

Non-Responsive Record: Sarah Flores Transmitting Email to OIP

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From: **Bryant, Errical (OAG)** <Errical.Bryant@usdoj.gov>

Date: Wed, Mar 1, 2017 at 6:36 AM

Subject: FW: Schedule Request - New Attorney Orientation on 3/16/17

To: Flores, Sarah Isgur. (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>, Sarah Isgur Flores

(b) (6)

Good morning Sarah,

We will be adding this event to the AG's calendar. I will list you as the POC and asked that Trisha reach out to you for remark content.

Thanks

From: Fillbach, Trisha A. (OARM)

Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2017 4:46 PM

To: Bryant, Errical (OAG) <ebryant@jmd.usdoj.gov>

Subject: RE: Schedule Request - New Attorney Orientation on 3/16/17

Hi Errical:

Yes, and I appreciate you asking. Attached please find the agenda from last year. We have a relatively similar program planned, but we have a few speaker changes. Specifically, we have a few new

panelists, and Chief Judge Beryl Howell will be our speaker from the federal judiciary.

Please let me know if I can provide any additional information. We can accommodate the Attorney General at a time that works with his schedule.

I appreciate your assistance.

Best,

Trisha

From: Bryant, Errical (OAG)
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2017 4:36 PM
To: Fillbach, Trisha A. (OARM) <tfillbach@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Schedule Request - New Attorney Orientation on 3/16/17

Good afternoon Trisha,

Do you have an agenda from last year's event? I will be happy to check the AG's availability. Thanks

From: Fillbach, Trisha A. (OARM)
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2017 3:39 PM
To: Bryant, Errical (OAG) <ebryant@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Schedule Request - New Attorney Orientation on 3/16/17

Good Afternoon, Ms. Bryant:

I hope this message finds you well. My name is Trisha Fillbach, and I am an Assistant Director in the Office of Attorney Recruitment and Management (OARM). I am writing to inquire about the availability of Attorney General Sessions for a New Attorney Orientation my office is planning on Thursday, March

16, 2017, in the Great Hall. Specifically, if available, we are requesting that Attorney General Sessions present brief welcoming remarks to the new attorneys at a time during the morning that would work in his schedule.

OARM has hosted a New Attorney Orientation on an annual basis for the last few years. The purpose of the day-long orientation is to welcome new attorneys to the Department, introduce them to our leadership, give participants an opportunity to meet each other, and to foster an appreciation for the Department and its mission. We have also secured speakers to talk about professional responsibility, training, effective advocacy, and success. The audience will include Honors Program and lateral attorneys from the litigating divisions, the Executive Office for Immigration Review, and bureaus who joined DOJ during the past year. We are expecting to have between 125 and 150 new attorneys in attendance.

Please let me know if you need any additional information from me or if there is a different protocol I should follow in making this request. I appreciate your time and consideration.

Best regards,
Trisha

Trisha A. Fillbach

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE NEW ATTORNEY ORIENTATION
Thursday, March 10, 2016 || Washington, DC || Great Hall – RFK Main Justice Building

AGENDA

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| 8:30 | 9:00 a.m. | REGISTRATION |
| 9:00 | 9:05 a.m. | OPENING REMARKS

Rena J. Cervoni
Deputy Director
Office of Attorney Recruitment and Management |
| 9:05 | 9:15 a.m. | WELCOME FROM THE OFFICE OF ATTORNEY RECRUITMENT AND MANAGEMENT AND INTRODUCTION OF ATTORNEY GENERAL LORETTA E. LYNCH

Jamila Frone
Director
Office of Attorney Recruitment and Management |
| 9:15 | 9:30 a.m. | GREETINGS FROM THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Loretta E. Lynch
Attorney General
Office of the Attorney General |
| 9:30 | 11:00 a.m. | PEER TO PEER: ADVICE FOR NEW DOJ ATTORNEYS

Gail K. Johnson, Moderator
Supervisory Trial Counsel
Civil Division

Peter Halpern
Trial Attorney
Criminal Division

Jenny Lee
Trial Attorney
Civil Division

Tanya Nesbitt
Trial Attorney
Environment and Natural Resources Division

Genna Petre
Honors Attorney
Federal Bureau of Prisons |

Lindsay Vick
Attorney Advisor
Executive Office for Immigration Review

11:00 11:15 a.m.

BREAK

11:15 12:15 p.m.

**PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY: BAR RULES EVERY
DEPARTMENT LAWYER SHOULD KNOW AND UNDERSTAND**

Ann C. Brickley
Senior Attorney
Professional Responsibility Advisory Office

12:15 1:30 p.m.

LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

1:30 2:00 p.m.

**A VIEW FROM THE BENCH: TIPS FOR SUCCESSFUL COURT
APPEARANCES**

The Honorable Richard W. Roberts
Chief Judge
U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia

2:00 2:45 p.m.

THE PEOPLE IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD: WHO CAN HELP YOU

Donna Cornett
Human Resources Officer
Civil Division

Jennifer L. McMahan
Deputy Director, Library Staff
Justice Management Division

Kelly E. Shackelford
Director of Training and Workforce Development
National Security Division

2:45 3:00 p.m.

BREAK

3:00 3:45 p.m.

**TEN TIPS FOR NEW ATTORNEYS TO DOJ: MAKING THE
MOST OF YOUR TIME AT THE DEPARTMENT**

Paul M. Brown
Senior Counsel
Civil Division

3:45 4:15 p.m.

LEADERSHIP RECEPTION

Otus84, AG (OAG)

Subject: Fwd: Welcoming remarks at the new attorney Orientation, DOJ
Location: Great Hall

Start: Thursday, March 16, 2017 10:15 AM
End: Thursday, March 16, 2017 10:30 AM
Show Time As: Tentative

Recurrence: (none)

Organizer: Otus84, AG (OAG)
Required Attendees: Hunt, Jody (CIV); Hanrahan, Peggi (OAG); Sarah Isgur Flores; Carr, Peter (OPA)

Attachments: invite.ics

Sarah Isgur

(b) (6)

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From: **Otus84, AG (OAG)** <AG.Otus84@usdoj.gov>

Date: Wed, Mar 1, 2017 at 6:40 AM

Subject: Welcoming remarks at the new attorney Orientation, DOJ

To: Hunt, Jody (OAG) <Jody.Hunt@usdoj.gov>, Hanrahan, Peggi (OAG) <Peggi.Hanrahan@usdoj.gov>, Sarah Isgur Flores (b) (6) <peter.carr@usdoj.gov> <peter.carr@usdoj.gov>

Location: Great Hall

POC: Sarah Flores

Notes: Office of Attorney Recruitment & Management has hosted a New Attorney Orientation on an annual basis for the last few years. The purpose of the day-long orientation is to welcome new attorneys to the Department, introduce them to our leadership, give participants an opportunity to meet each other, and to foster an appreciation for the Department and its mission. We have also secured speakers to talk about professional responsibility, training, effective advocacy, and success. The audience will include Honors Program and lateral attorneys from the litigating divisions, the Executive Office for Immigration Review, and bureaus who joined DOJ during the past year. We are expecting to have between 125 and 150 new attorneys in attendance.

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Great Hall
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ORGANIZER (CN="Otus84, AG (OAG)")
MAILTO:AG.Otus84@usdoj.gov

Attendee **MAILTO:Jody.Hunt@usdoj.gov**
Role REQ-PARTICIPANT
RSVP TRUE

Attendee **MAILTO:Peggi.Hanrahan@usdoj.gov**
Role REQ-PARTICIPANT
RSVP TRUE

Attendee **MAILTO:(b) (6)**
Role REQ-PARTICIPANT
RSVP TRUE

Attendee **MAILTO:peter.carr@usdoj.gov**
Role REQ-PARTICIPANT
RSVP TRUE

Description

Location: Great Hall
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From: **Bryant, Errical (OAG)** <Errical.Bryant@usdoj.gov>

Date: Wed, Mar 1, 2017 at 8:54 AM

Subject: RE: Invitation for AG Sessions

To: Sarah Isgur Flores (b) (6), peter.carr@usdoj.gov <peter.carr@usdoj.gov>, Flores, Sarah Isgur. (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>

I will also need to know if Mrs. Sessions is invited. Let me know if you would rather I reach out to them. Thanks

From: Bryant, Errical (OAG)

Sent: Wednesday, March 1, 2017 8:47 AM

To: Sarah Isgur Flores (b) (6); 'peter.carr@usdoj.gov' <peter.carr@usdoj.gov>; Flores, Sarah Isgur. (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>

Subject: FW: Invitation for AG Sessions

Good Sarah and Peter,

The AG is now a yes on the correspondents' dinner. Attached is the invite from Bloomberg which was what he received Feb. 2nd. This is the one he reviewed and accepted (If you think it would be better to accept the request below, please talk to the AG and get the details to me).

Sarah, would you like to reach out to Robin Goldman with Bloomberg to accept? Are you attending this event?

Thanks

From: Carr, Peter (OPA) [<mailto:pcarr@jmd.usdoj.gov>]
Sent: Friday, February 24, 2017 4:35 PM
To: Bryant, Errical (OAG) <Errical.Bryant@usdoj.gov>
Subject: FW: Invitation for AG Sessions

FYI – who should I send these to when I receive them, you and/or Peggi?

From: Levine, Mike [<mailto:Mike.Levine@abc.com>]
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2017 12:30 PM
To: Carr, Peter (OPA) <Peter.Carr@usdoj.gov>
Subject: Invitation for AG Sessions

Hi Peter... hope today's going ok. Pierre wanted me to pass along an invitation for Attorney General Sessions. Pierre would like to invite him (and his wife) to be a guest of ABC News for the White House Correspondents' Dinner on April 29. This email is just more of a "save the date" – formal invitation to follow, as we get closer. But hoping he'd be able to attend with Pierre?

Thanks!

--Mike

Mike Levine

Law Enforcement & Homeland Security

ABC News

C(b) (6)

E: mike.levine@abc.com

T: @mlevinereports

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From: **Hanrahan, Peggi (OAG)** <Peggi.Hanrahan@usdoj.gov>

Date: Wed, Mar 1, 2017 at 2:01 PM

Subject:

To: Flores, Sarah (b) (6)

Can you call me real quick. 4-9755

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From: **Lisa Kramer** <kramer@s-3group.com>

Date: Wed, Mar 1, 2017 at 4:53 PM

Subject: Re: OLP meetup

To: Rob Collins <collins@s-3group.com>

Cc: Sarah Isgur Flores (b) (6), sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov
<sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov>

Sarah- Rob is free from 11:00 AM-2:45 PM this Friday. Thank you!

On Mar 1, 2017, at 4:43 PM, Rob Collins <Collins@s-3group.com> wrote:

I'm with the Judge until 11. Would after 11 work? Lisa can help.

Rob Collins | (b) (6) cell | collins@S-3Group.com |

On Mar 1, 2017, at 4:28 PM, Sarah Isgur Flores (b) (6) wrote:

OLP proposes Friday at 10am.

Would that work for you?

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Sarah Isgur Flores

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From: **Chris Stroh** (BLOOMBERG/ WASHINGTON) <cstrohm1@bloomberg.net>

Date: Wed, Mar 1, 2017 at 10:43 PM

Subject: Quick question

To: <peter.carr@usdoj.gov>, (b)(6): Sarah Flores personal email

I know it's a crazy night but please let me know if a decision is being made tonight for Sessions to recuse himself from the Trump-Russia investigation

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From: **Bryant, Errical (OAG)** <Errical.Bryant@usdoj.gov>

Date: Wed, Feb 15, 2017 at 8:37 AM

Subject: RE: Re:

To: Sarah Isgur Flores <(b) (6)>

You are right. Look at an old printout

From: Sarah Isgur Flores (b) (6)

Sent: Wednesday, February 15, 2017 8:35 AM

To: Bryant, Errical (OAG) <errical.bryant@usdoj.gov>

Subject: Re:

We moved that to (b) (5) correct?

On Wed, Feb 15, 2017 at 8:23 AM -0500, "Bryant, Errical (OAG)" <Errical.Bryant@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Good morning Sarah,

Can you send me details on the (b) (5) ? Thanks

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From: **Carr, Peter (OPA)** <Peter.Carr@usdoj.gov>

Date: Wed, Feb 15, 2017 at 9:40 AM

Subject: RE: Question for Bloomberg story

To: Chris Strohm <cstrohm1@bloomberg.net>

Cc: (b) (6): Sarah Flores Personal Email <wyn.hornbuckle@usdoj.gov>
<wyn.hornbuckle@usdoj.gov>

Thanks, Chris. For now, we are declining to comment. I'll let you know if that changes.

From: Chris Strohm (BLOOMBERG/ WASHINGTON) [mailto:cstrohm1@bloomberg.net]

Sent: Wednesday, February 15, 2017 8:33 AM

To: (b)(6): Sarah Flores personal email; wyn.hornbuckle@usdoj.gov; Peter.Carr@usdoj.gov

Subject: Question for Bloomberg story

Hi I just need to confirm whether or not Sessions will recuse himself from the ongoing investigation into connections between Trump associates and the Russian government. And will he recuse himself from investigating leaks to the media about the investigation? Can you let me know as soon as possible? Thanks

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From: **Carr, Peter (OPA)** <Peter.Carr@usdoj.gov>

Date: Wed, Feb 15, 2017 at 1:36 PM

Subject: RE: Schumer on Sessions

To: Chris Strohm <cstrohm1@bloomberg.net>

Thanks, Chris.

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

From: Chris Strohm (BLOOMBERG/ WASHINGTON) [mailto:cstrohm1@bloomberg.net]

Sent: Wednesday, February 15, 2017 1:32 PM

To: peter.carr@usdoj.gov; (b)(6): Sarah Flores personal email

Subject: Schumer on Sessions

Here's what he just told reporters

"The Justice Department's own guidelines demand that attorney general Sessions remove himself from this matter immediately. If he does not, the investigation will remain jaundiced and the American people will doubt the credibility of its findings. If this trail leads to the Oval Office, the person investigating that trail should not be the same person who helped put President Trump there. End of Story."

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From: **Sarah Isgur Flores** (b) (6)
Date: Wed, Feb 15, 2017 at 2:54 PM
Subject: Re: Friday
To: Bryant, Errical (OAG) <errical.bryant@usdoj.gov>

Sure!

On Wed, Feb 15, 2017 at 1:58 PM -0500, "Bryant, Errical (OAG)" <Errical.Bryant@usdoj.gov> wrote:

I hate to do this but can we (b) (5) Thanks

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From: **Carr, Peter (OPA)** <Peter.Carr@usdoj.gov>

Date: Thu, Feb 16, 2017 at 8:32 AM

Subject: Re:

To: Sarah Isgur Flores (b) (6)

Sure, will work on it this morning.

On Feb 16, 2017, at 8:07 AM, Sarah Isgur Flores (b) (6) wrote:

Can we try to get them today?

On Thu, Feb 16, 2017 at 5:52 AM -0500, "Carr, Peter (OPA)" <Peter.Carr@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Yes, what's the deadline?

On Feb 15, 2017, at 10:07 PM, Sarah Isgur Flores (b) (6) wrote:

Are you the right person to get in touch with the other law enforcement heads for quotes for this release?

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From: **Cutrona, Danielle (OAG)** <Danielle.Cutrona@usdoj.gov>

Date: Wed, Feb 15, 2017 at 8:41 PM

Subject: Fwd:

To: (b)(6): Sarah Flores personal email

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Cutrona, Danielle (OAG)" <dcutrona@jmd.usdoj.gov>

Date: February 15, 2017 at 7:31:26 PM EST

To: "Flores, Sarah Isgur. (OPA)" <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>

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From: **Cutrona, Danielle (OAG)** <Danielle.Cutrona@usdoj.gov>

Date: Wed, Feb 15, 2017 at 10:06 PM

Subject: Re:

To: Sarah Isgur Flores (b) (6)

Sounds good

On Feb 15, 2017, at 10:05 PM, Sarah Isgur Flores (b) (6) wrote:

I'll get to work getting quotes from the others for it and we can figure out DAG thing at the end.

On Wed, Feb 15, 2017 at 9:24 PM, Cutrona, Danielle (OAG) <Danielle.Cutrona@usdoj.gov> wrote:

I don't know. I wasn't here when they talked about it. Just read a memo from olp that says (b) (5) it but since we are starting it before he gets here I think we should say (b) (5)

On Feb 15, 2017, at 9:02 PM, Sarah Isgur Flores (b) (6) wrote:

Look great to me--like it a lot. OPA can work with the other comms folks to get quotes. The DAG isn't going to be part of this?

On Wed, Feb 15, 2017 at 8:41 PM, Cutrona, Danielle (OAG) <Danielle.Cutrona@usdoj.gov> wrote:

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From: "Cutrona, Danielle (OAG)" <dcutrona@ind.usdoj.gov>

From: Cutrona, Danielle (OPA) <dcutrona@jmd.usdoj.gov>

Date: February 15, 2017 at 7:31:26 PM EST

To: "Flores, Sarah Isgur. (OPA)" <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>

My stab at it. (b) (5)

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From: **Cutrona, Danielle (OAG)** <Danielle.Cutrona@usdoj.gov>
Date: Thu, Feb 16, 2017 at 11:01 AM
Subject: RE: oped
To: Sarah Isgur Flores (b) (6)

Working on it. (b) (5)

From: Sarah Isgur Flores [mailto:(b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, February 15, 2017 10:13 PM
To: Cutrona, Danielle (OAG) <danielle.cutrona@usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: oped

Tomorrow is fine

On Wed, Feb 15, 2017 at 10:12 PM -0500, "Cutrona, Danielle (OAG)" <Danielle.Cutrona@usdoj.gov> wrote:

I'll need to make some changes but can't figure out how to do it on this phone...

On Feb 15, 2017, at 10:10 PM, Sarah Isgur Flores (b) (6) wrote:

(b) (5)

On Wed, Feb 15, 2017 at 10:08 PM, Cutrona, Danielle (OAG)
<Danielle.Cutrona@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Yes. What's the deadline?

On Feb 15, 2017, at 10:06 PM, Sarah Isgur Flores (b) (6) > wrote:

Can you read over this and see if you think its headed in the right
direction?

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Sarah Isgur Flores

(b) (6)

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Sarah Isgur Flores

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From: **Carr, Peter (OPA)** <Peter.Carr@usdoj.gov>
Date: Thu, Feb 16, 2017 at 11:04 AM
Subject: RE: Jody
To: Chris Strohm <cstrohm1@bloomberg.net>
Cc: (b)(6): Sarah Flores Email >

Thx, checking on the WH question.

From: Chris Strohm (BLOOMBERG/ WASHINGTON) [mailto:cstrohm1@bloomberg.net]
Sent: Thursday, February 16, 2017 11:00 AM
To: Peter.Carr@usdoj.gov
Cc: (b)(6): Sarah Flores personal email
Subject: Re: Jody

My editors say they expect the story to run later this afternoon.
I'll let you know when.

I saw Sessions is going to the White House this afternoon. Can you
provide background guidance on what that is about? Thanks

From: Peter.Carr@usdoj.gov At: 02/15/17 18:20:38

To: Chris Strohm (BLOOMBERG/ WASHINGTON)
Cc: Peter.Carr@usdoj.gov, (b)(6): Sarah Flores personal email
Subject: Re: Jody

Thanks, Chris.

On Feb 15, 2017, at 6:13 PM, Chris Strohm (BLOOMBERG/ WASHINGTON)
<cstrohm1@bloomberg.net> wrote:

Fyi I don't think the story is going to run until sometime tomorrow so you don't have to wait tonight. I'll let you know when I know

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From: Bryant, Errical (OAG) <Errical.Bryant@usdoj.gov>

Date: Thu, Feb 16, 2017 at 1:16 PM

Subject: RE: Tuesday, Feb. 28th speaking engagement

To: Sarah Isgur Flores (b) (6) Rybicki, David (OAG) <david.rybicki@usdoj.gov>, Cutrona, Danielle (OAG) <danielle.cutrona@usdoj.gov>, Bryant, Errical (OAG) <errical.bryant@usdoj.gov>

Thanks All. I will add to the calendar for now and Danielle and David for now I will list you two as POCs.

From: Sarah Isgur Flores [mailto:(b) (6)]

Sent: Thursday, February 16, 2017 1:03 PM

To: Rybicki, David (OAG) <david.rybicki@usdoj.gov>; Cutrona, Danielle (OAG) <danielle.cutrona@usdoj.gov>; Bryant, Errical (OAG) <errical.bryant@usdoj.gov>

Subject: Re: Tuesday, Feb. 28th speaking engagement

(b) (5)

Happy to look at drafts and help advise in the meantime.

From: Cutrona, Danielle (OAG) <danielle.cutrona@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 16, 2017 12:50 PM
Subject: RE: Tuesday, Feb. 28th speaking engagement
To: Bryant, Errical (OAG) <errical.bryant@usdoj.gov>, Rybicki, David (OAG) <david.rybicki@usdoj.gov>
Cc: Sarah Isgur Flores (b) (6)

Adding Sarah.

From: Bryant, Errical (OAG)
Sent: Thursday, February 16, 2017 12:41 PM
To: Rybicki, David (OAG) <drybicki@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Cutrona, Danielle (OAG) <dcutrona@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Tuesday, Feb. 28th speaking engagement

David and Danielle,

The AG will be attending the National Assoc. of Attorney General Winter Conference as a guest speaker on Feb. 28th (9:00am). Attached is the request form and an agenda. I will schedule prep time on the 27th for the event. I am not sure who prepares his speeches? Would that be Peter Carr?

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From: **Carr, Peter (OPA)** <Peter.Carr@usdoj.gov>

Date: Thu, Feb 16, 2017 at 1:44 PM

Subject: RE: Trump

To: Chris Strohm <cstrohm1@bloomberg.net>, (b)(6): Sarah Flores Email

Checking

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

From: Chris Strohm (BLOOMBERG/ WASHINGTON) [mailto:cstrohm1@bloomberg.net]

Sent: Thursday, February 16, 2017 1:33 PM

To: peter.carr@usdoj.gov; (b)(6): Sarah Flores personal email

Subject: Trump

Trump just said he has called the Justice Department to look into leaks taking place related to all the Russia stuff. I just want to clarify, has Trump asked DoJ to launch an investigation and is DoJ going to do it? Will Sessions recuse himself?

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Subject: RE:
To: Bryant, Errical (OAG) <Errical.Bryant@usdoj.gov>
Cc: Sarah Isgur Flores (b) (6)

Great, thank you.

From: Bryant, Errical (OAG)
Sent: Thursday, February 16, 2017 2:33 PM
To: Carr, Peter (OPA) <pcarr@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Sarah Isgur Flores (b) (6)
Subject:

Hello Peter,

I am not sure if you were aware but the AG will be taking his official photos tomorrow at 10:15am. I will add you to the invite as well.

Thanks

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From: **Carr, Peter (OPA)** <Peter.Carr@usdoj.gov>

Date: Fri, Feb 17, 2017 at 8:16 AM

Subject: Sessions Sticks to Justice Department Basics Amid Russia Uproar - Bloomberg

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

Cc: (b)(6): Sarah Flores Email

Here is the story from your interview:

<https://www.bloomberg.com/politics/articles/2017-02-17/sessions-sticks-to-justice-department-basics-amid-russia-uproar>

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From: **Carr, Peter (OPA)** <Peter.Carr@usdoj.gov>

Date: Fri, Feb 17, 2017 at 8:17 AM

Subject: Re: Jody

To: Chris Strohm <cstrohm1@bloomberg.net>

Cc: (b)(6): Sarah Flores Email <[REDACTED]> Peter.Carr@usdoj.gov
<Peter.Carr@usdoj.gov>

Thanks, Chris. Appreciate the heads up on this.

On Feb 17, 2017, at 7:16 AM, Chris Strohm (BLOOMBERG/ WASHINGTO) <cstrohm1@bloomberg.net> wrote:

The story posted this morning at <https://www.bloomberg.com/politics/articles/2017-02-17/sessions-sticks-to-justice-department-basics-amid-russia-uproar>

Thanks again for all the help and see you this afternoon at the meet and greet

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From: **Sarah Isgur Flores** (b) (6)

Date: Fri, Feb 17, 2017 at 10:01 AM

Subject: Re: Gridiron Club and Foundation Dinner: Jan Crawford : Saturday, March 4th

To: Bryant, Errical (OAG) <errical.bryant@usdoj.gov>, Carr, Peter (OPA) <peter.carr@usdoj.gov>

Cc: Hanrahan, Peggi (OAG) <peggi.hanrahan@usdoj.gov>, Hunt, Jody (OAG) <jody.hunt@usdoj.gov>

In general, staff does not attend. But I will be at the dinner and can always get him anything he needs.

On Fri, Feb 17, 2017 at 9:49 AM -0500, "Bryant, Errical (OAG)" <Errical.Bryant@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Peter and Sarah,

The AG has agreed to attend the Gridiron Club and Foundation Dinner on Saturday, March 4th. He will be seated at the head table. I am waiting on the scheduling information form to be returned with all the details. But, I wanted to make you aware of the event. My question for you is-- does staff need to attend and if so who? Attached is the invite letter.

Peggi,

The event is White Tie. So, we need to make sure he has that for the event. I also need to know if he

thinks Mrs. Sessions would like to go (ladies where long dresses).

Thanks

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From: **Sarah Isgur Flores** (b) (6)

Date: Fri, Feb 17, 2017 at 12:30 PM

Subject: Re:

To: Bryant, Errical (OAG) <errical.bryant@usdoj.gov>, Carr, Peter (OPA) <peter.carr@usdoj.gov>

Got it!

On Fri, Feb 17, 2017 at 12:07 PM -0500, "Bryant, Errical (OAG)" <Errical.Bryant@usdoj.gov> wrote:

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. If possible, one of you please discuss with him and let me know what his final thoughts are. The event is April 29th.

Thanks

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From: Carr, Peter (OPA) <Peter.Carr@usdoj.gov>

Date: Fri, Feb 17, 2017 at 5:27 PM

Subject: FW: Notes from AG's meet-and-greet with DOJ reporters

To: Sarah Isgur Flores (b) (6)

FYI

From: Bockhorn, Lee F. (OPA)

Sent: Friday, February 17, 2017 5:03 PM

To: Carr, Peter (OPA) <pcarr@jmd.usdoj.gov>

Subject: Notes from AG's meet-and-greet with DOJ reporters

Peter,

My notes from today's meet-and-greet are attached. I did my best to clean these up as much as possible. I've indicated with [...] places where there was crosstalk or when I was unable to pick up what was being said. Feel free to change/correct anything here based on what you heard, and distribute this to whomever you think will find it helpful.

Have a good weekend!

Lee

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From: **Sarah Isgur Flores** (b) (6)

Date: Fri, Feb 17, 2017 at 5:59 PM

Subject: Re: Chuck Raasch, and colleagues, with an interview request

To: Carr, Peter (OPA) <peter.carr@usdoj.gov>

Agree

On Fri, Feb 17, 2017 at 4:30 PM -0500, "Carr, Peter (OPA)" <Peter.Carr@usdoj.gov> wrote:

FYI, I let them know we will take it under consideration. (b) (5)

From: Chuck Raasch [<mailto:CRaasch@post-dispatch.com>]

Sent: Friday, February 17, 2017 3:59 PM

To: 'Mark.Abueg@usdoj.gov' <Mark.Abueg@usdoj.gov>

Subject: Chuck Raasch, and colleagues, with an interview request

Mark, per your offer to pass this on to Peter Carr and Wyn Horbuckle.

On behalf of colleagues who have written extensively about police-community relations, as a result of high-profile news events in our respective cities, I am requesting an interview with Attorney General Sessions.

Those colleagues, other than myself, are Todd Gillman of the Dallas Morning News; Herb Jackson of USA TODAY and the Bergen County, N.J. newspapers; Jonathan Salant of the New Jersey Advance Media and the Star Ledger; Steve Koff of the Cleveland Plain-Dealer; and John Fritze, of the Baltimore Sun.

To varying degrees, we have all had DOJ involvement in high-profile police-community stories over the last several years. We have many questions about how DOJ may approach these issues and situations under General Sessions, and it would be of great interest and service to our readers to talk collectively with the attorney general.

I look forward to your response.

Regards,

Chuck Raasch

St. Louis Post-Dispatch Washington Bureau

Office: 202-298-6880

Cell: (b) (6)

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From: **Brett Talley** <(b) (6)>
Date: Fri, Feb 17, 2017 at 6:36 PM
Subject: Re: Luther Strange
To: Carr, Peter (OPA) <Peter.Carr@usdoj.gov>
Cc: Sarah M. Isgur <(b) (6)>

Thanks guys. Have a good weekend.

On Fri, Feb 17, 2017 at 6:33 PM, Carr, Peter (OPA) <Peter.Carr@usdoj.gov> wrote:
Correct.

On Feb 17, 2017, at 6:27 PM, Brett Talley <(b) (6)> wrote:

On that last point, I had intended to sign it former Deputy Solicitor General of Alabama. I assume even there I should not mention my current position.

On Feb 17, 2017 6:17 PM, "Carr, Peter (OPA)" <Peter.Carr@usdoj.gov> wrote:
If ethics and OLP leadership are OK, fine with me but, as you note, need to be sure it is written in your personal capacity with no reference to your current role at DOJ.

On Feb 17, 2017, at 6:00 PM, Brett Talley <(b) (6)> wrote:

Ran it by our ethics guy and he said it was fine, but still wanted to check with you guys.

On Feb 17, 2017 5:57 PM, "Sarah Isgur Flores"
<(b) (6)> wrote:

Lol. I'm adding Peter Carr who is the official word on this!

From: Brett Talley (b) (6) >
Sent: Friday, February 17, 2017 5:21 PM
Subject: Luther Strange
To: Sarah M. Isgur (b) (6)

Question. Luther is getting all kinds of attacks in the Alabama press because he was appointed by Bentley. I wrote an op ed for al.com saying that I worked for him, he's an honorable man, and the unfounded accusations are absurd. I know other DOJ employees have written opinion pieces in the past, and this one is non partisan. Can I publish it, or will you fire me? I'll make the standard disclaimers. Views are my own, signed as former deputy.

Brett

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From: **Cutrona, Danielle (OAG)** <Danielle.Cutrona@usdoj.gov>

Date: Fri, Feb 17, 2017 at 6:39 PM

Subject: JBS Tackling Crime 021217

To: Sarah Isgur Flores (b) (6)

This is as far as I got...

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From: Cutrona, Danielle (OAG) <Danielle.Cutrona@usdoj.gov>

Date: Tue, Feb 21, 2017 at 11:57 AM

Subject: RE: Police officer killed

To: Carr, Peter (OPA) <Peter.Carr@usdoj.gov>

Cc: Sarah Isgur Flores (b) (6)

Sounds good.

From: Carr, Peter (OPA)

Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2017 11:46 AM

To: Cutrona, Danielle (OAG) <dcutrona@jmd.usdoj.gov>

Cc: Sarah Isgur Flores (b) (6)

Subject: RE: Police officer killed

Defer to the AG, but (b) (5)

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From: Cutrona, Danielle (OAG)

Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2017 11:40 AM
To: Carr, Peter (OPA) <pcarr@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Sarah Isgur Flores (b) (6)
Subject: Police officer killed

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Whittier police officer killed in shootout, suspect may be involved in separate homicide

By [Stephanie K. Baer](#), *The Whittier Daily News*

POSTED: 02/20/17, 9:24 AM PST | UPDATED: 12 HRS AGO

WHITTIER >> One officer was killed and another injured in a shootout Monday with a 26-year-old suspected gang member who may have been involved in a separate homicide in East Los Angeles, authorities said.

Whittier Police Chief Jeff Piper identified the deceased officer as 28-year-veteran Keith Boyer of Whittier and the wounded officer as Patrick Hazell, also of Whittier.

"Keith was very humble; he was always smiling, positive, energetic and intelligent," Piper said. He broke into tears. "He was the best of the best."

Hazell, who has been with the department for three years, was in stable condition at UC Irvine Medical Center, said Lt. John Corina of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Homicide Bureau. The suspect, who was wounded and has not been identified, is a known gang member and was released on parole about a week ago, authorities said. He is also a suspect in a homicide that occurred a few hours earlier in East Los Angeles.

Corina said the suspect, who was transported to Los Angeles County-USC Medical Center, was expected to live.

The officers were responding to a traffic collision about 8 a.m. in the area of Mar Vista Street and Colima Road when the shooting occurred, authorities said.

Corina told reporters at the scene the suspect had crashed a stolen vehicle into two other vehicles while traveling south on Colima. The drivers of the other vehicles had helped the suspect push his vehicle around the corner onto Mar Vista before officers arrived.

When officers did arrive, they turned the corner to talk to the suspect who immediately opened fire, striking both officers. They returned fire, striking the suspect.

The officers "were just responding to a report of an accident," Corina said during an afternoon press briefing. "The next thing they knew, they were in a gunfight. Now we have a dead police officer."

POLICE CHIEF'S PLEA

While talking about the case at a press conference at the city's Police Memorial, authorities attributed the homicide to Assembly Bill 109, a state law mandating early prison releases, and Proposition 47, which turned some felony offenses to misdemeanors.

AB 109 was signed into law by Gov. Jerry Brown in 2011 and Proposition 47 was approved by voters in 2014.

"We need to wake up. Enough is enough. You're passing these propositions, you're creating these laws. ... It's not good for our community (and) it's not good for our officers," Piper said. "You have no idea how it's changed in the last four years. We have statistics to show it."

• **Related Story:** [Is Prop 47 working? Depends on who you ask](#)

Corina said he did not know why the suspect was released or what his prior charges were, saying investigators still needed to talk to his probation officer.

SEPARATE HOMICIDE CONNECTION?

Corina said the vehicle the suspect was driving when he crashed in Whittier was reported stolen from East Los Angeles, where at about 5:29 a.m. a man was shot to death in the 1400 block of Volney Drive, according to sheriff's officials.

Witnesses to the East Los Angeles shooting have identified the suspect in the Whittier shooting as the man who shot and killed the victim, Corina said.

Family members on Monday identified the victim as Roy Torres. They said the suspect is Torres's cousin.

The family members said Torres [was shot to death in his bedroom at his parents' hillside home overlooking Cal State LA](#).

Johnny Garcia, 28, of Whittier, is another cousin of Torres. He said Torres loved to barbecue steak and lobster and was an all-around caring guy. He was also a peacemaker, Garcia said late Monday evening.

Garcia said everyone was asleep in the house when the shooting occurred and that Torres' mother didn't hear anything.

"Roy was in the (converted) garage with Victoria (his girlfriend of five months). This guy came into his house and stole his car," Garcia said. "I don't know what they could have been arguing about. Roy never yelled. I never heard him raise his voice."

A FATHER NEAR RETIREMENT

Boyer, a father and grandfather, was a couple of years away from retirement, said Jeff McNeal, his friend and band mate.

"He was genuinely the nicest guy you'd ever want to meet, and he had a great joy of performing music and bringing smiles to people," said McNeal, the lead vocalist and founder of

the Temecula rock band Mrs. Jones' Revenge. "He was proud of the work that he did, and we were proud of the work that he did both on and off the stage."

McNeal said Boyer was a lifelong resident of Whittier. The two met several years ago through a mutual friend, and in 2014, when the band was in need of a drummer, McNeal gave Boyer a call.

"He was an exceptional musician," McNeal said. "When he joined our band, he elevated us to a new level that wouldn't have been possible. His skill was such that we were able to play more challenging, more difficult songs."

Whittier police Officer John Scoggins said Boyer was the third in the city's history to be killed in the line of duty, the first since 1979.

The city of about 85,000 has a force of 128 sworn officers. The department also serves Santa Fe Springs.

A vigil for the officers was scheduled for 6 p.m. Monday at the city's Police Memorial.

"Two of our family members have been shot and one of them has passed away," said Councilman Fernando Dutra. "We are in mourning and in prayer for them and the families. We're focusing on what we need to do to support the families and all of the police officers."

In a statement, Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn, whose district includes the city of Whittier, said she was heartbroken over the death of the officer.

"It is a tragic reminder that every day, police officers risk their own lives to protect and serve their communities," Hahn said in the statement. "My heart is with the family of this fallen officer and his colleagues in the Whittier Police Department as they grieve the loss of one of their own and as we continue to pray for the recovery of the officer who was wounded in this morning's incident."

VIGIL HELD FOR OFFICERS

Mourners [by the thousands lit candles and listened to speeches](#) outside the Whittier Police Department headquarters hours after the report of Boyer's death.

"This has been a very, very difficult day," Whittier Mayor Joe Vinatieri said, but "by you coming here, you told the men and women of this department that you care."

Police estimated about 2,000 people gathered outside the headquarters to remember Boyer.

Many of the residents who showed up brought flowers and candles to pay their respects at the Whittier Police Memorial.

Chief Piper talked about Boyer's dedication to his job.

"He gave his heart and soul to these communities," he said referring to Whittier and Santa Fe Springs, which has been patrolled by Whittier police since 1995.

Piper said funeral arrangements are pending.

Staff writers Jack Cain, Sandra Makin and Miles Serrano; photographer Keith Durlinger

Staff writers Josh Cain, Sandra Mouna and Mike Sprague, photographer Kean Burjunger and correspondent Marianne Love contributed to this report.

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From: **Sarah Isgur Flores** (b) (6)
Date: Tue, Feb 21, 2017 at 12:01 PM
Subject: Re: Seeking background help?
To: Tucker, Eric <etucker@ap.org>

Since I'm still not officially on board, I really can't talk about things going on w those cases. Peter is your guy. Sorry!

On Mon, Feb 20, 2017 at 6:48 PM -0500, "Tucker, Eric" <etucker@ap.org> wrote:

Hi Sarah, sorry to bother you on a weekend, but we're hearing rumors that the administration is going to act tomorrow to reverse the guidance given to schools last year on transgender students. We're looking to publish tonight but we want to make sure we have all the facts correct. Anything you could say tonight to help on background? Call me anytime at (b) (6). Thanks so much, and I hope you had a great weekend.

Sent from my iPhone

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

Date: Wed, Feb 15, 2017 at 9:56 PM

Subject: Re: to talk about at some point this week

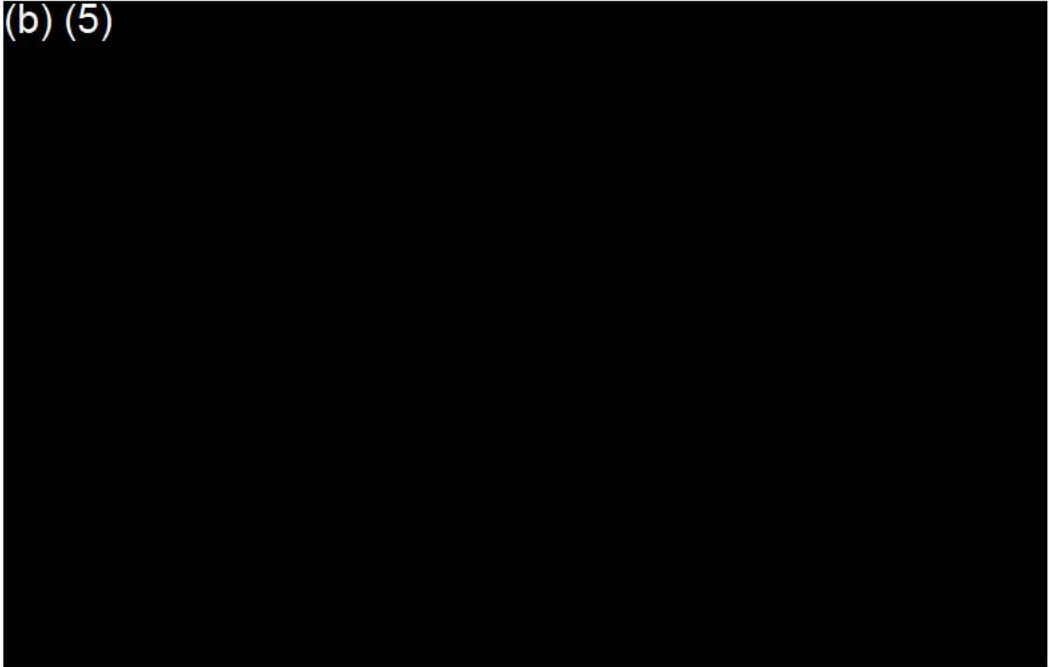
To: Sarah Isgur Flores (b) (6)

Thanks. Let's find time to sit down and discuss.

On Feb 15, 2017, at 9:06 PM, Sarah Isgur Flores (b) (6) wrote:

Proposed Press Plan for Attorney General

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From: **Sarah Isgur Flores** (b) (6)
Date: Thu, Feb 23, 2017 at 11:53 AM
Subject: Fwd: to talk about at some point this week
To: Hunt, Jody (CIV) <jody.hunt@usdoj.gov>

I've forwarded my press rollout suggestions below to Peter per the convo y'all had w JBS this morning.

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Ian Prior--the guy we hired as deputy--should have his paper work cleared any day now. (b) (5)
[Redacted text block]

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From: "Sarah Isgur Flores" (b) (6)
Date: Wed, Feb 15, 2017 at 9:05 PM -0500
Subject: to talk about at some point this week
To: "Hunt, Jody (CIV)" <jody.hunt@usdoj.gov>

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From: **Sims, Clifton D. EOP/WHO** (b) (6)

Date: Thu, Feb 23, 2017 at 8:23 AM

Subject: RE: Doj contact

To: Sarah Isgur Flores (b) (6) Carr, Peter (OPA) <Peter.Carr@usdoj.gov>

Thanks, Sarah. Peter – do you have a moment to chat this morning?

From: Sarah Isgur Flores [mailto:(b) (6)]

Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2017 2:07 PM

To: Carr, Peter (OPA) <Peter.Carr@usdoj.gov>; Sims, Clifton D. EOP/WHO (b) (6)

Subject: Doj contact

Intro to Peter Carr who is acting head of OPA for DOJ.

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From: **Sarah Isgur Flores** (b) (6)

Date: Thu, Feb 23, 2017 at 11:53 AM

Subject: Re: Doj contact

To: Sims, Clifton D. EOP/WHO (b) (6)

Cc: Carr, Peter (OPA) <peter.carr@usdoj.gov>

In theory yes. In reality, I don't know.

On Thu, Feb 23, 2017 at 11:50 AM -0500, "Sims, Clifton D. EOP/WHO" (b) (6) wrote:

Roger that. Is it an "any day now" kind of thing?

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 23, 2017, at 11:45 AM, Sarah Isgur Flores (b) (6) wrote:

No we don't. My paperwork hasn't been cleared by PPO.

On Thu, Feb 23, 2017 at 11:43 AM -0500, "Sims, Clifton D. EOP/WHO" (b) (6) > wrote:

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From: Hanrahan, Peggi (OAG) <Peggi.Hanrahan@usdoj.gov>
Date: Fri, Feb 24, 2017 at 8:29 AM
Subject: RE: Re:
To: Sarah Isgur Flores (b) (6)

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From: Sarah Isgur Flores [mailto:(b) (6)]
Sent: Friday, February 24, 2017 8:27 AM
To: Hanrahan, Peggi (OAG) <peggi.hanrahan@usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re:

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On Fri, Feb 24, 2017 at 8:18 AM -0500, "Hanrahan, Peggi (OAG)" <Peggi.Hanrahan@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Jeff wants to be sure this is happening so keep me posted.

On Feb 23, 2017, at 8:41 PM, Sarah Isgur Flores (b) (6) wrote:

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On Thu, Feb 23, 2017 at 6:36 PM -0500, "Hanrahan, Peggi (OAG)"

<Peggi.Hanrahan@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Sarah, (b) (5)

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From: **Carr, Peter (OPA)** <Peter.Carr@usdoj.gov>
Date: Fri, Feb 24, 2017 at 10:27 AM
Subject: RE: re-upping this for your post-SOTU plans
To: Sarah Isgur Flores (b) (6)

Thanks, Sarah.

From: Sarah Isgur Flores [mailto:(b) (6)]
Sent: Friday, February 24, 2017 10:21 AM
To: Carr, Peter (OPA) <Peter.Carr@usdoj.gov>
Subject: Fwd: re-upping this for your post-SOTU plans

To consider for some point, (b) (5)

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From: "Mike Allen" <mike@axios.com>
Date: Thu, Feb 23, 2017 at 12:48 PM -0500
Subject: re-upping this for your post-SOTU plans
To: "Sarah Isgur Flores" (b) (6)

We'd be honored to host the Attorney General as our debut guest for my new breakfast interview series on Wed. 3/1, Thu. 3/2 or Fri., 3/3 — relaxed,

substantive conversation, open to outside cameras and correspondents, with great social lift: an efficient and muscular debut platform ... Thank you so much for putting this on your radar, and love to mindmeld any time, Mike, (b) (6)

On Feb 14, 2017, at 7:06 PM, Mike Allen wrote:

Hope Harvard didn't corrupt you too much — and that your time with Ann was half as enjoyable as mine. Got to celebrate her last day there, the day before the K-School shouting match.

Understand you might be sticking your toe in A.G. World. If so, I have an idea I'd love to put on your radar ... Might be a perfect coming-out ...

Axios is launching a series of onstage "NewsShaper" interviews in the format of my old breakfasts — relaxed, substantive conversation that gives the newsmaker a chance to show the human side. I'd be most honored to host Attorney General Sessions as my debut guest for a conversation about his goals for the road ahead, and his philosophy of how he'll run this vital national and global organization.

The conversation would be open to outside reporters and correspondents, so this would be an efficient and muscular use of the Attorney General's scarce time. The event would be livestreamed, with an influential in-person audience (including young people), and huge social-media lift.

The Attorney General has talked about his love of the Justice Department after his 14 years of service there, and his understanding of the need to be responsive to Congress, after 20 years on the Hill. I'd also be interested in his concern about the recent jump in violent crime and murder rates, and the role the federal government can play in helping protect citizens from dangers ranging from heroin to terrorism.

The venue would be the Longview Art Gallery — a classy, secure location near the D.C. Convention Center. We're of course flexible on the date to accommodate the Attorney General's complicated schedule. We'd love to shoot for Wed., Feb. 22. We suggest a start time of 8 a.m., since we have found you get the best live audience on the way to work.

At your convenience, I'd love to chat about how this idea could help accomplish some opening-days communications goals.

Appreciatively for your consideration, and congrats on your exciting new life, Mike, cell (b) (6)

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From: **Sarah Isgur Flores** (b) (6)
Date: Fri, Feb 24, 2017 at 5:33 PM
Subject: Re: CLOSE HOLD: ZTE plea agreement - press conf
To: Tucker, Rachael (OAG) <rachael.tucker@usdoj.gov>

Ok then! Well... cool beans:)

On Fri, Feb 24, 2017 at 4:30 PM -0500, "Tucker, Rachael (OAG)" <Rachael.Tucker@usdoj.gov> wrote:

So oddly this came up during some Nat Sec discussions today and (b) (5)
[REDACTED]. You never know I guess!

From: Sarah Isgur Flores [mailto:(b) (6)]
Sent: Friday, February 24, 2017 11:41 AM
To: Tucker, Rachael (OAG) <Rachael.Tucker@usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: FW: CLOSE HOLD: ZTE plea agreement - press conf

can i never hear the word "usually" again. (b) (5)
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

or i am just fighting a losing battle here?

On Fri, Feb 24, 2017 at 11:31 AM, Tucker, Rachael (OAG) <Rachael.Tucker@usdoj.gov> wrote:

From: Carr, Peter (OPA)
Sent: Friday, February 24, 2017 11:32 AM
To: Tucker, Rachael (OAG) <ratucker@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: CLOSE HOLD: ZTE plea agreement - press conf

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From: Tucker, Rachael (OAG)
Sent: Friday, February 24, 2017 11:30 AM
To: Carr, Peter (OPA) <pcarr@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: CLOSE HOLD: ZTE plea agreement - press conf

Hey Peter,

Is it possible to (b) (5)

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From: Carr, Peter (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2017 12:13 PM
To: Tucker, Rachael (OAG) <ratucker@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: CLOSE HOLD: ZTE plea agreement - press conf

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From: Tucker, Rachael (OAG)
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2017 12:07 PM
To: Carr, Peter (OPA) <pcarr@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: CLOSE HOLD: ZTE plea agreement - press conf

Thanks Peter. I'll take a look.

From: Carr, Peter (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2017 12:06 PM
To: Tucker, Rachael (OAG) <ratucker@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: CLOSE HOLD: ZTE plea agreement - press conf

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Thx,

Peter

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Sarah Isgur Flores

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@whignewtons

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From: **Carr, Peter (OPA)** <Peter.Carr@usdoj.gov>

Date: Fri, Feb 24, 2017 at 6:06 PM

Subject: DOJ report for 2/24

To: Kaelan K. EOP/WHO Dorr (b) (6), Bradley A. EOP/WHO Rateike

(b) (6)

Cc: (b) (6)

Attached is our report for today. Let me know if the format and substance work.

Best,
Peter

U.S. Department of Justice

WASHINGTON

February 24, 2017

DAILY COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

TO: White House Cabinet Affairs Communications

FROM: Office of Public Affairs

SUBJECT: Communications Update

Inquiries

- **CBS News on AG Sessions Rescinding Yates memo on BOP's Use of Private Prisons.** CBS Evening news is running a segment tonight on the decision by Attorney General Sessions to rescind a memorandum from former Deputy Attorney General Sally Yates to BOP meant to reduce reliance on private prisons. The segment raises questions about safety and security at private prison facilities outlined in an OIG report and also questions whether the private prison industry's support of the Trump administration influenced the decision. A DOJ spokesman provided the following statement: "This decision returns discretion to the professionals at BOP who are in the best position to evaluate their needs. We are aware of the OIG report and recommendations and the Bureau of Prisons is continuing to take appropriate measures to ensure the safety and security of all facilities under its supervision. This was an operational level decision made with the support of career professionals at the Justice Department who advised the Attorney General."
- **Media Reports on Number of Individuals Encountered at U.S. Ports of Entry after Executive Order.** Media is reporting on yesterday's filing and today's hearing in the Eastern District of New York in *Darweesh v. Trump* that the federal government held 746 people between Saturday night, Jan. 28 and the end of the day on Sunday, Jan. 29. The department's cover letter accompanying the list was provided to press by the plaintiffs' lawyers. In the filing, the department lawyer referred to the list as consisting of all people "encountered or undergoing processing ... pursuant to the Executive Order" during the relevant time period. The letter also notes that "this list includes legal permanent residents." The statement from the plaintiffs' lawyers also noted, "the identities of the 746 individuals were disclosed to Darweesh counsel under a protective order that prevents their release to the general public." A copy of the protective order was signed by the judge in the case on Thursday. The department declined to comment beyond the public filings and arguments in court.

Top Stories

- [NPR on Expected Rise in Border Fence Litigation.](#) The NPR southwest border correspondent ran a five minute segment on the history of litigation from the

government's use of imminent domain to build border fencing along the U.S. Mexico border, and anticipating an increase as the Trump administration has vowed to expand the border barrier. It included an interview with Judge Hanen in the Southern District of Texas. The department provided background on the land acquisition litigation but did not participate in the on-air story.

Top Issues and Accomplishments

- **Eleven Individuals and One Company Charged in Florida with Exporting Prohibited Articles to Syria (National Security Division)** Ali Caby, aka “Alex Caby,” 40, a U.S. permanent resident currently residing in Bulgaria; Arash Caby, aka “Axel Caby,” 43, of Miami; and Marjan Caby, 34, of Miami, Florida, were arrested and charged with exporting prohibited dual-use goods to Syria, in violation of the Syria trade embargo, commerce regulations and a U.S. Department of Treasury designation based on an Indictment charging eleven individuals and one foreign company. The dual-use goods were exported to Syrian Arab Airlines, the Syrian government’s airline, which is an entity designated and blocked by the U.S. Department of the Treasury’s Office of Foreign Assets Control for transporting weapons and ammunition to Syria in conjunction with Hizballah, a terrorist organization and the Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps. Also charged in the indictment were Adib Zeno, Rizk Ali, Ammar Al Mounajed, Zhelyaz Andreev, Mihaela Nenova, Lyubka Hristova, Iskren Georgiev, Ivan Sergiev and Syrian Arab Airlines.
- **Virginia Man Sentenced to 11 Years in Prison for Attempting to Provide Material Support to ISIL (National Security Division)** Mahmoud Amin Mohamed Elhassan, 26, of Woodbridge, Virginia, was sentenced today to 11 years in prison and 10 years supervised release for attempting to provide material support and resources to the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), a designated foreign terrorist organization, and making false statements to the FBI. Elhassan, who is originally from Sudan, pleaded guilty on Oct. 24, 2016. According to court documents, Elhassan aided and abetted the attempt of Joseph Hassan Farrokh, 29, also of Woodbridge, to travel from the U.S. to Syria in order to fight on behalf of ISIL.
- **Member of Mexican Sex Trafficking Ring Sentenced to 188 Months in Prison Term for Sex Trafficking Scheme (U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Eastern District of New York)** Paulino Ramirez-Granados, a member of the Granados family sex trafficking ring, based in Tenancingo, Tlaxcala, Mexico, was sentenced today to over 15 in prison and five years of supervised release by U.S. District Judge Kiyo Matsumoto of the Eastern District of New York, for trafficking young Mexican women into the United States and forcing them into prostitution. He was also ordered to pay restitution to Jane Doe #1 in the amount of \$1,229,760. Ramirez-Granados is the latest member of the Granados organization to be sentenced in this case since 2013.
- **Administrator of Miami-Area Home Health Agency Sentenced to 126 Months in Prison for Involvement in \$2.5 Million Medicare Fraud Scheme (Criminal Division)**

Raciel Leon, 42, of Miami, the administrator of a Miami-area home health agency was sentenced before U.S. District Judge William J. Zloch of the Southern District of Florida to a 126 month prison term for his role in a \$2.5 million Medicare fraud scheme. In December 2016, he was convicted after a two-week jury trial of one count of conspiracy to commit health care fraud and wire fraud and one count of conspiracy to defraud the United States and pay and receive health care bribes and kickbacks. Ten of Leon's co-conspirators previously pleaded guilty, or were convicted at trial, in this and other related cases filed in the Southern District of Florida.

Upcoming Events

On Tuesday, February 28, Attorney General Jeff Sessions will deliver remarks at the National Association of Attorneys General Annual Winter Meeting in Washington, DC. The event is open press.

On Tuesday, February 28, Attorney General Jeff Sessions will deliver remarks at the Justice Department's 2017 African American History Month Observance. The event will include a showing of the documentary *"Too Important to Fail: Saving America's Boys."* The event will be in the Great Hall and is open press.

Non-Responsive Record: Sarah Flores Transmitting Email to OIP

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From: Sarah Isgur Flores (b) (6)

Date: Sat, Feb 25, 2017 at 7:04 PM

Subject: Re: Revised draft of AG's remarks to NAAG and draft op-ed

To: Carr, Peter (OPA) <peter.carr@usdoj.gov>

I think that's fine as long as he's done by tomorrow. You think that's what he meant?

On Sat, Feb 25, 2017 at 6:53 PM -0500, "Carr, Peter (OPA)" <Peter.Carr@usdoj.gov> wrote:

He just signed off, (b) (5)

From: Sarah Isgur Flores [mailto:(b) (6)]

Sent: Saturday, February 25, 2017 1:40 PM

To: Carr, Peter (OPA) <peter.carr@usdoj.gov>

Subject: Re: Revised draft of AG's remarks to NAAG and draft op-ed

Any update on whether he's had a chance to look at the op-ed. (b) (5)

On Fri, Feb 24, 2017 at 7:32 PM -0500, "Carr, Peter (OPA)" <Peter.Carr@usdoj.gov> wrote:

FYI, this is what went to the AG.

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Bockhorn, Lee F. (OPA)" <lfbockhorn@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Date: February 24, 2017 at 7:27:18 PM EST
To: "Hunt, Jody (OAG)" <johunt@jmd.usdoj.gov>, "Cutrona, Danielle (OAG)" <dcutrona@jmd.usdoj.gov>, "Rybicki, David (OAG)" <drybicki@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: "Carr, Peter (OPA)" <pcarr@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Revised draft of AG's remarks to NAAG and draft op-ed

All,

Attached for the AG's review over the weekend are a revised draft (#2) of his remarks to the National Association of Attorneys General, and an updated draft of the op-ed that reflects all the edits to the speech. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Have a good weekend,

Lee

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From: **Hunt, Jody (OAG)** <Jody.Hunt@usdoj.gov>
Date: Sun, Feb 26, 2017 at 5:16 PM
Subject: RE: Fwd:
To: Sarah Isgur Flores (b) (6)

Thank you.

From: Sarah Isgur Flores [mailto:(b) (6)]
Sent: Sunday, February 26, 2017 3:15 PM
To: Hunt, Jody (CIV) <jody.hunt@usdoj.gov>
Subject: Fwd:

Here's the resume I mentioned. VERY smart lawyer but who also has political skills as well. (b) (6)

(b) (6). I know (b) (6) and (b) (6), would both be willing to make phone calls to you or anyone else to discuss him as well if that would be helpful to you.

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Sarah Isgur Flores

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From: **Sarah Isgur Flores** (b) (6)
Date: Wed, Mar 1, 2017 at 11:59 PM
Subject: Fwd: what about this
To: <sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov>

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From: **Sarah Isgur Flores** (b) (6)
Date: Wed, Mar 1, 2017 at 11:23 PM
Subject: what about this
To: "Carr, Peter (OPA)" <Peter.Carr@usdoj.gov>

"I never met with any Russian officials to discuss issues of the campaign. I have no idea what this allegation is about. It is false." -- attorney general

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From: **Sarah Isgur Flores** (b) (6)

Date: Thu, Mar 2, 2017 at 12:01 AM

Subject: Fwd:

To: <sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov>

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

From: **Sarah Isgur Flores** (b) (6)

Date: Wed, Mar 1, 2017 at 7:01 PM

Subject:

To: "Hunt, Jody (CIV)" <jody.hunt@usdoj.gov>

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From: **Sarah Isgur Flores** (b) (6)
Date: Thu, Mar 2, 2017 at 5:55 PM
Subject: Fwd: PRESS: Tucker Carlson Show
To: <sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov>

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

From: **Otus84, AG (OAG)** <AG.Otus84@usdoj.gov>
Date: Thu, Mar 2, 2017 at 5:39 PM
Subject: PRESS: Tucker Carlson Show
To: "Hunt, Jody (OAG)" <Jody.Hunt@usdoj.gov>, "Hanrahan, Peggi (OAG)" <Peggi.Hanrahan@usdoj.gov>, Sarah Isgur Flores (b) (6)

Sarah Isgur Flores
(b) (6)
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From: **Sarah Isgur Flores** (b) (6)
Date: Thu, Mar 2, 2017 at 5:57 PM
Subject: Fwd:
To: <sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov>

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From: **Derespina, Cody** <Cody.Derespina@foxnews.com>
Date: Thu, Mar 2, 2017 at 5:23 PM
Subject:
To: (b)(6): Sarah Flores Personal Email

Hi Sarah,

Just wanted to thank you for your help in the midst of a very busy day today.

I'm attaching a couple articles I've written today/in the past on AG Sessions. I think you'll see if we have the opportunity to speak in the future, officially or not, I'll give the AG a fair shake.

<https://www.google.com/amp/www.foxnews.com/politics/2017/03/02/amid-russia-uproar-sessions-gets-boost-from-senate-allies-and-dem-s-twitter-flub.amp.html>

<https://www.google.com/amp/www.foxnews.com/politics/2016/12/14/marijuana-legalization-advocates-fear-ag-sessions-but-should.amp.html>

Regards,

Cody Derespina
Fox News

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Otus84, AG (OAG)

Subject: Fwd: PRESS: Tucker Carlson Show
Location: 400 N Capitol Street;

Start: Thursday, March 2, 2017 8:30 PM
End: Thursday, March 2, 2017 9:30 PM
Show Time As: Tentative

Recurrence: (none)

Organizer: Otus84, AG (OAG)
Required Attendees: Hunt, Jody (CIV); Hanrahan, Peggi (OAG); Sarah Isgur Flores

Attachments: invite.ics

Sarah Isgur

(b) (6)

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

From: **Otus84, AG (OAG)** <AG.Otus84@usdoj.gov>

Date: Thu, Mar 2, 2017 at 5:59 PM

Subject: PRESS: Tucker Carlson Show

To: Hunt, Jody (OAG) <Jody.Hunt@usdoj.gov>, Hanrahan, Peggi (OAG) <Peggi.Hanrahan@usdoj.gov>, Sarah Isgur Flores (b) (6)

AG POC: Sarah Flores

Tucker Carlson POC: Charlie Couger (b) (6)

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400 N Capitol Street;
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MAILTO:AG.Otus84@usdoj.gov

Attendee **MAILTO:Jody.Hunt@usdoj.gov**
Role REQ-PARTICIPANT
RSVP TRUE

Attendee **MAILTO:Peggi.Hanrahan@usdoj.gov**
Role REQ-PARTICIPANT
RSVP TRUE

Attendee **MAILT** (b) (6)
Role REQ-PARTICIPANT
RSVP TRUE

Description

AG POC: Sarah Flores
Tucker Carlson POC: Charlie Couge (b) (6)

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From: **Sarah Isgur Flores** (b) (6)
Date: Thu, Mar 2, 2017 at 5:35 PM
Subject: Fwd: got a second to chat?
To: <sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov>

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From: **Josh Dawsey** <jdawsey@politico.com>
Date: Thu, Mar 2, 2017 at 5:24 PM
Subject: got a second to chat?
To: Sarah Isgur Flores (b) (6)

am writing a story about your boss for tonight and wanted to bounce a couple things off you

Josh Dawsey
White House Reporter
POLITICO
Twitter: @jdawsey1
jdawsey@politico.com
Cell: (b) (6)

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From: **Sarah Isgur Flores** (b) (6)

Date: Thu, Mar 2, 2017 at 11:02 PM

Subject: Fwd: 2 min warning

To: <sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov>

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From: **Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA)** <Wyn.Hornbuckle@usdoj.gov>

Date: Thu, Mar 2, 2017 at 3:55 PM

Subject: 2 min warning

To: (b)(6): Sarah Flores Personal Email

Cc: "Carr, Peter (OPA)" <Peter.Carr@usdoj.gov>

Before the AG starts will you give a 2 min warning ?

Sent from my iPhone

Sarah Isgur Flores

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From: **Sarah Isgur Flores** (b) (6)
Date: Thu, Mar 2, 2017 at 11:04 PM
Subject: Fwd: Emergency request
To: <sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov>

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From: **Haden, Ed** <ehaden@balch.com>
Date: Thu, Mar 2, 2017 at 12:29 PM
Subject: Fwd: Emergency request
To: Sarah Isgur Flores (b) (6)

Sarah:

Can you help Hans? See below.

Ed

Sent from my iPhone

[[image]]

Ed R. Haden, Partner, Balch & Bingham LLP
1901 Sixth Avenue North * Suite 1500 * Birmingham, AL 35203-4642
t: (205) 226-8795 f: (205) 488-5648 e: ehaden@balch.com
www.balch.com<<http://www.balch.com>>

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From: "von Spakovsky, Hans"

<Hans.VonSpakovsky@heritage.org<mailto:Hans.VonSpakovsky@heritage.org>>

Date: March 2, 2017 at 11:21:51 AM CST

To: Ed Haden <ehaden@balch.com<mailto:ehaden@balch.com>>

Subject: Emergency request

Ed, I'm taping the O'Reilly factor at 3:00 at Fox. To defend the AG. Can you get someone on the AGs staff to send me talking points on the Russia problem ASAP?

Hans von Spakovsky

Manager, Election Law Reform Initiative and Senior Legal Fellow

Institute for Constitutional Government

The Heritage Foundation

214 Massachusetts Avenue, NE

Washington, DC 20002

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heritage.org<<http://heritage.org>>

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From: **Sarah Isgur Flores** (b) (6)
Date: Thu, Mar 2, 2017 at 11:05 PM
Subject: Fwd: I have agreed to do CNN this afternoon to speak about the AG
To: <sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov>

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From: (b) (6): Danielle Cutrona personal email
Date: Thu, Mar 2, 2017 at 11:51 AM
Subject: Re: I have agreed to do CNN this afternoon to speak about the AG
To: JOHN WALTERS (b) (6)
Cc: Sarah Isgur Flores (b) (6)

John--Thank you. Copying Sarah Isgur Flores here who handles press for us.

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

Subject: I have agreed to do CNN this afternoon to speak about the AG
Local Time: March 2, 2017 11:29 AM
UTC Time: March 2, 2017 4:29 PM
From: (b) (6): John Waters personal email
To: Danielle Cutrona (b) (6)

If you wish to suggest anything that might be helpful, I welcome your advice.

Sarah Isgur Flores

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From: **Sarah Isgur Flores** (b) (6)

Date: Thu, Mar 2, 2017 at 11:05 PM

Subject: Fwd: Fw: HEADS UP 12PM TODAY: PCCC, MoveOn Rally at DOJ, Calling on Sessions to Resign

To: <sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov>

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

From: (b)(6): Danielle Cutrona personal email

Date: Thu, Mar 2, 2017 at 11:49 AM

Subject: Fw: HEADS UP 12PM TODAY: PCCC, MoveOn Rally at DOJ, Calling on Sessions to Resign

To: Sarah Isgur Flores (b) (6), Stephen Boyd

(b) (6): Stephen Boyd personal email, S Ramer (b) (6): Sam Ramer personal email

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J. -- Today at 12 noon, the PCCC will be joining MoveOn and others on the steps of the Department of Justice in Washington. DC to call for Attorney General Jeff Sessions'

resignation after he [lied](#) under oath during his confirmation hearings.

PCCC organizer Jen Rafanan will be speaking at the event, and PCCC members will be carrying signs that [say](#), "Trump's Cabinet is Corrupt. Sessions Must Resign." Take a look at our email to members below.

WHO: Jen Rafanan, PCCC organizer
PCCC and MoveOn members and others

WHAT: Rally to call on Jeff Sessions to resign after lying under oath
during his confirmation hearing.

WHEN: **TODAY**, March 2, 12 noon ET

WHERE: Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Washington, DC

So far, Senate Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY), Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-MA), Sen. Kamala Harris (D-CA), Sen. Claire McCaskill (D-MO), House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-CA), Rep. Elijah Cummings (D-MD), and Rep. Ruben Gallego (D-AZ) and others have [called](#) on Sessions to resign. Very few Republicans are coming to Sessions' defense, and many are [urging](#) him to -- at the very least -- recuse himself from any investigations into Russia's connections to the White House.

Email to PCCC members near Washington, DC:

Subj: URGENT RSVP in DC: Sessions resign

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Friend,

Last night, the Washington Post [revealed](#) that Attorney General Jeff Sessions lied during his confirmation hearings.

Responding to a question from Sen. Al Franken, Sessions said he had no contact with Russia during the campaign. He did. Twice.

Senators Elizabeth Warren and others have already called for Sessions to resign. Can you join a media event today at noon in front of the Justice Department to make this demand?

[YES -- I'll attend noon at 950 Pennsylvania Ave, NW.](#)

[NO -- I cannot attend, but support this activism.](#)

Here is a [sign you can download and bring](#), saying, "Trump's Cabinet Is Corrupt. Sessions Must Resign."

Our friends at MoveOn, who are organizing this DC rally, put it well: "The only way for citizens to be able to trust that our government can act with integrity is for Attorney General Sessions to resign his post immediately and for his successor to appoint a special prosecutor to begin a comprehensive investigation of Donald Trump, his campaign, and his administration. Anything short of that is flatly unacceptable and puts our country's security and our free and fair elections at grave risk."

[Please RSVP to attend today.](#)

-- The Progressive Change Campaign Committee

P.S. [Download and print this sign:](#)

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Sarah Isgur Flores

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From: **Sarah Isgur Flores** (b) (6)

Date: Thu, Mar 2, 2017 at 11:05 PM

Subject: Fwd: Claire McCaskill Says She Never Met With The Russian Ambassador, But She Did - Katie Pavlich

To: <sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov>

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From: **Sean Kennedy** (b) (6)

Date: Thu, Mar 2, 2017 at 11:46 AM

Subject: Claire McCaskill Says She Never Met With The Russian Ambassador, But She Did - Katie Pavlich

To: (b) (6): Sarah Flores personal email

Claire McCaskill Says She Never Met With The Russian Ambassador, But She Did - Katie Pavlich

<https://m.townhall.com/tipsheet/katiepavlich/2017/03/02/claire-mccaskill-n2292849>

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From: **Sarah Isgur Flores** (b) (6)
Date: Thu, Mar 2, 2017 at 11:06 PM
Subject: Fwd: Tick tock
To: <sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov>

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

From: **Sarah Isgur Flores** (b) (6)
Date: Thu, Mar 2, 2017 at 11:01 AM
Subject: Fwd: Tick tock
To: Peggi Hanrahan (b) (6)

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From: "**Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)**" <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>
Date: Thu, Mar 2, 2017 at 10:59 AM -0500
Subject: Fwd: Tick tock
To: (b)(6): Sarah Flores Personal Email

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Carr, Peter (OPA)" <pcarr@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Date: March 2, 2017 at 10:49:06 AM EST
To: "Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)" <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Tick tock

Here's the chart in Excel, (b) (5)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, March 02, 2017 10:34 AM
To: Carr, Peter (OPA) <pcarr@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Tick tock

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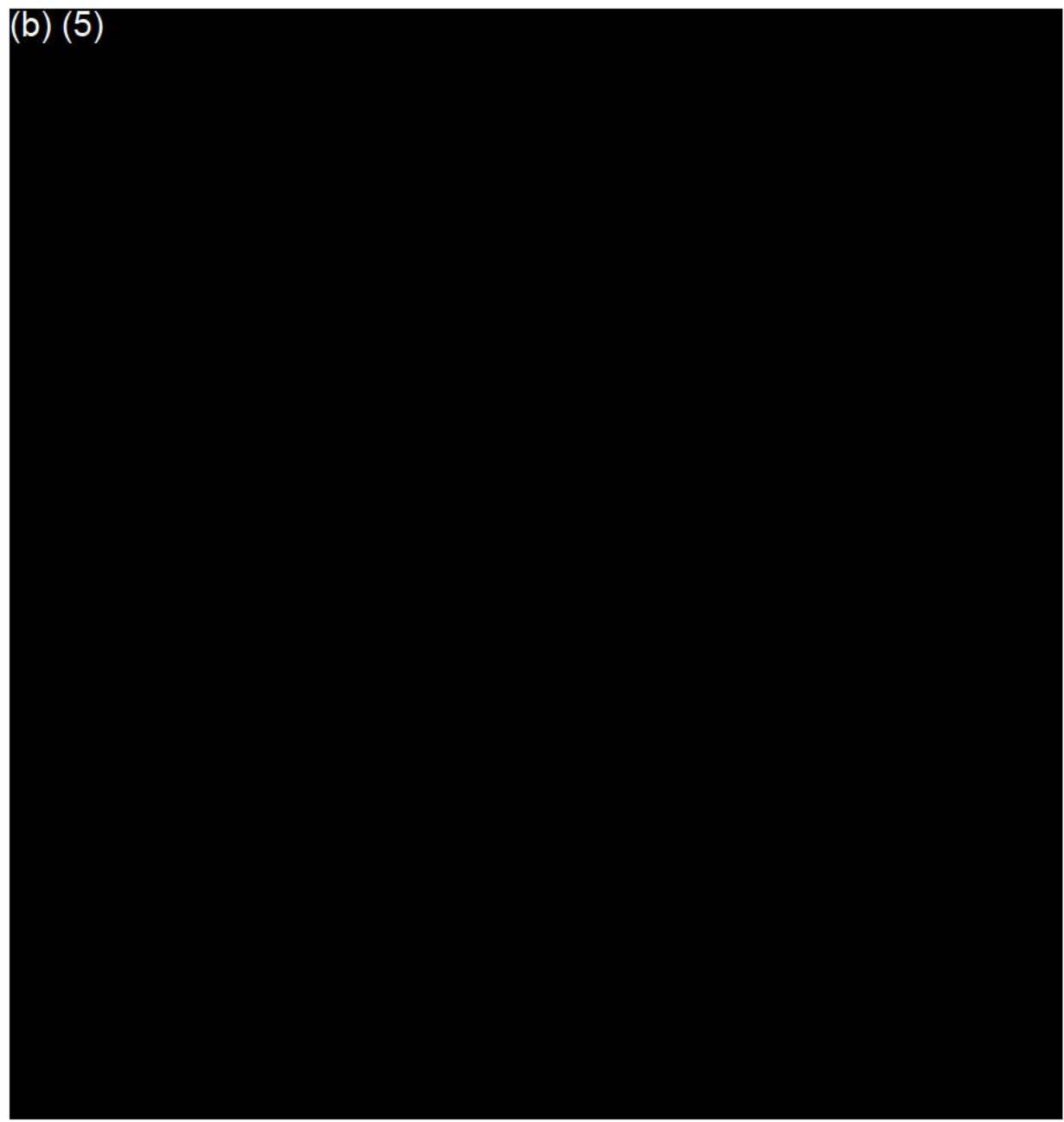
From: Carr, Peter (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2017 10:30 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) (b) (6)
Subject: Tick tock

Here is the information as I have it today. (b) (5)

-Peter

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Date: Thu, Mar 2, 2017 at 11:06 PM

Subject: Fwd:

To: <sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov>

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From: **Peggi Hanrahan** (b) (6)

Date: Thu, Mar 2, 2017 at 10:39 AM

Subject:

To: Flores Sarah (b) (6)

Call me please

Sent from my iPhone

Sarah Isgur Flores

(b) (6)

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From: **Sarah Isgur Flores** (b) (6)
Date: Thu, Mar 2, 2017 at 11:07 PM
Subject: Fwd: free to chat?
To: <sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov>

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From: **Viswanatha, Aruna** <aruna.viswanatha@wsj.com>
Date: Thu, Mar 2, 2017 at 10:55 AM
Subject: free to chat?
To: sarah.flores@usdoj.gov
Cc: Sarah Isgur Flores (b) (6)

Hi Sarah,

What a first day for you. Checking if you have a few minutes to connect today -- are you planning on dropping by the press room? I'm here now, let me know when you are free. I'm not sure what your usdoj address is so cc'ing gmail in case the other doesn't work.

Thanks,

Aruna

Aruna Viswanatha
REPORTER

(b) (6)

E: aruna.viswanatha@wsj.com

A: 1025 Connecticut Ave., 8th floor, Washington, DC 20036

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From: **Sarah Isgur Flores** (b) (6)
Date: Thu, Mar 2, 2017 at 11:07 PM
Subject: Fwd: can you give me a call? (b) (6) thanks
To: <sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov>

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From: **Lichtblau, Eric** <ericl@nytimes.com>
Date: Thu, Mar 2, 2017 at 10:18 AM
Subject: can you give me a call? (b) (6) thanks
To: Sarah Isgur Flores (b) (6)

Eric Lichtblau
New York Times
Washington Bureau
Reporter

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From: **Sarah Isgur Flores** (b) (6)

Date: Thu, Mar 2, 2017 at 11:07 PM

Subject: Fwd: (No Subject)

To: <sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov>

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From: (b)(6): Danielle Cutrona personal email

Date: Thu, Mar 2, 2017 at 10:16 AM

Subject: (No Subject)

To: Sarah Isgur Flores (b) (6)

<https://twitter.com/BecketAdams/status/837306181391683584/photo/1>

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Date: Thu, Mar 2, 2017 at 11:07 PM
Subject: Fwd:
To: <sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov>

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From: **Hanrahan, Peggi (OAG)** <Peggi.Hanrahan@usdoj.gov>
Date: Thu, Mar 2, 2017 at 9:57 AM
Subject:
To: "Hunt, Jody (OAG)" <Jody.Hunt@usdoj.gov>, "Flores, Sarah" (b) (6)

How much longer will your meeting up there last?

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From: **Sarah Isgur Flores** (b) (6)

Date: Thu, Mar 2, 2017 at 11:08 PM

Subject: Fwd: Post story

To: <sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov>

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From: **John Archibald** <JArchibald@al.com>

Date: Thu, Mar 2, 2017 at 9:37 AM

Subject: Post story

To: Sarah Isgur Flores (b) (6)

Morning Sarah. I am trying to digest all I can before reaching conclusions about the circumstances in the Post story. Is there anything, beyond what you told The Post, that might make skeptical readers feel more comfortable about the situation?

Did Gen. Sessions parse his words to tell the technical truth to avoid discussing his meeting with the ambassador, or did the meeting simply slip his mind? Or is it something else?

Is there something missing we need to know?

I appreciate any light you can shed.

Ja

John Archibald

Columnist

Al.com/Birmingham News

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From: **Sarah Isgur Flores** (b) (6)

Date: Thu, Mar 2, 2017 at 11:09 PM

Subject: Fwd: Come back ...

To: <sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov>

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From: **Hanrahan, Peggi (OAG)** <Peggi.Hanrahan@usdoj.gov>

Date: Thu, Mar 2, 2017 at 8:55 AM

Subject: Come back ...

To: "Flores, Sarah" (b) (6)

He wants you in his office.

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From: **Sarah Isgur Flores** (b) (6)
Date: Thu, Mar 2, 2017 at 11:10 PM
Subject: Fwd: Sessions Story
To: <sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov>

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From: **Megan Whittemore** (b) (6)
Date: Thu, Mar 2, 2017 at 8:32 AM
Subject: Sessions Story
To: Sarah Isgur Flores (b) (6)

What's most helpful thing to can say here?

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From: **Sarah Isgur Flores** (b) (6)

Date: Fri, Mar 3, 2017 at 11:01 AM

Subject: Fwd: Good morning, Sarah

To: <sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov>

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From: **Johnson, Kevin** <kjohnson@usatoday.com>

Date: Fri, Mar 3, 2017 at 10:58 AM

Subject: Good morning, Sarah

To: Sarah Isgur Flores (b) (6)

In the Fox interview last night, the AG seemed to contradict the conclusions by the intel community re: Russia's interference in the elections and that Moscow favored Trump.

Sessions: "I have never been told that."

Was he mistaken?

Thanks.

Kevin

KEVIN JOHNSON
USA TODAY

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From: **Sarah Isgur Flores** (b) (6)
Date: Fri, Mar 3, 2017 at 6:03 PM
Subject: Fwd: FW: Confirming Deputy Attorney General's Role
To: <sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov>

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From: **Press** <Press@usdoj.gov>
Date: Fri, Mar 3, 2017 at 5:37 PM
Subject: FW: Confirming Deputy Attorney General's Role
To: "Carr, Peter (OPA)" <Peter.Carr@usdoj.gov>, Sarah Isgur Flores (b) (6)

From: Lois Beckett [mailto:lois.beckett@theguardian.com]
Sent: Friday, March 03, 2017 5:01 PM
To: press@usdoj.gov
Subject: Re: Confirming Deputy Attorney General's Role

Hi Stephanie,

Closing in on my deadline--can I get confirmation that this is correct?

Lois

On 3 March 2017 at 15:07, Lois Beckett <lois.beckett@theguardian.com> wrote:

Stephanie,

Wanted to double check that Rod Rosenstein, if confirmed as deputy attorney general, would be the top official in charge of overseeing any investigations into Russia's interference in the 2016 election, since Attorney General Sessions recused himself from any election-related investigations yesterday.

Can you put me in touch with the right person to make sure I'm describing this accurately?

I'm profiling Mr. Rosenstein in advance of his confirmation hearing on Tuesday, so any comment from the Attorney General or the Justice Department on him, and in particular on his integrity or his suitability to oversee an investigation into Russian interference in the election, would also be greatly appreciated.

Best,

Lois

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From: Sarah Isgur Flores (b) (6)
Date: Sat, Mar 4, 2017 at 12:32 PM
Subject: Re: Recusal Sunday Show Talkers
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>

On Sat, Mar 4, 2017 at 11:18 AM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Carr, Peter (OPA)" <pcarr@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Date: March 3, 2017 at 12:29:39 PM EST
To: "Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)" <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Recusal Sunday Show Talkers

This may be too long, but here is a draft (b) (5)

Thx,

Peter

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From: **Sarah Isgur Flores** (b) (6) >
Date: Sat, Mar 4, 2017 at 2:04 PM
Subject: Fwd: From Hugh
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov>

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From: **Hugh Hewitt** (b) (6)
Date: Sat, Mar 4, 2017 at 1:04 PM
Subject: From Hugh
To: Sarah Isgur Flores (b) (6)

I'll be coming into town tomorrow Sarah and there through Wed night so any of the M-W shows for an interview with the AG would be great. Let me know what works for the AG.

And if he has 15 minutes free on his schedule any afternoon I'd love to chat with him on the 5th floor (my old digs for AGs Smith and Meese was the tiny office right outside of the main conference room). I have thoughts on special counsels that include experience as the law clerk to the Independent Counsel panel while the law existed in '83-'84 and of course as a Nixon guy in San Clemente out of college. They are very dangerous things but looks like we are headed there on l'affair Russia and wiretaps. I was the FISA court special assistant to Smith and Meese and I don't know who you have in that job but it is probably a hold over still given SCI clearances. Very concerning. Hugh

Sent from my iPhone

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From: **Sarah Isgur Flores** (b) (6)
Date: Sun, Mar 5, 2017 at 5:25 PM
Subject: Fwd: Comey request to DOJ
To: <sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov>

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From: **Michael Isikoff** <misikoff@yahoo-inc.com>
Date: Sun, Mar 5, 2017 at 5:18 PM
Subject: Comey request to DOJ
To: Sarah Isgur Flores <sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov>, Sarah Isgur Flores (b) (6)

Hi Sarah-- Just left you a vm. I have an MSNBC hit coming up and wanted to see what you can say about the request by Comey to have DOJ dispute the idea there was a FISA warrant targeting Trump Tower, etc.

Any guidance much appreciated.

Mike Isikoff

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From: **Sarah Isgur Flores** (b) (6)
Date: Sun, Mar 5, 2017 at 5:34 PM
Subject: Fwd: FBI director request...
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov>

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From: **Johnson, Kevin** <kjohnson@usatoday.com>
Date: Sun, Mar 5, 2017 at 5:04 PM
Subject: FBI director request...
To: Sarah Isgur Flores (b) (6)

Can you provide any guidance?

Thanks
Kevin

Sent from my iPhone

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From: **Sarah Isgur Flores** (b) (6)
Date: Mon, Mar 6, 2017 at 8:33 AM
Subject: Fwd: Written Testimony
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>

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From: "**Sanders, Sarah H. EOP/WHO**" (b) (6)
Date: Mon, Mar 6, 2017 at 8:14 AM -0500
Subject: Written Testimony
To: "Sarah Isgur Flores" (b) (6)

Sarah-

Can you send me your DOJ email address? Also when you send the written testimony to the Hill can you simultaneously send to us as well? We do not want an advance copy but would like to receive at same time they do.

Do you have more specific time frame of when you believe that will go out? Last we heard was between 12-6.

Thanks and good to see you this weekend at Gridiron.

Sarah

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From: **Sarah Isgur Flores** (b) (6)
Date: Mon, Mar 6, 2017 at 12:50 PM
Subject: Fwd: Rosenstein/story today
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov>

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From: **Lichtblau, Eric** <ericl@nytimes.com>
Date: Mon, Mar 6, 2017 at 12:49 PM
Subject: Rosenstein/story today
To: Sarah Isgur Flores (b) (6)

hey there

could anyone talk to me there for a story today on Rod's nomination hearing?

Can I don't think we ever got answers on those two questions about the recusal -- whether it applies to the transition and what his meetings were in 2015.

lastly, are you expecting anything more today on the concerns from FBI and the request for DoJ to say something in response to White HOuse and correct the record?

Eric Lichtblau
New York Times
Washington Bureau
Reporter

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From: **Sarah Isgur Flores** (b) (6)
Date: Mon, Mar 6, 2017 at 10:20 AM
Subject: Re: Good morning.
To: Johnson, Kevin <kjohnson@usatoday.com>

it will go this afternoon--but i dont have a time

we wont be commenting on comey story

On Mon, Mar 6, 2017 at 10:01 AM, Johnson, Kevin <kjohnson@usatoday.com> wrote:

Do you know when the AG's amended statement goes to Judiciary?

Also, is AG/Justice planning to address Comey's concerns?

Thanks,

Kevin

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From: **Sarah Isgur Flores** (b) (6)
Date: Mon, Mar 6, 2017 at 12:50 PM
Subject: Fwd: Good point on call
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov>

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From: **Paul Bedard** <pbedard@washingtonexaminer.com>
Date: Mon, Mar 6, 2017 at 10:14 AM
Subject: Good point on call
To: Sarah Isgur Flores (b) (6)

Gonna focus on the 300 in my sidebar if there's any more info...

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From: **Sarah Isgur Flores** (b) (6)

Date: Mon, Mar 6, 2017 at 4:36 PM

Subject: Fwd: Did Sessions send his clarification letter to SJC re russia meeting?

To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov>

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From: **Lichtblau, Eric** <ericl@nytimes.com>

Date: Mon, Mar 6, 2017 at 4:35 PM

Subject: Did Sessions send his clarification letter to SJC re russia meeting?

To: Sarah Isgur Flores (b) (6)

Eric Lichtblau

New York Times

Washington Bureau

Reporter

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From: **Sarah Isgur Flores** (b) (6)
Date: Mon, Mar 6, 2017 at 5:46 PM
Subject: Fwd: Hi again Sarah
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov>

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From: **Todd Ruger** <ToddRuger@cqrollcall.com>
Date: Mon, Mar 6, 2017 at 4:42 PM
Subject: Hi again Sarah
To: Sarah Isgur Flores (b) (6)

Hi Sarah, I see you made it over to DOJ. I know it's a busy time.

What is your DOJ email? I would like to be able to reach out to you.

Also, as long as I'm writing this note, is there any way you can put me on the email distribution list that includes NPR, Reuters, etc.? It was recently used to announce AG Sessions' signing the private prison guidance. I have seen the list and my predecessor here at CQ is on it, but I never had luck getting the Obama administration folks to put me on it.

Thanks,

Todd Ruger
CQ Roll Call
Legal Affairs Staff Writer
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Subject: Fwd: Welcoming remarks at the new attorney Orientation, DOJ
Location: Great Hall

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Organizer: Otus84, AG (OAG)
Required Attendees: Hanrahan, Peggi (OAG); Carr, Peter (OPA); Sarah Isgur Flores

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Sarah Isgur

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From: **Otus84, AG (OAG)** <AG.Otus84@usdoj.gov>

Date: Tue, Mar 7, 2017 at 1:26 PM

Subject: Welcoming remarks at the new attorney Orientation, DOJ

To: Hanrahan, Peggi (OAG) <Peggi.Hanrahan@usdoj.gov>, peter.carr@usdoj.gov
<peter.carr@usdoj.gov>, Sarah Isgur Flores (b) (6)

Location: Great Hall

POC: Sarah Flores

Notes: Office of Attorney Recruitment & Management has hosted a New Attorney Orientation on an annual basis for the last few years. The purpose of the day-long orientation is to welcome new attorneys to the Department, introduce them to our leadership, give participants an opportunity to meet each other, and to foster an appreciation for the Department and its mission. We have also secured speakers to talk about professional responsibility, training, effective advocacy, and success. The audience will include Honors Program and lateral attorneys from the litigating divisions, the Executive Office for Immigration Review, and bureaus who joined DOJ during the past year. We are expecting to have between 125 and 150 new attorneys in attendance.

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From: **Sarah Isgur Flores** (b) (6)
Date: Tue, Mar 7, 2017 at 4:38 PM
Subject: Fwd: Hello (Again)
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov>

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From: **Ross, Lee** <lee.ross@foxnews.com>
Date: Tue, Mar 7, 2017 at 3:35 PM
Subject: Hello (Again)
To: Sarah Isgur Flores (b) (6)

I trust all is going well for you at Main Justice. I filled in there for Fox years ago before moving out west. I'm sure Matt Dean is treating you well.

Anyway.... The reason I'm reaching out is that I wanted to start a dialogue with you about meeting up with AG Sessions for an interview when he makes a border trip out west. Whether that's a meeting with USA's or ATF out here -- or a speech -- or an actual border tour.... Or whatever is on your calendar. I'd like to be able coordinate for an interview with our expert immigration reporter William LaJeunesse.

He's not a campaign warrior so you may not have met him yet but I work with him here in our western office and he's absolutely first rate. Please bug me back any/all questions. Lee

Here are some of the issues on our mind:

***Future of Operation Streamline

***Backlog of immigration court cases

***Rules on asylum seekers & catch/release

***Prosecuting smugglers under child trafficking statutes

***Response to ongoing intransigence from Sanctuary city/states

***Fast & Furious follow up. What the new admin means to this old issue

Here are some links to William's work.

<http://video.foxnews.com/v/5346533158001/?#sp=show-clips>

<http://video.foxnews.com/v/5323408113001/?#sp=show-clips>

<http://video.foxnews.com/v/5126561454001/?#sp=show-clips>

Lee Ross

Producer

Fox News

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Date: Tue, Mar 7, 2017 at 5:03 PM
Subject: Fwd: AG meeting with civil rights leaders
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov>

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From: **Johnson, Kevin** <kjohnson@usatoday.com>
Date: Tue, Mar 7, 2017 at 5:03 PM
Subject: AG meeting with civil rights leaders
To: Sarah Isgur Flores (b) (6)
Cc: "Carr, Peter (OPA)" <Peter.Carr@usdoj.gov>

Are you releasing any readout of AG meeting, other than what the group leaders discussed outside?

Thanks,

Kevin

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From: **Sarah Isgur Flores** (b) (6)
Date: Tue, Mar 7, 2017 at 6:34 PM
Subject: Fwd: MSNBC/Al Franken on AG Sessions
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov>

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From: **Lewis, Stephen (NBCUniversal, MSNBC)** <Stephen.lewis@nbcuni.com>
Date: Tue, Mar 7, 2017 at 6:23 PM
Subject: MSNBC/Al Franken on AG Sessions
To: (b)(6): Sarah Flores Personal Email
Cc: "Lazzaro, Jillian (NBCUniversal)" <Jillian.Lazzaro@nbcuni.com>

Hi Sara:

Stephen Lewis here from MSNBC's THE LAST WORD WITH LAWRENCE O'DONNELL.

We are having Senator Franken on the program tonight. As you know, he made some serious accusations against the Attorney General today.

Would the Attorney General like to come on the program – live at 10:00 pm ET to respond? If not, have you released a statement in response to Senator Franken? If so, can you pass along to me?

Thanks and Best,

S.

Stephen

Stephen Lewis

Producer

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From: **Sarah Isgur Flores** (b) (6)
Date: Wed, Mar 8, 2017 at 8:33 AM
Subject: Fwd: Invitation to speak at the 2017 Western Conservative Summit
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov>

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From: **Hunt, Jeffrey G.** <jhunt@ccu.edu>
Date: Tue, Mar 7, 2017 at 5:20 PM
Subject: Invitation to speak at the 2017 Western Conservative Summit
To: (b)(6): Sarah Flores Personal Email
Cc: "Belk, Ashton R." <abelk@ccu.edu>

Hi Sarah,

We had Senator Sessions visit our campus during the campaign. We would love to have him speak at the 2017 Western Conservative Summit. Can you forward the attached invitation to the right person?

Thanks so much!

JH

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Jeff Hunt

Jeff Hunt

Vice President of Public Policy, Colorado Christian University

Director, Centennial Institute

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Please let us know if you can join us or if you have any questions.

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Yours for limited government,

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Sarah Isgur Flores

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Jeff Hunt", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Jeff Hunt
Vice President of Public Policy, Colorado Christian University
Director, Centennial Institute

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From: Sarah Isgur Flores (b) (6)
Date: Thu, Mar 9, 2017 at 9:36 AM
Subject: Fwd: Fox News -- Your World with Neil Cavuto
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov>

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

From: Zusi, Meghan <meghan.zusi@foxnews.com>
Date: Thu, Mar 9, 2017 at 9:36 AM
Subject: RE: Fox News -- Your World with Neil Cavuto
To: (b)(6): Sarah Flores Personal Email

Sarah,

Hope all is well with you. Wanted to circle back when you and see when we can get AG Sessions on the program. Really do hope to make it work soon.

Thanks

From: Zusi, Meghan
Sent: Wednesday, March 01, 2017 10:34 PM
To: (b) (6): Sarah Flores personal email
Subject: Re: Fox News -- Your World with Neil Cavuto

Sarah,

Wanted to follow up with you and AG Sessions. Think we can make something work this week?

Let me know.

Many thanks

Meghan Zusi

"Your World with Neil Cavuto"

Fox News Channel – New York

Office: (b) (6)

Cell: (b) (6)

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 28, 2017, at 9:36 PM, Zusi, Meghan <meghan.zusi@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Sarah,

Hope this mail finds you well. Wanted to touch base with you and see when we can get AG Sessions on with Neil.

He is live from 12:00-2:00 pm and again in the 4:00 pm hour. Please let me know what works best for him.

Many thanks

Meghan Zusi

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Fox News Channel – New York

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Date: Thu, Mar 9, 2017 at 11:34 AM
Subject: Fwd: Question on Spicer statement
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov>

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From: **Lichtblau, Eric** <ericl@nytimes.com>
Date: Thu, Mar 9, 2017 at 11:34 AM
Subject: Question on Spicer statement
To: Sarah Isgur Flores (b) (6)

just following up on that question....

Spicer said at the briefing that ***“there is no reason to believe there is any type of investigation with respect to the Department of Justice.”***

Did the Justice Dept tell the White House that?

Eric Lichtblau
New York Times
Washington Bureau
Reporter

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From: **Sarah Isgur Flores** (b) (6)
Date: Thu, Mar 9, 2017 at 1:20 PM
Subject: Fwd: Hey, Sarah
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov>

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From: **Sarah Isgur Flores** (b) (6)
Date: Tue, Feb 28, 2017 at 5:22 PM
Subject: Re: Hey, Sarah
To: Michael Davis <mrd@mrd.law>

Personal cell: (b) (6)
email: sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov
work cell: (b) (6)

On Tue, Feb 28, 2017 at 5:16 PM, Michael Davis <mrd@mrd.law> wrote:

And send me your cell phone and DOJ email.

Thank you,

Mike Davis

Michael B. Davis

Michael R. Davis

Managing Partner

MRDLaw

Denver | Colorado Springs | Washington, DC

[303-562-1783](tel:303-562-1783) (Denver)

[202-380-4471](tel:202-380-4471) (DC)

(b) (6) (Mobile)

mrd@mrd.law

From: MRDLaw Pro Bono <mrd@mrd.law>

Date: Tuesday, February 28, 2017 at 5:16 PM

To: Sarah Isgur Flores (b) (6)

Subject: Re: Hey, Sarah

You need this.

Thank you,

Mike Davis

Michael R. Davis

Managing Partner

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From: Sarah Isgur Flores (b) (6)

From: Sarah Isgui Flores (b) (6)
Date: Tuesday, February 28, 2017 at 5:08 PM
To: MRDLaw Pro Bono <mrd@mrd.law>
Subject: Re: Hey, Sarah

I'm here!!! When can we meet up! I just talked to Bumatay today and it sounds like you and I are very much on the same page with where this needs to go.

S

On Tue, Feb 28, 2017 at 5:05 PM, Michael Davis <mrd@mrd.law> wrote:

Are you going to DOJ Comms?

I want you to work on the Gorsuch nomination, starting 4 weeks ago. (:

Thank you,

Mike Davis

Michael R. Davis

Managing Partner

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From: **Sarah Isgur Flores** (b) (6)
Date: Thu, Mar 9, 2017 at 1:21 PM
Subject: Fwd: Sarah,
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov>

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From: **Sarah Isgur Flores** (b) (6)
Date: Wed, Mar 1, 2017 at 11:56 PM
Subject: Re: Sarah,
To: "Johnson, Kevin" <kjohnson@usatoday.com>

nothing booked as of now. he has a full schedule of meetings.

On Wed, Mar 1, 2017 at 11:55 PM, Johnson, Kevin <kjohnson@usatoday.com> wrote:

Yes, thanks, Sarah. Is AG gonna be out on this tomoro?

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 1, 2017, at 11:48 PM, Sarah Isgur Flores (b) (6) wrote:

we got you what you needed right?

On Wed, Mar 1, 2017 at 9:08 PM, Johnson, Kevin <kjohnson@usatoday.com> wrote:

Inquiring on Post story on AG contacts with Russian ambassador. Can you provide some guidance?

Thanks
Kevin

(b) (6)

Sent from my iPhone

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Date: Thu, Mar 9, 2017 at 1:22 PM
Subject: Fwd: Question for clarification
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov>

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From: **Sarah Isgur Flores** (b) (6)
Date: Wed, Mar 1, 2017 at 11:46 PM
Subject: Re: Question for clarification
To: Chris Strohm <cstrohm1@bloomberg.net>
Cc: "Carr, Peter (OPA)" <peter.carr@usdoj.gov>

some confusion w carol. it was in person.

On Wed, Mar 1, 2017 at 11:28 PM, Chris Strohm (BLOOMBERG/ WASHINGTON) <cstrohm1@bloomberg.net> wrote:

On background, did Sessions meet in person with the Russian ambassador in September or talk with him by phone?

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Date: Wed, Mar 1, 2017 at 11:59 PM
Subject: Fwd: wsj
To: <sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov>

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From: **Sarah Isgur Flores** (b) (6)
Date: Wed, Mar 1, 2017 at 11:22 PM
Subject: wsj
To: "Hunt, Jody (CIV)" <jody.hunt@usdoj.gov>

By
CAROL E. LEE,

CHRISTOPHER S. STEWART,

ROB BARRY and

SHANE HARRIS

Updated March 1, 2017 10:56 p.m. ET

242 COMMENTS

WASHINGTON—U.S. investigators have examined contacts Attorney General Jeff Sessions had with Russian officials during the time he was advising Donald Trump's presidential campaign, according to people familiar with the matter.

The outcome of the inquiry, and whether it is ongoing, wasn't clear, these people said. The contacts were being examined as part of a wide-ranging U.S. counterintelligence investigation into possible communications between

members of Mr. Trump's campaign team and Russian operatives, they said.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation, which has been leading the investigation, didn't immediately respond to a request for comment. The White House directed requests for comment to the Justice Department.

During his confirmation hearing for attorney general in January, Mr. Sessions, a Republican senator from Alabama, testified under oath that he had no contact with Russian officials as a campaign surrogate and never discussed the 2016 election with Russian officials.

But Mr. Sessions spoke with the Russian ambassador to the U.S., Sergei Kislyak, while the Republican National Convention was under way in Cleveland last summer, according to his spokeswoman, Sarah Flores. He also spoke with Mr. Kislyak on another occasion last year, by phone from his Senate office, she said.

Ms. Flores said the contact last July occurred when Mr. Sessions spoke at a Heritage Foundation event attended by Mr. Kislyak in Cleveland, appearing in his capacity as a senator, not a campaign official. She said several

ambassadors approached Mr. Sessions after his speech at the Heritage Foundation event, including Mr. Kislyak.

"It was short and informal," she said.

She said the attorney general wasn't aware that his communications have been under investigation.

During his confirmation hearing in January, Mr. Sessions was asked what he would do if any evidence emerged that someone affiliated with the Trump campaign communicated with the Russian government during campaign and said: "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," he said.

Ms. Flores said Mr. Sessions wasn't required to disclose the contacts because they took place in his capacity as a senator, not a campaign official.

"The attorney general has been very clear that as a senator he had conversations with the Russian ambassador," Ms. Flores said in a statement. "Last year, the senator had over 25 conversations with foreign ambassadors as a senior member of the Armed Services Committee, including the British, Korean, Japanese, Polish, Indian, Chinese, Canadian, Australian, German and Russian ambassadors."

The focus of the U.S. counterintelligence investigation has been on communications between Trump campaign officials and Russia. The inquiry involving Mr. Sessions is examining his contacts while serving as Mr. Trump's foreign-policy adviser in the spring and summer of 2016, one person familiar with the matter said.

The investigation is being pursued by the FBI, Central Intelligence Agency, National Security Agency and Treasury Department, officials have said. Counterintelligence probes seldom lead to public accusations or criminal charges.

However, the probe, if ongoing, could create a highly unusual and sensitive political dynamic given that the FBI is part of the Justice Department that Mr. Sessions as attorney general, now leads. Mr. Sessions has only been in office for under a month and the investigation began before he was nominated and approved by the Senate.

 Jeff Sessions, then a senator for Alabama, arriving at Trump Tower on Nov. 15. He was sworn in as attorney general in February.

Jeff Sessions, then a senator for Alabama, arriving at Trump Tower on Nov. 15. He was sworn in as attorney general in February. PHOTO: DREW ANGERER/GETTY IMAGES

The FBI's role in the investigation into Mr. Sessions' conversations left the agency "wringing its hands" about how to proceed, said one person familiar with the matter.

Mr. Trump asked for the resignation of his national security adviser, Mike Flynn, after Mr. Flynn misled Vice President Mike Pence over the nature of a conversation he had in December with Russia's ambassador to the U.S.

The White House has denied any inappropriate interactions between associates of Mr. Trump and Russian officials. Asked during a news conference in February if anyone advising his campaign had contact with Russia during the campaign, Mr. Trump said "nobody that I know of."

Committees in the House of Representatives and the Senate are investigating Russia's alleged involvement in the election campaign and possible ties or communication between Russian officials and the Trump campaign.

Russia has denied interfering in the U.S. election, blaming accusations on American politicians who want to sabotage relations between the two countries.

Some Republicans contend that the Russia investigations are politically motivated and are being pushed by people who were furious that the FBI, led by its director, James Comey, continued to investigate Hillary Clinton's emails late into the 2016 election campaign. These Republicans say that the Russia investigations will prove to be without foundation.

Until this week, Mr. Sessions had resisted calls to remove himself from any role investigating possible ties between Trump associates and Russia. Democrats have said he should do so because of his place advising the Trump campaign.

On Monday, he suggested he would take himself off a case under certain circumstances, though he left out any specifics. Mr. Sessions told reporters he would "recuse myself on anything that I should recuse myself on, that's

all I can tell you.

As a senator, Mr. Sessions was a sharp critic of Russia. He supported kicking the country out of the Group of Eight summit and called for sanctions against Moscow for its 2014 invasion of Ukraine.

"I believe a systematic effort should be undertaken so that Russia feels pain for this," Mr. Sessions said at the time.

But his rhetoric softened after he endorsed Mr. Trump, and he advocated better relations with Russia.

Mr. Sessions joined the Trump campaign in February 2016 at a rally in the former senator's home state of Alabama. Within days, Mr. Trump named him chairman of his campaign's national-security advisory committee.

It is unclear whether anyone in Congress knew about the investigation into Mr. Sessions' Russian interactions before Mr. Sessions was confirmed.

The investigation into Mr. Sessions' communications comes amid calls from Democrats and some Republicans for an independent inquiry into the possible cooperation between the Trump campaign and the Russian government to influence the 2016 election, particularly through cyberattacks.

U.S. intelligence agencies already concluded that Russia hacked the Democratic National Committee and the personal email account of Hillary Clinton's campaign chairman, John Podesta. Emails from both were released on the website WikiLeaks.

At first, Mr. Trump disputed that assessment, but later said: "I think it was Russia, but we also get hacked by other countries."

Justice Department regulations require the attorney general to remove himself from investigations that present a real or perceived conflict of interest. But ultimately, there is no practical mechanism, other than public pressure or an impeachment proceeding, to force the matter.

The disclosures Wednesday spurred questions about whether Mr. Sessions could oversee investigations.

"If there is something there and it goes up the chain of investigation, it is clear to me that Jeff Sessions, who is my dear friend, can not make this decision about Trump," said Sen. Lindsey Graham (R., S.C.), adding that a special prosecutor might be needed.

The law has changed since wide-ranging probes into the Clinton Administration, when a three-judge panel could appoint an "independent counsel" or a "special prosecutor." Today, the attorney general retains far more control over the scope of a special investigation and its prosecutorial jurisdiction.

Mr. Sessions can also appoint a temporary “special counsel” from outside the Department of Justice to conduct an investigation into a particularly sensitive matter and possibly prosecute related wrongdoing.

—*Lisa Schwartz contributed to this article.*

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From: **Sarah Isgur Flores** (b) (6)
Date: Thu, Mar 2, 2017 at 12:00 AM
Subject: Fwd: JBS
To: <sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov>

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From: **Sarah Isgur Flores** (b) (6)
Date: Wed, Mar 1, 2017 at 11:13 PM
Subject: Re: JBS
To: Sandy Luff (b) (6)

its unreal

On Wed, Mar 1, 2017 at 10:50 PM, Sandy Luff (b) (6) wrote:

Just called me. This is infuriating

Sent from my iPhone

Sarah Isgur Flores
(b) (6)
@whignewtons

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From: **Sarah Isgur Flores** (b) (6)
Date: Thu, Mar 2, 2017 at 12:00 AM
Subject: Fwd: Sessions Responses to Leahy
To: <sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov>

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From: **Sanders, Sarah H. EOP/WHO** (b) (6)
Date: Wed, Mar 1, 2017 at 10:22 PM
Subject: RE: Sessions Responses to Leahy
To: Sarah Isgur Flores (b) (6)

Call me

From: Sarah Isgur Flores [mailto:(b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 1, 2017 10:10 PM
To: Sanders, Sarah H. EOP/WHO (b) (6) >
Subject: Fwd: Sessions Responses to Leahy

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From: "Drew Hudson" (b) (6)

Date: Wed, Mar 1, 2017 at 10:07 PM -0500

Subject: Sessions Responses to Leahy

To: "Sarah Isgur Flores" (b) (6)

Page 26. There's only one in any of his responses to Leahy, FYI.

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From: Bryant, Errical (OAG) <Errical.Bryant@usdoj.gov>

Date: Mon, Feb 27, 2017 at 3:07 PM

Subject: FW: Black History Month

To: Sarah Isgur Flores (b) (6)

From: Toscano, Richard (JMD)

Sent: Monday, February 27, 2017 3:05 PM

To: Bryant, Errical (OAG) <ebryant@jmd.usdoj.gov>

Cc: Hankey, Mary Blanche (OAG) <mbhankey@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Bockhorn, Lee F. (OPA) <lfbockhorn@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Carr, Peter (OPA) <pcarr@jmd.usdoj.gov>

Subject: RE: Black History Month

Errical,

My office was just informed that Dr. Benjamin Williams, Principal of the Ron Brown College Preparatory High School, Washington D.C., will arrive late to tomorrow's DOJ African American (Black) History Month Program due to a last minute change in his schedule. He will arrive to the program after we start to screen the documentary.

Attached, please find a revised briefing memo for the Attorney General to account for this change.

Should you have any questions, please let me know.

Thank you.

Richard Toscano

From: Toscano, Richard (JMD)
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2017 2:56 PM
To: Bryant, Errical (OAG) <ebryant@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Hankey, Mary Blanche (OAG) <mbhankey@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Bockhorn, Lee F. (OPA) <lfbockhorn@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Trent, Granette (JMD) <gtrent@jmd.usdoj.gov>; 'Price, Sylvia (EEO)' <sprice@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: FW: Black History Month

Errical,

As promised, attached please find a briefing memo for the Attorney General's participation in the 2017 DOJ African American (Black) History Month Program, which will begin at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 28, in the DOJ Conference Center (Room 7411), RFK Main Justice.

Should you have any questions, please let me know.

Many thanks for your assistance.

Richard

Richard Toscano

Director, Equal Employment Opportunity Staff

Justice Management Division

U.S. Department of Justice

(202) 616-4800

From: Toscano, Richard (JMD)

Sent: Wednesday, February 15, 2017 6:28 PM

To: Hankey, Mary Blanche (OAG) <mbhankey@jmd.usdoj.gov>

Cc: Bryant, Errical (OAG) <ebryant@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Sarah Isgur Flores (b) (6);

Santangelo, Mari (JMD) <msantangelo@jmd.usdoj.gov>

Subject: RE: Black History Month

Mary Blanche,

We look forward to the Attorney General's participation in the program. I will contact Errical tomorrow to discuss program logistics.

Also, please know that at the conclusion of documentary, Dr. Benjamin Williams, Principal of the Ron Brown Preparatory High School in Washington, D.C., will facilitate a discussion about the film and highlight the efforts of the Ron Brown High School to create positive educational outcomes for African American teenage males. The Ron Brown Preparatory High School is the first public all-boys high school in Washington, D.C. The school is part of the Ron Brown Foundation's efforts to create a pipeline of

D.C. The school is part of Mayor Muriel Bowser's Empowering Maies of Color Initiative. It opened in the fall 2016.

Thank you.

Richard

From: Santangelo, Mari (JMD)
Sent: Wednesday, February 15, 2017 5:50 PM
To: Hankey, Mary Blanche (OAG) <mbhankey@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Toscano, Richard (JMD) <rtoscano@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Bryant, Errical (OAG) <ebryant@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Sarah Isgur Flores (b) (6)
Subject: RE: Black History Month

Of course ... Richard will work with Errical!

Mari

From: Hankey, Mary Blanche (OAG)
Sent: Wednesday, February 15, 2017 5:49 PM
To: Toscano, Richard (JMD) <rtoscano@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Santangelo, Mari (JMD) <msantangelo@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Bryant, Errical (OAG) <ebryant@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Sarah Isgur Flores (b) (6)
Subject: RE: Black History Month

Mary and Richard,

AG Sessions would like to introduce the film and deliver brief remarks (approx. 10 mins for both).
Would that be possible?

Thanks,

Mary Blanche

From: Toscano, Richard (JMD)
Sent: Thursday, February 9, 2017 3:48 PM
To: Hankey, Mary Blanche (OAG) <mbhankey@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Santangelo, Mari (JMD) <msantangelo@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Black History Month

You're welcome. We are happy to answer any additional questions you might have. Thank you for your assistance.

Regards,

Richard

From: Hankey, Mary Blanche (OAG)
Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2017 3:46 PM
To: Toscano, Richard (JMD) <rtoscano@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Santangelo, Mari (JMD) <msantangelo@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Black History Month

Thank you Richard.

From: Toscano, Richard (JMD)
Sent: Thursday, February 9, 2017 3:45 PM
To: Hankey, Mary Blanche (OAG) <mbhankey@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Santangelo, Mari (JMD) <msantangelo@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Black History Month

Mary Blanche,

The screening will occur from 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 28, 2017, in the DOJ Conference Center (Room 7411), RFK Main Justice. The program will be broadcast via the Justice Television Network (internal) for those DOJ employees unable to attend in person. Mr. Smiley is not available to participate.

We are working to issue a notice about the program to DOJ employees via JCON next Monday. In addition, a memorandum to Heads of DOJ Components will be issued by Lee Loftus once reviewed and approved (most likely later next week).

Thank you.

Richard

From: Hankey, Mary Blanche (OAG)
Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2017 3:39 PM
To: Santangelo, Mari (JMD) <msantangelo@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Toscano, Richard (JMD) <rtoscano@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Black History Month

Hi Mari and Richard,

Have we confirmed the date/time for the screening of Too Important to Fail? Also, will Mr. Smiley be attending? I assume no, but wanted to confirm.

Thanks,

Mary Blanche

Department of Justice
2017 African American (Black) History Month Observance

Tuesday, February 28, 2017 11:00 a.m.
The DOJ Conference Center (Room 7411), RFK Main Justice Building
Event POCs: Sylvia Price, JMD EEOS, (202) 616-4808
Richard Toscano, JMD EEOS, (202) 616-4804

I. PURPOSE

Attorney General Jeff Sessions will provide brief remarks during the 2017 Department of Justice (DOJ) African American (Black) History Month Observance. The program will begin at 11:00 a.m., on Tuesday, February 28, 2017, in the DOJ Conference Center (Room 7411), RFK Main Justice Building. Richard Toscano, Director, Justice Management Division (JMD) Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Staff, will introduce him.

II. BACKGROUND

On February 12, 1926, Dr. Carter G. Woodson established Black History Week to recall and celebrate the contributions of African Americans to the United States. In 1976, the week-long celebration was expanded into Black History Month. The national theme for the 2017 African American (Black) History Month is “The Crisis in Black Education.”

For the Department’s 2017 African American (Black) History Month observance program, the JMD EEO Staff will coordinate a screening of the PBS documentary, *“Too Important to Fail: Saving America’s Boys”* by Tavis Smiley. This documentary examines the root causes of the increased dropout rate among teenagers, specifically African American teenage males, and possible solutions to reverse this trend and ensure positive educational outcomes for African American teenage males. The views expressed in this film are those of the filmmaker and not necessarily those of the Department.

Following the film screening, Dr. Benjamin Williams, Principal, Ron Brown College Preparatory High School, Washington, D.C., will lead a short discussion about the film and highlight the work of the Ron Brown College Preparatory High School, which was created as part of the D.C. Public Schools’ “Empowering Males of Color Initiative.”

This Departmental special observance program supports Department-wide efforts to develop a diverse workforce and foster an inclusive work environment.

III. PARTICIPANTS

The audience will include approximately 100 DOJ Senior Officials, employees, and invited guests. Program participants include:

- Jeff Sessions, Attorney General
- Dr. Benjamin Williams, Principal, Ron Brown College Preparatory High School, Washington, D.C.
- Richard Toscano, Director, JMD EEO Staff

IV. PRESS PLAN

Open press. A DOJ photographer will take photographs of the event.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

10:57 a.m. Attorney General Sessions and Mr. Toscano assemble in the Green Room of the DOJ Conference Center (Room 7411).

11:00 a.m. Attorney General Sessions and Mr. Toscano enter on stage and take their seats. Mr. Toscano approaches the podium.

11:01 a.m. The event convenes with Mr. Toscano providing brief welcoming remarks. He then introduces Attorney General Sessions and returns to his seat.

11:06 a.m. Attorney General Sessions provides brief remarks and then departs the program.

11:13 a.m. Mr. Toscano approaches the podium to thank Attorney General Sessions. He then introduces the documentary, *“Too Important to Fail: Saving America’s Boys.”*

11:15 a.m. The documentary is shown.

12:15 p.m. Mr. Toscano approaches the podium and introduces Dr. Williams, who will lead a short discussion about the film and highlight the work of the Ron Brown College Preparatory High School.

12:30 p.m. Mr. Toscano returns to the podium to conclude the program.

VI. SUGGESTED REMARKS

- Provided by the Attorney General’s speech writer.

VII. PROGRAM AGENDA

Welcome	<i>Richard Toscano</i> Director, Equal Employment Opportunity Staff Justice Management Division
Special Remarks	<i>Jeff Sessions</i> Attorney General
Documentary Screening	<i>“Too Important to Fail: Saving America’s Boys”</i> PBS Documentary by Tavis Smiley
Discussion	<i>Dr. Benjamin Williams</i> Principal, Ron Brown College Preparatory High School Washington, D.C.