

Re_ [EXTERNAL] thinking about you guys.pdf

From: [Rick Obernesser](#)
To: [Vela, Raymond \(David\)](#)
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] thinking about you guys
Date: Sunday, May 31, 2020 7:59:29 PM

It was great talking with you too David. Pls let me know if there is ever anything I can do for you.

Call any time. Even if you just want to blow off some steam.

Keep up the great work back there. And congratulations on (b) (6) and such a wonderful family legacy.

Obe.

Sent from my iPhone

> On May 31, 2020, at 6:21 PM, Vela, Raymond (David) <David_Vela@nps.gov> wrote:

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> Obe,

> Great talking to you, and thanks again for your message. Please stay in touch!

>

> Have a great day.

>

> David Vela

> Deputy Director,

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> National Park Service

> Washington, DC

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>> On May 31, 2020, at 7:21 PM, Rick Obernesser <(b) (6)@gmail.com> wrote:

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>> David and Shawn

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>> Watching the news closely (Lafayette Park) and thinking about the very challenging times you are navigating the Service through. Slowly opening the system amid the Covid 19 pandemic and now, protecting people and resources during this incredible protest activity.

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>> Am glad you are there to guide the Service. A prayer for you and our great staff and everyone involved. For safe outcomes over these difficult days.

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>> Good luck fellas,

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>> obe

(IOC 2020-019) Civil Unrest - Nationwide 31MAY2....pdf

From: [DOI_WatchOffice](#)
Subject: (IOC 2020-019) Civil Unrest - Nationwide 31MAY20 2330 EDT
Date: Sunday, May 31, 2020 9:40:17 PM
Attachments: [\(IOC 2020-019\) Civil Unrest - Nationwide 31MAY20 2330 EDT.pdf](#)

Good evening,

The Interior Operations Center has updated the [DOI Common Operating Picture](#) with an off-cycle notification for your review.

Numerous protests and civil disturbances continue in multiple cities across the U.S. As of tonight, six states have declared a State of Emergency, and curfews have been imposed by numerous cities, including Washington D.C. The National Guard has been activated in at least 20 states.

The U.S. Park Police (USPP) reports that protest activity continues around Lafayette Park, as well as portions of the National Mall. The USPP, the U.S. Secret Service (USSS), and assisting agencies are mobilized within the park, and agitators in the crowd have thrown projectiles at officers, to include rocks, paint, and possible petroleum-based flammable liquids. Officers have established a police line. According to a recent USPP report, the protesters have ignited fires on H Street, St. John's Church, and in the comfort station in Lafayette Park. The USPP and assisting agency units worked to clear H street, and the D.C. Fire Department is extinguishing the fires. One USPP officer sustained non-life-threatening injuries and was transported to the hospital.

While no other DOI impacts are being reported across the U.S., the civil unrest is occurring in locations where there are DOI personnel and facilities present. DOI Bureau and Office Emergency Management Coordinators are being requested to report any impacts to DOI personnel or facilities should they occur.

The Interior Operations Center will continue to monitor this situation and provide updates as warranted.

As a reminder, due to the enhanced graphics and heavy emphasis on mapping, the daily report will need to be viewed on the DOI network via a desktop/laptop. If prompted, select "DOI PIV" when clicking the link above. If you are not on a DOI Network computer or laptop, a consolidated report is attached. If you have any questions or require additional assistance, please contact the Interior Operations Center.

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Respectfully,

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*Interior Operations Center (IOC) Common
Operating Picture*

(IOC 2020-019) Civil Unrest - Nationwide
31MAY20 2330 EDT

General Situation

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DOI Bureau and Office Reporting

U.S. Park Police (USPP)

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Interior Operations Center (IOC) Common Operating Picture

Other Federal, State, and Local Reporting

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

- State of Emergency:
 - Six states: VA, GA, MN, TX, MO, AZ
 - Seven counties in NY, PA, and CA
 - Ten cities: Albany, NY; Philadelphia, PA; Richmond, VA; Nashville, TN; Minneapolis, MN; Madison, WI; Grand Rapids, MI; Los Angeles, CA; Fargo, ND; Seattle, WA; Portland, OR
- State/County/City EOC activations:
 - Nine States are at Full Activation: MN, WI, NE, UT, WA
 - Three states are at Partial Activation: OK, MO, AZ
 - CA is monitoring
 - Counties: Cumberland and Delaware County, PA; Henrico County, VA; and several CA counties
 - Cities: Philadelphia, PA; Roanoke, VA; Chicago, IL; Minneapolis, MN; Seattle, WA
- PA requested the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) from VA, DE, and NJ for mutual aid to support Philadelphia Police Department.
- National Guard activated in 20 states

Demonstrators start fire near the White House.

Photo: Alex Brandon / Associated Press



Meeting with Shawn and Dabid.pdf

From: [Flynn, Jennifer](#)
To: [Fox, Kelly](#)
Subject: Meeting with Shawn and Dabid
Date: Monday, June 1, 2020 3:51:57 AM

Kelly

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DOI Emergency Management Common Operating Pictu....pdf

From: DOI WatchOffice
Subject: DOI Emergency Management Common Operating Picture 06/01/2020
Date: Monday June 1 2020 6:01:07 AM

Good Morning

The Interior Operations Center has published the [DOI Common Operating Picture](#) for your review. As a reminder due to the enhanced graphics and heavy emphasis on mapping the report will need to be viewed on the DOI network via desktop/laptop. If prompted select "DOI PIV" when clicking the link above.

Below is an Executive Summary of today's report:

CORONAVIRUS

Current Situation:

- Globally (As of June 1, 2020 – WHO):
 - Confirmed Cases: 6,040,609 (+149,427)
 - Deaths: 370,153 (+4,691)
- United States (As of June 1, 2020 – JHU):
 - Confirmed Cases: 1,790,191 (+19,807)
 - Deaths: 104,383 (+602)

Department of the Interior Confirmed Cases, Fatalities, and Recoveries (As of June 1, 2020):

DOI Bureau/Office	Confirmed Cases	Fatalities	Recoveries
IA	2	1	1
• BIA	23	0	12
• BIE	0	1	0
BLM	9	0	7
BOEM	2	0	1
BSEE	4	0	4
FWS	6	0	5
NPS	38	0	29
• USPP	6	0	5
OCIO	1	0	1
OCR	1	0	0
OIG	2	0	2
ONRR	2	0	2
SOL	1	0	1
USBR	7	0	5
USGS	9	0	3
Totals	113	2	78

The latest situation summary updates are available on the [CDC](#) and [WHO](#) websites.

A [COVID-2019 Act on Tackles](#) has been established to display established state and local mitigation strategies. This website is a compilation by state of known confirmed cases travel restrictions state government and school operating status National Guard activations social gathering restrictions restaurant/bar closures and other response actions. Data compilation courtesy of AEI.

DOI Bureaus and Offices Impacts/Reports:

- Nothing significant to report.

Mission Assignments:

As of June 1, there are six DOI personnel supporting FEMA under eight Mission Assignments (MAs). Additional information can be found on the table below.

Date	MA Name	MA ESF	MA Number	DOI B/O Lead	Description of Support	Status	Location	Funding Amount	Total Personnel
03/27/2020	Insular Affairs - LNO	ESF #5	4511DR-MP-DOI-01	OIA	DOI Office of Insular Affairs to support FEMA communications and coordination with the CNMI leadership.	Activities Ongoing	JFO, Isa Dr Capital Hill, Saipan	\$10,000	1
03/27/2020	Insular Affairs - LNO	ESF #5	3465EM-AS-DOI-01-00	OIA	DOI Office of Insular Affairs to support FEMA communications and coordination with the American Samoa leadership	Activities Ongoing	American Samoa	\$10,000	1
03/27/2020	Insular Affairs - LNO	ESF #5	4495DR-GU-DOI-01	OIA	DOI Office of Insular Affairs to support FEMA communications and coordination with the Guam leadership.	Activities Ongoing	Agana Heights, Guam	\$5,000	1
05/02/2020	OEPC remote support to NCRS	ESF #11	DC-20030901-DOI-01	OEPC	DOI will coordinate with partners in the natural and cultural resource sector to identify impacts to the sector as a result of COVID-19 and to organize resources and information addressing these impacts.	Activities Ongoing	Remote support Only	\$15,000	1
05/06/2020	ESF-4 PIO to WA	ESF #4	Unknown	OWF	A single resource request for a Public Information Officer (PIO) at the WA State EOC has been submitted.	Activities Ongoing	Washington State EOC	Unknown	1
05/06/2020	ESF-4 SCKN to NM	ESF #4	Unknown	OWF	A single resource request for a Status Check -In Recorder (SCKN) at the New Mexico EOC.	Activities Ongoing	New Mexico State EOC	Unknown	1
05/26/2020	ESF-8 FWS King Salmon AK	ESF #8	4533DR-AK-DOI-01	FWS	In support of the State of AK and directed by FEMA, FWS is providing and supporting facilities, equipment, and personnel in King Salmon, AK for the State of AK and a partner agency's field hospital.	Activities Ongoing	King Salmon, AK	\$50,000	0
05/26/2020	ESF-8 NPS King Salmon AK	ESF #8	4533DR-AK-DOI-02	NPS	In support of the State of AK and directed by FEMA, NPS is providing and supporting facilities, equipment, and personnel in King Salmon, AK for the State of AK and a partner agency's field hospital.	Activities Ongoing	King Salmon, AK	\$50,000	0

Other Local, State, Federal Government:

- **National/State/Local overview** – There are 65,204 confirmed positive COVID-19 individuals and 2,472 reported deaths in the NCR as of June 1. HHS is reporting that the Navajo Nation Shiprock alternative care site is currently awaiting clarification on the site transition and demobilization plans, and HI has announced plans to extend the 14-day quarantine for domestic and international travelers. The extension date will be determined at a later time. As of June 1, Phase 1 reopening will begin for DE, and beaches and hotels in FL can reopen with restrictions. Also on June 1, Phase 3 reopening will begin in OK, and Chicago will begin Phase 3 reopening on June 3. In MI, vehicle manufacturers will produce 12,000 filtering face piece respirators per-day for the next six months to fill the state's PPE needs. On May 29, the Governor of MD approved the expansion of authorized services provided by restaurants, bars, and establishments that manufacture or sell alcoholic beverages. Also in MD, the current total COVID-19 hospitalizations, one of the state's key recovery metrics, has dropped to 1,183, the lowest level since April 15. The Naval District Washington (NDW) Recovery Working Group is developing plans for the region to change the health protection condition (HPCON) level when COVID-19 pandemic conditions on and adjacent to installations begin to improve.
- **FEMA** – FEMA reports that the President announced his intent to extend the Title 32 orders for National Guard forces through mid-August. The President's current authority provides governors continued command of their National Guard, while being 100% federally funded under Title 32, enabling these states to use the additional resources to meet the missions necessary in the whole-of-America COVID-19 response.

OTHER INCIDENTS

Numerous protests and civil disturbances continued overnight in multiple cities across the U.S. As of this morning, six states have declared a State of Emergency, and curfews have been imposed by numerous cities, including Washington D.C. The National Guard has been activated in 22 states. The USPP reports that protest and criminal activity continued yesterday and overnight around Lafayette Park, as well as portions of the National Mall. The USPP, the U.S. Secret Service, and other assisting agencies established a police line within the park, and agitators in the crowd threw projectiles at officers, to include rocks, paint, possible flammable liquids, and other items. Medical personnel treated seven USPP officers on scene, but none of the seven required hospital treatment. One additional USPP officer was injured and was admitted to the hospital early this morning. Multiple acts of arson were reported in Washington D.C. to include individuals setting fire to the St. John's Episcopal Church and the comfort station in Lafayette Park. The USPP and assisting agency units were able to clear H Street to allow D.C. Fire and Emergency Medical Services to respond and extinguish the fires. Media reports indicate no significant damage to the church, but there was some damage in the basement. The situation around Lafayette Park stabilized early this morning, and the USPP and assisting agency units demobilized.

There have been no additional reports of impacts to DOI personnel or facilities beyond those included in the DOI Common Operating Picture.

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From: [Flynn, Jennifer](#)
To: [Fox, Kelly](#)
Subject: Re: Meeting with Shawn and Dabid
Date: Monday, June 1, 2020 7:21:48 AM

thank you

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From: Fox, Kelly
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 8:31 AM
To: Flynn, Jennifer
Subject: Re: Meeting with Shawn and Dabid
Jen, It looks like 11am will work.

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*I am a current participant of the GOAL Leadership Academy. Ask me about the program!

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Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 5:51 AM
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An All Employee Memo.pdf

From: [Picavet, Alexandra M](#)
To: [Vela, Raymond \(David\)](#)
Subject: An All Employee Memo
Date: Monday, June 1, 2020 2:34:12 PM

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June 1, 2020

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From: Deputy Director Acting with the authority of the Director David Vela

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While we may process the events of this weekend differently, I can tell you that each and every one of you have my support in your work every day. We must all stay vigilant in ensuring our safety and well being and that of our visitors at the top of your mind as you do so. As we lean on each other for support, please remember the employee support [resources](#), including the EAP, peer support teams, [employee resource groups](#) and more are always available to you.

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From: [Picavet, Alexandra M](#)
To: [Flynn, Jennifer](#)
Subject: Fw: DRAFT All Employee Memo
Date: Monday, June 1, 2020 2:36:05 PM

Alexandra Picavet
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From: Roulett, Stephanie A
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 4:30 PM
To: Picavet, Alexandra M
Subject: DRAFT All Employee Memo
June 1, 2020
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Subject: Reflections on our place in the national dialogue

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Cc: [Benge, Shawn T](#); [Flynn, Jennifer](#)
Subject: Re: An All Employee Memo
Date: Monday, June 1, 2020 3:39:09 PM

Hi Alex,
Thanks for drafting, and see if this works.

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Be safe.

David Vela
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Exercising the Authority of the Director

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To: [Goodwin, Nicholas R](#)
Cc: [Vela, Raymond \(David\)](#); [Benge, Shawn T](#)
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Date: Monday, June 1, 2020 4:08:29 PM

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Subject: RE: An All Employee Memo

My thoughts below (changes highlighted) – more for readability than anything. It is well said, and I'm sure the message will be well received.

Thank you,
Nicholas Goodwin
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David Vela
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June 1, 2020

To: All Employees

From: Deputy Director Acting with the authority of the Director David Vela

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We have not seen levels of injuries or destruction like this in decades. This weekend across the nation, many of our national monuments sustained damage, mostly graffiti, and a historic structure was burned in in Washington DC.

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While we may process the events of this weekend differently, I can tell you that each and every one of you have my support in your work every day. We must all stay vigilant in ensuring our safety and well being and that of our visitors at the top of your mind as you do so. As we lean on each other for support, please remember the employee support resources<<https://inside.nps.gov/employee-support>>, including the EAP, peer support teams, employee resource groups<<https://www.nps.gov/orgs/1244/ergs.htm>> and more are always available to you.

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Subject: A message to All Employees
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From: DOI WatchOffice
Subject: DOI Emergency Management Common Operating Picture 06/02/2020
Date: Tuesday, June 2, 2020 6:00:33 AM

Good Morning

The Interior Operations Center has published the [DOI Common Operating Picture](#) for your review. As a reminder due to the enhanced graphics and heavy emphasis on mapping the report will need to be viewed on the DOI network via desktop/laptop. If prompted select "DOI PIV" when clicking the link above.

Below is an Executive Summary of today's report:

Civil Unrest (Nationwide)

Numerous protests and civil disturbances continue in multiple cities across the U.S. Demonstrators assembled on the north side of Lafayette Park Monday afternoon attempting to bypass the police line and were throwing objects at units within the park. USPP, USGS, and assisting units were able to hold the police line. Fencing has been installed around the north side of Lafayette Park. USPP units have been demobilized for the night. In Northern Virginia, the Prince William County Police Department advised that a protest group was threatening to move to the Manassas National Battlefield (MANA) and vandalize the Stonewall Jackson Statue. The MANA on-duty ranger was notified and requested LE assistance and two rangers from Prince William Forrest Park and one from Monocacy National Battlefield responded. At approximately 11:00 p.m. EDT, all units were released and the protest group had not made it to the park but was continuing demonstrations approximately five miles from the park. FWS is reporting civil unrest in major cities in every region though there are no impacts to FWS assets. The National Guard has been activated across the country. MN National Guard facilities have been increased to FPCON Charlie due to credible threats against MN National Guard personnel, facilities, and equipment. Reports of credible threats include ANTIFA using vehicle borne improvised explosive devices to target MN National Guard assets. During the next 24 hours, DHS does not anticipate a major change in violence occurring during lawful protests across the country, in part because nationwide curfews, National Guard deployments, and bolstered state and local law enforcement efforts have helped to mitigate at least some of the anticipated violence.

CORONAVIRUS

Current Situation:

- Globally (As of June 2, 2020 – WHO):
 - Confirmed Cases: 6,140,934 (+100,325)
 - Deaths: 373,548 (+3,395)
- United States (As of June 2, 2020 – JHU):
 - Confirmed Cases: 1,790,191 (+19,807)
 - Deaths: 104,383 (+602)

Department of the Interior Confirmed Cases, Fatalities, and Recoveries (As of June 2, 2020):

DOI Bureau/Office	Confirmed Cases	Fatalities	Recoveries
IA	2	1	1
• BIA	22 (-1)	0	12
• BIE	0	1	0
BLM	9	0	7
BOEM	2	0	1
BSEE	4	0	4
FWS	6	0	5
NPS	38	0	29
• USPP	6	0	5
OCIO	1	0	1
OCR	1	0	0
OIG	2	0	2
ONRR	2	0	2
PFM	1	0	0
SOL	1	0	1
USBR	7	0	5
USGS	11 (+2)	0	5 (+2)
Totals	115 (+2)	2	80(+2)

The latest situation summary updates are available on the [CDC](#) and [WHO](#) websites.

A [COVID-2019 Action Tracker](#) has been established to display established state and local mitigation strategies. This website is a compilation by state of known confirmed cases, travel restrictions, state government and school operating status, National Guard activations, social gathering restrictions, restaurant/bar closures, and other response actions. Data compilation courtesy of AEI.

DOI Bureaus and Offices Impacts/Reports:

- PFM - The Office of Financial Management (PFM) is reporting that an employee has tested positive for COVID-19. The employee works remotely and has not been in the MIB.
- BIA - On June 1, it was clarified that a case believed to have been positive in April retested negative. The individual is out of quarantine, and the confirmed case total has been reduced by one. The Great Plains Food Bank requested use of the Turtle Mountain Middle School parking lot as a food distribution site every Monday in June 2020, the Regional Director will sign approval June 2. There are 79 (+5) tribal nations are working directly with FEMA.

Mission Assignments:

As of June 2, there are six DOI personnel supporting FEMA under eight Mission Assignments (MAs). Additional information can be found on the table below.

Date	MA Name	MA ESF	MA Number	DOI B/O Lead	Description of Support	Status	Location	Funding Amount	Total Personnel
03/27/2020	Insular Affairs - LNO	ESF #5	4511DR-MP-DOI-01	OIA	DOI Office of Insular Affairs to support FEMA communications and coordination with the CNMI leadership.	Activities Ongoing	JFO, Isa Dr Capital Hill, Saipan	\$10,000	1
03/27/2020	Insular Affairs - LNO	ESF #5	3465EM-AS-DOI-01-00	OIA	DOI Office of Insular Affairs to support FEMA communications and coordination with the American Samoa leadership	Activities Ongoing	American Samoa	\$10,000	1
03/27/2020	Insular Affairs - LNO	ESF #5	4495DR-GU-DOI-01	OIA	DOI Office of Insular Affairs to support FEMA communications and coordination with the Guam leadership.	Activities Ongoing	Agana Heights, Guam	\$5,000	1
05/02/2020	OEPC remote support to NCRS	ESF #11	DC-20030901-DOI-01	OEPC	DOI will coordinate with partners in the natural and cultural resource sector to identify impacts to the sector as a result of COVID-19 and to organize resources and information addressing these impacts.	Activities Ongoing	Remote support Only	\$15,000	1
05/06/2020	ESF-4 PIO to WA	ESF #4	Unknown	OWF	A single resource request for a Status Check -In Recorder (PIO) at the WA State EOC has been submitted.	Activities Ongoing	Washington State EOC	Unknown	1
05/06/2020	ESF-4 SCKN to NM	ESF #4	Unknown	OWF	A single resource request for a Status Check -In Recorder (SCKN) at the New Mexico EOC.	Activities Ongoing	New Mexico State EOC	Unknown	1
05/26/2020	ESF-8 FWS King Salmon AK	ESF #8	4533DR-AK-DOI-01	FWS	In support of the State of AK and directed by FEMA, FWS is providing and supporting facilities, equipment, and personnel in King Salmon, AK for the State of AK and a partner agency's field hospital.	Activities Ongoing	King Salmon, AK	\$50,000	0
05/26/2020	ESF-8 NPS King Salmon AK	ESF #8	4533DR-AK-DOI-02	NPS	In support of the State of AK and directed by FEMA, NPS is providing and supporting facilities, equipment, and personnel in King Salmon, AK for the State of AK and a partner agency's field hospital.	Activities Ongoing	King Salmon, AK	\$50,000	0

Other Local, State, Federal Government:

National/State/Local overview – There are 64,523 confirmed positive COVID-19 individuals and 2,494 reported deaths in the NCR as of June 2. The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) is warning the public to be aware of contract tracing scammers who are using calls and text messages to steal private information. To prevent being scammed, the FTC recommends filtering unwanted text messages, turning on two-factor authentication and updating phone software to the latest version. MD is expanding its testing site at Six Flags in Upper Marlboro to two days a week, on Wednesdays and Fridays. Tests can be provided at no out-of-pocket cost and without appointment or doctor's order and residents do not need to exhibit symptoms or suspected exposure to be tested. Prince George County, Va currently has 50 contact tracers and will begin cross training employees next week.

• **FEMA** – HHS has added a \$628 million to contract with Emergent BioSolutions to advance manufacturing capabilities and capacity for a potential COVID-19 vaccine as well as therapeutics. Under the task order, Emergent will provide production of a vaccine through 2021.

Other incidents:

MT/WY Project Alert – Minor to moderate flooding from snowmelt runoff is occurring in parts of WY and MT. Flood watches, warnings, and advisories are in effect for reaches bracketing streamgages on the Wind River in WY and the Clarks Fork Yellowstone, Clark Fork, Bitterroot, and Flathead rivers in MT. USGS is reporting these rivers are exceeding NWS flood stage. The Clarks Fork Yellowstone river is forecast to have near-record or record stream flows. Five crews are completing high flow and flood discharge measurements this week to aid rating definition and river forecasting.

There have been no additional reports of impacts to DOI personnel or facilities beyond those included in the DOI Common Operating Picture.

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Park Police's rough handling of demonstrators sparks fury

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The Justice Department official said that in the afternoon, Barr went to survey the scene, and found the perimeter had not been extended. The attorney general conferred with law enforcement officials on the ground, which the official said is captured in a video of the incident.

“He conferred with them to check on the status, and basically said, ‘This needs to be done. Get it done,’ ” the Justice Department official said.

Police soon moved on the protesters, pushing them back with riot shields and horses. The group had been peaceful.

The official said Barr “assumed that any resistance from the protesters of being moved would be met with typical crowd control measures.” The official said Barr had been told on the scene there were reports of the crowd passing rocks among themselves, and a bottle had been thrown in his direction — though The Washington Post did not observe that.

The official defended Barr’s decision. “This plan was happening, regardless of any plans of the president,” the official said. The official spoke on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak ahead of Barr addressing the matter himself publicly.

By **Matt Zapotosky**

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Seven Network (AUSTRALIA)

Tuesday, 2 June 2020 3:13 am

## Prime Minister Scott Morrison calls for investigation after 7NEWS reporter and cameraman assaulted in US riots

[Alex Chapman](#)

Prime Minister Scott Morrison has demanded an investigation into the assault of an Australian journalist and cameraman at the hands of US Police.

7NEWS US Correspondent Amelia Brace and cameraman Tim Myers were assaulted during their coverage of riots near the White House in Washington on Tuesday morning AEST.

### **Watch the video above**

While live on air, Myers was struck in the chest by a riot shield and Brace was clubbed with a police baton.

Morrison has now requested the Australian Embassy in Washington, DC, investigate the incident and provide further advice on registering the government's concern.



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coverage of riots near the White House in Washington. Credit: ABC7 via

It's understood the embassy has also reached out to Brace and Myers to check on their wellbeing. Opposition Leader Anthony Albanese earlier described the incident as "completely unacceptable" and called for a review.



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Brace returned to cover the riots for Seven's *Sunrise* later in the morning and recounted the ordeal. "You heard us yelling that we were media... but they don't care. They are being indiscriminate at the moment," Brace explained on air.

"They were quite violent and they do not care who they're targeting at the moment."

Brace also expressed her gratitude to Myers who was "smashed" as he shielded her from harm.

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Craig McPherson, Seven Network Director of News and Public Affairs said, "The attack on our reporter and cameraman in Washington today is nothing short of wanton thuggery."





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**To:** [Benge, Shawn T](#)  
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Seven Network (AUSTRALIA)  
Tuesday, 2 June 2020 3:13 am

## Prime Minister Scott Morrison calls for investigation after 7NEWS reporter and cameraman assaulted in US riots

[Alex Chapman](#)

Prime Minister Scott Morrison has demanded an investigation into the assault of an Australian journalist and cameraman at the hands of US Police.

7NEWS US Correspondent Amelia Brace and cameraman Tim Myers were assaulted during their coverage of riots near the White House in Washington on Tuesday morning AEST.

### **Watch the video above**

While live on air, Myers was struck in the chest by a riot shield and Brace was clubbed with a police baton.

Morrison has now requested the Australian Embassy in Washington, DC, investigate the incident and provide further advice on registering the government's concern.



7NEWS US Correspondent Amelia Brace and cameraman Tim Myers were assaulted during their coverage of riots near the White House in Washington. Credit: ABC7 via It's understood the embassy has also reached out to Brace and Myers to check on their wellbeing. Opposition Leader Anthony Albanese earlier described the incident as “completely unacceptable” and called for a review.



Scott Morrison has now requested the Australian Embassy in Washington, DC, investigate the incident. Credit: ABC7 via CNN

Brace returned to cover the riots for Seven's *Sunrise* later in the morning and recounted the ordeal. “You heard us yelling that we were media... but they don't care. They are being indiscriminate at the moment,” Brace explained on air.



“They were quite violent and they do not care who they’re targeting at the moment.”  
race also expressed her gratitude to Myers who was “smashed” as he shielded her from harm.  
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Park Police Behavior in Washington DC on Monday  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 2, 2020 1:09:09 PM

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Dear Mr. Vela:

You should resign from the NPS--yesterday's performance of the mounted Park Police clearing peaceful protesters from the street before Lafayette Square and before the the curfew went into effect was a disgraceful performance--It was like the Cossack charge against demonstrators in the film "Dr Zhivago " -- I feel i have earned the right to speak out-because I worked as a volunteerr at Gateway National Recreation Area--Sandy Hook Unit--

The NPS statment about yesterday's rationale for the charge saying bottles were thrown is contradlcted by media reports that no bottles were thrown unti l he mounted unit started to move into the crowd-- knocking some protesters over Just obeying orders defense was destroyed at the Nurenberg Tribunal-- obeying the orders of a malotent President is wrong from all perspectives--.

The charge with mounted offciers right arms raised was like an ol dnewsreef of Mussolini's Mounted Police attacking demonstartors in Rome in the 1930s.

As I said I was an NPS volunteerr and use tobe a big fan ofthe NPS--no longer

Disgraceful performance

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**To:** [Picavet, Alexandra M](#); [Flynn, Jennifer](#); [Litterst, Michael D](#); [Roulett, Stephanie A](#); [Liming, Katelyn M](#); [Monahan, Gregory](#)  
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Our webmaster.

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**Sent:** Tuesday, June 2, 2020 3:42 PM  
**To:** Flynn, Jennifer ; Litterst, Michael D ; Roulett, Stephanie A ; Liming, Katelyn M ; Delgado, Eduardo ; Monahan, Gregory  
**Subject:** Re: Final edits on statement  
Who is the web author for USPP?

Alexandra Picavet  
Chief of Public Affairs and Chief Spokesperson (Acting)  
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**To:** Picavet, Alexandra M ; Litterst, Michael D ; Roulett, Stephanie A ; Liming, Katelyn M ; Delgado, Eduardo ; Monahan, Gregory  
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Yes. Should say Acting Chief

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**Subject:** Final edits on statement  
This has been approved to go.  
Thank you

**Statement from Chief Monahan about the actions taken over the weekend to protect life and property- Statement can continue to be used by USPP and NPS spokespeople as needed.**

The United States Park Police (USPP) is committed to the peaceful expression of First Amendment rights. However, this past weekend's demonstrations at Lafayette Park and across the National Mall included activities that were not part of a peaceful protest, which resulted in

injuries to USPP officers in the line of duty, the destruction of public property and the defacing of memorials and monuments. During four days of demonstrations, 51 members of the USPP were injured; of those, 11 were transported to the hospital and released and three were admitted.

Multiple agencies assisted the USPP in responding to and quelling the acts of destruction and violence over the course of the weekend in order to protect citizens and property.

On Monday, June 1, the USPP worked with the United States Secret Service to have temporary fencing installed inside Lafayette Park. At approximately 6:33 pm, violent protestors on H Street NW began throwing projectiles including bricks, frozen water bottles and caustic liquids. The protestors also climbed onto a historic building at the north end of Lafayette Park that was destroyed by arson days prior. Intelligence had revealed calls for violence against the police, and officers found caches of glass bottles, baseball bats and metal poles hidden along the street.

To curtail the violence that was underway, the USPP, following established policy, issued three warnings over a loudspeaker to alert demonstrators on H Street to evacuate the area. Horse mounted patrol, Civil Disturbance Units and additional personnel were used to clear the area. As many of the protestors became more combative, continued to throw projectiles, and attempted to grab officers' weapons, officers then employed the use of smoke canisters and pepper balls. No tear gas was used by USPP officers or other assisting law enforcement partners to close the area at Lafayette Park. Subsequently, the fence was installed.

Throughout the demonstrations, the USPP has not made any arrests. The USPP will always support peaceful assembly but cannot tolerate violence to citizens or officers or damage to our nation's resources that we are entrusted to protect.

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**From:** [Rick Obernesser](#)  
**To:** [Benge, Shawn T](#)  
**Cc:** [Vela, Raymond \(David\)](#)  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] thinking about you guys  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 2, 2020 2:23:51 PM

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Great work Shawn.

We watch the news every day and see what is happening in Lafayette Park. Unbelievable...

Totally agree on the USPP. Please regards to Jen and Greg

God bless all of you and sustain you during these trying times.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 1, 2020, at 1:42 PM, Benge, Shawn T wrote:

Thanks for the message Obe. Difficult times. We are tremendously proud of the USPP and they are doing an amazing job. We continue to worry, of course, about their ability to sustain this level of effort over time and also worry about the wellbeing of our officers. Jen is demonstrating great leadership and she and Greg are working hard to make sure we have the necessary resources and the appropriately planning is getting accomplished. Several SETTs are on the way and the federal family response for assistance has been great here in DC. We anticipate robust activity for the remainder of the week and are putting some more substantial barricades in place today that should really help.

Hope you are doing well! Stay safe.

**From:** Rick Obernesser

**Sent:** Sunday, May 31, 2020 7:21 PM

**To:** Benge, Shawn T ; Vela, Raymond (David)

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] thinking about you guys  
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**To:** [Rick Obernesser](#); [Vela, Raymond \(David\)](#)  
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**Date:** Tuesday, June 2, 2020 5:40:59 PM

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Thanks Obe,

Difficult weekend. The USPP have done an outstanding job, but have sustained multiple injuries. As this continues, we of course, are concerned about how to sustain our efforts and care for our officers. Jen has done a great job in providing leadership and we are executing plans today to be able to successfully deal

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Subject: DOI Emergency Management Common Operating Picture 06032020  
Date: Wednesday June 3 2020 5:59:56 AM

Good Morning

The Interior Operations Center has published the [DOI Common Operating Picture](#) for your review. As a reminder due to the enhanced graphics and heavy emphasis on mapping the report will need to be viewed on the DOI network via desktop/laptop. If prompted select "DOI PIV" when clicking the link above.

Below is an Executive Summary of today's report:

#### Civil Unrest (Nationwide)

Numerous protests and civil disturbances continue in cities across the U.S. with numerous areas in a state of emergency. The President has mobilized federal resources to stop rioting and looting, and several states have deployed their National Guard and implemented curfews. The USPP reported that demonstrations have continued along the north fence line of Lafayette Park in Washington D.C. with demonstrators and agitators throwing projectiles at USPP, USSS, and assisting units before briefly compromising the fence line. The agitators were repelled and the fence repaired. Two USPP officers were treated on scene and one National Guardsman was transported and treated for a non-life threatening condition.

#### CORONAVIRUS

##### Current Situation:

- Globally (As of June 3 2020 – WHO):
  - Confirmed Cases: 6 272 098 ( 131 164)
  - Deaths: 379 044 ( 5 496)
- United States (As of June 3 2020 – JHU):
  - Confirmed Cases: 1 831 821 ( 41 630)
  - Deaths: 106 181 ( 1 798)

##### Department of the Interior Confirmed Cases, Fatalities, and Recoveries (As of June 2, 2020):

| DOI Bureau/Office | Confirmed Cases | Fatalities | Recoveries |
|-------------------|-----------------|------------|------------|
| IA                | 2               | 1          | 1          |
| • BIA             | 22              | 0          | 12         |
| • BIE             | 0               | 1          | 0          |
| BLM               | 10 (+1)         | 0          | 7          |
| BOEM              | 2               | 0          | 1          |
| BSEE              | 4               | 0          | 4          |
| FWS               | 6               | 0          | 5          |
| NPS               | 39 (+1)         | 0          | 30 (+1)    |
| • USPP            | 6               | 0          | 5          |
| OCIO              | 1               | 0          | 1          |
| OCR               | 1               | 0          | 0          |
| OIG               | 2               | 0          | 2          |
| ONRR              | 2               | 0          | 2          |
| PFM               | 1               | 0          | 0          |
| SOL               | 1               | 0          | 1          |
| USBR              | 7               | 0          | 5          |
| USGS              | 11              | 0          | 5          |
| Totals            | 117 (+2)        | 2          | 81(+1)     |

The latest situation summary updates are available on the [CDC](#) and [WHO](#) websites.

A [COVID-2019 Action Tracker](#) has been established to display established state and local mitigation strategies. This website is a compilation by state of known confirmed cases, travel restrictions, state government and school operating status, National Guard activations, social gathering restrictions, restaurant/bar closures, and other response actions. Data compilation courtesy of AEI.

##### DOI Bureaus and Offices Impacts/Reports:

- USBR** - The Reclamation Emergency Operations Center (EOC) remains fully activated and is conducting collaboration calls with Reclamation emergency management representatives from each region. The frequency of these calls has changed to every two weeks.
- USGS** - There are 234 USGS facilities open and teleworking with 32 offices currently closed. Office facility posture changes are from an update to co-located University States. All USGS staff are still teleworking but the universities are open at different levels.

##### Mission Assignments:

As of June 3, there are six DOI personnel supporting FEMA under eight Mission Assignments (MAs). Additional information can be found on the table below.

| Date       | MA Name                     | MA ESF  | MA Number           | DOI B/O Lead | Description of Support                                                                                                                                                                                      | Status             | Location                         | Funding Amount | Total Personnel |
|------------|-----------------------------|---------|---------------------|--------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 03/27/2020 | Insular Affairs - LNO       | ESF #5  | 4511DR-MP-DOI-01    | OIA          | DOI Office of Insular Affairs to support FEMA communications and coordination with the CNMI leadership.                                                                                                     | Activities Ongoing | JFO, Isa Dr Capital Hill, Saipan | \$10,000       | 1               |
| 03/27/2020 | Insular Affairs - LNO       | ESF #5  | 3465EM-AS-DOI-01-00 | OIA          | DOI Office of Insular Affairs to support FEMA communications and coordination with the American Samoa leadership.                                                                                           | Activities Ongoing | American Samoa                   | \$10,000       | 1               |
| 03/27/2020 | Insular Affairs - LNO       | ESF #5  | 4495DR-GU-DOI-01    | OIA          | DOI Office of Insular Affairs to support FEMA communications and coordination with the Guam leadership.                                                                                                     | Activities Ongoing | Agana Heights, Guam              | \$5,000        | 1               |
| 05/02/2020 | OEPC remote support to NCRS | ESF #11 | DC-20030901-DOI-01  | OEPC         | DOI will coordinate with partners in the natural and cultural resource sector to identify impacts to the sector as a result of COVID-19 and to organize resources and information addressing these impacts. | Activities Ongoing | Remote support Only              | \$15,000       | 1               |
| 05/06/2020 | ESF-4 PIO to WA             | ESF #4  | Unknown             | OWF          | A single resource request for a Public Information Officer (PIO) at the WA State EOC has been submitted.                                                                                                    | Activities Ongoing | Washington State EOC             | Unknown        | 1               |
| 05/06/2020 | ESF-4 SCKN to NM            | ESF #4  | Unknown             | OWF          | A single resource request for a Status Check -In Recorder (SCKN) at the New Mexico EOC.                                                                                                                     | Activities Ongoing | New Mexico State EOC             | Unknown        | 1               |
| 05/26/2020 | ESF-8 FWS King Salmon AK    | ESF #8  | 4533DR-AK-DOI-01    | FWS          | In support of the State of AK and directed by FEMA, FWS is providing and supporting facilities, equipment, and personnel in King Salmon, AK for the State of AK and a partner agency's field hospital.      | Activities Ongoing | King Salmon, AK                  | \$50,000       | 0               |
| 05/26/2020 | ESF-8 NPS King Salmon AK    | ESF #8  | 4533DR-AK-DOI-02    | NPS          | In support of the State of AK and directed by FEMA, NPS is providing and supporting facilities, equipment, and personnel in King Salmon, AK for the State of AK and a partner agency's field hospital.      | Activities Ongoing | King Salmon, AK                  | \$50,000       | 0               |

##### Other Local, State, Federal Government:

- National/State/Local overview** – There are 65,382 confirmed positive COVID-19 individuals and 2,518 reported deaths in the NCR as of June 3. The FDA added to the list of authorized ventilators, a second ventilator under the emergency use authorization in response to concerns relating to insufficient supply and availability of FDA-cleared ventilators for use in healthcare settings to treat patients during the COVID-19 pandemic. VA is monitoring food banks/distributors as conditions and needs change; The state may have supply chain disruptions in the Emergency Food Assistance Program and the Commodity Supplemental Food Program due to lack of volunteers or further closures of distribution sites. In VA, Executive Order (EO) Sixty-Five was signed modifying public health guidance in EO-61 and EO-62 and establishes guidelines for Phase Two reopening on June 05, with the exception of Northern Virginia and the City of Richmond. Under Phase Two, continued recommendations apply for social distancing, teleworking, and requiring individuals to wear face coverings in indoor public settings.
- FEMA** – In the Navajo Nation, HHS reports Public Health Service teams at both ACS sites continue to augment adjacent Indian Health Service hospitals with COVID-19 patient care; coordinating with ASPR and NGOs concerning staffing of ACSs from June 7 forward. At least 68 private community based testing sites in 17 states have been closed due to civil unrest.

##### Other incidents:

- MT/WY Project Alert** – Minor to moderate flooding from snowmelt runoff continues in parts of WY and MT. Flood warnings watches and advisories are in effect for reaches of the Wind River in WY and on tributaries and mainstems of the Missouri Yellowstone Clark Fork and Flathead Rivers in MT. Gage heights at ten USGS streamgages across the aforementioned sites are currently exceeding National Weather Service (NWS) flood stage. At this time no streamgages have been damaged or destroyed. Five crews are completing high-flow and flood discharge measurements this week for rating definition and to aid river forecasts.

There have been no additional reports of impacts to DOI personnel or facilities beyond those included in the DOI Common Operating Picture.

If you have any questions or require additional assistance please contact the Interior Operations Center.

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**Subject:** [WaPo] Trump demands journalists correct stories on the use of tear gas. According to the CDC, it was tear gas.  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 6:11:25 AM

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The statement referred to in the WaPo story below is posted on the president's campaign website - here for reference:

"It's said that a lie can get halfway around the world before the truth can get its pants on. This tear gas lie is proof of that. For nearly an entire day, the whole of the press corps frantically reported the 'news' of a tear gas attack on 'peaceful' protestors in Lafayette Park, with no evidence to support such claims. We now know through the U.S. Park Police that neither they, nor any of their law enforcement partners, used tear gas to quell rising violence. We also know that police discovered stashes of weapons like glass bottles, baseball bats, and metal poles hidden nearby, which are indeed strange items to have on hand for a 'peaceful' protest. Every news organization which reported the tear gas lie should immediately correct or retract its erroneous reporting."

- Tim Murtaugh, Trump 2020 communications director

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Washington Post

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By  
Abigail Hauslohner  
June 2, 2020 at 11:09 p.m. EDT

President Trump's reelection campaign sent a message out to news organizations Tuesday night, demanding a correction to articles that described security forces' use of tear gas to disperse demonstrators outside the White House on Monday, to allow Trump to cross the street to pose for photos at a church. The U.S. Park Police had earlier released a statement defending that effort, saying that their use of chemical agents against the crowd came in response to violence from protesters, and that it involved "pepper balls" and "smoke canisters." The statement went on to assert that "no tear gas was used" in the Lafayette Square incident. "We now know through the U.S. Park Police that neither they, nor any of their law enforcement partners, used tear gas to quell rising violence," Tim Murtaugh, the Trump 2020 campaign's communications director said in a statement Tuesday night. "Every news organization which reported the tear gas lie should immediately correct or retract its erroneous reporting,"

The truth boils down to an exercise in semantics.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: "Riot control agents (sometimes referred to as 'tear gas') are chemical compounds that temporarily make people unable to function by causing irritation to the eyes, mouth, throat, lungs, and skin."

And, according to the CDC, "several different compounds" fall under this definition, and are employed by security forces, including military and police, in riot control situations.

Among others, they include chloroacetophenone (CN), more commonly referred to as "mace," or pepper sprays — in other words, the compound that was deployed in Lafayette Square — and chlorobenzylidenemalononitrile (CS), "one of the most commonly used tear gases in the world," according to an article in the British Medical Journal.

Barr personally ordered removal of protesters near White House, leading to use of force against largely peaceful crowd

These compounds are all typically referred to as “tear gas” because their most prominent effect is to bring on tears. Riot control agents are designed to cause irritation within seconds of exposure, making the exposed want to flee the scene. And indeed, toxicologists advise that getting away from the gas is the best and first thing to do to mediate the impact.

The most common symptoms of exposure, according to the CDC can include excessive tearing and burning of the eyes, a runny nose, a burning mouth, chest tightness, coughing, skin burns, nausea and vomiting.

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[Rob Hotakainen](#), E&E News reporter Published: Wednesday, June 3, 2020



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FYI- our statement is posted on the NPS webpage for USPP.

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**Statement from United States Park Police acting Chief Gregory T. Monahan about the actions taken over the weekend to protect life and property - United States Park Police (U.S. National Park Service) - [nps.gov](https://www.nps.gov)**

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Fwd\_ [WaPo] Trump demands journalists correct s....pdf

**From:** [Monahan, Gregory](#)  
**To:** [Flynn, Jennifer](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: [WaPo] Trump demands journalists correct stories on the use of tear gas. According to the CDC, it was tear gas.  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 9:20:36 AM

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**From:** Mummart, Jennifer  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 8:11:24 AM  
**To:** Mendelson, Lisa ; Litterst, Michael D ; Liming, Katelyn M ; Delgado, Eduardo ; Monahan, Gregory ; Flynn, Jennifer ; Stanwich, John ; Wilmes, Katie ; Picavet, Alexandra M ; Roulett, Stephanie A  
**Subject:** [WaPo] Trump demands journalists correct stories on the use of tear gas. According to the CDC, it was tear gas.  
The statement referred to in the WaPo story below is posted on the president's campaign website - here for reference:

“It’s said that a lie can get halfway around the world before the truth can get its pants on. This tear gas lie is proof of that. For nearly an entire day, the whole of the press corps frantically reported the ‘news’ of a tear gas attack on ‘peaceful’ protestors in Lafayette Park, with no evidence to support such claims. We now know through the U.S. Park Police that neither they, nor any of their law enforcement partners, used tear gas to quell rising violence. We also know that police discovered stashes of weapons like glass bottles, baseball bats, and metal poles hidden nearby, which are indeed strange items to have on hand for a ‘peaceful’ protest. Every news organization which reported the tear gas lie should immediately correct or retract its erroneous reporting.”

- Tim Murtaugh, Trump 2020 communications director

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Washington Post

Trump demands journalists correct stories on the use of tear gas. According to the CDC, it was tear gas.

By  
Abigail Hauslohner  
June 2, 2020 at 11:09 p.m. EDT

President Trump’s reelection campaign sent a message out to news organizations Tuesday night, demanding a correction to articles that described security forces’ use of tear gas to disperse demonstrators outside the White House on Monday, to allow Trump to cross the street to pose for photos at a church.

The U.S. Park Police had earlier released a statement defending that effort, saying that their use of chemical agents against the crowd came in response to violence from protesters, and that it involved “pepper balls” and “smoke canisters.” The statement went on to assert that “no tear gas was used” in the Lafayette Square incident.

“We now know through the U.S. Park Police that neither they, nor any of their law enforcement partners, used tear gas to quell rising violence,” Tim Murtaugh, the Trump 2020 campaign’s

communications director said in a statement Tuesday night. “Every news organization which reported the tear gas lie should immediately correct or retract its erroneous reporting,”

The truth boils down to an exercise in semantics.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: “Riot control agents (sometimes referred to as “tear gas”) are chemical compounds that temporarily make people unable to function by causing irritation to the eyes, mouth, throat, lungs, and skin.”

And, according to the CDC, “several different compounds” fall under this definition, and are employed by security forces, including military and police, in riot control situations.

Among others, they include chloroacetophenone (CN), more commonly referred to as “mace,” or pepper sprays — in other words, the compound that was deployed in Lafayette Square — and chlorobenzylidenemalononitrile (CS), “one of the most commonly used tear gases in the world,” according to an article in the British Medical Journal.

Barr personally ordered removal of protesters near White House, leading to use of force against largely peaceful crowd

These compounds are all typically referred to as “tear gas” because their most prominent effect is to bring on tears.

Riot control agents are designed to cause irritation within seconds of exposure, making the exposed want to flee the scene. And indeed, toxicologists advise that getting away from the gas is the best and first thing to do to mediate the impact.

The most common symptoms of exposure, according to the CDC can include excessive tearing and burning of the eyes, a runny nose, a burning mouth, chest tightness, coughing, skin burns, nausea and vomiting.

Fwd\_ Arlington s Decision to Withdraw its Polic....pdf

**From:** [Picavet, Alexandra M](#)  
**To:** [Flynn, Jennifer](#); [Benge, Shawn T](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Arlington's Decision to Withdraw its Police Officers from the District of Columbia  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 6:36:43 PM

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FYI, this was sent to Arlington County residents.

**From:** Arlington County News  
**Date:** June 2, 2020 at 5:57:36 PM EDT  
**To:**  
**Subject:** Arlington's Decision to Withdraw its Police Officers from the District of Columbia  
**Reply-To:** [arlingtonva@public.govdelivery.com](mailto:arlingtonva@public.govdelivery.com)

## Arlington's Decision to Withdraw its Police Officers from the District of Columbia

On Monday, June 1, 2020, Arlington County took the extraordinary action of withdrawing police officers that we had detailed to the District of Columbia on Sunday, May 31, under a longstanding Mutual Aid agreement with the United States Park Police. The officers were asked to assist in the response to protests sparked by the May 25 death of [George Floyd](#) at the hands of Minneapolis police officers.

For years, Arlington has participated in mutual aid arrangements across our region. We participate in these agreements because they benefit both the jurisdiction requesting the aid and the jurisdiction providing it, by helping ensure a coordinated response and public safety in the face of natural disasters, such as hurricanes; largescale events, such as presidential inaugurations or the Marine Corps Marathon; or attacks, such as 9/11. We deeply value these agreements to support each other in providing public safety. The County made the decision to withdraw Arlington officers from the operation under the command of the United States Park Police when we realized that our officers had been caught up in a forceful action to remove peaceful protesters more than a half-hour before the curfew imposed by the District was to go into effect.

As has been widely reported, for the sake of a photoshoot for the President, peaceful protesters were forcefully dispersed without being given enough time to comply with orders to move back. Our officers had no idea that the effort to move protesters was for any reason other than to construct a temporary barrier.

The United States Park Police initially requested assistance from Arlington Police on Saturday, May 30. Under our Memorandum of Agreement with the United States Park Police, Arlington agreed to provide officers who are highly trained and skilled in peaceful crowd control and dispersal. On Sunday, May 31, those officers, along with two Police commanders, were stationed near Lafayette Park, where large crowds of protesters had gathered. They were held in reserve until approximately 10:30 p.m. when they were deployed to help move protesters back from H Street, to make it possible for firefighters to put out fires that had been set in shops and stores along the street.

On Sunday evening, the Park Police requested that Arlington return Monday to continue to assist them. The County agreed to that request but informed the Park Police that Monday would be the last day of our aid. On Monday, June 1, Arlington police officers returned to their staging area at Lafayette Park. At 2 p.m., the Arlington commanders were informed that later in the day they would be closing H Street to allow safe space for construction crews to build a physical barrier at the edge of the park. At approximately 6:20 p.m., more than a half-hour before the District's curfew was to go into effect, demonstrators were ordered to leave the area.

Approximately 10 minutes later, our police officers, under the command of the Park Police, were asked to redirect protestors away from the edge of Lafayette Park. It was later learned that the President used this opportunity to walk from the White House across the Park to St. John's Episcopal Church, where he posed briefly for photographs before returning to the White House. Arlington's police officers were professional and honorable in their conduct. During this event, they did not unholster their batons or fire rubber bullets or tear gas at the protesters. They used their presence to push protesters back. After the initial push back, our officers were replaced and returned to the staging area. At that time, having watched the events unfold on live television news coverage, the County Manager, with the full support of the County Board,

ordered the Chief of Police to withdraw Arlington's officers and return them to the County. Our officers departed the District by 8:30 p.m. Monday.

This unprecedented decision by the County was a necessary response to an unprecedented situation. Arlington still believes that our regional mutual aid agreements are beneficial to our community and to our neighboring communities. But the Manager, the Police Chief and the County Board will be re-evaluating those agreements to ensure that our police officers, of whose efforts to reflect the values of our community we are proud, are never again put in a situation where they are asked to take action that is inconsistent with our values.

Libby Garvey, Chair

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Matt de Ferranti, Member

Arlington County Board

Mark Schwartz, County Manager

<https://newsroom.arlingtonva.us/release/statement-from-the-police-chief-union-and-association-regarding-the-death-of-mr-george-floyd/>

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This email was sent to bethdporter@comcast.net on behalf of Arlington County.

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DOI Emergency Management Common Operating Pictu...(3).pdf



From: DOI WatchOffice  
Subject: DOI Emergency Management Common Operating Picture 06042020  
Date: Thursday June 4 2020 6:00:00 AM

Good Morning

The Interior Operations Center has published the [DOI Common Operating Picture](#) for your review. As a reminder due to the enhanced graphics and heavy emphasis on mapping the report will need to be viewed on the DOI network via desktop/laptop. If prompted select "DOI PIV" when clicking the link above.

Below is an Executive Summary of today's report:

**TROPICAL STORM CRISTOBAL (GULF OF MEXICO)**

The National Hurricane Center (NHC) is issuing advisories on Tropical Storm Cristobal which is currently located in southern Mexico and expected to enter the Gulf of Mexico on Friday. Current forecast models show the storm passing through the central Gulf of Mexico and approaching the coast of Louisiana on Sunday night or early Monday morning as a tropical storm. If the forecast track continues over the next several days the storm will pass multiple offshore oil and gas production platforms. According to the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) a tropical storm or even a category-one hurricane (maximum sustained winds of 74 mph to 95 mph) may not result in oil and gas production personnel being moved off station but production companies are monitoring the storm. BSEE will not initiate any reporting unless production falls 10% below the normal daily average. Along the Gulf Coast there is a risk of storm surge heavy rainfall and winds beginning this weekend.

**CIVIL UNREST (NATIONWIDE)**

Numerous protests and civil disturbances have continued across the U.S. Curfews remained in effect in seven states and Washington D.C. and open source reports indicate that approximately 10 000 people have been arrested across the country since last week. On June 3 approximately 74 000 National Guard (NG) members were on duty across multiple states performing domestic response missions in support of their governors with 30 000 NG members supporting civil unrest operations. In Washington D.C. protests continued but media reports indicate that they were largely peaceful. The USPP continued to respond to demonstrations yesterday and overnight at Lafayette Park and other park areas but some USPP personnel began demobilizing prior to midnight. Three USPP officers received minor injuries but were cleared to return to their posts.

**CORONAVIRUS**

Current Situation:

- Globally (As of June 4 2020 – WHO):
  - Confirmed Cases: 6 366 788 ( 94 690)
- Deaths: 383 262 ( 4 218)
- United States (As of June 4 2020 – JHU):
  - Confirmed Cases: 1 851 520 ( 19 699)
- Deaths: 107 175 ( 994)

Department of the Interior Confirmed Cases, Fatalities, and Recoveries (As of June 4 2020):

| DOI Bureau/Office | Confirmed Cases | Fatalities | Recoveries     |
|-------------------|-----------------|------------|----------------|
| IA                | 2               | 1          | 1              |
| • BIA             | 24 ( 2)         | 0          | 12             |
| • BIE             | 0               | 1          | 0              |
| BLM               | 10              | 0          | 7              |
| BOEM              | 2               | 0          | 2 ( 1)         |
| BSEE              | 4               | 0          | 4              |
| FWS               | 6               | 0          | 5              |
| NPS               | 39              | 0          | 30             |
| • USPP            | 6               | 0          | 5              |
| OCIO              | 1               | 0          | 1              |
| OCR               | 1               | 0          | 0              |
| OIG               | 2               | 0          | 2              |
| ONRR              | 2               | 0          | 2              |
| PFM               | 1               | 0          | 0              |
| SOL               | 1               | 0          | 1              |
| USBR              | 7               | 0          | 5              |
| USGS              | 11              | 0          | 5              |
| <b>Totals</b>     | <b>119 ( 2)</b> | <b>2</b>   | <b>82 ( 1)</b> |

The latest situation summary updates are available on the [CDC](#) and [WHO](#) websites.

A [COVID-2019 Action Tracker](#) has been established to display established state and local mitigation strategies. This website is a compilation by state of known confirmed cases travel restrictions state government and school operating status National Guard activations social gathering restrictions restaurant/bar closures and other response actions. Data compilation courtesy of AEI.

DOI Bureaus and Offices Impacts/Reports:

- BIA** – On June 3 one additional tribal employee tested positive for COVID-19 and one additional tribal employee was reported as recovered from the virus.
- USGS** – A total of 56 ( 0) USGS personnel have been directed to quarantine by their healthcare provider with 51 ( 8) cases listed as resolved and 5 (8) cases listed as active.
- FWS** – Thirteen ( 1) FWS employees are currently under self-quarantine.

Mission Assignments:

As of June 4 there are five DOI personnel supporting FEMA under seven Mission Assignments (MAs); the ESF #11 Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance (OEP) MA expired on June 2. Additional information can be found on the table below.

| Date       | MA Name                  | MA ESF | MA Number           | DOI B/O Lead | Description of Support                                                                                                                                                                             | Status             | Location                       | Funding Amount | Total Personnel |
|------------|--------------------------|--------|---------------------|--------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 03/27/2020 | Insular Affairs - LNO    | ESF #5 | 4511DR-MP-DOI-01    | OIA          | DOI Office of Insular Affairs to support FEMA communications and coordination with the CNMI leadership.                                                                                            | Activities Ongoing | JFO Isa Dr Capital Hill Saipan | \$10 000       | 1               |
| 03/27/2020 | Insular Affairs - LNO    | ESF #5 | 346SEM-AS-DOI-01-00 | OIA          | DOI Office of Insular Affairs to support FEMA communications and coordination with the American Samoa leadership                                                                                   | Activities Ongoing | American Samoa                 | \$10 000       | 1               |
| 03/27/2020 | Insular Affairs - LNO    | ESF #5 | 4495DR-GU-DOI-01    | OIA          | DOI Office of Insular Affairs to support FEMA communications and coordination with the Guam leadership.                                                                                            | Activities Ongoing | Agana Heights Guam             | \$5 000        | 1               |
| 05/06/2020 | ESF-4 PIO to WA          | ESF #4 | Unknown             | OWF          | A single resource request for a Public Information Officer (PIO) at the WA State EOC has been submitted.                                                                                           | Activities Ongoing | Washington State EOC           | Unknown        | 1               |
| 05/06/2020 | ESF-4 SCKN to NM         | ESF #4 | Unknown             | OWF          | A single resource request for a Status Check -In Recorder (SCKN) at the New Mexico EOC.                                                                                                            | Activities Ongoing | New Mexico State EOC           | Unknown        | 1               |
| 05/26/2020 | ESF-8 FWS King Salmon AK | ESF #8 | 4533DR-AK-DOI-01    | FWS          | In support of the State of AK and directed by FEMA FWS is providing and supporting facilities equipment and personnel in King Salmon AK for the State of AK and a partner agency's field hospital. | Activities Ongoing | King Salmon AK                 | \$50 000       | 0               |
| 05/26/2020 | ESF-8 NPS King Salmon AK | ESF #8 | 4533DR-AK-DOI-02    | NPS          | In support of the State of AK and directed by FEMA NPS is providing and supporting facilities equipment and personnel in King Salmon AK for the State of AK and a partner agency's field hospital. | Activities Ongoing | King Salmon AK                 | \$50 000       | 0               |

Other Local, State, Federal Government:

- National/State/Local overview** – There are 66 292 confirmed positive COVID-19 individuals and 2 564 reported deaths in the NCR as of June 4. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Science and Technology Directorate has developed an online calculator for predicting the decay of the virus that causes COVID-19 on surfaces under a range of temperatures and relative humidity. The Department of Defense announced human testing for a COVID-19 vaccine is on schedule to begin in late summer with anticipation for a vaccine by the end of the year and widespread distribution available sometime next year. In MN the Department of Health is working with the National Guard (NG) to set up multiple mobile testing sites for NG members and police officers who have interacted with protesters over the past week. The NG in ME is providing warehouse and distribution support to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) logistics facility in Freeport and is also conducting N95 fit testing and PPE training at 63 long-term care facilities across the state. On June 5 Maryland will begin to move into Stage 2 of the "Maryland Strong: Roadmap to Recovery" with a safe and gradual reopening of workplaces and businesses along with additional personal services.
- FEMA** – As of June 3 no lab diagnostic activities or facilities are experiencing operational disruptions as a result of the ongoing civil unrest across the U.S. The FEMA National Business Emergency Operations Center (NBEOC) is reporting that overall pork processing capacity in the U.S. is at 82 percent; normal operating capacity is 99.8 percent. Estimates suggest that the industry may reach 90 percent capacity by the first week of August.

OTHER INCIDENTS:

- Magnitude 5.5 Earthquake, CA** – The United States Geological Survey (USGS) reported that a magnitude 5.5 earthquake occurred on June 3 at 9:32 p.m. EDT approximately 13 miles to the east of Ridgecrest CA at a depth of about 5 miles. A Green PAGER Alert was issued for the earthquake indicating a low likelihood for damages and injuries. Aftershock activity continues in the area including a magnitude 4.2 event later that evening. The earthquake occurred on BLM lands and there are BLM personnel located around Ridgecrest. As of this morning there have been no reported impacts to DOI personnel or facilities. This will be a final update for this event unless DOI impacts are reported.
- Wildland Fire Preparedness Level (PL) Increase** – The National Wildland Fire PL was increased to Level 2 due to an increase in initial attack activity in multiple geographic areas and more resource requests through the National Interagency Coordination Center. At PL 2 several geographic areas are experiencing high to extreme fire danger though they are able to manage fire activity without requesting many wildland fire suppression resources from other areas. Few of the country's IMTs are assigned to wildland fire incidents.

There have been no additional reports of impacts to DOI personnel or facilities beyond those included in the DOI Common Operating Picture.

If you have any questions or require additional assistance please contact the Interior Operations Center.

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**From:** [Kuckro, Melissa](#)  
**To:** [Bowron, Jessica](#); [Flynn, Jennifer](#); [Monahan, Gregory](#); [Farinelli, Susan](#); [Bies, Brandon](#); [Porter, Beth](#); [Mendelson, Lisa](#); [May, Peter](#); [Merritt, Lavelle](#)  
**Cc:** [Laudner, Charles A](#); [Hackett, G](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] Chair McCollum Letter to Secretary Bernhardt & USPP Acting Chief Monahan  
**Date:** Thursday, June 4, 2020 6:01:43 AM  
**Attachments:** [20 0603 McCollum to USPP on June 1 Lafayette Park.pdf](#)

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FYI only -- the Department is handling the response.

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**From:** Hackett, G  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 9:11 PM  
**To:** Rojewski, Cole J  
**Cc:** Hall, Amanda L ; Kuckro, Melissa ; Laudner, Charles A  
**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] Chair McCollum Letter to Secretary Bernhardt & USPP Acting Chief Monahan  
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**From:** Taylor, Rebecca  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 7:30 PM  
**To:** Hackett, G ; Rojewski, Cole J  
**Cc:** Culp, Rita  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Chair McCollum Letter to Secretary Bernhardt & USPP Acting Chief Monahan  
Good evening,  
Attached please find a letter to Secretary Bernhardt and USPP Acting Chief Monahan from Chair McCollum expressing her concerns and requesting additional information on the actions taken to clear peaceful protestors from Lafayette Park on the evening of June 1.  
Due to our current teleworking policy this letter is only being sent electronically. Should a mailed hard copy be needed for any reason please let me know and one can be sent in the coming week.  
Thank you,  
Rebecca  
Rebecca Taylor  
Senior Policy & Appropriations Advisor  
Congresswoman Betty McCollum (MN-04)

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Secretary Bernhardt and Acting Chief Monahan,

In light of the disturbing accounts of U.S. Park Police (USPP) participation in the aggressive action against peaceful protesters in Lafayette Park on June 1, I write with great concern about the apparent justification of such tactics expressed in the statement released by Acting Chief Monahan dated June 2.

The mission of the U.S. Park Police is to provide “quality law enforcement to safeguard lives, protect our national treasures and symbols of democracy, and preserve the natural and cultural resources entrusted to us.” None of those goals are served by using the officers of the USPP as a force to indiscriminately fire chemical agents and rubber bullets into a crowd of peaceful protestors exercising their first amendment rights. It is unacceptable to prioritize clearing the way for a photo opportunity for the President over allowing a legal, peaceful demonstration occurring prior to the city curfew. Everyday Americans have the right to stand up for our democracy in their public spaces. If there were individual violent agitators in an area, as you claim, the priority of the USPP should have been to protect the peaceful demonstrators, innocent bystanders, and fellow law enforcement. Instead, America and the world witnessed federal law enforcement officers broadly targeting a nonviolent crowd with flash bangs, rubber pellets and chemical agents.

As Chair of the Interior and Environment Appropriations Subcommittee which funds the USPP and has oversight responsibilities for this federally taxpayer-funded force, I request that you provide answers to the following questions by 9 am on June 5, 2020.

- Who gave the order to the USPP officers to push protesters out of Lafayette Park? When was that order given?
- You stated that the USPP actions came in response to projectiles being thrown from individuals “on H Street NW”. If that is the case, why do eyewitnesses and reporters from the site, including the Rector of St. John’s Episcopal Church Gini Gerbasi as reported in the Washington Post, indicate that officers were pushing protesters from Lafayette Park towards H Street NW, at the north end of the park? Who made the tactical decision to move a nonviolent crowd towards what your own statement claims officers perceived to be a threat to health and safety?
- You stated that “no tear gas was used” by the USPP or other officers, but clearly chemical irritants were used given the symptoms suffered by protestors. How do you define “tear gas”, and were any chemical irritants used in the smoke or gas canisters fired into the protestors?
- Your stated that “During four days of demonstrations, 51 members of the USPP were injured; of those, 11 were transported to the hospital and released and three were admitted.” Please provide to the committee the dates, locations and nature of these injuries, including if any were sustained prior to or during the incident at Lafayette Park on the evening of June 1.

Our national parks are public spaces, and the monuments and parks of our nation’s capital have long been a sanctuary for all Americans to make their voices heard and advance our common goal of forging a more perfect union. The actions taken against the American people on June 1, in order to provide President Trump’s photo opportunity at St. John’s Episcopal Church, are antithetical to those values.



Have your staff contact Rita Culp of the Interior and Environment Appropriations Subcommittee staff with the responses to the questions above and to arrange a briefing, to be conducted remotely, for members of the committee to examine the role of the U.S. Park Police during the June 1 incident and the surrounding days.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Betty McCollum". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Betty" and last name "McCollum" clearly distinguishable.

Betty McCollum  
Chair  
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies  
Committee on Appropriations  
United States House of Representatives

Fw\_ [EXTERNAL] Media Request.pdf

**From:** [Delgado, Eduardo](#) on behalf of [USPP PIO, NPS](#)  
**To:** [Monahan, Gregory](#); [Flynn, Jennifer](#); [Picavet, Alexandra M](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] Media Request  
**Date:** Thursday, June 4, 2020 8:57:18 AM

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Journalist wounded.

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**From:** Artur Gabdrakhmanov  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 4, 2020 2:52 PM  
**To:** USPP PIO, NPS  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Media Request  
**Dear Sergeant Delgado,**

Is the US Park Police looking into the case of Nicole Roussell, a journalist for Sputnik news agency, who was wounded while covering protests in Lafayette Square, Washington, DC, on Monday? Do you consider disciplinary actions to officers who attacked her?

“Nicole Roussell, a Sputnik journalist in Washington, said she was fired at by US police several times while covering the protests, despite saying she was a press staffer. As Roussell filmed protesters "being sprayed with mace in their eyes," she was shot at with a rubber bullet that hit her calf.”

Here is an English-language article about the incident with more details and photos of injuries.

<https://sputniknews.com/us/202006021079497965-sputnik-reporter-says-was-wounded-by-us-police-while-covering-protests-in-washington/>

Regards,

Artur Gabdrakhmanov,  
“Rossiya Segodnya” Information Agency,  
Correspondent

Re\_ [EXTERNAL] Thinking of you.pdf

**From:** [Vela, Raymond \(David\)](#)  
**To:** (b) (6) .edu  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] Thinking of you  
**Date:** Thursday, June 4, 2020 12:32:36 PM

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Hi Mickey,

Thanks my dear friend as I need your prayers as these are truly unprecedented times for the green and grey. Trying to make our parks more accessible in a new visitor season while in the midst of a pandemic, positioning the agency for a second century of service while managing the social events that are occurring around the country within NPS units, has been the most challenging of experiences in my 38 years of public service! However, my faith, family, and workforce sustain me. Below is an all-employee message that I sent to our workforce on Monday.

From: Director, NPS <NPS\_Director@nps.gov>  
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 6:51 PM  
To: NPS All Employees  
Subject: A message to All Employees

Dear NPS employees,

I want to take a moment to check in with you and to let you know what has occurred in our parks this past weekend.

Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, our nation continues to have an intense and emotional dialogue about issues associated with race and civil rights, most recently the tragic death of George Floyd in Minnesota, which shook the nation. I am also deeply saddened by this weekend's violent attacks injuring scores of our own US Park Police officers upholding their mission to serve and protect. In addition, and across the nation, our national monuments sustained damage, mostly graffiti, and a historic structure was burned in Washington DC.

I want to thank the US Park Police, visitor and resource protection rangers, and the maintenance and preservation staff for all of their efforts over the past several days. The Secretary of the Interior also thanked the US Park Police<<https://twitter.com/secbernhardt/status/1267555073292488705?s=21>> for their efforts and had strong words of support for our staff<<https://twitter.com/SecBernhardt/status/1267520892034330625>>.

Many of our NPS sites and programs are dedicated to telling the stories of our fight for freedom and equality, like Stonewall National Monument and the Selma to Montgomery National Historic Trail. Our national parks can be places of healing and reconciliation for communities and provide opportunities to express their first amendment rights. Each of us plays an essential role in achieving these interests, and I want you to know that your emotional and physical safety is our utmost concern.

As one Nation, we must all lean on each other for support during these challenging times. Please remember the employee support resources<<https://inside.nps.gov/employee-support>> that are available to include the EAP<<https://inside.nps.gov/employee-support>>, peer support teams, employee resource groups<<https://www.nps.gov/orgs/1244/ergs.htm>>, and more as they are always available to you.

Be safe.

David Vela  
Deputy Director,  
Exercising the Authority of the Director

Please keep in touch my dear friend, and thanks again for your prayers and message.

David Vela  
Deputy Director,  
Exercising the Authority of the Director  
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From: Mickey Fearn (b) (6) .edu>  
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 6:25 PM  
To: Vela, Raymond (David)  
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Thinking of you

Hey David. Thinking about you a lot. I've been thinking about what is/was God's plan for your being Director at this time? There some reason, but I haven't figured it out yet. Just know that I love you and am praying for you. Mickey

Fw\_ [EXTERNAL] Chair McCollum Letter to Secreta...(1).pdf

**From:** [Flynn, Jennifer](#)  
**To:** [Benge, Shawn T](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] Chair McCollum Letter to Secretary Bernhardt & USPP Acting Chief Monahan  
**Date:** Thursday, June 4, 2020 12:42:16 PM  
**Attachments:** [20 0603 McCollum to USPP on June 1 Lafayette Park.pdf](#)

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I don't see you on the list.

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**From:** Kuckro, Melissa  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 4, 2020 8:01 AM  
**To:** Bowron, Jessica ; Flynn, Jennifer ; Monahan, Gregory ; Farinelli, Susan ; Bies, Brandon ; Porter, Beth ; Mendelson, Lisa ; May, Peter ; Merritt, Lavell  
**Cc:** Laudner, Charles A ; Hackett, G  
**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] Chair McCollum Letter to Secretary Bernhardt & USPP Acting Chief Monahan

**FYI only -- the Department is handling the response.**

Melissa Kuckro, Deputy Assistant Director, Legislative and Congressional Affairs  
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**From:** Hackett, G  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 9:11 PM  
**To:** Rojewski, Cole J  
**Cc:** Hall, Amanda L ; Kuckro, Melissa ; Laudner, Charles A  
**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] Chair McCollum Letter to Secretary Bernhardt & USPP Acting Chief Monahan  
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**From:** Taylor, Rebecca



**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 7:30 PM

**To:** Hackett, G ; Rojewski, Cole J

**Cc:** Culp, Rita

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Chair McCollum Letter to Secretary Bernhardt & USPP Acting Chief Monahan  
Good evening,

Attached please find a letter to Secretary Bernhardt and USPP Acting Chief Monahan from Chair McCollum expressing her concerns and requesting additional information on the actions taken to clear peaceful protestors from Lafayette Park on the evening of June 1.

Due to our current teleworking policy this letter is only being sent electronically. Should a mailed hard copy be needed for any reason please let me know and one can be sent in the coming week.

Thank you,

Rebecca

Rebecca Taylor

Senior Policy & Appropriations Advisor

Congresswoman Betty McCollum (MN-04)

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The Honorable David Bernhardt  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
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Gregory T. Monahan  
Acting Chief  
U.S. Park Police  
Department of the Interior  
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Washington, DC 20240

Secretary Bernhardt and Acting Chief Monahan,

In light of the disturbing accounts of U.S. Park Police (USPP) participation in the aggressive action against peaceful protesters in Lafayette Park on June 1, I write with great concern about the apparent justification of such tactics expressed in the statement released by Acting Chief Monahan dated June 2.

The mission of the U.S. Park Police is to provide “quality law enforcement to safeguard lives, protect our national treasures and symbols of democracy, and preserve the natural and cultural resources entrusted to us.” None of those goals are served by using the officers of the USPP as a force to indiscriminately fire chemical agents and rubber bullets into a crowd of peaceful protestors exercising their first amendment rights. It is unacceptable to prioritize clearing the way for a photo opportunity for the President over allowing a legal, peaceful demonstration occurring prior to the city curfew. Everyday Americans have the right to stand up for our democracy in their public spaces. If there were individual violent agitators in an area, as you claim, the priority of the USPP should have been to protect the peaceful demonstrators, innocent bystanders, and fellow law enforcement. Instead, America and the world witnessed federal law enforcement officers broadly targeting a nonviolent crowd with flash bangs, rubber pellets and chemical agents.

As Chair of the Interior and Environment Appropriations Subcommittee which funds the USPP and has oversight responsibilities for this federally taxpayer-funded force, I request that you provide answers to the following questions by 9 am on June 5, 2020.

- Who gave the order to the USPP officers to push protesters out of Lafayette Park? When was that order given?
- You stated that the USPP actions came in response to projectiles being thrown from individuals “on H Street NW”. If that is the case, why do eyewitnesses and reporters from the site, including the Rector of St. John’s Episcopal Church Gini Gerbasi as reported in the Washington Post, indicate that officers were pushing protesters from Lafayette Park towards H Street NW, at the north end of the park? Who made the tactical decision to move a nonviolent crowd towards what your own statement claims officers perceived to be a threat to health and safety?
- You stated that “no tear gas was used” by the USPP or other officers, but clearly chemical irritants were used given the symptoms suffered by protestors. How do you define “tear gas”, and were any chemical irritants used in the smoke or gas canisters fired into the protestors?
- Your stated that “During four days of demonstrations, 51 members of the USPP were injured; of those, 11 were transported to the hospital and released and three were admitted.” Please provide to the committee the dates, locations and nature of these injuries, including if any were sustained prior to or during the incident at Lafayette Park on the evening of June 1.

Our national parks are public spaces, and the monuments and parks of our nation’s capital have long been a sanctuary for all Americans to make their voices heard and advance our common goal of forging a more perfect union. The actions taken against the American people on June 1, in order to provide President Trump’s photo opportunity at St. John’s Episcopal Church, are antithetical to those values.

Have your staff contact Rita Culp of the Interior and Environment Appropriations Subcommittee staff with the responses to the questions above and to arrange a briefing, to be conducted remotely, for members of the committee to examine the role of the U.S. Park Police during the June 1 incident and the surrounding days.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Betty McCollum". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Betty" and last name "McCollum" clearly distinguishable.

Betty McCollum  
Chair  
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies  
Committee on Appropriations  
United States House of Representatives

Fw\_ Message from the Acting Chief of Police.pdf

**From:** [Monahan, Gregory](#)  
**To:** [Flynn, Jennifer](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: Message from the Acting Chief of Police  
**Date:** Thursday, June 4, 2020 1:24:46 PM

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FYI.

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**Gregory T. Monahan**  
**Chief of Police (A)**  
**United States Park Police**  
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**From:** Blyth, Pamela on behalf of USPP Planning Unit, NPS

**Sent:** Thursday, June 4, 2020 2:56 PM

**Subject:** Message from the Acting Chief of Police

Yesterday, many of you in the WMA were able to enjoy some down time which was much needed. It should come as no surprise that today will look different from yesterday in terms of the closures, outer perimeters, etc. We will continue to be faced with challenges in terms of the various demonstrations and the weather, so remain flexible.

You are all doing an excellent job. We have completed two full operational periods where we have facilitated peaceful protests and ensured the safety of our personnel and our partners. Continue to implement our plan as it is outlined by your commanders.

On a daily basis, I have the opportunity to brief NPS and DOI on the previous and current operational period. From my perspective, the NPS and the DOI has been and continue to be 100% supportive of our role in this Civil Unrest and our decisions to date.

Admittedly, I have been struggling to keep up with the media account of what has transpired over the past several days, but I spent some time this morning catching up. As I did, I was frustrated at times to what amounts to a ton of inaccuracies. In my mind, what I kept coming back to was truth in leadership. So even though the political and media environment challenges that perception of truth, the fact of the matter is this:

*The United States Park Police has been and will always be at the forefront of facilitating first amendment demonstrations. As an agency, we are not only charged with safeguarding lives, but also with protecting our national treasures and symbols of democracy. And this group is the current generation of USPP officers and leadership making that happen.*

So, I will leave you all with this thought - high trust environments have a direct

correlation to high degrees of engagement and commitment from our workforce and ultimately to the success of our mission. I have the utmost trust in each and every one of you. And it is nothing short of awesome to watch all of you lead and represent the Force through this time.

Continue to do the great work you're doing, and I will see you all on the line today.

**Gregory T. Monahan**  
**Acting Chief of Police**  
**United States Park Police**

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**From:** [Zawislak, Edward L](#)  
**To:** [Flynn, Jennifer](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Requests  
**Date:** Thursday, June 4, 2020 3:13:14 PM

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Yes, can I get it to you tomorrow?  
V/R Chip

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**From:** Flynn, Jennifer  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 4, 2020 5:05:38 PM  
**To:** Zawislak, Edward L  
**Subject:** Requests  
Chip

Can you pull together a list of the injuries the officers have sustained at Lafayette? No names, just type / severity of injury.

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**From:** [Flynn, Jennifer](#)  
**To:** [Zawislak, Edward L](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Requests  
**Date:** Thursday, June 4, 2020 3:13:59 PM

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Fwd\_ [EXTERNAL] Letter to Secretary Bernhardt R....pdf

**From:** [Benge, Shawn T](#)  
**To:** [Vela, Raymond \(David\)](#); [Flynn, Jennifer](#)  
**Cc:** [Farinelli, Susan](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: [EXTERNAL] Letter to Secretary Bernhardt RE: 6/1/20 Assault in Lafayette Park  
**Date:** Thursday, June 4, 2020 4:54:15 PM  
**Attachments:** [ATT00001.htm](#)  
[2020-06-04 Letter to Secretary Bernhardt on Assault on Protesters.pdf](#)  
[ATT00002.htm](#)

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Awareness

Shawn BengeSent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Vietzke, Gay E"  
**Date:** June 4, 2020 at 2:53:03 PM EDT  
**To:** "Benge, Shawn T" , "Farinelli, Susan"  
**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] Letter to Secretary Bernhardt RE: 6/1/20  
Assault in Lafayette Park

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**From:** Janssen, Wendy K  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 4, 2020 2:50 PM  
**To:** Vietzke, Gay E ; Conway, Deborah L  
**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] Letter to Secretary Bernhardt RE: 6/1/20 Assault in Lafayette Park  
FYI, just received.

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**From:** Brendan Mysliwiec  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 4, 2020 1:54 PM

**To:** Janssen, Wendy K

**Cc:** Speers, Kurt W ; Sandi Marra ; Laura Belleville

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Letter to Secretary Bernhardt RE: 6/1/20 Assault in Lafayette Park  
Wendy,

Attached please find a letter ATC joined as co-signatory regarding the involvement of National Park Service law enforcement officers (LEOs) in the assault on peaceful protesters in Lafayette Park on June 1, 2020. Because we so deeply value our LEOs and know them as peace officers and good people, we were deeply disturbed by the events on Monday evening. This behavior is not what we have known from the Service and it does not feel like it is what the Service wants to or ought to be known for. What we saw on Monday evening was a corruptible system in action, compromising both those within it and those subject to it.

ATC has been grappling with the reality that silence is complicity and if we cannot be honest and open with our closest partner—the National Park Service—we are incapable of being honest with anybody else. We remain grateful for the dedication of all the Service's employees and will speak honestly about our shared commitment to protecting America's special places and telling America's stories. We will not, however, remain silent about the appalling display wherein protectors became aggressors.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you.

-brendan

Brendan Mysliwiec

Director of Federal Policy and Legislation

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2020-06-04 Letter to Secretary Bernhardt on As.pdf



David Bernhardt  
Secretary of the Interior  
Department of the Interior  
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**\*\*Submitted via email\*\***

June 4, 2020

Dear Secretary Bernhardt,

We write with deep concern about the recent actions of the United States Park Police during ongoing protests in Washington, DC. Like protests around the country, those in our nation's capital are calls for justice for the Black community. We grieve and condemn the recent horrific acts of violence and intimidation against Black people in our country, and the June 1 expulsion of peaceful protesters from in and near Lafayette Park, a national park unit, which was both unprovoked and unnecessarily aggressive. We are appalled by this injustice. The Park Police have become a face of violence in the streets of our nation's capital. On behalf of our millions of members and supporters across the country, we ask that you provide explanations for the Park Police's use of force to clear a public space where people were exercising their constitutional rights.

Lafayette Park has a painful and evolving history. It has been a graveyard, a slave market and an encampment for soldiers. Fredrick Douglass's Freedman's Bank was once located on its borders and Dolly Madison's house still stands adjacent to the park.<sup>1</sup> As with all other sites under National Park Service jurisdiction, the agency is tasked with not only protecting the place and its history, but ensuring the public is able to access, learn, experience and enjoy them.

This is not the first public protest to take place in this space or in the national parks of Washington, DC, and it will not be the last. From the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom in 1963 to the Women's March in 2017, and all the gatherings large and small in between, people have come to the national parks in our nation's capital to let their voices be heard and push our country along the path to form a more perfect union. National parks in the District of Columbia have been and must continue to be safe spaces for protestors exercising their constitutional rights.

It has been devastating to watch the Park Police stray so far from the vision they outline for themselves – providing a safe haven for enjoyment of parks without fear, serving people with respect and dignity, and ensuring citizens are free to safely exercise their First Amendment rights of free speech and assembly.<sup>2</sup> We do not believe that launching tear gas, flash bangs and rubber bullets at peaceful protestors are the actions of the “premier police organization within the Federal Government” the Park Police claim they are striving to be. These actions make clear that the Park Police are simply another example of the larger systemic issues across law enforcement and they must be held accountable.

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<sup>1</sup> “Explore the Northern Trail (Lafayette Park),” National Park Service, <https://www.nps.gov/whho/planyourvisit/explore-the-northern-trail.htm>. Accessed June 2, 2020.

<sup>2</sup> “Mission Statement,” United States Park Police, <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/uspp/mission-statement.htm>. Accessed June 2, 2020.

These actions raise a series of questions about the current mission and operating standards of the Park Police:

- The Park Police have protected protestors and public spaces at numerous gatherings in the past. What has changed in the agency's mission or guidelines that permitted the use of tear gas and rubber bullets on people obeying the law?
- Multiple law enforcement agencies have been involved in activities related to the current protests. Where does the Park Police fall in the hierarchy of these fellow agencies and how does or should their role differ from that of the Secret Service, Metropolitan Police Department and other relevant agencies?
- Does the National Park Service or the Department of the Interior have the authority to remove Park Police from participating in activities that are antithetical to the mission of the Park Police or the Park Service?
- What criteria does the Park Police use to authorize the use of helicopter assistance in law enforcement activities? What level of helicopter assistance was utilized by the Park Police during recent protests?
- As related to the activities of May 31 and June 1, what level of resistance justified the use of Defensive Tactics as defined in General Order 3615 – Use of Force?
- As related to the activities of May 31 and June 1, how is the Park Police utilizing incident reports stemming from the well documented widespread uses of force beyond Cooperate and Contact as defined in General Order 3615 –Use of Force?
- As related to the activities of June 1, what levels of the official chain of command<sup>3</sup> participated in the decision to use Park Police to violently move peaceful protestors from Lafayette Park and adjacent areas of H Street NW?
- As related to the activities of June 1, were there any efforts made to obscure that it was Park Police that were actively participating in the violent enforcement activities?
- Following the activities of June 1, have there been any changes to mutual aid agreements that the Park Police agreed to among regional law enforcement entities?
- Does the Park Police have an established and public after-action analysis process?
- Does the Park Police have a method for the public to file a citizen complaint or commendation?

The Park Police may be only one law enforcement agency among many in the context of the protests in Washington, DC. But they are also ambassadors for one of the most beloved agencies in the federal government, the National Park Service. And just as our national parks are held to the highest standards, so too must be all those who wear a badge in their name, as well as those who lead the Interior Department.

The Black community and people of color deserve better. Our national parks deserve better. The public deserves better. And our democracy deserves better.

Sincerely,

Alaska Wilderness League  
American Society of Landscape Architects  
Appalachian Trail Conservancy

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<sup>3</sup> "Office of the Chief," United States Park Police, <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/uspp/office-of-the-chief.htm> . Accessed June 3, 2020.

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Caldera Action  
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Cc: William Barr, U.S. Attorney General

[EXTERNAL] Request for Barrier Removals at lafa....pdf

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Request for Barrier Removals at Lafayette Square Park  
**Date:** Friday, June 5, 2020 9:15:12 AM

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**The Downtown Cluster of Congregations**  
**1313 New York Avenue, N.W.**  
**Washington, DC 20005**

Dear Mr. Vela,

I am writing to request that the barrier fence erected at the perimeters of Lafayette Square Park be removed to allow open access for all.

Several member congregations are located quite nearby the Park, inclusive of St. John's Church, Lafayette Square Park which is located directly across from the Park.

Having the Park open and accessible means not only the ability for people to enjoy the Park, the views, and the neighborhood, but is also critically important to the history of freedom of expression all Americans have enjoyed under the Constitution. The fencing both in reality and symbolically directly runs counter to the freedoms all Americans enjoy and what the country represents.

On behalf of the Downtown Cluster of Congregations I urge that the fencing be removed.

Respectfully,

Terry Lynch

Executive Director

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Fw\_ [EXTERNAL] Talk real quick re tear gas and ....pdf

**From:** [Delgado, Eduardo](#) on behalf of [USPP PIO, NPS](#)  
**To:** [Flynn, Jennifer](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] Talk real quick re tear gas and pepper balls, etc?  
**Date:** Friday, June 5, 2020 12:21:18 PM

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**From:** Knickmeyer, Ellen

**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 2:11 PM

**To:** USPP PIO, NPS

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Talk real quick re tear gas and pepper balls, etc?

Hi, all – is it possible to talk real quick now on the topic of tear gas and pepper balls, etc? My editors saw the Vox article and were wanting to get that point as well. Obviously when you talk to AP, all the media can use, so saves time. : )

It's (b) (6)

Thank you,

Ellen Knickmeyer

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**From:** [Delgado, Eduardo](#) on behalf of [USPP PIO, NPS](#)  
**To:** [Flynn, Jennifer](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] CBS News Q: Tear Gas  
**Date:** Friday, June 5, 2020 12:22:29 PM

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**From:** Jiang, Weijia  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 2:19 PM  
**To:** USPP PIO, NPS  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] CBS News Q: Tear Gas  
Hello,

I'm wondering if you have a retraction for a previous statement you issued claiming that the U.S. Park Police did not use "tear gas" on Monday in Lafayette Square.

More simply, did the Park Police "tear gas" to disperse the crowd?

Can you confirm the details in the *VOX* story that was published today that includes a statement from Sgt. Eduardo Delgado that "The point is we admitted to using what we used. I think the term 'tear gas' doesn't even matter anymore. It was a mistake on our part for using 'tear gas' because we just assumed people would think CS or CN."

I'm available by phone if that's easier.

Thank you.

Best,  
Weijia

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White House Correspondent  
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Fw\_ [EXTERNAL] Question.pdf

**From:** [Delgado, Eduardo](#)  
**To:** [Picavet, Alexandra M](#)  
**Cc:** [Rowe, Louis R](#); [Flynn, Jennifer](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] Question  
**Date:** Friday, June 5, 2020 12:27:59 PM

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**From:** Rob Hotakainen  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 1:51 PM  
**To:** Delgado, Eduardo  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Question

I'm doing a story for our PM edition on your remarks to Vox. Why was this a mistake? I have to file by 3.

US Park Police spokesperson said in an interview it was a "mistake" to insist in a statement on Tuesday that it didn't use tear gas the day before in Lafayette Square to disperse a crowd ahead of President Trump's photo op.

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**Date:** Friday, June 5, 2020 12:28:27 PM

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**From:** LeCroy, Lillian  
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Good afternoon Sgt. Delgado. Can you confirm these comments you made to VOX?  
Good afternoon Sgt. Delgado. Can you confirm these comments you made to VOX?

Thanks so much. I know it's very busy.

Sincerely,  
Lillian

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A US Park Police spokesperson said in an interview it was a “mistake” to insist in a statement on Tuesday that it didn’t use tear gas the day before in Lafayette Square to disperse a crowd ahead of President Trump’s photo op, explicitly noting that pepper balls shot by officials irritate the eyes and cause tears.

“The point is we admitted to using what we used,” Sgt. Eduardo Delgado said. “I think the term ‘tear gas’ doesn’t even matter anymore. It was a mistake on our part for using ‘tear gas’ because we just assumed people would think CS or CN,” two common forms of tear gas.

Delgado’s call to me Friday was an attempt to clear up a statement the Park Police released Tuesday, the day after reporters on the scene outside the White House said officers used tear gas on peaceful protesters. The [statement](#) from acting Chief Gregory Monahan said that no tear gas was used by any federal force present, but that the Park Police itself “employed smoke canisters and pepper balls.”

“I’m not going to say that pepper balls don’t irritate you,” Delgado said, noting they contain [capsicum](#), an irritant

derived from pepper plants. “I’m not saying it’s not a tear gas, but I’m just saying we use a pepper ball that shoots a powder.”

The response became a national controversy in itself, with experts in policing tactics calling the distinction semantic. “Tear gas” is a broad term, often defined as a synthetic chemical irritant. Pepper spray is a naturally derived chemical irritant that causes many effects similar to that of common types of tear gas, including temporary blindness and a burning sensation in the nose.

On Friday, Delgado maintained their original statement was accurate as it relates to the Park Police: “no tear gas was used by USPP officers.” US Park Police used only those non-lethal weapons as law enforcement forcibly pushed peaceful protesters away from the White House. In fact, he said — as he has before — that his agency doesn’t carry tear gases known as CN, even though canisters of all of them were found on the scene. As for CS, the agency doesn’t carry the specific type found on the Square, but it does carry CS in general.

Delgado couldn’t comment on whether or not other federal agencies, like the Secret Service, used tear gas at the protest. All agencies All law enforcement agencies involved in the violent dispersal, though, have denied launching tear gas.

One reason the Park Police felt it was right to say tear gas wasn’t used in its Tuesday statement, per Delgado, is because they were referring solely to the employment of CN and CS gases, which the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention labels the “most common” forms of tear gases. The CDC, which also uses the term “riot control agent” for tear gases, does say that “pepper spray” is considered a “riot control agent.”

“It was kind of a fault on our part just not saying in the first place ‘we did not use CN or CS, we used smoke and pepper balls,’ and that would’ve made it a moot point,” Delgado said. Some people claim we purposefully tried to mislead by “saying we didn’t use tear gas, we used pepper balls. ... That was not our intention.”

The goal was to be “transparent” about what the Park Police used, he continued. “Everybody went on a tangent saying ‘Well, isn’t a pepper ball tear gas?’ And it’s like, ‘I don’t know.’ I’m just telling you what we used and what we didn’t use.”

“If we had shot CS or CN, every [Park Police] officer there would’ve had a gas mask on,” said Delgado, who was present the forced dispersal on Monday. “But what you saw were very few officers with gas masks walking through the quote-unquote tear gas with no effects. Now that would be impossible if that was CS or CN and you had no protection.” “I’ve been through the stuff. You would see officers and civilians crawling, everything out of their sinuses pouring out onto their shirts and onto the ground, people helping each other walk because you can’t see,” Delgado noted.

Altogether, Delgado — on behalf of the US Park Police — conceded the agency displayed an error in judgment with its emphatic Monday statement that led the [Trump campaign](#) to demand retractions from reporters, including me.

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**From:** Fritze, John  
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**To:** USPP PIO, NPS  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Vox interview re. Lafayette

Hi. We're looking to match the points Sgt. Delgado made in the Vox interview here (<https://www.vox.com/2020/6/5/21281604/lafayette-square-white-house-tear-gas-protest>), specifically that "it was a mistake on our part for using 'tear gas' because we just assumed people would think CS or CN," and also that "Delgado couldn't comment on whether or not other federal agencies, like the Secret Service, used tear gas at the protest."

Thanks,

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**From:** Rebecca Beitsch  
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**To:** USPP PIO, NPS  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Q on Vox comments/tear gas  
Hey guys,

I saw this [interview in Vox](#) and wanted to see if USPP stands by Sgt. Eduardo Delgado's statement that "It was a mistake on our part for using 'tear gas'" in the first release on USPPs involvement.

I've noticed the updated press release on the site still states "USPP officers and other assisting law enforcement partners did not use tear gas or OC Skat Shells to close the area at Lafayette Park on Monday, June 1."

[https://www.nps.gov/subjects/uspp/6\\_2\\_20\\_statement\\_from\\_acting\\_chief\\_monahan.htm](https://www.nps.gov/subjects/uspp/6_2_20_statement_from_acting_chief_monahan.htm)

Would appreciate any comment to help work out these inconsistencies.

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Here is a word doc with same questions and working timeline.

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**Subject:** WashPost Request -- Lafayette Square

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## Lafayette Square — Questions for United States Park Police

All, The Washington Post is reconstructing the events of Monday night at Lafayette Square using video, photographs and available police communications. The United States Park Police feature prominently in the reconstruction because of the available police communications, and positioning of USPP officers along the skirmish lines and their active role in dispersing the crowd. Please see our working timeline below. We invite USPP to help **TODAY** in this project to clear up questions of chain of command, use of munitions against the crowd, and to generally fact-check the information we have, as there appear to be some discrepancies from initial reports. Please review ASAP and let us know a time today that we can discuss, as a conversation by phone or video conference may be most expedient. Thank you.

### Basic Questions:

1. How many USPP officers were deployed to Lafayette square?
2. Who was in command for USPP on the ground? Please ID the officer? Where was he or she located as the orders came into form a skirmish line and disperse the crowd?
3. **Who was in operational control of the scene at that time, USPP? Who was the incident commander, or who was running the unified command on scene?**
4. **When was USPP made aware of the order to push forward and clear the area of the protestors?**
5. **What was the rationale for that movement at that time, and what was the rationale communicated to officers on the skirmish line, if any?** We understand earlier in the day that ACPD was told they would at some point move back the perimeter, but other than the president's impending movement, we have found no visual evidence of escalation by the crowd that appeared to provoke the decision.
6. **Who communicated the dispersement order to USPP?** Did USPP transmit that to ACPD and other agencies? In footage, USPP officers charge forward before ACPD officers, were they working on a different communications channel? Did USPP hear the order first?
7. **Did USPP communicate to the crowd that the perimeter would be moved? At what time(s), specifically? What form of amplification was used, and from where was the announcement made? Do you have audio, video or CAD recordings with the verbatim language of the warning(s)?** Footage shows it was not audible to many in the crowd.
8. **Why did officers charge forward to disperse, instead of slowly moving the line forward?**
9. **Did USPP set any rules of engagement or provide guidance for use of force by mutual aid agencies, especially BOP units that do not have training in community policing?**



10. Does USPP maintain that the dispersment was carried out entirely appropriately? That the volume of OC, pepper balls and other munitions was called for? That the camera crew had acted in a way that necessitated such a use of force?
11. What munitions were deployed by USPP? What munitions were used by officers?
12. How many officers were assigned pepper ball guns? Where and how were these unit deployed?
13. How many officers on horseback were deployed? And where were they deployed?
14. What munitions were assigned to USPP grenadiers present on Lafayette Square?

### **Key times and issues:**

-At **6:22 p.m.** an announcement to protestors was heard. In the footage reviewed by The Post. Any idea which Major made the announcement and what department or agency he is affiliated with?

-**6:27 p.m.** we see an officer dressed in white and a black helmet walking behind officers. The officer appears to be organizing forces throughout the day. After he gives a signal USPP, ACPD, and other law enforcement agencies begin to use force against protestors. Is this an USPP officer? If so what were his responsibilities on the ground?

-At **6:28 p.m.** ACPD received the order that "Level 1" was activated. What is this specific order that was given to forces on the ground? Did this order come from USPP?

-At **6:35 p.m.** ACPD were told ""Leave the camera crew alone" was the USPP aware of the attack on two Australian reporters while dispersing the protests? Was their an effort at the time to remove the officers involved?

-Was USPP aware that the Federal Bureau of Prison's Special Response Operations Team was also deployed at the protest, and dispensed multiple rounds of munitions? Was the department concerned about working with a unit without urban policing experience?

-How were responsibilities for dispersing protestors and clearing the area in front of the White House delineated? Were specific agencies and/or department assigned specific roles and/or areas?

| Timeline                                                                                                                             | Background                                                            | Notes |
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| <p><b>5:07 p.m.</b></p> <p>Groups of protesters begin making their way to the White House from the Capitol</p>                       |                                                                       |       |
| <p><b>5:14 p.m.</b></p> <p>“All units please be advised there’s a group that received a large bag of possibly rocks at H street”</p> | <p>Audio of radio transmission from Arlington County police radio</p> |       |
| <p><b>5:15 p.m.</b></p> <p>“Be advised that MPD is also reporting</p>                                                                | <p>Audio of radio transmission from Arlington County police radio</p> |       |

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| that<br>rocks are<br>also<br>being<br>dropped<br>at 14th<br>and G<br>street”                                                                                                                                           |                                                                |  |
| <b>5:38<br/>p.m.</b><br><br>“Third<br>and final<br>warning<br>given to<br>crowd for<br>breaking<br>the<br>barriers”                                                                                                    | Audio of radio transmission from Arlington County police radio |  |
| <b>5:42<br/>p.m.</b><br><br>“When<br>we link<br>up with<br>you and<br>if we do<br>this split<br>maneuve<br>r we’re<br>going to<br>have to<br>split as<br>well so<br>Victor 2<br>will stay<br>going<br>down H<br>and if | Audio of radio transmission from Arlington County police radio |  |

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| <p><b>6:05<br/>p.m.</b></p> <p>“Cannot<br/>confirm<br/>the<br/>children<br/>but there<br/>is at least<br/>one<br/>person in<br/>full<br/>tactical<br/>gear and<br/>a vest”</p> <p>ACPD<br/>officers<br/>speaking<br/>over<br/>radio<br/>asking if<br/>there<br/>were<br/>children<br/>in the<br/>crowd.</p> | <p>Audio of radio transmission from Arlington County police radio</p> |  |

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| <p><b>6:18 p.m.</b></p> <p>Secret service police begin to advance into crowd and split up protestors into smaller groups outside the White House. A small group of protestors begin to throw eggs, candy bars, and other projectiles at the secret service.</p> | <p><a href="#">Video link</a></p>                                     |  |
| <p><b>6:21 p.m.</b></p> <p>"John can you just confirm when you have all</p>                                                                                                                                                                                     | <p>Audio of radio transmission from Arlington County police radio</p> |  |

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| <p>the<br/>grenadier<br/>s and<br/>shields<br/>with you”</p> <p>“Roger<br/>that,<br/>looks like<br/>they’re<br/>just<br/>getting<br/>here<br/>now”</p>                                            |                                                           |                                                                                                                          |
| <p><b>6:22<br/>p.m.</b></p> <p>Officers<br/>make<br/>some<br/>sort of<br/>announce<br/>ment to<br/>protestor<br/>s but it is<br/>inaudible<br/>. -<br/>““Attenti<br/>on: This<br/>is Maj...””</p> | <p>Video can he heard heard at <a href="#">4:13pm</a></p> | <p>-Who<br/>is the<br/>Major<br/>in<br/>charge<br/>at this<br/>mome<br/>nt<br/>speaki<br/>ng to<br/>protes<br/>tors?</p> |

**6:27  
p.m.**

A commanding officer who appears to US Park Police is seen telling the USPP, BOP, National Guard, and Secret Service to get ready. He is seen throughout the day in the lead up to the protest organizing the effort.



**6:28  
p.m.**

“Level 1’s been activated

Audio of radio transmission from Arlington County police radio.

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| <p><b>6:28<br/>p.m.</b></p> <p>National<br/>Guard &amp;<br/>officers<br/>move<br/>forward<br/>toward<br/>barricade<br/>facing H<br/>street<br/>NW from<br/>the<br/>direction<br/>of<br/>Lafayette<br/>Square.<br/>The<br/>crowd<br/>grows<br/>tense, in<br/>what is<br/>seen as<br/>an<br/>escalatio<br/>n.</p> <p>A water<br/>bottle is<br/>thrown<br/>by a<br/>protester<br/>as the<br/>officers</p> | <p><a href="#">Video link of national guard and federal officers pushing towards<br/>barricade</a></p> |  |



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| <p>move forward.</p> <p>Behind line of National Guard officers at barricade in Reuters live, federal officers appear to be holding pepper ball guns.</p>    |                                   |  |
| <p><b>6:28 p.m.</b></p> <p>Secret service police and USPP begins to rapidly push protestors out, in some cases violently up Vermont Ave NW from H St NW</p> | <p><a href="#">Video link</a></p> |  |

**6:29  
p.m**

[Video link](#)

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**6:35  
p.m.**



[Video link to CNN coverage](#)

Moment when ACPD, BOP and US Park Police begin surge forward toward protestors at from St. John's.

ACPD officers are seen [here](#) standing as Park Police officers charge past them into the crowd. ACPD officers then move.

Gas is thrown.

Stinger bombs



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| are also deployed against protestors.                                                                        |                                                                 |  |
| <b>6:35 p.m.</b>                                                                                             | Australian television crew attacked by Park Police.             |  |
| <b>6:36 p.m.</b><br><br>"Leave the camera crew alone"                                                        | Audio of radio transmission from Arlington County police radio. |  |
| <b>6:37 p.m.</b><br><br>Protesters are pushed further down the street and pepper balls or tear gas is thrown |                                                                 |  |
| <b>6:37 p.m.</b><br><br>BOP officer shoots at                                                                |                                                                 |  |

close range a protester who had come to pick up supplies as USPP push protestors further down the street.



[Video link](#)

**6:38 p.m.**

“Hold the line, hold the line”

Park police rush forward and stop near crosswalk after passing 16th Street NW.

Audio of radio transmission from Arlington County police radio.

Video of moment here.



6:39  
p.m.


Man in green clearly rolling a canister into the crowd. He also has a stinger on the front of his vest. Canister on vest appears to have yellow writing which would be similar to Half smoked smoke grenade found [here](#).

Park Police and Federal Officers charge crowd at [this](#)



-Is the officer in green ACPD? Who deployed the device ACPD? He does have an American flag on his arm.

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| <p><a href="#">moment.</a></p> <p>The officer who deployed the crowd control device is standing next to an ACPD officer.</p> <p>Appears to <a href="#">show</a> an officer in green with stinger bomb being rolled &amp; exploding</p> |  |  |
| <p><b>6:42 p.m.</b></p> <p>Line of Park Police on horses deployed to disperse crowd as</p>                                                                                                                                             |  |  |

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| <p>park<br/>police<br/>push to<br/>the<br/>sidewalk<br/>s horses<br/>push<br/>towards<br/>protestor<br/>s after<br/>passing<br/>17th and<br/>H Street.</p>                   |                                                                                      |  |
| <p><b>6:44<br/>p.m.</b></p> <p>Trump<br/>begins<br/>address<br/>nation in<br/>Rose<br/>Garden</p>                                                                            |                                                                                      |  |
| <p><b>6:44<br/>p.m.</b></p> <p>Secret<br/>Service<br/>officers<br/>in<br/>fatigues<br/>arrest<br/>protestor<br/>s while<br/>USPP<br/>stand<br/>behind<br/>on<br/>horses.</p> |  |  |





**6:50  
p.m.**

[Video](#) shared on twitter taken by NBC 4 reporter Omari Stone showing movement of US Park Police on horseback and clear view of

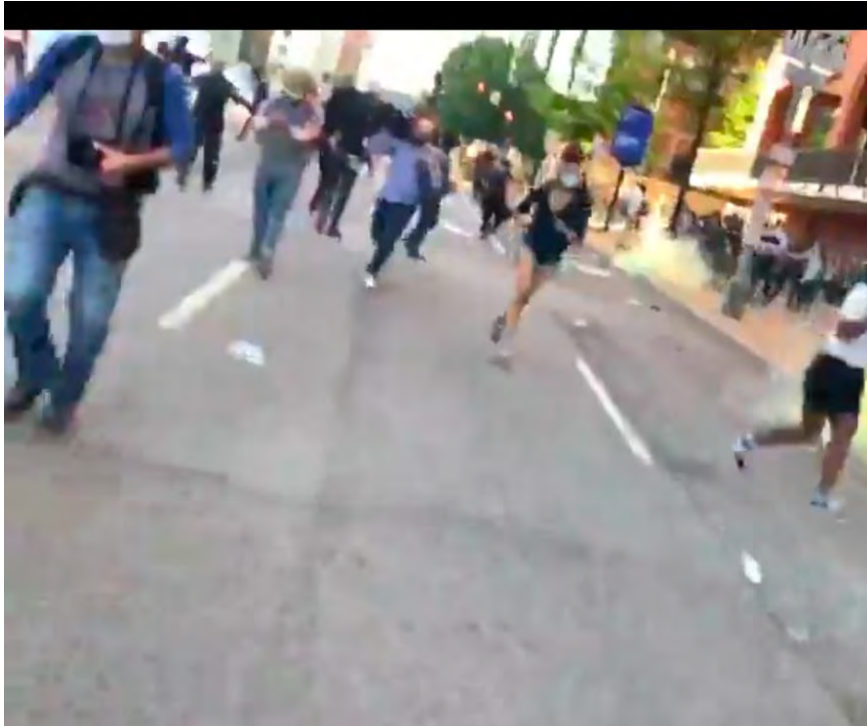
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**6:53  
p.m.**

Yellow  
smoke

seen from canisters in crowd of protestors.



**6:53 p.m.**

[Video here](#)

CNN video appears to show police had formed two lines at 16th & K St. and 16th & I Street

ACPD is visible up 16th street location

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| <p>before I Street.</p> <p>-What are we seeing here?</p>                                                                      |                                   |  |
| <p><b>6:55 p.m.</b></p> <p>“ACPD has met their objective and national guard are moving into hold the line on 16th street”</p> | Audio from Arlington police radio |  |
| <p><b>6:59 p.m.</b></p> <p>“Get ready reinforcements are coming”</p>                                                          | Audio from Arlington police radio |  |
| <p><b>7:00 p.m.</b></p> <p>D.C. curfew</p>                                                                                    | Audio from Arlington police radio |  |

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| goes into effect                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                   |  |
| <b>7:02 p.m.</b><br><br>Trump leave the White House                                                                                                                                                                        | Audio from Arlington police radio |  |
| <b>7:04 p.m.</b><br><br>A line of secret service, park police, national guard and what appears to be more secret service in the background on K Street blocking a section of the street seen in the <a href="#">clip</a> . |                                   |  |

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**Date:** Saturday, June 6, 2020 7:58:14 PM

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This is an excellent example of what USPP has been going through and their professionalism through it all. It also is a different -nice - take on interactions during the week. I commend your officers Chief Monahan.

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<https://www.washingtonpost.com/dc-md-vi/2020/06/05/live-updates-white-house-bowser-clash-over-control-city-streets-demonstrations-evolve-seventh-day-dc-protests/>

Washington Post  
Friday, June 5, 2020 6:52 a.m.

## **For one moment, protesters and Park Police understand each other at the Lincoln Memorial**



Jak Blake, 19, raises his hands during a protest at the Lincoln Memorial. (Evelyn Hockstein/For The Washington Post)

At just before 11 p.m. Thursday, a crowd of protesters arrived at the Lincoln Memorial, where they were met by a cluster of U.S. Park Police officers, who stood on the steps behind a metal barricade.

“No one deserves to be killed because of the color of their skin!” someone shouted at one officer, a man in a white shirt who gazed at the crowd, expressionless. “We just want to know you recognize it!” a woman yelled.

“Everybody is just pleading with you to say something — to say, ‘I understand,’” another woman shouted.

Someone else told the officer that his silence meant “you want me dead, my family dead, everyone around me dead. So if you’re not speaking, you are a problem!”

“We don’t want anybody dead tonight,” the officer replied.

“Tonight?!!” a few in the audience shouted in disbelief.

The officer tried again. “We don’t want anybody dead,” he said. “We are out here so you all can peacefully exercise your First Amendment rights.”

“How do you feel?” someone asked and now, for a moment, their encounter began to feel like

group therapy, with Abraham Lincoln looming up the stairs.

“How do you feel about George Floyd?” someone else asked. “Shut up and let him talk!” The officer began repeating what he said about the importance of free speech.

“YOU’RE A BROKEN RECORD!” a protester shouted. “YOU’RE A ROBOT!” another yelled. “How about we shut up and give the man an opportunity to speak?” a woman said.

Ashley Knight Williams, 21, a protester, cut through the clatter of voices. “This is not productive,” she said, addressing the officer. “With all due respect — because I believe in respect — what is your name?”

“Captain Jeffrey Schneider,” he replied. She encouraged him to talk to his children “about the racial injustices in this country. This is a f---ing revolution!”

“Where are your masks?” a protester shouted. “What’s your badge number?”

“After the protesters were tear-gassed in Lafayette for a photo op — did that make you proud to be a Park police officer?” Silence.

“You can text me the answer!” someone yelled and then laughed. The captain maintained his steady gaze.

Bryce Cromartie, 32, who lives in Northwest, asked about park police officers harassing poor African Americans.

“You lock us up for marijuana,” he said. “You target our communities.”

“I cannot speak to specific cases you’re talking about,” Schneider said.

A group of protesters approached four officers a few yards away.

“All your buddies over here called us a bunch of names,” a cop said. “You think that makes us want to talk to you?”

“I apologize,” a woman said.

“Too late,” the officer said.

“Why are you smirking?” a woman asked Capt. Schneider.

“Give my captain a break,” said Lt. Simeon Klebaner, now at Schneider’s side.

“He rolled his eyes!” she insisted.

“We’ve all been on duty for an extended period of time,” the lieutenant said. “Twelve hours a day, 14 hours day, 16 hours a day. Perhaps he’s just exhausted.”

“Do you feel good about what you’re doing?” a man asked Klebaner. “I’m not allowed to talk about my personal feelings,” he said. “But I enjoy having a dialogue with people.”

Cromartie told Capt. Schneider about two police officers who arrested him a dozen years ago for assault. He said he was later cleared but that the incident shaped his negative view of the police.

“Not every police officer is that same police officer you had that experience with,” the captain said. “I’m sorry.”

The men nodded. For that moment, at least, they appeared to understand each other.

Re\_ Photos from the Mall Yesterday.pdf

**From:** [Litterst, Michael D](#)  
**To:** [Tanner, John R](#); [Goodwin, Nicholas R](#); [Monahan, Gregory](#); [Picavet, Alexandra M](#); [Heilemann, Tami](#); [Flynn, Jennifer](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Photos from the Mall Yesterday  
**Date:** Sunday, June 7, 2020 12:21:53 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
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I don't have any. Park Police is your best bet.

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**From:** Tanner, John R  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 7, 2020 2:12:14 PM  
**To:** Goodwin, Nicholas R ; Monahan, Gregory ; Picavet, Alexandra M ; Litterst, Michael D ; Heilemann, Tami ; Flynn, Jennifer  
**Subject:** Re: Photos from the Mall Yesterday  
Adding Jennifer Flynn.

John Tanner  
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**From:** Goodwin, Nicholas R  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 7, 2020 2:10:22 PM  
**To:** Monahan, Gregory ; Picavet, Alexandra M ; Litterst, Michael D ; Heilemann, Tami  
**Cc:** Tanner, John R  
**Subject:** Photos from the Mall Yesterday

Hey all,

Do you have photos of the crowds from yesterday's protests on the Mall? Please send me what you have.

Thanks!

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Re\_ ACLU is suing over Lafayette Park incident (1).pdf

**From:** [Fondren, Kim L](#)  
**To:** [Monahan, Gregory](#); [Milkman, Louise F](#); [Blackman, Roland H](#); [Mendelson, Lisa](#)  
**Cc:** [Romanik, Peg A](#); [Flynn, Jennifer](#)  
**Subject:** Re: ACLU is suing over Lafayette Park incident  
**Date:** Monday, June 8, 2020 9:14:39 AM

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Thanks, we will be looking out for it. They may amend their pleadings.

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Kim,

We have not received anything yet.

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<https://www.cnn.com/2020/06/04/politics/lawsuit-white-house-protesters-trump-church-aclu/index.html>



Can we check to see who was named, and if we've been served?

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Re\_ [EXTERNAL] Thank You.pdf

**From:** [Vela, Raymond \(David\)](#)  
**To:** [Kirk Davenport](#)  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] Thank You  
**Date:** Monday, June 8, 2020 9:35:36 AM

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Hi Kirk,

Thank you for your message as it is greatly valued and appreciated! Your question regarding Lafayette Park was extremely appropriate as we must be transparent as to how and why decisions are made on any issue.

Over the past several days, demonstrations in DC have been extremely peaceful, and we have had no further reports of injury (which ranged from chemical exposure attacks and multiple blunt trauma to the head and other body parts due to thrown projectiles) to U.S. Park Police officers. We are truly in some challenging times my dear friend but I am confident that the mighty "green and grey" will rise to the occasion as this is our 103 year history and heritage.

Please keep in touch.

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From: Kirk Davenport [\(b\) \(6\)](#)@icloud.com>  
Sent: Sunday, June 7, 2020 6:59 PM  
To: Vela, Raymond (David)  
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Thank You

Dear David —

Thank you for taking time out of your nutty schedule to be with us at the GTNPF board meeting last week. We miss you back here in Jackson. I can only imagine how stressful it must be to be in DC right now. I envision your job as a constant struggle to do the right thing in a sea of turmoil and noise and conflicting interests. I hope my question about Lafayette Park was not out of line. I felt that Attorney General Barr did a great disservice to both the park police and the (largely) peaceful demonstrators by ordering them to clear a path for the President's walk to a photo op. My first thought when I learned about it was whether he even has the authority to issue orders to the park police. Like many, I was very upset by the decision to clear the park for such an unimportant purpose. Obviously, the safety of your team and the general public is of paramount importance, but the right to petition our government with our grievances is at the very core of our constitutional democracy. That core right should not be abridged except in extraordinary circumstances. It felt to me like AG Barr got the balance very, very wrong that day. It was a step in the direction of a very different kind of relationship between the governing and the governed. I hope the general outrage about his decision that ensued across the country will make it hard for that sort of thing to happen again.

I cannot tell you how comforting it is to me to know that you are there on the front lines helping to sort the good ideas from the bad ones. I can only imagine how stressful that must be. Thank you for bringing your good judgment to bear in these difficult times. You are a true patriot and we are all very lucky that you are there keeping watch (although we do still miss you terribly back home in Jackson). Hang in there, Dude!

Lots of Love,

Kirk Davenport  
Wilson, WY

Just an FYI- Fw\_ [EXTERNAL] \_\_time sensitive re....pdf

**From:** [Picavet, Alexandra M](#) on behalf of [News Media, NPS](#)  
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**Subject:** Just an FYI- Fw: [EXTERNAL] \*\*time sensitive request for comment\*\*  
**Date:** Monday, June 8, 2020 11:01:24 AM

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FYI about Teresa Chamber's quote. We have nothing to add- Just wanted you to know about it.

Alex

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**From:** Delgado, Eduardo on behalf of USPP PIO, NPS  
**Sent:** Monday, June 8, 2020 12:39 PM  
**To:** Interior Press ; News Media, NPS  
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**From:** Augenstein, Neal  
**Sent:** Monday, June 8, 2020 12:12:42 PM  
**To:** USPP PIO, NPS  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] \*\*time sensitive request for comment\*\*  
Morning, Sgt.

Hope you're well. Working up a story re; an email interview with former Park Police Chief Teresa Chambers, in regards to Lafayette Park incident. Here's the crux of her quotes. Let me know if you or the chief want to add anything. Thanks and best.

A/G Barr is not in the chain of command of the USPP. The previous night, USPP moved back the crowd after things turned violent and the church was set on fire. Without a doubt, they intended to move the crowd back before the 7 pm curfew kicked in the following day and, from all accounts, were in process of doing so when the A/G appeared. He might have expressed an opinion, but it would have been inappropriate for him to try to direct the USPP. Once the perimeter was pushed back, the President took advantage of that and went for a stroll. Despite what many media outlets have said, the expansion of the perimeter, which resulted in the crowd being moved back, was done for

operational necessity. “

Officers standing shoulder to shoulder to move back a crowd, especially away from the White House when things start turning violent, is a tactic we used for large events during my tenure there. It does give the impression of a military movement, but it is effective with as little force as possible.

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[EXTERNAL] Video timeline of Trump s St. John s....pdf

**From:** [Mike C](#)  
**To:** [Jennifer Flynn](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Video timeline of Trump's St. John's church photo op and Lafayette Square crackdown - The Washington Post  
**Date:** Monday, June 8, 2020 5:33:36 PM

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Assume you have seen ?

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/investigations/2020/06/08/timeline-trump-church-photo-op/>

Mike Caldwell



DOI Emergency Management Common Operating Pictu...(4).pdf

From: DOI WatchOffice  
Subject: DOI Emergency Management Common Operating Picture 06092020  
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2020 5:59:37 AM

Good Morning

The Interior Operations Center has published the [DOI Common Operating Picture](#) for your review. As a reminder, due to the enhanced graphics and heavy emphasis on mapping, the report will need to be viewed on the DOI network via desktop/laptop. If prompted, select "DOI PIV" when clicking the link above.

Below is an Executive Summary of today's report:

**TROPICAL DEPRESSION CRISTOBAL (CENTRAL U.S.)**

**Current Situation:**

The National Hurricane Center (NHC) issued a final advisory on Tropical Depression Cristobal yesterday, but advisories will continue from the Weather Prediction Center (WPC) as long as the system remains a flood threat. As of 5:00 a.m. EDT, Tropical Depression Cristobal was located approximately 140 miles to the north of Little Rock, AR, and moving to the north at 25 miles per hour (mph). The storm is expected to accelerate to the north and northeast over the next 36 hours. Maximum sustained winds are 30 mph, but some strengthening is expected over the next couple of days as Cristobal transitions into an extratropical cyclone.

Cristobal will produce storm total rainfall accumulations of two to four inches, with local amounts up to six inches, from AR to the western Great Lakes through Wednesday morning. This rainfall may produce flash flooding and is forecast to produce new and renewed minor to moderate river flooding across portions of the Lower MO Valley and the Middle to Upper MS Valleys. Smaller streams and rivers across southeast LA, southern MS, and eastern AR have already begun to rise, and a Flash Flood Watch is in effect for areas in and near the entire length of the MS Valley. A Gale Warning is in effect for much of Lake Michigan, portions of eastern Lake Superior, and portions of Lake Huron.

**DOI Bureaus and Offices Impacts/Reports:**

- BSEE** – The BSEE Hurricane Response Team continues to monitor offshore oil and gas operators in the Gulf as operators resume operations on platforms and rigs following Cristobal. As of June 8, BSEE is reporting that personnel have been evacuated from 179 production platforms (27.84% of the total manned platforms in the Gulf of Mexico) and three rigs (37.5% of rigs operating in the Gulf). Three Dynamic Positioning (DP) rigs (37.5% of DP rigs operating in the Gulf) remain off location. The shut-in oil production is 629,351 barrels of oil per day (34.02% of daily oil production in the Gulf), and the shut-in gas production is 952.32 million cubic feet per day (35.14% of daily gas production in the Gulf). Facilities will be inspected when conditions allow. Once standard checks have been completed, production from undamaged facilities will be brought back online immediately. Facilities sustaining damage may take longer to bring back online.
- FWS** – FWS is reporting that all personnel in areas impacted by Cristobal within LA, MS, AL, and FL are accounted for, and all accessible facilities within the tropical storm impact areas of LA and MS have been evaluated and determined to have no significant damages. FWS offices located within General Services Administration (GSA)-leased and other agency spaces have also been evaluated, with no operational impacts observed. Facilities/buildings currently inaccessible due to flooding (boathouses, docks, piers, etc.) may have experienced damages, but assessments have been postponed until the locations are safe to access via boat or vehicle. Multiple assessments for roads, levees, water control structures, trails, and boardwalks are also pending until water levels recede. The Regional Office Coordination Team (ROCT) will continue to monitor the track of Cristobal for the next 24 hours and coordinate with stations regarding damage assessments, if needed. This is the final update for FWS.
- NPS** – Minor impacts have been reported to NPS units as a result of Cristobal, but as of June 8, there have been no significant impacts to park resources or staff. The Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve and the New Orleans Jazz National Historical Park in LA are closed, and 90% of the staff are accounted for. Flooding is occurring around the roads in the Barataria Preserve, but there have been no reports of impacts to other sites. In MS, the Natchez National Historical Park is closed, but there have been no significant impacts to the park or staff. The Gulf Islands National Seashore (FL/MS) is closed, and as of June 7, there was approximately eight inches of standing water on the Fort Pickens Road. Some coastal flooding was observed in the FL District, and assessment teams may be sent out today to evaluate the roads. The NPS Emergency Incident Coordination Center (EICC) is at normal operations and supporting parks through employee accountability.
- USGS** – The Caribbean-Florida Water Science Center (CFWSC) and the Lower Mississippi-Gulf Water Science Center (LMGWSC) report no significant flooding as a result of Cristobal. However, the USGS deployed crews to MS (3), AL (2), and TN (1) to obtain mid-range rating measurements in areas that received two to four inches of rainfall. Crews in AR and LA are on standby and will evaluate the need for measurements today and later in the week, if necessary.

**Other Local, State, Federal Government:**

- FEMA** – Mandatory evacuations have been lifted for LA, and the ports and primary transportation routes have reopened across the state. Two shelters remained open in LA yesterday, with one occupant. FEMA has issued a final report for Cristobal.

**CIVIL UNREST (NATIONWIDE)**

Protests and demonstrations continued nationwide yesterday and last night, but have remained mostly peaceful. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) National Operations Center (NOC) reports that major cities across the U.S. have modified their curfews over the past several days. In Washington D.C., the U.S. Park Police (USPP) and the U.S. Secret Service (USSS) were present within Lafayette Park, and protesters were assembled on H and 16<sup>th</sup> streets, with an additional group conducting marches in the area. There were no agitators observed, and there were no injuries reported as of this morning.

**CORONAVIRUS (WORLDWIDE)**

**Current Situation:**

- Globally (As of June 9, 2020 – WHO):
  - Confirmed Cases: 6,992,010 (110,658)
  - Deaths: 403,128 (3,233)
- United States (As of June 9, 2020 – JHU):
  - Confirmed Cases: 1,961,185 (18,822)
  - Deaths: 111,007 (493)

**Department of the Interior Confirmed Cases, Fatalities, and Recoveries (As of June 9, 2020):**

| DOI Bureau/Office | Confirmed Cases | Fatalities | Recoveries    |
|-------------------|-----------------|------------|---------------|
| IA                | 2               | 1          | 1             |
| • BIA             | 26              | 0          | 12            |
| • BIE             | 0               | 1          | 0             |
| BLM               | 10              | 0          | 7             |
| BOEM              | 2               | 0          | 2             |
| BSEE              | 4               | 0          | 4             |
| FWS               | 6               | 0          | 5             |
| NPS               | 41              | 0          | 32 (1)        |
| • USPP            | 6               | 0          | 5             |
| OCIO              | 1               | 0          | 1             |
| OCR               | 1               | 0          | 0             |
| OIG               | 2               | 0          | 2             |
| ONRR              | 2               | 0          | 2             |
| PFM               | 1               | 0          | 0             |
| SOL               | 1               | 0          | 6             |
| USBR              | 7               | 0          | 6             |
| USGS              | 12              | 0          | 5             |
| <b>Totals</b>     | <b>124</b>      | <b>2</b>   | <b>85 (1)</b> |

The latest situation summary updates are available on the [CDC](#) and [WHO](#) websites.

A [COVID-2019 Action Tracker](#) has been established to display established state and local mitigation strategies. This website is a compilation by state of known confirmed cases, travel restrictions, state government and school operating status, National Guard activations, social gathering restrictions, restaurant/bar closures, and other response actions. Data compilation courtesy of AEI.

**DOI Bureaus and Offices Impacts/Reports:**

- USBR** – The USBR is reporting that four entities in the Missouri Basin are in Adaptive Operations Recovery Phase 1.

**Mission Assignments:**

As of June 9, there are four DOI personnel supporting FEMA under seven Mission Assignments (MAs). Additional information can be found on the table below.

| Date       | MA Name                            | MA ESF  | MA Number           | DOI R/O Lead | Description of Support                                                                                                                                                                                 | Status             | Location                                  | Funding Amount | Total Personnel |
|------------|------------------------------------|---------|---------------------|--------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 03/27/2020 | Insular Affairs - LNO              | ESF #5  | 4511DR-MP-DOI-01    | OIA          | DOI Office of Insular Affairs to support FEMA communications and coordination with the CNMI leadership.                                                                                                | Activities Ongoing | JFO, Isa Dr Capital Hill, Saipan          | \$10,000       | 1               |
| 03/27/2020 | Insular Affairs - LNO              | ESF #5  | 3465EM-AS-DOI-01-00 | OIA          | DOI Office of Insular Affairs to support FEMA communications and coordination with the American Samoa leadership.                                                                                      | Activities Ongoing | American Samoa                            | \$10,000       | 1               |
| 03/27/2020 | Insular Affairs - LNO              | ESF #5  | 4495DR-GU-DOI-01    | OIA          | DOI Office of Insular Affairs to support FEMA communications and coordination with the Guam leadership.                                                                                                | Activities Ongoing | Agana Heights, Guam                       | \$5,000        | 1               |
| 04/01/2020 | USGS Wildlife Health - CDC Support | ESF #11 | Unknown             | USGS         | Activate USGS National Wildlife Health Center Diagnostic Laboratories and scientific response to support COVID-19 Response at the request of HHS-CDC.                                                  | Activities Ongoing | USGS Wildlife Health Center – Madison, WI | \$0            | 0               |
| 05/06/2020 | ESF-4 SCKN to NM                   | ESF #4  | Unknown             | OWF          | A single resource request for a Status Check -in Recorder (SCKN) at the New Mexico EOC.                                                                                                                | Activities Ongoing | New Mexico State EOC                      | Unknown        | 1               |
| 05/26/2020 | ESF-8 FWS King Salmon AK           | ESF #8  | 4533DR-AK-DOI-01    | FWS          | In support of the State of AK and directed by FEMA, FWS is providing and supporting facilities, equipment, and personnel in King Salmon, AK for the State of AK and a partner agency's field hospital. | Activities Ongoing | King Salmon, AK                           | \$50,000       | 0               |
| 05/26/2020 | ESF-8 NPS King Salmon AK           | ESF #8  | 4533DR-AK-DOI-02    | NPS          | In support of the State of AK and directed by FEMA, NPS is providing and supporting facilities, equipment, and personnel in King Salmon, AK for the State of AK and a partner agency's field hospital. | Activities Ongoing | King Salmon, AK                           | \$50,000       | 0               |

**Other Local, State, Federal Government:**

- National/State/Local overview** – There are 70,743 confirmed positive COVID-19 individuals and 2,676 reported deaths in the NCR as of June 9. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and the Department of Transportation (DOT), in coordination with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), initiated a Working Group to address reducing public health risks to passengers and restoring confidence as air travel resumes. The FAA has incorporated inputs from participants into a draft framework for achieving these goals. The CDC noted that some individual states are putting in place their own screening and travel requirements specific to their airports as air travel resumes, highlighting the need for the "new normal" framework to support consistency across the country. The Indian Health Service (IHS) and the Navajo Nation (NN) are coordinating with the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) and non-governmental organizations (NGO) regarding staffing at alternative care sites. In MD, state-operated testing sites will offer summer-friendly hours from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., including Six Flags America and several other locations. A new temporary statewide moratorium in VA has been announced, extending all eviction proceedings in the Commonwealth through June 28.
- FEMA** – FEMA is reporting that the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe is operating three non-congregate shelters, which are currently housing 34 homeless tribal members. This week, FEMA announced that the Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) National Board will begin disbursing \$320 million to assist organizations in communities across the country dedicated to providing food, shelter, and supportive services to people with economic emergencies, including our nation's hungry and homeless populations. Congress appropriated \$200 million of this funding as supplemental humanitarian funding in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. Congress also appropriated \$120 million in Fiscal Year 2019 annual funding to the EFSP.

**OTHER INCIDENTS:**

- Wildland Fire Update** – The National Preparedness Level (PL) is currently 2. However, recent increasing fire activity in the Southwest and AK Geographic Areas has moved the PL in both areas to 3. In AK, to date, approximately 43,000 acres have burned statewide.

with 13 763 acres burned on DOI-managed lands. In the Southwest to date over 60 000 acres have burned across the multi-state area with 12 156 acres burned on DOI-managed lands. There are currently two large fires on DOI lands being managed under a full containment strategy. One in AK (Engineer Lake 2 Fire / 1 704 acres / 95% containment) and one in AZ (Blue River Fire / 8 000 acres / 0% containment). The Blue River Fire is exhibiting extreme fire behavior with structures threatened. Full containment is expected by June 29.

- **Response Level 1 - Buffalo Bill Dam, WY (Update)** – The USBR reports that the Emergency Action Plan (EAP) Response Level 1 continues at the Buffalo Bill Dam near Cody WY. As of June 7 the reservoir elevation was 5 385.16 feet (for reference the top of active conservation is 5 393.50 feet). The daily inflows were 8 501 cubic feet per second (cfs) and the daily outflow was 3 750 cfs. A Response Level 1 is the lowest of USBR's response levels and does not indicate a risk to the downstream population. The WY Area Office is continuing to monitor the situation.

There have been no additional reports of impacts to DOI personnel or facilities beyond those included in the DOI Common Operating Picture.

If you have any questions or require additional assistance please contact the Interior Operations Center.

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Fw\_ [EXTERNAL] RE\_ Introductions - Reference Pr...(1).pdf

**From:** [Flynn, Jennifer](#)  
**To:** [Benge, Shawn T](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] RE: Introductions - Reference Protest Banners Preservation Endeavor  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 10:40:41 AM

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The National Museum of African American History and Culture is partnering with us - the NPS - on preserving the banners and signs from the fence at Lafayette Park.

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**From:** Monahan, Gregory  
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**From:** Adamchik, Mark  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 11:48 AM  
**To:** CATRINA BONUS (UDW)  
**Cc:** Monahan, Gregory ; Booker, Steven  
**Subject:** Fwd: [EXTERNAL] RE: Introductions - Reference Protest Banners Preservation Endeavor  
See below regarding the NMAAHC and their involvement in preserving some of the items related to the demonstration.

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**From:** Conwill, Kinshasha Holman

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 9:22:48 AM

**To:** Fennelly, Russell ; Stanwich, John

**Cc:** Adamchik, Mark ; Monahan, Gregory ; Booker, Steven ; Lancaster, Danielle

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] RE: Introductions - Reference Protest Banners Preservation Endeavor

Good morning. Thanks for the terrific conversation John and for the introduction Russ. And it's good to be back in touch with you Steven. This all feels a bit like old home week. A great feeling in a time of social distancing!

I'm happy to report that our Acting Director Spencer Crew has gladly affirmed the Museum's interest in participating in the preservation efforts for the protest banners. I've also learned that Secretary Bunch is fully on board, as are a coterie of the Museum's curators. It is likely that we will be the original point of contact for additional SI colleagues. Shortly I will be introducing you to a primary curatorial contact John. I've also learned that the Secretary's office and others have had parallel conversations with different individuals to express their interest in these important historical artifacts.

As we continue discussions, please know that I am always available to be a resource if needed. John, I'd also be grateful for one more clarifying conversation as I turn next steps over to my colleagues. I will reach out.

Thank you again.

Be well. Stay well.

Kindest regards,

Kinshasha

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**From:** Conwill, Kinshasha Holman

**Sent:** Monday, June 8, 2020 12:27 PM

**To:** Fennelly, Russell ; Stanwich, John

**Cc:** Adamchik, Mark ; Monahan, Gregory ; Booker, Steven

**Subject:** RE: Introductions - Reference Protest Banners Preservation Endeavor

Dear Russ, John, and Gentlemen: Thank you so much for the email. What an extraordinary moment and opportunity. I am in touch with our Acting Director and will be speaking with him soon. John, I will reach out to you soon as well.

Thank you so much for alerting us to this important opportunity!

Be well. Stay well.  
Kindest regards,  
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Good Morning,  
Currently, the north side of Lafayette Park has a temporary fence line erected for the closure of Lafayette Park in response to civil unrest and destruction of property in Lafayette Park that took place on 5/30 and 5/31. On 6/1 members of the US Park Police in conjunction allied agencies assisted USSS with creating an area for their contractors to safely erect the temporary fence line. Later in the week, Mayor Muriel Bowser renamed the 800 & 900 blocks of 16<sup>th</sup> Street as Black Lives Matter Plaza. Following the erection of the fence and the designation of the area as Black Lives Matter Plaza, a number of banners and items have been attached to the fence.

I proposed to the management of US Park Police that we explore documenting and preserving some or all of the items. We may be on the verge of historic changes in race relations, police culture and criminal justice reforms, If this is where it begins, we should document it appropriately. Washington DC is uniquely situated and blessed to have the Smithsonian Institution. USPP and NPS are blessed to have them as a partner.

This morning, I spoke with Mrs. Kinsasha Holman-Conwill, Deputy Director of the Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of African American History and Culture (contact Information Below).

Mr. John Stanwich is the National Park Service Liaison to the White House and Superintendent for Presidents Park has been a part of our initial conversations Contact Information Below).

I personally respect and trust Kinsasha and John to explore the feasibility of this endeavor to treat the objects and banners attached to the temporary fence line with sensitivity and respect with consideration for preservation if deemed appropriate by the Smithsonian Staff.

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Below is a link to a local article on the fence line and what it represents.

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"Courage is knowing what not to fear." Plato  
"There is no right way, to do the wrong thing"

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Interested in what it takes to be a US Park Police Officer? Visit,  
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FYI per my text just now. Thanks.

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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

**NORKA PADILLA**

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*Plaintiff*

v.

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**John Does 1-2,000**

*Defendants.*

Civil Action No. 20-1517

**COMPLAINT FOR DECLARATORY AND  
INJUNCTIVE RELIEF FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE  
FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES  
CONSTITUTION**

## **INTRODUCTION**

1. Pursuant to the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, Plaintiff Norka Padilla and others have the right to peaceably assemble and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.
2. This lawsuit challenges the construction an eight-foot high chain-link fence by Defendants around the White House during the period of June 1-6, 2020. This fence has illegally defeated Plaintiff Padilla and others' right to peacefully assemble in Lafayette Square and The Ellipse to petition the Executive Branch for redress of grievances as guaranteed by the First Amendment.
3. This lawsuit also challenges the use of domination tactics ordered by the President of the United States and implemented by Defendants against Plaintiff Padilla and other demonstrators in the public spaces at and near Lafayette Square and The Ellipse. These domination tactics also constitute a violation of Plaintiff Padilla and other's right to free expression and their right to peaceably assemble to petition of government as guaranteed by the First Amendment.

## **PARTIES**

4. Plaintiff Norka Padilla, a former resident of the District of Columbia and a current a resident of the State of Maryland, has participated, throughout her life, in a wide variety of public protests and demonstrations in and adjacent to Lafayette Square and The Ellipse. Relevant to this complaint, since May 30, 2020 Plaintiff Padilla has been a regular, peaceful protestor at or near Lafayette Square, The Ellipse and areas adjacent to the White House because she believes that it is important for the President, the Vice President, the President's domestic policy advisors, the President's foreign policy advisors, the members of the Department of Defense who are detailed to the White House, and the members of the Department of Justice who are detailed to the White House ("The Executive Branch") to hear, directly, the discontent of her and others who are dissatisfied with the government's response to police

brutality and systemic, institutional racism in this country.

5. Defendant David L. Bernhard is the Secretary of the Department of the Interior. He is sued in his official capacity. One of the agencies within the Department of the Interior is the National Parks Service (“NPS”).

6. Defendant David Vela is the Director of the NPS. He is sued in his official capacity. The NPS is the entity responsible for promulgation and enforcement of lawful regulations for expressive activity at Lafayette Square and The Ellipse.

7. Defendant Gregory T. Monahan is the Acting Chief of the United States Park Police. He is sued in his official capacity. In that capacity, he is responsible for the actions of the U.S. Park Police officers who have participated in the conduct this the subject of this complaint.

8. Defendant James M. Murray is the Director of the U.S. Secret Service. He is sued in his official capacity. The Secret Service is the entity primarily responsible for securing the perimeter around the White House. On information and belief, Defendant Murray participated in the decision to construct the fence complained of and participated in the decision to employ domination techniques to Plaintiff Padilla and others’ detriment.

9. Defendants “John Does 1-2,000” refers to the thousands of government agents who have participated in the construction of the afore-mentioned fence or who are participating in the “domination” techniques complained of in this lawsuit.

### **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

10. This Court has jurisdiction to hear this complaint pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331 (federal question), 28 U.S.C. §1343(a)(3) and (4) (civil rights jurisdiction).

11. Venue is appropriately vested in this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1391 because the acts or omissions giving rise to the claims occur or will occur in the District of Columbia.

### **FACTS**

12. Lafayette Square is a seven-acre public park located directly north of the White House on H Street, N.W. bounded by Jackson Place on the west, Madison Place on the east and Pennsylvania Avenue on the south. This public space is named for Gilbert du Motier, Marquis de Lafayette, a French hero of the American Revolutionary War (1775–1783) and includes several public memorial statues, including one of Lafayette, and at its center a famous statue of early 19th century U.S. President and general Andrew Jackson on horseback. Exhibit 1.

13. The Ellipse is a 52-acre park south of the White House fence and north of Constitution Avenue and the National Mall. Properly, the Ellipse is the name of the five-furlong (1.0 km) circumference street within the park. The entire park, which features various monuments, is open to and intended for use by the public for speech-related activities. *Id.*

14. On June 1, 2020, a group of demonstrators, including Plaintiff Padilla, gathered peacefully in Lafayette Square in protest of law enforcement tactics that killed George Floyd, Breonna Taylor and scores of other Black people and other people of color.

15. In the early evening of June 1, 2020, Defendants, acting in concert with their agents, forcibly removed protesters from Lafayette Square.

16. Immediately following Defendants' clearing of Lafayette Square, Defendants began constructing an eight-foot-high chain-link fence around Lafayette Square to prevent the return to the square of those seeking to exercise their right to petition The Executive Branch about the need reforms to deter police brutality and systemic racism. The construction of the fence blocking Lafayette Square was completed by the morning of June 2, 2020.

17. By the end of June 2, 2020, Defendants had succeeded in blocking half of the Ellipse with fencing. By June 5 and 6, Defendants had succeeded in fencing off and blocking the entire Ellipse.

Exhibit 2.

18. It is believed that almost two miles of fences have been constructed to block access to the White House. The fencing has been described by *The Washington Post* as “forming a gigantic metal cocoon.”<sup>1</sup>

19. The fence was constructed in direct response to protests related to systemic racism and the killing of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor and scores of other Black people and other people of color. In other words, the response by Defendants was not content neutral.

20. The construction of the fence was coupled by statements from the President of the United States that these specific protests were embarrassing. Specifically, on the morning of June 2, 2020, in a conference call with this country’s governors, the President expressed his frustration with the governors, calling many of them “weak.” Exhibit 3 at 2, 4, and 7. He went on to state that the failure of the Minnesota state government to dominate the streets of Minneapolis had had the effect of making that state a “laughingstock.” *Id.* at 3. He went on to say, “I’ve never seen anything like it and the whole world was laughing.” *Id.*

21. Closely related to this feeling of embarrassment was the President’s announcement of his policy preference to “dominate” the streets of Washington, DC. He stated:

**I say that and the word is dominate. If you don’t dominate your city and your state, they’re gonna walk away with you. And we’re doing it in Washington, in DC, we’re going to do something that people haven’t seen before. But we’re going to have total domination.**<sup>2</sup> *Id.* at 2.

22. Plaintiff Padilla has been frustrated in her attempt to exercise her right to assemble with others to petition The Executive Branch by the construction of the fence that bars her approach to the White House.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.washingtonpost.com/dc-md-va/2020/06/06/white-house-fence-protests-dc/>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.mercurynews.com/2020/06/02/transcript-of-trumps-call-with-governors-dominate-or-youll-look-like-a-bunch-of-jerks/>



23. Plaintiff Padilla has been further frustrated in her attempt to exercise her right to petition government by the intimidation tactics employed by Defendants (including “John Does 1-2,000”) who, Plaintiff Padilla believe, are acting on the President’s announced policy to “dominate” the areas adjacent to the White House to counteract any perception that the President is “weak” and to counter any the image of the United States being a “laughingstock.”

24. Plaintiff Padilla alleges that the domination tactics are so disproportionate to the tactics needed to ensure public safety that they are, primarily, for a purpose other than to ensure public safety.

25. Plaintiff Padilla believes, and therefore asserts, that the expressed intent to “dominate” protestors is synonymous with an attempt by government to intimidate her and fellow protesters and to dissuade them from exercising their right to peaceably assemble to petition government.

26. The intimidation intended by government agents has taken a variety of forms including deploying members of the military armed with assault combat weapons; the deployment of combat vehicles including Humvees, armored personal carriers, and military transport trucks; the deployment of agents of the Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms, the Bureau of Prisons, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and other federal agencies equipped with assault weapons; the deployment of riot police equipped with truncheons, riot gear, body armor, and plexiglass shields. Exhibit 4.

### **COUNT I**

#### **(Prior Restraint on the Exercise of Rights Conferred Under the First Amendment to the United States Constitution Through Barring Access to the White House, the Seat of the Executive Branch of Government)**

27. Paragraphs 1 through 26 above are incorporated into the allegations of Count I by reference.

28. The construction of a fence to wrap the White House in a cocoon that is shielded from the expression of dissatisfaction by Plaintiff Padilla and those petitioning the Executive Branch for systemic change constitutes a prior restraint on her right to peaceably assemble to with others to

directly express her desire for changes in policies being implemented by The Executive Branch.

29. Defendants have taken actions that prevent, in advance, Plaintiff Padilla's exercise of her right to peaceably assemble with others to directly express her desire for changes in policies being implemented by The Executive Branch. Such prior restraint of her right to petition the Executive Branch is a violation of Ms. Padilla's rights under the First Amendment to the United States Constitution.

30. Specifically, by barring all of the approaches to the White House, Defendants are depriving and will deprive Plaintiff Padilla and other members of the public of their First Amendment right to assemble so as to petition The Executive Branch. Given the concentration of policy-makers housed in the White House and the powerful, collective voice of the citizenry assembled to protest in unison, there is not an adequate substitute for this form of expression, a form of expression expressly protected by The Constitution.

31. As a prior restraint on free speech, the actions of Defendants are subjected to the highest level of judicial scrutiny.

## **COUNT II**

### **(Violation of the Exercise of Rights Conferred Under the First Amendment to the Constitution Through Unreasonable Restrictions on the Time, Manner, and Place for the Exercise of the Right to Petition Government)**

32. Paragraphs 1 through 26 above are incorporated by reference herein.

33. Lafayette Square and The Ellipse are traditional public fora that have been historically intended for speech activities. Thus, restrictions on the time, place, and manner of protest in these public fora are subject to First Amendment scrutiny.

34. The complete exclusion of Ms. Padilla and others from Lafayette Square and The Ellipse is an unreasonable restriction on the time, place, and manner of her rights under the First Amendment.

35. Ms. Padilla alleges that the exclusion zone established around the White House is not content neutral. Specifically, Ms. Padilla alleges that the establishment of the exclusion zone is in response to the specific protests related to systemic racism and the deaths of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor and scores of other Black people and other people of color.

36. Ms. Padilla alleges that even were it to be determined that the response to the protests related to systemic racism and the deaths of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor and scores of other Black people and other people of color was content neutral, the restrictions on the time, place, and manner of Ms. Padilla's exercise of her rights are, nonetheless, unreasonable. Specifically, the total exclusion of Ms. Padilla and her fellow protestors from these public areas is not narrowly tailored to serve a significant governmental interest. Moreover, the total exclusion of Ms. Padilla and her fellow protestors from public areas designed for speech activities does not leave open ample alternative channels for communication.

37. Narrowly tailored restrictions might, but do not, include:

- a) Restrictions on access to Lafayette Square to those willing to consent to a pat-down for weapons and devices that might pose a threat to those working in or protecting the White House;
- b) Reasonable limitations on the number of those seeking access to Lafayette Square or The Ellipse to ensure that these limited public spaces are not dangerously overcrowded; or
- c) Reasonable limitations on access to Lafayette Square and The Ellipse to correspond with curfews imposed by government.

38. Instead, Ms. Padilla and others are faced with a total exclusion from these public areas and for an indeterminant period of time.

**COUNT III**

**(Prior Restraint on the Exercise of Rights Conferred under the First Amendment Through Intentional Intimidation Directed at the Exercise of Such Rights)**

39. Paragraphs 1 through 26 above are incorporated by reference herein.

40. Ms. Padilla believes, based on comments made by the President of the United States, that Defendants are pursuing policies designed to “dominate” the physical spaces adjacent to Lafayette Square and The Ellipse.

41. The domination tactics employed by Defendants are in sharp contrast to the tactics employed by the Washington, DC Metropolitan Police Department. The members of the Washington, DC Metropolitan Police Department are trained to deescalate civil disturbances by not repeatedly confronting demonstrators – demonstrators who frequently take to public protest through the despair of powerlessness – and provoking them with domination techniques designed to demonstrate that they, indeed, *are* powerless.

42. Ms. Padilla believes that the intent to dominate these public spaces is synonymous with an effort to intimidate her and others seeking to exercise their rights under the First Amendment.

43. Ms. Padilla believes that the intent to dominate these public spaces with combat weapons and implements of war reflects an intention by Defendants to communicate to her and her fellow demonstrators that their exercise of rights under The Constitution is subject to termination by the pull of a trigger.

44. This condition on Ms. Padilla’s exercise of her rights, *i.e.* that she will be permitted to exercise such rights if and only if she subjects herself to intimidation and the constant threat of lethal force by Defendants (including but not limited to John Does No. 1-2,000) is a prior restraint on her First Amendment rights.

45. This prior restraint on Ms. Padilla’s rights is subject to heightened scrutiny of this Court.

**COUNT IV**

**(Violation of the Exercise of Rights Conferred under the First Amendment Through Intentional Intimidation for the Purpose of Unreasonably Restricting the Time, Place, and Manner for the Exercise of the Right to Petition Government)**

46. Paragraphs 1 through 26 above are incorporated by reference herein.

47. Ms. Padilla alleges that Defendants' deployment and equipment of federal agents (including John Does No. 1-2000) in the areas adjacent to the White House is a restriction on the time, place, and manner of her exercise of First Amendment rights. Specifically, the presence of these dominating/intimidating federal agents requires her to be subjected to intimidation.

48. This prior restraint on her rights under the First Amendment is not content neutral. Specifically, Ms. Padilla alleges that the intentionally-inflicted intimidation is based on the content of her, and others' speech: their effort to petition the Executive Branch of Government to take action to adopts reforms in response to the killing of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor and scores of other Black people and other people of color.

49. Even were the conditions placed on Ms. Padilla not content neutral, the insistence that Ms. Padilla be "dominate[d]" and subject to intimidation as a condition for her exercising her First Amendment rights is an unreasonable restriction on the time, manner, and place of her free expression.

50. The government's restriction of the time, place, and manner of Plaintiff Padilla's exercise of her First Amendment rights, *i.e.*, requiring her to be subjected to intimidation as a condition to exercising her rights, could be, but has not been narrowly tailored. For example,

a) Military forces, that might be needed at the request of The Mayor of the District of Columbia in the rare situation where the Metropolitan Police Department was being overwhelmed by civil unrest, could assemble in areas of the White House grounds that are not in plain view of

Plaintiff Padilla and the public;

b) John Does 1-2,000 could deploy without the disproportionate firepower of combat assault weapons, Humvees, and military vehicles – and without the combat fatigues, camouflage, and other implements of war;

c) Other federal agents could assemble in areas of the White House grounds that are not in plain view of the public to as a reserve force to the regular Park Police officers whose patrols regularly include Lafayette Square and The Ellipse; and

d) Reasonable de-escalation techniques, implemented in conjunction with the Washington, DC Metropolitan Police Department, rather than “domination,” tactics could be employed to bring calm to the areas adjacent to the White House.

#### **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

51. The conduct complained of herein deprives Plaintiff Padilla and other members of the public of rights conferred under the First Amendment to The United States Constitution. Such rights include the right to assemble in public places and communicate their views to those in The Executive Branch.

52. There is no substitute day for the right of Ms. Padilla to peaceably assemble with others to petition The Executive Branch for redress. Ms. Padilla is suffering and will suffer continued irreparable harm from the denial of her rights under The United States Constitution.

53. **WHEREFORE**, Plaintiffs request the following relief:

a) A Declaration with respect to Count I that the construction of a fence that prevents the petitioning of government in Lafayette Square and The Ellipse constitutes an improper prior restraint on speech in violation of the First Amendment to the United States Constitution;

b) A Declaration with respect to Count II that the construction of a fence that prevents all

approach to the White House constitutes an unreasonable restriction on the time, manner, and place of the exercise of Plaintiff Padilla's right to petition government;

c) A Declaration with respect to Count III that the use of tactics intended to "dominate" the spaces adjacent to the White House – tactics that are intended to intimidate those seeking to exercise First Amendment rights in areas adjacent to the White House – constitutes an improper prior restraint on the exercise of rights under the First Amendment to the United States Constitution;

d) A Declaration with respect to Count IV that the use of tactics intended to "dominate" the spaces adjacent to the White House – tactics that are intended to intimidate those seeking to exercise First Amendment rights in areas adjacent to the White House – constitutes an unreasonable restriction on the time, manner, and place on Plaintiff Padilla's exercise of her right to petition government insofar as it requires Ms. Padilla to be subjected to intimidation as a condition of her petition of The Executive Branch at the White House;

e) That the Court enter temporary, preliminary, and permanent injunctive relief in favor of Ms. Padilla and against Defendants that would

i) Require the dismantling of the barriers that have been constructed in the period of June 1, 2020-present;

ii) Prohibit the construction of any new emergency fencing until Defendants have presented a plan to the Court and have obtained the Court's approval for the construction of any future emergency fencing so as to ensure the free exercise of Ms. Padilla's rights under the First Amendment to The United States Constitution; and

(1) Require Defendants to immediately cease-and-desist from pursuing tactics designed to "dominate" those in the areas adjacent to the White House. With respect to this

relief, Plaintiff Padilla seeks an ORDER that Defendants 1) withdrawal any and all military vehicles from the streets of Washington, DC except in response to a specific request by The Mayor of the District of Columbia; 2) withdrawal all personnel armed with rifles, assault weapons, or other implements of war except in response to a specific request by The Mayor of the District of Columbia; 3) remove all military-clad personnel from the streets of Washington, DC except in response to a specific request by The Mayor of the District of Columbia; and 4) remove from view all military-clad personnel from Lafayette Square and the Ellipse.

f) The award of damages in an amount commensurate with the Constitutional deprivations herein described;

g) The award of attorney's fees and costs for the expense of bringing this action to ensure Defendants' compliance with the U.S. Constitution; and

h) The entry of any other ORDER, the imposition of any fine, restitution or remedy that the Court deems necessary to achieve full justice and to remedy the misconduct of Defendants.

Respectfully submitted this June 10, 2020,

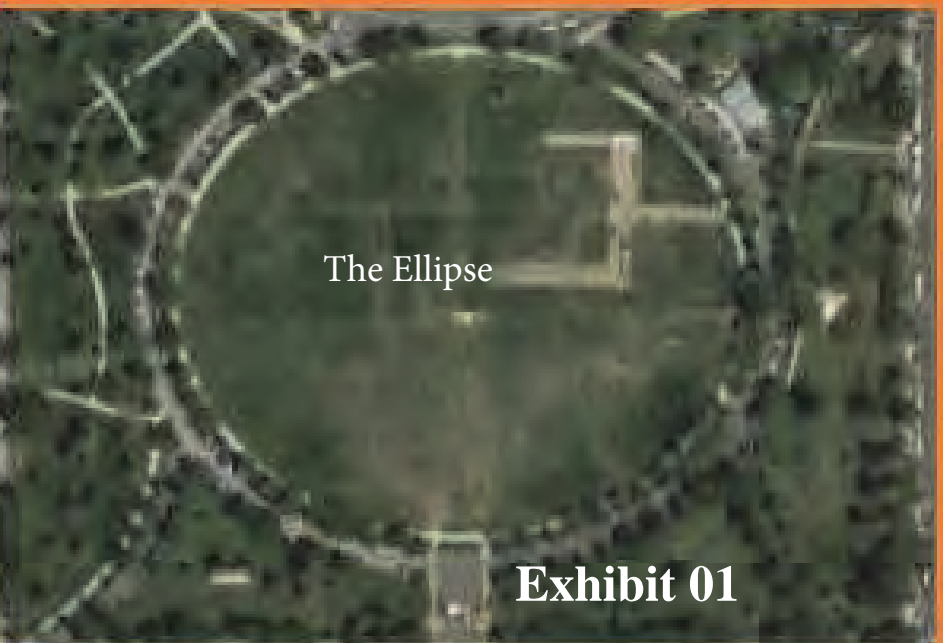
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The Ellipse

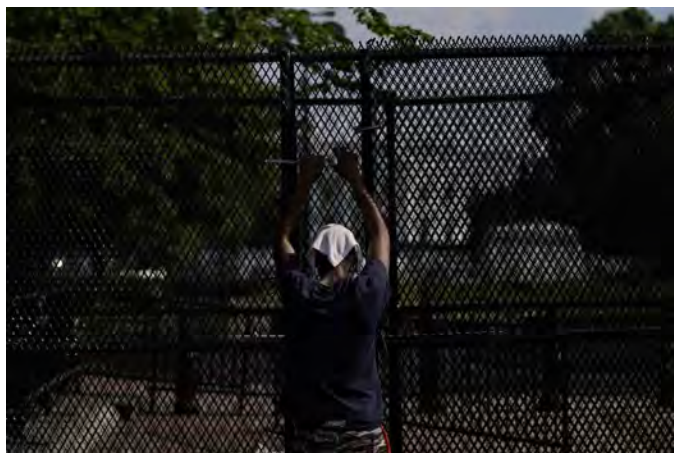


**Exhibit 01**



**Exhibit 02**





**Exhibit 02**



**George Floyd is laid to rest today. Wall Street rallies on recession news. North Korea stops talking with the South.**

# READ: President Trump's call with US governors over protests

By CNN

Updated 8:30 PM ET, Mon June 1, 2020



**(CNN)** — President Donald Trump told the nation's governors in a meeting Monday to "dominate" violent protestors and use aggressive tactics.

"If you don't dominate, you're wasting your time. They're going to run all over you, you'll look like a bunch of jerks," Trump said.

Here is a complete transcript of President Trump's opening remarks:

TRUMP: People here that you'll be seeing a lot of. Gen. Milley is here. He's head of the joint chiefs of staff, a fighter, a war hero, a lot of victories and no losses and he hates to see the way it's being handled in the various states and I just put him in charge. The attorney general is here, Bill Barr, and we will activate Bill Barr and activate him very strongly. We're strongly -- the secretary of defense is here.

We're strongly looking for arrests. You have to get much tougher. You're gonna get over it. I know Gov. Walz is on the phone and we spoke and I fully agree with the way he handled it the last couple of days, I asked him to do that. You know, a lot of me -- we have all the men and women that you need. But people aren't calling them up

**Exhibit 03, p.1**





they have to go to jail for long periods of time. I saw what happened in Philadelphia. I saw what happened in Dallas where they kicked a guy to death. I don't know if he died or not but if he didn't, it's a miracle, what they did to him, they were kicking him like I've never seen anything like it in my life.

They don't talk about that, they talk about a lot of other things but they don't talk about that but I saw what happened in Dallas and those kids, they're all on camera, they're wiseguys. And it's coming from the radical left, you know it, everybody knows it, but it's also looters, and it's people that figure they can get free stuff by running into stores and running out with television sets. I saw it, a kid get a lot of stuff, he puts it in the back of a brand new car and drives off.

You have every one of these guys on tape, why aren't you prosecuting them? Now the harder you are, the tougher you are, the less likely it is that you're going to be hit. This is a movement. We found out they're delivering supplies to various place in various states, your people know about it now. But we found out many things, it's like a movement, and it's a movement that if you don't put it down, it'll get worse and worse, this is like Occupy Wall Street. It was a disaster until one day, somebody said, that's enough and they just went in and wiped them out and that's the last time we ever heard the name Occupy Wall Street, until today when I heard about it, I heard Occupy Wall Street. I haven't heard about it, I heard about it today for the first time in a long time. They were there forever it seemed on wall street. they closed up Wall Street, the financial district of the world, total domination, they were ordering pizzas, nobody did anything

And then one day somebody said that's enough, you're getting out of here within two hours, and then after that everything was beautiful and that was the last time we heard about it. These are the same people. These are radicals and they're anarchists. They're anarchists, whether you like it or not, I know some of you guys are different persuasions and that's OK. I fully understand that. I understand both. I'm for everybody. I'm representing everybody, I'm not representing -- radical right radical left -- I'm representing everybody but you have to know what you're dealing with. But it's happened before, it's happened numerous times. And the only time it's successful is when you're weak. And most of you are weak.

And I will say this, what's going on in Los Angeles -- I have a friend who lives in Los Angeles. They say all the storefronts are gone. They're all broken and gone. The merchandise is gone. It's a shame. It didn't look as bad as that to me, maybe it was the sunshine, I don't know. But in Los Angeles, the storefronts are gone. Philadelphia's a mess, Philadelphia, what happened there is horrible. And that was on television, they're breaking into stores and nobody showed up to even stop them. There was no -- nobody showed up to stop them. Washington, they had large groups, very large groups, they attacked the AFL-CIO building. So they attacked (INAUDIBLE) friends, which is very interesting. But Washington was under great control. But we're going to have it under much more control. We're pouring in -- we're going to pull in thousands of people (INAUDIBLE) of the DC police, the mayor, the mayor of Washington DC and Secret Service did a very good job around the White House but their sole, their primary function is around the White House.

But and we're going to clamp down very, very strong. And you better arrest (INAUDIBLE) -- and you'll never see this stuff again and you'll have to let them know that. They're trying to get people out on bail in Minneapolis. I understand they're out there trying to get all these guys out on bail. So you have them on tape. You have them on television. In history, there's never been anybody taped so much committing a crime. You have these guys throwing rocks, they show them last night on one of the stations on one of the networks throwing a big brick, and they had him in slow motion replay. Like it's like a fielder. Catching a ball or throwing a ball you have the slow motion replay, you see exactly who he is, everybody knows.

You have everybody on tape, you gotta arrest all those people, you gotta try them. And if they get five years or ten years, they have to get five years or ten years. There's no retribution. So I say that and the word is dominate. If you don't dominate your city and your state, they're gonna walk away with you. And we're doing it in Washington, in DC, we're going to do something that people haven't seen before. But we're going to have total domination. And then you have to put them in jail and you have to authorize whatever it is, whoever it is you authorize, and with that I'll let Bill Barr say a few words and then I'll let Gen. Milley speak. Let's go, Bill.





many places, if not most places, you have this ingredient or extremist anarchist agitators who are riding the (INAUDIBLE).

Law enforcement response is not gonna work unless we dominate the streets, as the President said. We have to control the streets. If we treat these as demonstrations, the police are pinned back, guarding places and don't have the dynamic ability to go out and arrest the troublemakers. They're just standing in a line watching the events. Then when they disperse the crowds, the crowds go running off in different directions, create havoc, there is looting and everything. We have to control the crowd and not react to what's happening. And that requires a strong presence. In many places it will require the National Guard and when there's a strong presence, (INAUDIBLE) to defend buildings or a strong presence to control the crowd, things are quieting down, as in Minneapolis.

Some places may not require the National Guard and I think that New Jersey so far has been doing a very good job working with state police and the New York Police. And we'll see what happens there but the key is you have to have adequate force. That brings up law enforcement, even federal law enforcement, working with your state and local law enforcement, to be more dynamic and to go after the troublemakers. To go after the guys that are throwing the bricks and (INAUDIBLE) ... running around starting fires. They have to be taken from the street and arrested and processed.

The structure we're going to use is the joint terrorist task force, which I know most of you are familiar with. Tried and true system, it's worked for domestic and homegrown terrorists, and we're going to employ that model. It already integrates your state and local people and it's intelligence driven and it will go operational. That's -- we want to lean forward (INAUDIBLE) anyone who violates a federal law in connection with this rioting.

But we need to have people take control of the streets so that we can go out and work with law enforcement, say hello to the law enforcement. And identify these people in the crowd, isolate, pull them out, prosecute

TRUMP: So the best example, I alluded to it a couple of seconds ago, is Minneapolis. It was incredible what happened in the state of Minnesota. They were a laughingstock, all over the world. They took over the police department. The police were running down the street, sirens blazing, the rest of them running, it was on camera. And then they wiped out, you probably have to build a new one. I've never seen anything like it and the whole world was laughing. Two days, three days later, I spoke to the governor, the governor's I think on the call and he's an excellent guy, and all of a sudden --

And I said you gotta use the National Guard and take numbers (INAUDIBLE). They didn't at first, then they did, and I'll tell you that's true, I don't know what it was ... those guys, third night, fourth night, they walked through that stuff like it was butter. They walked right through and you haven't had any problems since and I mean they know -- they're not going to go there, they're going to go some other place. But once you called that and you dominated, you took the worst place and you made it -- they didn't even cover it last night because there was so little action. So, you dominated, you dominated. Now what happened in New York, I have to tell you, I live in Manhattan. What's going on in Manhattan, I have no idea. New York's finest, they gotta be -- they need to do their jobs. I don't know what's happening in Manhattan but it's terrible. And because it's New York, because it's Manhattan, it gets a lot of press, so they really spend a lot of time on it. but New York is gonna have to toughen up and we'll send you National Guard if you want. You have the largest police force in the country, 40,000 people. I understand, but what's going on in New York is terrible, it's terrible.

TRUMP: ... 40,000 people I understand, but what's going on in New York is terrible. It's terrible. Of all the places, what went on last night in Los Angeles with the stores and the ... is terrible. Total domination, you have to dominate. Yeah, go ahead Bill.

BARR: Something the President said reminded me. The reason you know we have to control the streets is not just to bring peace to that town, but to give us the opportunity to get the bad actors because they are going to go elsewhere, we're picking up information. And when they run into a tough nut...a strong police force and National Guard are looking for secondary target...so they can go and overwhelm the local police force. So, in several of

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So, that's why it's so imperative we can't play whack-a-mole we have to...professional instigators to the leadership group. And the way to do that is to start with a strong statement!

TRUMP: If you're weak and don't dominate the streets they're gonna stay away from you until you finally do it, and you don't want that. Philadelphia, you better toughen up because what's going on in Philadelphia like New York is terrible. It's terrible. You better toughen -- they never leave. I know you want to say all...hundred people. You've got a big National Guard out there that's ready to come in a time like now. I tell you, what they did in Minneapolis was incredible. They went in and dominated. And it happened immediately.

All of the sudden my wife said to me, 'wow look at all these people.' They got out and were wearing dark black uniforms. They got out and they were there in the houses and they walked right down the street, knocking them out with tear gas, tear gas. Those guys, they were running. And the next night it was much less and then the next night, it's like you know what happened, they went to other cities. They're all looking for weak spots. Now what they're going to do is they're going to search out for perhaps smaller cities, smaller places. You've got to arrest these people. You've got to arrest these people and you've got to judge them, and you can't do the deal where they get one week in jail. These are terrorists, these are terrorists, they're looking to do bad things to our country

They're Antifa and they're radical left. And the reason you have other radicals is because they've been watching this for years, many years. And they don't like this. Go back and study Occupy Wall Street, because you'll see the way that is, a thing of beauty, everybody said 'I can't believe how easy it was' it was an hour of...and when it was all over it was a beautiful thing. And that's the way it has to end for you, alright secretary of defense.

ESPER: Thank you Mr. President. If I could build on your comments and attorney general's comments to give some some quick stats. So, of course, the Department of Defense remains in full support of states, the state governors, Department of Justice...law enforcement. Right now we 17,000 folks deployed in the National Guard in 29 states...fewer than 200 people deployed in the Baltimore state as well as their guard. So as the President and the AG have rightly pointed out, Minneapolis, Minnesota, has done a fantastic job.

By Saturday morning, after the chairman of Joint Chiefs of Staff and I suppose the governor increased their presence 10-fold I think the evidence was clear from Saturday night and Sunday night. And so, in my urging I agree, we need to dominate the battle space...resources in the guards. I stand ready the chairman stands ready the head of the National Guard stands ready to fully support you in terms of helping mobilize the guard and do what they need to do. Again, most of the guard has not been called up. There's only a few states that...two state where more than 1,000 troops have been called up. I think the sooner that you mask and dominate the battle space, the quicker this dissipates, and we get back to a -- the right norma

TRUMP: I don't know what it is, politically where you don't want to call out people. They are already willing and able they want to fight for the country. I don't know what it is. Someday you'll have to explain it to me. But it takes so long to call them up. We're waiting for you, we're shocked there's areas, LA, we're shocked you're not using the greatest resource you can use and they're trained for this stuff and they're incredible. Why you're not calling them up? I don't know, but you're making a mistake because you're making yourself look like, look like fools. And some have done a great job. A lot of you, it's not, it's not good, it's very bad for our country. You know what, other countries watch this, they're watching us and they say 'boy they're really a pushover.' And we can't be a pushover. And you have all the resources, it's not like you don't have the resources.

So I don't know what you're doing. We'll take some questions if you want ... I think Tim is on the phone now, Tim Walz. Again, I was very happy with the last couple of days. Tim you called up big numbers and the big numbers knocked them out so fast it was like bowling pins. All right, anybody, I guess it's hashtag...right? Hashtag ... The governors on audio, the governors on any .... hashtag ... anybody want to speak? Brian is up there. Brian you want to speak? Georgia, Brian Kemp.

KEMP: Hey, good morning, Mr. President. I can just give you a quick update, I'll talk through this as fast as I can from starting on Friday night. We have been talking to the city of Atlanta in preparation to support peaceful protest but also to protect lives and the property of the citizens in Atlanta and around the state of Georgia. Bu

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we had 500 guard called up and ready to support as well as the whole thing we had in our state operation center we activated. We had the Georgia State..., Georgia National Guard, the Department of Natural Resource team of rangers and then we used our Department of Corrections, Department of Juvenile Justice, the Department of Community Supervision, they all have certified officers. Two of those have instant response team that they use to...prison disruptions. And those people are really good at doing that. We had all of those teams standing by to help Friday night. It became evident that APD needed our help, and we went in there and I think did a good job in a really tough situation to calm things down

And then Saturday we worked with their whole team we had a major from the Atlanta Police Department embedded in our state operations center. We had one of our people in their operation center so we had constar communications and I was in the state ops center all three nights for a very long time so I got to see this firsthand. But that coordination that we were able to have with the locals, with the guard, the state patrol and a our other resources as well as having surveillance in the air, especially Saturday night, was awesome.

And we had a lot of people that did the right thing, we supported them in the peaceful protest. And when th curfew hit, they went home. And what we saw was the disrupters stayed. And so you knew those were the people that we were going to have to deal with. And that's what we did over the weekend. Just two other thing real quick. We did see in Savannah last night we were ... a lot of the instigators in Charlotte, South Carolina on Saturday night were coming to Savannah on last night.

We were watching that. We got in place early so the attorney general was correct in saying we could watch thos folks that you knew were professionals, if you will. We knew that they were ... office supplies and areas ... We were surveilling that. They ended up moving those because they figured out we were watching them and jus because I think we were there early and really ... I think they only arrested 10 people. And the first person they arrested was was from out of state. The last thing I will tell you is this Georgia National Guard medics team most likely saved an Atlanta police officer's life last night when he rammed by a disruptor on a four-wheeler. And they put a tourniquet on him and helped him ... hospital and it was great to see that. So thank you for your support o the guard.

TRUMP: Thank you Brian very much. And you did a good job, it looked like Atlanta was a much different place with a little time so that ... was pretty rough. Tim Walz I don't know if you've left yet for your conference, I know you had a conference. You were the one that didn't have a conference. Uh, is Tim there? I'd like to maybe have him explain the difference between the beginning and the end. Tim are you there?

WALZ: I am. Thank you, Mr. President. And I want to give a thank you to Secretary Esper for your strategic guidance, very helpful. Yeah our ... is grieving and in pain. And I would just say as far as the ... the peaceful protestors were expecting an out ... that is real they wouldn't ... if there were a man dying in front of them. That part of it then of course sparked civil unrest, there, there were actors and I would like to believe they were ... here in Minnesota but they're not ... an issue with the Minneapolis Police Department. But once that starts to spin ... the ... in the first few days. I don't believe anybody would have had a big enough force to do this. We mobilized ... Thursday and Friday.

I had mobilized ... about 750 to 1,000 if we could get a National Guard onto the scene. But one of our ... in state history for civil rights or civil obedience and we were still overwhelmed. At that point ... I hope ... the National Guard. And that's what the President was alluding to ...

WALZ: But I think, again, Mr. President, I hope, you asked (INAUDIBLE) it's going to be very critical. There are (INAUDIBLE) legitimate anger and here our problems wouldn't be ... if we cannot be (INAUDIBLE) we've got to have the resources to maintain (INAUDIBLE) and we're going to have to transition back. (INAUDIBLE) overwhelming here is the transition back is the catalyst that started (inaudible) what happened with Minneapolis police department. So (INAUDIBLE) a lot of (inaudible) specific leaders and the peaceful protests and obviously (INAUDIBLE) ... I think the guidance is you've got to get a handle on it with that force. That is absolutely (INAUDIBLE). And then the transition in the next phase is trying to get those (INAUDIBLE) for the peaceful protests and (inaudible) to do things that we have to look at of how do we get reform. And (INAUDIBLE) a

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intentional. As it turned out, it was a confused and scared driver who didn't want to leave the interstate, turned into that, saw (INAUDIBLE) pulled out of the vehicle. Some of you recall that it looked like...during Rodney King. But the truck never (INAUDIBLE) but he was (INAUDIBLE) he said that that crowd was about (INAUDIBLE) and they pulled him in which deescalated the situation and as (INAUDIBLE) said, last night was calm and (INAUDIBLE)

TRUMP: But Tim, it shows me incredible difference between your great state...yesterday and the day before compared to the first few days was just ...

WALZ: Absolutely.

TRUMP: Never seen anything like it ...

WALZ: Absolutely.

TRUMP: But the police force didn't take it over. And I don't blame you. I blame the mayor. I mean, I've never seen anything like it where the police were told to abandon the police house and it was ransacked and really destroyed...you know millions and millions of dollars are going to have to go back and fix it. I don't know. You'll (INAUDIBLE)

WALZ: Mr. President, if I'm still on, (inaudible) the one thing I would say you could do is...a lot of people don't understand who the National Guard is and you need to get out there from a PR perspective and make sure that it's not seen as a occupying force, but it's their neighbors, school teachers, business owners, those types of things. That's a really effective message.

TRUMP: OK, good. I think that's a good idea. I must tell you it got so bad a few nights ago that the people wouldn't have minded an occupying force. I wish they had an occupying force in there. But for some reason, I don't know what it is governors don't like calling up a lot of...the guard. We have thousands and thousands of people waiting to be called up. Is that a correct statement, general?

MILLEY: 350,000.

TRUMP: 350,000. You have 350,000 people and they call up 200. Tim used that the first night (INAUDIBLE). What happened is after that he said let's go and I'll tell you, this was like magic. You saw thousands of people all of a sudden, you know, online, just walking through the street. I said...it was like a beautiful thing to see. And we have 350,000 plus in the National Guard and nobody wants to use them and their cities are ransacked and they're a disgrace all over the world. All over the world they're (INAUDIBLE) it. What happened in Los Angeles was a (INAUDIBLE). And New York was a disaster. I don't understand what happened to New York's finest. I don't understand it. But there's nothing wrong with New York calling up the National Guard. There's nothing wrong with it. Alright. Thank you very much, Tim. Go ahead next, please. (INAUDIBLE) Do you want to say something? Go ahead.

So, Mr. President while we're waiting on the governor (INAUDIBLE). What you mentioned about the Guard, we've found in various studies over the years, the 1960s riots, Rodney King (INAUDIBLE), the introduction of the National Guard in force on the streets during civil (INAUDIBLE), intervening in civil riots, civil unrest, seems to be a very calming effect. (INAUDIBLE) numbers (INAUDIBLE) that's what I saw in Minnesota. So when I talk to the governor, when Secretary Esper talks to the governor, when (INAUDIBLE) the governor, and to his credit, he mobilized the entire Minnesota Guard, (INAUDIBLE) fixed sites, fixed site security at key points on the ground and you had police as mobile forces (INAUDIBLE) law enforcement. It's a very effective technique. It's been used for years in the past. We have activated. We have activated the National Guard (INAUDIBLE) civil authorities on average for civil disturbances one every three years (INAUDIBLE) so it is a very effective technique, strongly encouraged. (INAUDIBLE) mobilize and start reporting today as many guard as you think you need in order to establish law and order in the various cities. 55 cities have protest ... 54 ... 55 cities have protests the last 24 hours and 22 of them were violent at moderate to severe levels. But the rest were peaceful. The rest were





TRUMP: So, we automatically have our experiment and that's...I hate to say, Minnesota, you had the first part, which was weak and pathetic, and you had the second part, which was domination, and those guys probably largely left their (inaudible) one of your cities, one of your states because they're not getting anywhere in Minnesota anymore. So you have that perfect contrast of Minnesota phase one, Minnesota phase two. It's a beautiful thing to watch. It just can't be any better. There's no experiment needed. You don't have to do tests. Alright, go ahead. Hashtag two, please. Anybody?

MILLS: Mr. President. This is Janet Mills, governor the great state of Maine. Thank you for the call and information and thank you Attorney General Barr, Mr. Secretary and (INAUDIBLE) gentlemen. I have two questions (INAUDIBLE). One is, you mentioned, somebody mentioned intelligence regarding the source of the protests and the bad actors and professional instigators ... as a prosecutor for more than 20 years in the state of Maine, a former attorney general, a former district attorney to three counties, I would be very interested in knowing the intel so that we can prepare in advance for any insurgents or any professional instigators. We haven't seen that yet in my state, that I know of, but I would love to hear the intel that you appear to have access to regarding who these individuals are who are those bad actors and professional instigators

Secondly, Attorney General Barr you mentioned arresting for federal...violations of federal law and charging people federally. I'd be interested to know what federal statutes we would rely on for prosecutions, arrests and prosecutions for violations of federal law. Those are my questions. My comment is, Mr. President, I'm very concerned quite frankly, that we understand that you're coming to the state of Maine later this week. I'm very concerned that your presence may cause security problems for our state and (inaudible) yet. So I'm concerned about that. Thank you.

TRUMP: We'll look into that. We have a tremendous crowd of people showing up, as you know, and I think most of them are very favorable. They like their president, but we'll talk to you about that, certainly. As far as intelligence, we do have intelligence, information and we'll present it to the appropriate people. I'd like to (inaudible) if you hear anything, let us know. Report it to the attorney general....

MILLS: Of course. (cross talk) information, I would really like to have it. Thank you.

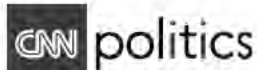
TRUMP: Or ... by the way (INAUDIBLE) you can prosecute (INAUDIBLE) but if you prosecute (INAUDIBLE) the levels (INAUDIBLE) very rapidly. Go ahead, please.

BARR: we will be sharing intelligence with all of our state and local partners through the joint terrorist task forces. Everything (INAUDIBLE) we will direct your way (INAUDIBLE). I know your people are tying it to that. As to federal offenses, there are many different federal offenses that emerge in rioting situations. Two of the most common are anyone who crosses state lines (INAUDIBLE) federal offense, to incite or dissipating (INAUDIBLE) or anyone who uses any interstate facility...telecommunications, vehicles, (INAUDIBLE) whatever, in connection with participating and encouraging riots...those are two federal (INAUDIBLE) but there are many others. (INAUDIBLE) destructive devices and conspiracies and other (INAUDIBLE)

TRUMP: So, Phil Murphy did a very new job in New Jersey, which is interesting, because you had very little problem. You did call up a lot of good law enforcement. You had a lot of good law enforcement. Phil, I think you're there ... Phil Murphy?

MURPHY: Mr. President, yes...good morning to each of you. Honored to be with you. We had about 30 protests through the weekend and the attorney general said it exactly right, the (INAUDIBLE) problem was that there were (INAUDIBLE) there was about 30 and we managed 28 out of 30. There were some disturbances involving Atlantic City and Trenton, but by the scale, based on what we see on television, these were, while unfortunate, were not (INAUDIBLE) scale of that (INAUDIBLE) no philosophical issue whatsoever due to or not due to the National Guard (INAUDIBLE) so far. (INAUDIBLE) state police, Rep. (INAUDIBLE) local police would have been able (INAUDIBLE) within our (INAUDIBLE) so far we've got about nine, it looks like nine (inaudible) from today (INAUDIBLE) expecting these are peaceful in nature





the community, allow folks to express their protest -- which we have no issue with -- we just want to make sure it's peaceful. But so far so good (INAUDIBLE).

TRUMP: I appreciate it very much, really good and congratulations so far. Keep it going. Doug Ducey are you on there, please?

DUCEY: Yes. Thank you very much Mr. President. Yesterday we met with the comm leaders from around the state, heard all of their concerns. I know that we can do better both statewide and federally as well. Now Phoenix is the fifth largest metropolitan area in the entire country and we've learned some lessons over the last three days. First, the more aggressive approach does work. We wanted peaceful protestors to be able to exercise their First Amendment rights.

We had a tough time after the sun went down figuring out who was the peaceful protestors and who was the person who was going to cause trouble, destroy property, or begin violent action.

I put out a statewide emergency yesterday and we put out a statewide curfew for ATM and we did that because of what we saw the night before. Phoenix Police Department, Department of Public Safety did a great job stopping the unlawful part of the protests because it became riotous, but it morphed into ... was rumored to go to Candler to the west side, so we put out the statewide curfew. We called up the National Guard in force. We got all of our mayors, all of our police chiefs on board, and last night was a very quiet and peaceful night in the state of Arizona.

TRUMP: That's what I saw. I saw that. Big difference.

TRUMP: Jim Bel Edwards? John Bel are you there?

EDWARDS: Mr. President, thank you very much for the meeting and for the call. We've had about a dozen protests, I think a grand total of about two arrests of individuals. It's been relatively peaceful here. We have engaged the African American and faith community primarily, but also leaders across the state of Louisiana. We've been able to respond thus far with the police departments, the sheriff's office, the parishes and the state police. Obviously we have the National Guard here and could use them if necessary. We have -- and it's particularly been a benefit for us -- we went through in 2016 several weeks of very heavy protests, almost all of which were peaceful though, and so we've kept up those communications though with the various communities and so far we're in good shape. Like Phil Murphy I don't want to jinx things, and we know that things can turn on a dime. And we know in 2016, most of the problems came from people who were bussed in from out of state. I was not local home grown folks who were the most violent and extremist on our streets.

And so that's where we could get some help from the federal government. If you all know that there are individuals or groups out there that are intending to target Louisiana in terms of coming in, that would be very very helpful. We are monitoring the internet, we have our fusion center and so forth, but if Mr. Attorney General, if you think of some information like that, that would be very helpful if you would share with us.

TRUMP: Good. I appreciate that very much and likewise, though, if you have information about the groups. For instance we had information last night, we got it, where they're going to be loading. They're gonna be loading -- it's like a military operation. There's certain states -- we've already notified them -- but they're going to be loading. It's like we're talking about a war, which it is a war in a certain sense, and we're going to end it fast. So (INAUDIBLE). Thanks very much.

TRUMP: Larry Hogan, please? Maryland?

HOGAN: Yeah Mr. President, thank you very much, first of all I want to thank you for agreeing to our request on extending that Title 32. It couldn't be more timely, talking about everybody calling up the National Guard, and couldn't agree more with all of the things that you've said. We had this experience in Maryland in 2015 when we had the riots in Baltimore and we did exactly what you're recommending. The city police in Baltimore were





after the first few hours, and then just allowed people to protest for the rest of the week. I think that's what's not happening in some of the cities and I agree with, kind of 'peace through strength.' I think bringing up enough military power and not letting anybody be overpowered the way they have been the last few days is exactly the right thing.

We have 1300 members of the Guard called up now. We haven't had any issues, problems yet, the most peaceful, I think, was (INAUDIBLE).

But we're watching to see if it breaks down again. But on the -- I had a call with many of the governors and talking to all of them across the country, everybody's saying the same thing about the out-of-town agitators. It seems to be very organized, and as the discussion the attorney general was talking about -- the crossing of state lines, federal crimes, sharing of information and intelligence, critically, for all the governors that we all are focused on -- it's difficult in some of these cities with the prosecutors we have and the judges we have to get conviction: even on violent crimes, let alone on these kinds of things. The federal charges with US attorneys going to federal court, sharing the intelligence, all of that is very, very helpful. We appreciate all the effort. Thank you very much.

TRUMP: Thank you very much. They're national anarchists, in many cases, and they're leading a group of (INAUDIBLE). These are easily-led people.

Gov. Larry Hogan: And I'll just point out, Mr. President, we had those in Baltimore, in 2015. This is not new. As you point out, Occupy Wall Street, we had a lot of people, demonstrators, back in 2015. I'd only been governor for 90 days. But the troublemakers were all from out of town all organized professional agitators, I don't know, if it's the same group or a different group but they were former (INAUDIBLE) folks back then. So they just continue (INAUDIBLE) their craft and get better.

TRUMP: That's right. And you know when they have bricks you know they come armed with bricks and they have bricks and rocks big rocks and they have other things and they throw them, you know you're allowed to fight back. You don't have to have a brick hit you in the face and you don't do anything about it, you are allowed to fight back. Now I'm not asking my attorney general to have to stop me from saying that, but I would say that if a brick is thrown at somebody and it hits him, or maybe if it misses him, your very tough, strong, powerful people are allowed to fight back against that guy and very strongly and powerfully. That's what I think. I saw what they did to the kid in Dallas and that was a disgrace. That was a disgrace. That should've been stopped. I've never seen anybody take that punishment and I don't know, I guess maybe he's not going to live, but I saw what happened. I saw what happened to that kid. I've never seen it. Nobody talks about it. Nobody even mentions it.

TRUMP: But I know when you're doing well because I haven't seen Maryland on television. And that's good, when you're not on television.

HOGAN: We don't want to be on television again, but what you're talking about with the injuries, we had 137 police and firefighters injured in the first few hours of that disturbance in 2015, and we sent in the Guard and all those police officers and not a single person was hurt for the rest of the week. No more violence. So, it's powerful forces, with showing restraint, but I think showing those groups, people start to scatter.

TRUMP: Well, thank you very much, Larry. Hashtag two if anyone wants to call in, hashtag two.

OPERATOR: Governor Polis.

TRUMP: Go ahead.

JUSTICE: Mr. President can you hear me? It's Jim Justice from West Virginia.

TRUMP: Yes. I can.

JUSTICE: All I would say to you is that if it comes to pass that some states would rather you didn't come there,





peaceful protests. We've welcomed them, but absolutely we're not gonna have a problem here -- because first and foremost, I'm not gonna put up with it. There is no way. There is no way. Instantaneously, we'll call in the Guard or do what whatever we've got to do, but I am just exactly like you, and I'm not gonna put up with this

TRUMP: Well that sounds a lot different than the governor of Maine. That's very good. You know she tried to talk me out of it, now she probably talked me into it. She just doesn't understand me very well. But that's ok

TRUMP: Thanks very much. I appreciate it very much, Jim. You know we have a situation -- I was thinking about calling a number of you -- with flag burning. I'm not a believer in flag burning, and I would think that if a state wanted to try and pass a law [where] you're not allowed to burn flags with a certain punishment, strong punishment, I would think that the United States government would be backing you up all the way. So you're all on the phone right now, and I would think the United States government would love to see somebody go and do that, because I think flag burning is a disgrace. And it passed last time, as you know, against -- well a lot of people won -- it passed 5 to 4 and we have a different court. And I think that it's time to review that again because when I see flags being burned -- they wanted to crawl up the flag poles in Washington and try and burn flags, but we stopped them. They weren't able to do it. They would've done it if we didn't stop them. I think it's time to relook at that issue. Hopefully the Supreme Court will accept that. But if you have a state where you feel strongly, and many of you do, most of you do I'll bet, so if you wanted to try and pass a very powerful flag-burning statute, again, anti-flag-burning, I hope you do it because we'll back you 100%, all the way.

POLIS: Hi, this is Governor Jared Polis [background gackle] yeah we are in Colorado (INAUDIBLE) we were able to use the national guard and they're very amazing folks, I want to thank them for renewing their service and as you know (INAUDIBLE) we owe that to them, for (INAUDIBLE) coronavirus and protecting our cities, it's all incredibly important. I just wanted to ask the public health side of this, one of the things we did is distribute masks to some of the peaceful protesters, I don't know if others had that issue, obviously we're concerned with the size of the gatherings, some we're doing social distancing, some weren't, I am encouraged (INAUDIBLE) as freely available (INAUDIBLE) anybody has the right to peacefully protest can get a mask who needs one.

But we're all worried, Mr. President, about the set-backs of the re-openings with everything going on we just feel people, some of which we're doing social distancing some who weren't, I just wanted to encourage others to buy masks and offer testing (INAUDIBLE) because obviously we're using the national guard over the weekend, we just had a handful of arrests and no large scale infiltrations that we've seen people who were [inaudible] rioted up and anarchy or whatever (INAUDIBLE) so I just wanted to pass on that public health detail (INAUDIBLE) responsible (INAUDIBLE).

TRUMP: Thank you very much Jared, thank you we'll have to have you at the White House very soon, McMaster, I think I hear Henry McMaster on the line his people (INAUDIBLE) Henry, cuz I know [crosstalk] -

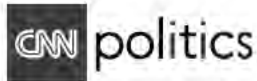
MCMASTER: Thank you Mr. President, I (INAUDIBLE) attorney general saying, (INAUDIBLE) and telephone calls and also what we've been saying is I don't think we've been prosecuting enough people -

TRUMP: I agree.

McMaster: (INAUDIBLE) they're just getting thirty days or five hundred dollars that's just the cost of doing business, I know that we have organized people. We're trying to figure out if we've got some here maybe we do, we have a state grand jury just like the rest of (INAUDIBLE) and bring them to full or that grand jury and investigate with the tools of the grand jury, we talked to our U.S. Attorney Steven McCoy, so everyone was onboard and (INAUDIBLE) what's happening in the city of Charleston, but the first night they had one of those until eleven o'clock, a curfew, they had a whole lot of (INAUDIBLE) the best confrontational approach is they had a lot of (INAUDIBLE) beautiful place with lots of people (INAUDIBLE) big fire crackers, and they was laying across the tables and (INAUDIBLE) the curfew and they were scaring everybody out and running into - [inaudible] in the hotel and shops heard shots [inaudible] some of the agitators and a lot of them are from outside there's no doubt about it, this Antifa or whatever you call it, (INAUDIBLE) one man in Columbia he had a Glock pistol in a napsack, and ninety rounds of ammunition, (INAUDIBLE) some information from him. I think what

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McMaster: The other point is that (INAUDIBLE) everywhere, the department of corrections, [inaudible] the state police force, the city and county sheriffs are coming in and sharing - in Charleston though we had the national guard on Sunday night and they had virtually no problems, the sheriffs were out and said they'd never seen such police presence in his life and it was like (INAUDIBLE) and just a handful of arrests and [inaudible] rolling around the city of Charleston it was very peaceful, so great work (INAUDIBLE) like you said it's time to get serious about prosecuting people and finding out where their origins are, who's paying the money and we've heard some of them get a bonus if they get arrested, (INAUDIBLE) hands get arrested. (INAUDIBLE) The police told them get out of there and more and more arrests, so that's the state of it we have to be careful to (INAUDIBLE)--

Trump: You don't have to be careful, you don't have to be too careful and I'll tell you, you have to do the prosecutions, you don't do the prosecutions -- they're just going to be back. Whether it's in two years or two months they're gonna be back and you gotta do the prosecutions and you know when someone is throwing rock, it's just like shooting a gun -- just like having a -- (INAUDIBLE) hit somebody in the face, wipe them out practically, we have a couple people badly hurt and there's no retribution, so you have to do retribution in my opinion, you have to use your own legal system. You do have a great legal system from everyone I've been speaking to but if you want this to stop you've got to - you have to prosecute these people, Henry, you're right Thank you very much. (CROSS-TALK)

Female voice: Please go ahead you're line is open.

Pritzker: This is Governor Pritzker.

TRUMP: I can hear you.

PRITZKER: You can hear me? Good. (INAUDIBLE)

TRUMP: Are you on your cell phone maybe? We're not hearing you great.

PRITZKER: Can you hear me OK? (INAUDIBLE)

TRUMP: Go ahead.

PRITZKER: Thank you Mr. President, I wanted to take this moment, I can't let it pass to (INAUDIBLE) to say that I'm extraordinarily concerned with the rhetoric that's been used by you, it's been inflammatory and not okay but that officer who choked George Floyd to death but we have to call for calm, we have to call for -- we called out our National Guard and our street police, but the rhetoric that's coming out of the White House is making it worse. And I need to say that we are feeling real pain out here and that we've got to have national leadership on this that is calling for calm and for making sure that (INAUDIBLE) legitimate peaceful protests, that will help us bring order.

TRUMP: Well thank you very much, Jay, I don't like your rhetoric either because I watch (INAUDIBLE) coronavirus and I don't like your rhetoric about it either I think you could've done a much better job, but that's OK and you know, we don't agree with each other, as far as the (INAUDIBLE) in place (INAUDIBLE) respect the officer (INAUDIBLE) I've spoken about it also, talking about it with great compassion and I think it's a horrible thing that happened, and I've called it out on numerous occasions, in numerous speeches, I spoke about it at our great rocket launch, I covered it before I covered the rocket, when we sent out a billion-dollar rocket and before I spoke about the rocket I made a speech after the rocket launched, I spoke about officer -- I spoke about as to what happened with respect to Mr. Floyd, I thought it was a disgrace, I thought what happened was a disgrace but I spoke about it about as long as I did the rocket and those police officers and what they did including the three of them that stood there and watched. And they even participated, the whole world was disgraced by it, not just our country, the whole world was watching, so nobody can tell me I haven't spoken about it, I've spoken about it at great length, at great length and I will continue to speak about it, but I also have to think about law and order, we need law and order in our country and if we don't have law and order we don't have a country. So, we



TRUMP: OK, WHO'S NEXT? (INAUDIBLE)

FEMALE VOICE: There's no one in the queue at this time.

TRUMP: OK, I want to thank all of you, be strong, be tough, be smart, be safe, be safe, very unfortunate and uh (INAUDIBLE) of the people you have to do it right. Many, many people, you know Mr. Floyd but there are many other people who have been badly hurt and killed and the way we're going to do it, the way we're going to stop the problem is to be fair and be strong, you have to be strong. Use our national guard, you're much better off with too many than too few. That's one thing we have to have, too many is a good thing, too few is unacceptable so go out there and get 'em, good luck tonight and if you have any information, let us know please, thank you very much.

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David Bernhardt  
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**\*\*Submitted via email\*\***

June 4, 2020

Dear Secretary Bernhardt,

We write with deep concern about the recent actions of the United States Park Police during ongoing protests in Washington, DC. Like protests around the country, those in our nation's capital are calls for justice for the Black community. We grieve and condemn the recent horrific acts of violence and intimidation against Black people in our country, and the June 1 expulsion of peaceful protesters from in and near Lafayette Park, a national park unit, which was both unprovoked and unnecessarily aggressive. We are appalled by this injustice. The Park Police have become a face of violence in the streets of our nation's capital. On behalf of our millions of members and supporters across the country, we ask that you provide explanations for the Park Police's use of force to clear a public space where people were exercising their constitutional rights.

Lafayette Park has a painful and evolving history. It has been a graveyard, a slave market and an encampment for soldiers. Fredrick Douglass's Freedman's Bank was once located on its borders and Dolly Madison's house still stands adjacent to the park.<sup>1</sup> As with all other sites under National Park Service jurisdiction, the agency is tasked with not only protecting the place and its history, but ensuring the public is able to access, learn, experience and enjoy them.

This is not the first public protest to take place in this space or in the national parks of Washington, DC, and it will not be the last. From the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom in 1963 to the Women's March in 2017, and all the gatherings large and small in between, people have come to the national parks in our nation's capital to let their voices be heard and push our country along the path to form a more perfect union. National parks in the District of Columbia have been and must continue to be safe spaces for protestors exercising their constitutional rights.

It has been devastating to watch the Park Police stray so far from the vision they outline for themselves – providing a safe haven for enjoyment of parks without fear, serving people with respect and dignity, and ensuring citizens are free to safely exercise their First Amendment rights of free speech and assembly.<sup>2</sup> We do not believe that launching tear gas, flash bangs and rubber bullets at peaceful protestors are the actions of the “premier police organization within the Federal Government” the Park Police claim they are striving to be. These actions make clear that the Park Police are simply another example of the larger systemic issues across law enforcement and they must be held accountable.

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<sup>1</sup> “Explore the Northern Trail (Lafayette Park),” National Park Service, <https://www.nps.gov/whho/planyourvisit/explore-the-northern-trail.htm>. Accessed June 2, 2020.

<sup>2</sup> “Mission Statement,” United States Park Police, <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/uspp/mission-statement.htm>. Accessed June 2, 2020.



These actions raise a series of questions about the current mission and operating standards of the Park Police:

- The Park Police have protected protestors and public spaces at numerous gatherings in the past. What has changed in the agency's mission or guidelines that permitted the use of tear gas and rubber bullets on people obeying the law?
- Multiple law enforcement agencies have been involved in activities related to the current protests. Where does the Park Police fall in the hierarchy of these fellow agencies and how does or should their role differ from that of the Secret Service, Metropolitan Police Department and other relevant agencies?
- Does the National Park Service or the Department of the Interior have the authority to remove Park Police from participating in activities that are antithetical to the mission of the Park Police or the Park Service?
- What criteria does the Park Police use to authorize the use of helicopter assistance in law enforcement activities? What level of helicopter assistance was utilized by the Park Police during recent protests?
- As related to the activities of May 31 and June 1, what level of resistance justified the use of Defensive Tactics as defined in General Order 3615 – Use of Force?
- As related to the activities of May 31 and June 1, how is the Park Police utilizing incident reports stemming from the well documented widespread uses of force beyond Cooperate and Contact as defined in General Order 3615 –Use of Force?
- As related to the activities of June 1, what levels of the official chain of command<sup>3</sup> participated in the decision to use Park Police to violently move peaceful protestors from Lafayette Park and adjacent areas of H Street NW?
- As related to the activities of June 1, were there any efforts made to obscure that it was Park Police that were actively participating in the violent enforcement activities?
- Following the activities of June 1, have there been any changes to mutual aid agreements that the Park Police agreed to among regional law enforcement entities?
- Does the Park Police have an established and public after-action analysis process?
- Does the Park Police have a method for the public to file a citizen complaint or commendation?

The Park Police may be only one law enforcement agency among many in the context of the protests in Washington, DC. But they are also ambassadors for one of the most beloved agencies in the federal government, the National Park Service. And just as our national parks are held to the highest standards, so too must be all those who wear a badge in their name, as well as those who lead the Interior Department.

The Black community and people of color deserve better. Our national parks deserve better. The public deserves better. And our democracy deserves better.

Sincerely,

Alaska Wilderness League  
American Society of Landscape Architects  
Appalachian Trail Conservancy

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<sup>3</sup> "Office of the Chief," United States Park Police, <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/uspp/office-of-the-chief.htm> . Accessed June 3, 2020.

Atomic Heritage Foundation  
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Caldera Action  
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California Outdoor Engagement Coalition  
Camp Ocean Pines  
Cascade Forest Conservancy  
Center for Biological Diversity  
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Clean Water Action  
CM Communication International, INC.  
Coalition to Protect America's National Parks  
Defenders of Wildlife  
Discover Your Northwest  
Earthjustice  
Earthworks  
Endangered Species Coalition  
Environmental Action Committee of West Marin (EAC)  
Environmental Protection Information Center  
Firefighters United for Safety, Ethics, and Ecology (FUSEE)  
Friends of Blackwater, Inc.  
Friends of Fort McHenry  
Friends of Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens  
Friends of the Blue Ridge Parkway  
Friends of the Earth  
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International Marine Mammal Project of Earth Island Institute  
Katmai Conservancy  
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Los Padres ForestWatch  
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Cc: William Barr, U.S. Attorney General

Re\_ DTS NPS0030445 Recent Actions of the U.S. P....pdf

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no, Communications is drafting and Brandon Bies is revising it. AVRVP will surname it once we have a draft...Susan made that call

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**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 8:40 AM  
**To:** Flynn, Jennifer  
**Subject:** DTS NPS0030445 Recent Actions of the U.S. Park Police Against Protesters - Lafayette Park  
Good morning Jen-  
Not sure if this package will need a response, waiting to hear back from Lisa Cannuscio.  
Best,  
Lisa

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Re\_ SITREP\_ 06\_12\_20 2125hours Lafayette Park.pdf

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Visitation has been sporadic yet mostly low. On 3 occasions, organized groups of approximately 50-75 protesters have marched into the park, peacefully protested on the south sidewalk of the park for 10-15 minutes and departed to the north.

No agitators or acts of violence to report.

USPP Detail still monitoring.

V/R

Lieutenant (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
Commander  
District 2 Station  
George Washington Memorial Parkway  
United States Park Police  
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**Subject:** SITREP: 06/12/20 1525 hours Lafayette Park  
All,  
USPP detail was up and running as of 1300.  
Park visitation is low at this time.  
NPS has crews in the park cleaning and repairing statues.  
The USPP detail is maintaining a low visibility posture with frequent checks.

V/R



Lieutenant (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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