiated.

I also made some notional suggestions about (b) (5)

Who is responsible for drafting the TPs re the summary of the documents? Should we connect with Brad on that point in the AM?

Also, we should think about (b)(5); (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) per NSD

I am happy to help coordinate that last point if helpful.

Thanks again!
Carlos

From: Freedman, Brett (NSD) <(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) per NSD>
Sent: Sunday, September 4, 2022 4:16 PM
To: Evers, Austin (ODAG) <(b) (6)>
Cc: (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) per NSD (NSD) <(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) per NSD>; Uriarte, Carlos F. (OLA) <(b) (6)>
Subject: Re: Background TPs

Fine here. Carlos - anything further? If not I'll send out tomorrow afternoon.

Thanks (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and Austin!

Best,

Brett

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 3, 2022, at 10:03 PM, Evers, Austin (ODAG) <(b) (6)> wrote:

Some preliminary edits. (b) (5)

From: (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) per NSD (NSD) <(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) per NSD>
Sent: Saturday, September 3, 2022 11:05 AM
To: Uriarte, Carlos F. (OLA) <(b) (6)> Evers, Austin (ODAG)

(b) (6)

Cc: Freedman, Brett (NSD) (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) per NSD

Subject: Background TPs

Carlos and Austin,

I'm working with Brett to help with (b) (5) and put together the attached background TPs, which closely track the statement of facts from the brief that the government filed last week. The attached draft incorporates feedback from Brett.

Happy to discuss or incorporate any feedback that you may have.

Thanks,

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) per NSD

Counsel to the Assistant Attorney General
National Security Division
U.S. Department of Justice

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) per NSD

From: Evers, Austin (ODAG)
Subject: Fwd: Letter to McCarthy
To: Suero, Maya A. (ODAG); Chandler, Adam (ODAG); Thomas, Tina M. (ODAG)
Sent: September 6, 2022 3:07 PM (UTC-04:00)
Attached: Final-2022.09.02-OUT-McCarthy et al.- FBI's search of former president.pdf

Our response

Austin R. Evers

(b) (6) (m)

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Uriarte, Carlos F. (OLA)" <(b) (6)>
Date: September 2, 2022 at 6:47:02 PM EDT
To: "Coley, Anthony D. (PAO)" <(b) (6)> "Iverson, Dena (PAO)"
(b) (6), "Evers, Austin (ODAG)" <(b) (6)>
Subject: Letter to McCarthy

Here is our response to the McCarthy letter.

From: [DOJ Correspondence \(SMO\)](#)
To: [DOJExecSec \(JMD\)](#)
Cc: [EXECSEC Quality Control](#)
Subject: FW: Letter to Attorney General Garland
Date: Friday, September 2, 2022 12:36:38 PM
Attachments: [House Republicans Letter to Attorney General Garland 9.2.22.pdf](#)

Please assign to OLA, thank you.

Best,

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Soraya Haddad
Office of Legislative Affairs
U.S. Department of Justice

From: Bertolini, Steven (b) (6)
Sent: Friday, September 2, 2022 9:43 AM
To: Antell, Kira M. (OLA) <(b) (6)>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Letter to Attorney General Garland

Hello,

Please see the attached letter from House Republicans to Attorney General Garland. Thank you!

Steven Bertolini
Staff Assistant
Republican Leader Kevin McCarthy

From: Freedman, Brett (NSD)
Subject: RE: Updated Outline
To: Uriarte, Carlos F. (OLA); Evers, Austin (ODAG); (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) per NSD (NSD)
Sent: September 12, 2022 9:38 AM (UTC-04:00)
Attached: Background TPs - 9.12.22 CLEAN with Comments.docx

+ Nate

From: Freedman, Brett (NSD)
Sent: Monday, September 12, 2022 8:55 AM
To: Uriarte, Carlos F. (OLA) <(b) (6)> Evers, Austin (ODAG) <(b) (6)>
Subject: Updated Outline

Morning!

Thinking this becomes the primary document from which flows the Q&A, timeline, and process pieces I'll speak to shortly on the call. I cleaned it up but for 2 comments from Austin.

B

Brett D. Freedman
Chief of Staff & Senior Counsel | Office of the Assistant Attorney General for National Security
U.S. Department of Justice | National Security Division

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per NSD

From: Calce, Christina M. (OLA)
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] RM Turner Ltr to AG Garland
To: Uriarte, Carlos F. (OLA); Antell, Kira M. (OLA); Evers, Austin (ODAG)
Sent: September 12, 2022 11:22 AM (UTC-04:00)
Attached: 2022.09.09_AG Garland_DOJ FBI Investigation.pdf

FYI.

From: Alexander, John B. (OLA) <(b) (6)>
Sent: Monday, September 12, 2022 11:01 AM
To: Calce, Christina M. (OLA) <(b) (6)> Jinks, Kevin (OLA) <(b) (6)>
Cc: Haddad, Soraya (OLA) <(b) (6)>
Subject: Fwd: [EXTERNAL] RM Turner Ltr to AG Garland

See attached. I did not acknowledge receipt.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Howard, Adam" <(b) (6)>
Date: September 12, 2022 at 9:55:16 AM EDT
To: "Alexander, John B. (OLA)" <(b) (6)> "Johnson, Joanne E. (OLA)" <(b) (6)>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RM Turner Ltr to AG Garland

Joanne & John,

Good morning. On behalf of Ranking Member Turner, can you please ensure the attached letter is delivered to Attorney General Garland.
Adam

Adam Howard
Minority Staff Director
HPSCI

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Michael R. Turner, Ohio
Ranking Member

Brad R. Wenstrup, Ohio
Chris Stewart, Utah
Rick Crawford, Arkansas
Elise M. Stefanik, New York
Markwayne Mullin, Oklahoma
Trent Kelly, Mississippi
Darin LaHood, Illinois
Brian Fitzpatrick, Pennsylvania
Mike Gallagher, Wisconsin

Kevin McCarthy, California
Republican Leader

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Adam Howard
Minority Staff Director

September 9, 2022

The Honorable Merrick Garland
Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Attorney General Garland:

As the Department of Justice (DOJ) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) pursue their criminal investigation against the former President, individuals from within the Administration with knowledge of this investigation are committing federal crimes in their campaign of selectively leaking information relating to this investigation and the materials seized in the unprecedented search of the former President's residence.

Since the FBI's unprecedented search of the former President's residence on August 8, 2022, the Administration has repeatedly ignored and or denied congressional requests for documents relating to this search and the ongoing investigation. Most recently, on September 2, 2022, your office refused a House Republican request for access to documents related to this matter under the guise of protecting the integrity of the investigation and the reputations of individuals involved in the matter.¹ The Assistant Attorney General informed Members of Congress that it would not provide non-public information about the criminal investigation to the committees with oversight jurisdiction because "the Department has an obligation to adhere to laws and our policies that prohibit us from disclosing information about ongoing criminal matters...Disclosing confidential information about ongoing investigations could violate the law or court orders and could impede the Department's ability to gather relevant facts and enforce the law, free from inappropriate interference."²

The Department and the FBI have also promulgated this argument in numerous court filings. In opposing the media's motion to unseal the government's affidavit, DOJ claimed: "The fact that this investigation implicates highly classified materials further underscores the need to protect the integrity of the investigation and exacerbates the potential for harm if information is disclosed to the public prematurely or improperly."³ DOJ further argued "the Executive Branch's

¹ Letter from Carlos Felipe Uriarte, Assistant Attorney General, to House Republican Members (Sept. 2, 2022) ("Much of the Department's work is by necessity and by law conducted out of the public eye.")

² *Id.*

³ United States' Omnibus Response to Motions to Unseal, In re Sealed Search Warrant, No. 22-MJ-8332-BER (S.D. Fla. Aug. 15, 2022).

efforts here are designed to *ensure* the confidentiality and proper treatment of sensitive presidential records” in its motion opposing the appointment of a special master.⁴

While using these lofty remarks to justify denying Congress pertinent information necessary for our effective oversight, anonymous Administration sources “familiar with the matter” continue their unlawful and injurious campaign of selectively leaking unverifiable and likely misleading information to media outlets with little regard for the ongoing investigation or the reputation of the individuals involved. As you are well aware, the Department and the FBI have significant credibility problems with a growing segment of the American public, including some in Congress responsible for funding and oversight. The illegal campaign by personnel presumably employed by these agencies to selectively leak information about this unprecedented investigation only intensifies this distrust.

In order to restore public trust, inject transparency back into the process, and allow for congressional oversight necessitated by this multi-faceted and unprecedented investigation, I call upon you to immediately order an investigation to find the sources of these unlawful leaks from within the Administration and commit to pursuing criminal prosecutions against those individuals found to be responsible. I also request that you comply with all outstanding congressional document requests on this matter so that Congress can fulfill its Article I oversight duties.

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter.

Sincerely,



Michael R. Turner
Ranking Member

cc: The Honorable Michael Horowitz, Department of Justice Inspector General
The Honorable Christopher Wray, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation

⁴ United States’ Response to Motion for Judicial Oversight and Additional Relief, *Trump v. United States*, No. 22-CV-81294-CANNON (S.D. Fla. Aug. 30, 2022) (emphasis in original).

From: Iverson, Dena (PAO)
Subject: OPA Week Ahead Aug 22, 2022
To: Coley, Anthony D. (PAO); Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG); Loeb, Emily M. (ODAG); (b) (6) (OAG); Suero, Maya A. (ODAG); Benedict, Margot (ODAG); Goodlander, Margaret V. (OAG); Visser, Tim (OAG); Ramamurti, Arjun R. (OAG); Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG); Reich, Mitchell (OAG); Sanchez, Giovanni (OAG); Chandler, Adam (ODAG); Schedule, DAG (SMO); Thomas, Tina M. (ODAG); Bruck, Andrew (ODAG); Miller, Marshall (ODAG); Uriarte, Carlos F. (OLA); Figures, Shomari (OAG); Berger, Christine (OAG); Evers, Austin (ODAG)
Cc: Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO)
Sent: August 19, 2022 4:29 PM (UTC-04:00)
Attached: Week Ahead August 22 Final.pdf

Good Afternoon,

The OPA week ahead is attached. Have a great weekend.

Dena

Dena Iverson
Principal Deputy Director, Office of Public Affairs
U.S. Department of Justice
(202)353-8763 - Office
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(b) (6)



Week Ahead: August 22 – August 26, 2022

Monday, August 22

CRT

United States v. Smith (WDWA): Randy Smith, who is charged with three counts of 18 U.S.C. § 249(a)(1), will enter a guilty plea. The charges stem from Smith and his defendants' assault of T.S., a Black man, in a bar shortly after midnight on December 8, 2018, because of T.S.'s actual or perceived race. During the incident, the defendants also assaulted J.B., who is biracial, and A.D., who is Asian, when the two men intervened to help T.S. In addition to the hate crime charges, the indictment charges each defendant with giving false statements to the FBI during the investigation. The hate crime charge carries a maximum penalty of ten years in prison. The false statements charge carries a maximum penalty of five years. Under the Sentencing Guidelines, the defendants face a sentencing range of 21-27 months. Defendants Dorson and DeSimas previously entered a guilty plea. Defendant Stanley faces trial on October 31, 2022.

CIV

United States v. Idaho (DID): The United States will participate in a hearing related to its suit challenging Idaho's determination to criminalize abortions, even in circumstances in which EMTALA requires physicians at qualifying hospital emergency rooms to provide stabilizing treatments to individuals presenting with serious medical conditions. The Idaho Legislature has been granted permissive intervention for the limited purpose of presenting evidence to establish "holes in the factual foundation" of the Government's case. *For awareness.*

United States v. Respironics (DSC): Philips RS North America LLC, formerly known as Respironics Inc., a manufacturer of durable medical equipment (DME) based in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, will agree to pay over \$24 million to resolve False Claims Act allegations that it misled federal healthcare programs by paying kickbacks to DME suppliers. The affected programs were Medicare, Medicaid, and Tricare, which is the healthcare program for active military and their families.

Miller v. Vilsack (NDTX): The department will respond to the summary judgment motions in this class action lawsuit with a filing that says the cases are moot. Farmers who self-identify as white are bringing an equal protection challenge to Section 1005 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA), which provides debt relief through the U.S. Department of Agriculture to "socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers" (i.e., farmers and ranchers who belong to minority racial groups). Several groups representing minority farmers have been permitted to intervene as defendants, either as of right or permissively, and thus have been permitted to participate in summary judgment briefing. The intervenors asked, and the court granted, a one-week extension in view of the possibility that the Inflation Reduction Act will repeal Section 1005. *For awareness.*

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ENRD

United States v. Powder Mill State Fish Hatchery (EPA): The Department of Justice, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Conservation Law Foundation (CLF) will announce an agreement with the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department that will require the Powder Mill State Fish Hatchery in New Durham, New Hampshire to take action to reduce phosphorus in its discharges, comply with a federal Clean Water Act permit and study downstream water quality.

Twin Pines Minerals v. Department of Army (SDGA): A mining company seeks review of a decision by the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works to direct the Corps of Engineers to invalidate four approved jurisdictional determinations prepared by the Corps under the Navigable Waters Protection Rule. The invalidation was based on a failure to consult with tribal stakeholders. Two of the approved jurisdictional determinations were prepared for Twin Pines, the mining company that brought the suit, and there will be a tentative settlement.

COPS

The COPS Office is will release of its 21st Century Protest Response: Promoting Democracy and Advancing Community and Officer Safety report, which provides recommendations for state, local, tribal, and territorial law enforcement agencies responding to mass demonstrations.

WDMI

United States v. Fox et. al. (WDMI) as early as Monday, the jury may start deliberating in the trial of two men who allegedly participated in the plot to kidnap Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer.

Tuesday, August 23

Leading the Day - United States v. Goodlett (WDKY): Former Detective Goodlett of the Louisville Metro Police Department is expected to plead guilty to a 371 dual object conspiracy to falsify a search warrant affidavit and to obstruct justice. Goodlett has admitted to conspiring with a fellow detective to falsify the affidavit used to get a warrant to search the home of Breonna Taylor, a young woman who was shot and killed during the execution of that warrant. This case is related to *US v. Jaynes et. al.* OPA will issue a press release without quotes.

CRM

AAG Polite will speak at the National Associate of Election Officials conference in Denver. Closed Press. OPA is considering a readout to highlight the department's work to protect election workers from threats of violence.

United States v. Glen Casada and Cade Cothren (MDTN) (CONFIDENTIAL): Indictment charging Casada, the former Speaker of the Tennessee House of Representatives, and Cothren, Casada's former chief of staff, with conspiracy to commit bribery and other offenses in connection with their scheme to channel legislative funds meant

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for constituent mailings to a consulting company secretly run by Cothren. Another former state legislator, Robin Smith, has already pleaded guilty to bribery in connection with this scheme.

United States v. Phillip Offill and Justin Herman (EDVA): Indictment of Offill and Herman on conspiracy, securities fraud, and wire fraud charges in connection with a \$1.3 million securities fraud scheme on victim investors of the publicly traded “penny stock” Mansfield Martin Exploration Mining, which traded under the stock ticker MCPI.

CRT

United States v. Harris (DMD): Defendant Harris is scheduled to be sentenced for threatening an Asian American public health doctor who has had national visibility during the COVID pandemic. The defendant pleaded guilty to sending a threat in interstate commerce, and the parties agreed to argue at sentencing over whether the federal hate crime sentencing enhancement should apply.

Indiana State Board of Nursing (SDIN): The division and the Nursing Board have agreed to a settlement, subject to approval from the Indiana Attorney General and Governor’s office as required by state statute. The settlement agreement would resolve findings that the Nursing Board violated Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act by prohibiting nurses who take medication to treat opioid use disorder from participating in the Indiana State Nursing Assistance Program. The program assists in rehabilitating and monitoring nurses with substance use disorders, and is often required for these nurses to maintain an active license or have one reinstated. The agreement requires the Nursing Board to permit nurses to participate in the rehabilitation program while taking medication to treat OUD on equal terms. The Nursing Board has also agreed to \$70,000 compensation for the complainant, who has been unable to become relicensed and reemployed as a nurse because of the Nursing Board’s discriminatory policy. The agreement provides for a two-year monitoring period by DRS to ensure that nurses taking OUD medication are treated equally. It is expected that a settlement agreement will be finalized by September 12, 2022

Albers death investigation closure (DKS): The Civil Rights Division and the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the District of Kansas will close a federal investigation into Officer Clayton Jenison’s fatal shooting of unarmed 17-year-old John Albers. The Division will meet with the family in the afternoon to inform them of the decision to close. The division will also prep a responsive statement to any press inquiries. (close hold)

TAX

United States v. Randall Lenz (SDFL): Anticipated guilty plea by an individual charged in an information with filing a false tax return. (local release only)

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Wednesday, August 24

CRT

United States v. Sharpe and United States v. Staten (MDGA.): Two defendants, a former corrections supervisor and a former corrections officer in Valdosta, GA, are scheduled to be sentenced on a civil rights violation stemming from the assault of an inmate. Sentencing may be delayed due to the defendants' cooperation against a fellow officer.

TAX

United States v. Rebecca Cyphers (MDFL): Sentencing of a Florida woman following her guilty plea to participating in a nationwide tax fraud scheme. According to court documents and statements made in court, Rebecca Cyphers, 65, of Winter Springs, participated in and helped facilitate a nationwide tax fraud scheme. (local release)

Thursday, August 25

NSD

DOJ will file in the Southern District of Florida proposed redactions to the affidavit in support of the warrant issued for the search of former President Trump's Mar a Lago estate. The court will consider the proposed redactions to determine what portions of the affidavit to make public following a request by multiple media organization for the document's release. *For awareness.*

CRT

United States v. Hereford (WDWI): The defendant, Cory Hereford, was convicted by a jury of two counts of sex trafficking and related charges on February 18, 2022. The USAO indicted the defendant in this case in June 2019, and requested HTPU to join the trial team. The defendant was charged with two counts of sex trafficking under 18 U.S.C. 1591. One of the two victims was a minor, and the other was an adult. The defendant used fear of drug withdrawal sickness and threats of violence to compel both victims to engage in commercial sex. The government charged additional counts related to conspiracy, distribution of controlled substances, committing a sex offense having been previously convicted of a felony required sex offender registration.

TAX

(b)(3) -26 U.S.C. § 6103, (b)(7)(C) per TAX

United States v. Zachary Friedman (DDC): Anticipated guilty plea by an individual charged in an information with tax evasion. (local release)

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United States v. Guy Telfort (SDFL): Sentencing of a Florida tax preparer following his guilty plea to criminal contempt. According to court documents, Guy Telfort, of Fort Lauderdale, previously owned and operated Tax Houses and Accounting Services, a Lauderdale Lakes tax preparation business. Over a two-year period, Telfort helped prepare nearly 1,200 tax returns for clients in willful violation of the permanent injunction. (local release)

Friday, August 26

CRT

United States v. Bean (EDTN): Former Chief Deputy Tony Bean, who was convicted on three section 242 counts following a three-day bench trial, will be sentenced. Then-Grundy County Sheriff's Office Chief Deputy Tony Bean violated 18 U.S.C. § 242 by using unlawful force on two arrestees.

TAX

United States v. Chugay, et al. (SDUL): Sentencing of co-defendant Mykhaylo Chugay, owner/manager of Key West labor staffing companies who was convicted of immigration fraud, money laundering and tax crimes. (local release)

TBD

CRM

United States v. Xavier Monroy (DDC): Jury trial began August 15 against Monroy, former Director of Operations at the U.S. Navy's Military Sealift Command. From 2011 through 2014, Monroy engaged in a bribery scheme where he used his position with the U.S. Navy to steer Navy business to a Korean contractor in exchange for cash, international vacations, meal and beverages, and prostitution services. In particular, in 2013, the defendant, a U.S. Naval Ship captain, and the Korean contractor coordinated to circumvent proper government contracting protocols in order to ensure that the Korean contractor won the business to service the ship, for a total amount of \$493,310.

United States v. Sekhar Rao (NDTX): Jury trial begins August 19 against Rao, a physician, who worked as medical director for ADAR Group in Texas. Rao signed toxicology and DNA cancer screen test orders without seeing or treating TRICARE beneficiaries. Samples were sent to a laboratory in Fort Worth for testing and billed to TRICARE. Beneficiaries did not know the doctors, did not receive test results, were not substance abuse or cancer patients, and were paid in gift cards for participating. The owners of ADAR Group and two marketers have pleaded guilty and are cooperating, as is another doctor whose conduct mirrored Rao's. In total, the scheme resulted in \$36 million billed to TRICARE for unnecessary tests, of which about \$5.3 million was paid.

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United States v. Kenneth Mitchell (EDMI): Jury trial begins August 25 against Dr. Kenneth Mitchell, a podiatrist charged with \$1.9 million health care fraud scheme, wire fraud, aggravated identity theft, falsification of records, and witness tampering.

United States v. Reva Stachniw and Ron Throgmartin (Colorado): Jury trial began on August 15 against defendants Reva Stachniw and Ron Throgmartin, who were indicted for their role in a Ponzi scheme related to the defendants' cattle-trading and marijuana businesses. The cooperating witness has already pleaded guilty for his role in the scheme and is expected to testify at trial. Between 2017 and 2019, the defendants tricked investors from across the country to invest in what they were told were cattle and marijuana investments, but in reality the investments were being used to pay back other investors. When the scheme collapsed in 2019, dozens of investors lost several millions of dollars.

United States v. Mark Schena (Joint between HCF and MIMF) (NDCA): Jury trial began on August 8 against Schena, the president of a Silicon Valley technology company, for allegedly having orchestrated schemes to mislead investors and commit health care fraud in connection with the submission of over \$69 million in false and fraudulent claims for allergy and COVID-19 testing.

CRT

United States v. Bustamante (MDTN): Former Memphis Police Department Officer Armando Bustamante is expected to enter a guilty plea to a violation of section 242 for an incident in which he used excessive force on an arrestee. During a search for a suspect in 2021, Bustamante found the victim sitting on the floor of a metal storage shed located in the backyard of a private residence. While the victim was sitting on the ground with his hands visible, Bustamante intentionally struck him in the head with his service weapon. Prior to being struck by the pistol, the victim was compliant, not resisting and posed no threat to Bustamante. Bustamante then handcuffed the victim, picked the victim up by his bicep, and struck him multiple times in the head with his hands. Again, prior to being struck, the victim was complaint, not resisting, and posed no threat to Bustamante. The assault on the victim resulted in lacerations and pain.

Carey v. Wisconsin Election Commission (WDWI): The division anticipates filing a Statement of Interest with the Voting Section on August 18, 2022 in a private suit brought by individuals with physical disabilities who allege that the Wisconsin Election Commission does not permit voters with disabilities to receive third-party assistance in returning properly marked absentee ballots. Without such assistance, Plaintiffs allege that they foreclosed from voting in violation of federal civil rights laws. Plaintiffs filed a motion for preliminary injunction on July 27, 2022. This Statement of Interest seeks to clarify Wisconsin's obligations under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act to provide voters with disabilities equal access to its absentee voting program, reasonable modifications to its ban on ballot return assistance, and waiver of non-essential voting program requirements. It also addresses Wisconsin's obligation under Section 208 of the Voting Rights Act to provide voters with disabilities assistance by

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a person of the voter's choice. Finally, where necessary to achieve the aims of federal civil rights laws, it addresses Wisconsin's obligations to yield its ballot return assistance requirements to federal civil rights mandates.

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AO 91 (Rev. 11/11) Criminal Complaint

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

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Southern District of Texas

United States Courts
Southern District of Texas
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September 06, 2022

Nathan Ochsner, Clerk of Court

United States of America)

v.)

TIFFANI SHEA GISH,)

Case No.)

4:22-mj-2082

Defendant(s)

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

I, the complainant in this case, state that the following is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

On or about the date(s) of September 1, 2022 in the county of Harris in the Southern District of Texas, the defendant(s) violated:

Code Section
Title 18 U.S.C. § 115(a)(1)(B)
Title 18 U.S.C. § 875(c)

Offense Description
Influencing Federal Official by Threat
Interstate Communications with a Threat to Kidnap or Injure

This criminal complaint is based on these facts:
See attached affidavit.

Continued on the attached sheet.



Complainant's signature

Special Agent Amy Avila, FBI

Printed name and title

Sworn to before me by telephone

Date: September 06, 2022



Judge's signature

City and state: Houston, Texas

Hon. Peter Bray, U.S. Magistrate

Printed name and title

AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

I, Amy Avila, being first duly sworn, hereby depose and state the following:

1. I am a Special Agent (SA) with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), currently assigned to the Joint Terrorism Task Force in the Southern District of Texas. Your Affiant is an investigative or law enforcement officer of the United States within the meaning of Section 2510(7) of Title 18, United States Code. I have been trained by the FBI in the preparation, presentation, and service of criminal complaints and arrest and search warrants and have been involved in the investigation of numerous types of offenses against the United States.

2. Your Affiant is submitting this affidavit for the limited purpose of establishing probable cause, that on or about September 1, 2022, defendant Tiffani Shea Gish, a/k/a “Evelyn Salt” violated Title 18, United States Code, Sections 115(a)(1)(B) (influencing federal official by threat) and 875(c) (interstate communications with a threat to kidnap or injure).

3. Your Affiant is familiar with the facts and circumstances set forth in this affidavit as a result of my participation in the investigation, and my experience, training, and background as a Special Agent with the FBI. The information contained within this affidavit is based upon my personal knowledge, as well as information and documentation that Your Affiant obtained from other law enforcement officers who have first-hand knowledge of the events described herein. This affidavit does not contain all information gathered during this investigation but is being submitted for the limited purpose of establishing probable cause that the individual below has engaged in criminal activity.

PROBABLE CAUSE

The Threatening Voicemails

4. On or about September 3, 2022, the Honorable Aileen Cannon, United States District Court Judge for the Southern District of Florida, forwarded three voicemails (the “Voicemails”) left on her chamber’s telephone to Supervisory Deputy United States Marshal Michael Witkowski. The calls appear to have been left on or about September 1, 2022. The phone number displayed on the caller identification was a cellphone number ending in 6374 with a Houston, Texas area code (the “6374 Cellphone”).¹ Excerpts from the Voicemails are copied directly below.

Voicemail on September 1, 2022, at 1:45 PM EST

“Hi, yes this message is for Aileen Cannon, this is Evelyn Salt, I’m in charge of nuclear for the United States Government. Again, Donald Trump has been disqualified long ago, and he’s marked for assassination, you’re helping him ma’am. So, here’s what we’re going to do, we’re going to let you disarm fucking live nukes off your coffee table how about you sit on an electric chair a couple times over . . . you think you’ve got the magical ability to pop up from the dead . . . pretending that you’re on the team of justice. Again, I told you he's [Donald Trump] disqualified, he’s marked for assassination and so are you, you stupid bitch, stand the fuck down or get shot . . . and guess what, I’m also Trump’s hitman, so consider it a bullet to your head from Donald Trump himself”

¹ The full cellphone number for the 6374 Cellphone is known to Your Affiant.

Voicemail on September 1, 2022, at 4:55 PM EST

“Yes, Judge Cannon . . . listen, my name is Evelyn Salt, I’ve been trying to get in touch with you. I’m in charge of nuclear, and your fucking bullshit in your little court means absolute dick. My authority exceeds the POTUS, and what you’re trying to pull is obstruction of justice, as this motherfucker is responsible for 9/11 . . . Again, you’re full of shit, and I’m going to fucking have you shot myself. I’ve already ordered snipers and a bomb to your fucking house”

Voicemail on September 1, 2022, at 5:17 PM EST²

“Lady, my patience is up, I’m a federal fucking agent, I’ve been slaughtered to hell and back for three fucking decades after Donald sold my nuclear fucking arsenal and decided to slam it into the World Trade Center. You fuck up one fucking thing for me, after going through hell on earth, including be stuck on [unintelligible], I’m going to grab my license to kill, I’m going to take my ass to fucking Florida, and I’m going to personally throw a bullet to your fucking head in front of your kids . . . or whatever the fuck you’ve got that’s important to you, do you understand my authority . . . you stand the fuck down”

Identification of Tiffani Shea Gish as “Evelyn Salt”

5. A law enforcement database revealed that the 6374 Cellphone was an AT&T cellphone number associated to Tiffani Shea Gish. A search of Tiffani Shea Gish of open-source data showed a Facebook page associated to that name. Specifically, the Facebook page of “Tiffani S Gish” (the “Gish Facebook Account”) contained recent posts that mirror the language in the

² Although the caller did not identify herself as “Evelyn Salt” on the voicemail left on September 1, 2022 at 5:17 PM EST, the caller is clearly the same person based on my review of the Voicemails.

Voicemails to include identifying herself as “Evelyn Salt,” references to being a nuclear expert, and former President Trump taking her nukes and using them during 9/11.


6. The United States Marshals Service also contacted the United States Secret Service. The United States Secret Service also confirmed that “Evelyn Salt” was Tiffani Shea Gish based on the use of the 6374 Cellphone. The United States Secret Service was also aware of comments and threats that Tiffani Shea Gish had previously made directed toward former President Trump.

7. On or about September 4, 2022, the United States Marshals Service requested an emergency disclosure request from AT&T for cellphone location information for the 6374 Cellphone. Based on my review of data provided by AT&T, I know that the 6374 Cellphone was located within the Southern District of Texas on September 1, 2022.

8. Based on the content of the Voicemails, and the positive identification of Tiffani Shea Gish as “Evelyn Salt,” agents from the United States Marshals Service (the “Agents”) went to Gish’s residence on September 4, 2022 (the “Residence”) to interview Gish. Gish initially refused to allow the Agents in the Residence, agreed to speak with the Agents through a window on the balcony of the Residence before eventually inviting the Agents inside the Residence. Based on my conversations with the Agents, I know that Gish spoke with the Agents for approximately 45 minutes.

9. During that interview, Gish stated, in substance and in part, that: (1) she left the Voicemails; (2) that the 6374 Cellphone belonged to her; (3) that no one else besides her has access to the 6374 Cellphone; (4) that the Gish Facebook Account was used by her; and (5) that no one else had access to the Gish Facebook Account. Following this interview, the Agents received authorization to make a probable cause arrest of Gish.

10. Based on the foregoing, I respectfully submit that there is probable cause to believe that on or about September 1, 2022, in the Southern District of Texas, and possibly elsewhere, Tiffani Shea Gish made threats to influence a federal official, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 115(a)(1)(B), and transmitted in interstate or foreign commerce communications containing threats to injure the person of another, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 875(c).



Amy Avila, Special Agent
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subscribed and telephonically sworn before me on September 6, 2022. I find probable cause.



UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
PETER BRAY