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Re: DOJ-2017-002728 (AG)
No. 1:17-cv-0599 (D.D.C.)

Dear Ms. Weismann:

This is our third response to your above-referenced Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request and related lawsuit, dated and received in this Office on March 6, 2017 seeking: (1) “all records containing or reflecting advice and/or recommendations given to Attorney General Jeff Sessions by his staff regarding whether or not he should recuse himself from any matters involving the 2016 presidential campaign;” (2) “all calendars for Attorney General Sessions for the period February 27, 2017 through March 3, 2017;” and (3) “all documents effectuating the attorney general’s recusal within the Department of Justice.” This response is made on behalf of the Office of the Attorney General (OAG).

By letter dated June 30, 2017, we provided you with an interim response on certain material within the nine pages responsive to part (2) of your request, and advised you that we would respond to you again by July 7, 2017 on the remaining material within those pages, pursuant to the Joint Status Report filed on June 21, 2017 (*See* ECF No. 15). Please be advised that our review of the remaining material within the nine pages responsive to part (2) of your request is now complete. I have determined that this material is appropriate for release with excisions made pursuant to Exemptions 5 and 6 of the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5) and (b)(6), and copies are enclosed. Exemption 5 pertains to certain inter- and intra-agency communications protected by the attorney work-product, deliberative process, and/or presidential communications privileges. Exemption 6 pertains to information the release of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of third parties.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. *See* 5 U.S.C. § 552(c) (2015) (amended 2016). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

If you have any questions regarding this response, please contact Kathryn Davis of the Department's Civil Division, Federal Programs Branch, at (202) 616-8298.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'V-R-B' followed by a horizontal flourish.

Vanessa R. Brinkmann
Senior Counsel

Enclosures

February 27, 2017

Monday

7:30 AM - 7:30 AM

En Route to the AG's Office

8:20 AM - 8:45 AM

Senior Meeting -- AG's Office

Location: AG's office

POC: Jody Hunt

Attendees: Jody Hunt, Dana Boente, Jim Crowell, Jesse Panuccio

8:45 AM - 9:15 AM

Leadership Meeting -- AG's Conference Room

POC: Jody Hunt

Attendees: Jody Hunt (OAG), Dana Boente (ODAG), Jim Crowell (ODAG), Jesse Panuccio (OASG), Sam Ramer (OLA), Peter Carr (OPA), Ryan Newman (OLP), Danielle Cutrona, Rachael Tucker, David Rybicki

9:30 AM - 10:15 AM

FBI Briefing -- JCC

Location: JCC

POC: Tashina Gauhar

Attendees: OAG: Jody Hunt and Rachael Tucker, ODAG: Acting DAG Boente, James Crowell, Tashina Gauhar, NSD: Mary McCord, George Toscas, Stu Evans, Michael Mullaney

10:15 AM - 10:45 AM

Meeting with Attorney General Doug Peterson, Nebraska -- AG's Conference Room

Location: AG's Conference room

AG POC: Danielle Curtrona

POC: Dave Lopez (b) (6)

Attendees: AG Doug Peterson, Josh Shasserre, Chief of Staff (Nebraska AG), Dave Lopez, Asst Nebraska AG, Ryan Post, Asst Nebraska AG, Mike Murray, Jim Crowell, Dana Boente, Robert Patterson, Danielle Cutrona

11:00 AM - 11:15 AM

Phone Call Mexican Attorney General, Raul Cervantes Andrade -- AG's Office

Location: AG's office

POC: Rachael Tucker

Participants: Rachael Tucker, Jody Hunt

In MX AG's office: Raul Cervantes Andrade; (b) (6), Interpreter: (b) (6), Guillermo Fonseca
MX AG will call Peggi to be connected

11:15 AM - 11:45 AM

FISA SIGNATURE TIME -- AG's Conference Room

Location: OAG conference room

Attendees: OAG: Jody & Rachel; ODAG: James Crowell & Tashina Gauhar; NSD: Stuart Evans; (b) (6)

(b) (6), (b) (6), (b) (6), Dana Boente

11:45 AM - 12:30 PM

LUNCH/Desk Time -- AG's Office

Location: AG's Office

12:30 PM - 12:45 PM

(b) (5) case discussion -- AG's Conference Room

Location: AG's Conference Room

POC: Rachael Tucker

Attendees: Jody Hunt, Rachael Tucker, Ken Blanco, Dana Boente, James Crowell, Chad Readler and Bruce Swartz

12:45 PM - 12:45 PM

En Route to Executive Office Building

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

FYI: Judge Neil Gorsuch, Supreme Court Nominee (No attendance required) -- OLP Conference Room

1:00 PM - 1:20 PM

Private Appointment -- Executive Office Building; First Floor, Room 87

1:30 PM - 3:00 PM

(b) (5)

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Monday

- 3:00 PM - 3:15 PM **En Route to AG's Office**
- 3:15 PM - 3:30 PM (b) (5)
(b) (5)
- 4:30 PM - 4:45 PM **PRESS -- Press Room**
Location: Press Room, DOJ
POC: Jody Hunt
- 5:00 PM - 5:45 PM **Press Phone Call: Byron York (FOX News/Washington Times) -- AG's Office**
Location: AG's Office
POC: Peter Carr
Participants: Peter Carr
- 5:45 PM - 6:00 PM **Phone Call with Justice Clarence Thomas -- AG's office**
- 6:00 PM - 6:30 PM **Press Phone Call: Hugh Hewitt (Radio Show) -- AG's Office**
Location: AG's Office
POC: Peter Carr
Participants: Hugh Hewitt

February 28, 2017

Tuesday

- 7:30 AM - 7:30 AM **En Route to AG's Office**
- 8:20 AM - 8:45 AM **Senior Meeting -- AG's Office**
Location: AG's office
POC: Jody Hunt
Attendees: Jody Hunt, Dana Boente, Jim Crowell, Jesse Panuccio
- 8:30 AM - 8:30 AM **En Route to Ritz-Carlton *Staff attending should assemble in the AG's office**
Location: AG's office to Ritz-Carlton
Attendees: Sarah Flores and Danielle Tucker
- 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM **National Association of Attorney Generals, Speaking Engagement -- The Ritz-Carlton Hotel :1150 22nd Street, NW**
Location: The Ritz-Carlton Hotel :1150 22nd Street, NW [Plaza Ballroom]
POC: Noreen Courmoyer, Conference Planner (b) (6)
AG POCs: Danielle Cutrona and Sarah Flores
EVENT SCHEDULE
8:45: JBS will arrive at Ritz-Carlton and proceed to the hold room. 8:50: Sen. Luther Strange and NAAG officers will meet with JBS in hold room and take a photo. Attendees: Sen. Luther Strange; NAAG President George Jepsen (AG-CT); NAAG President Elect Derek Schmidt (AG-KS); NAAG Vice President Jeff Landry (AG-LA), NAAG Immediate Past President Marty Jackley (AG-SD) 9:00: JBS will proceed to speech location 9:05: NAAG President Jepsen to introduce Sen. Strange 9:10: Sen. Strange to introduce JBS 9:15: JBS remarks 9:35: JBS concludes remarks 9:40: JBS departs
- 10:00 AM - 10:00 AM **En Route to AG's Office**

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Tuesday

- 11:00 AM - 11:10 AM** **SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT: Remarks/ Introduction of Documentary -- DOJ Conference Center (Room 7411)**
Location: DOJ Conference Center (Room 7411)
AG POC: Mary Blanche Hankey
POC: Richard Toscano
AG Role: Introduction to film screening of "Too Important to Fail?"
ATTENDEES: DOJ Employees
Agenda:
11:00-11:10am Remarks and introduction to film by AG
11:10 AG departs and returns to his office for FISA Signature time
- 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM** **Lunch/Desk Time -- AG's Office**
- 1:30 PM - 1:45 PM** **Discussion on national security issue -- AG's Office**
Location: AG's Office
POC: Rachael Tucker
- 3:00 PM - 3:45 PM** **Antitrust Briefing -- AG's Conference room**
Location: AG's Conference Room
POC: Jesse Panuccio
Attendees: Jody Hunt (OAG); David Rybicki; Jesse Panuccio; Bryson Bachman (Deputy Associate AG (detailee from ATR), OASG); Rachel Parker (Chief of Staff, OASG); Brent Snyder (Acting AAG, ATR); Patty Brink (Director, Civil Enforcement, ATR); Jody Hunt; Michael Murray
- 3:45 PM - 4:15 PM** **FISA SIGNATURE TIME -- AG's Conference Room**
Location: OAG conference room
Time: Daily at 11:00 am
Attendees: Jody and Rachel, James Crowell, Tashina Gauhar, Stuart Evans, (b) (6), (b) (6), (b) (6)
- 4:15 PM - 5:15 PM** **Budget Meeting -- AG's Conference Room**
Location: AG's Conference Room
POC: Jody Hunt
Attendees: Jody Hunt, Lee Lofthus, Dana Boente, James Crowell, Jolene Lauria and Danielle Cutrona
- 5:15 PM - 5:15 PM** **En Route to the White House * Must arrive by 5:30**
- 5:45 PM - 5:45 PM** **Depart from West Exec in White House Transportation**
- 6:00 PM - 7:55 PM** **Cabinet Affairs escorts Cabinet to Leader Kevin McCarthy Reception, -- H-107, Capitol**
Location: H-107, Capitol
Attendees: Reception a small group of select Republican House and Senate members
- 8:00 PM - 8:50 PM** **Cabinet Affairs will escort Cabinet to holding area -- H-219**
Location: H-219
*Note that press will be set up in Statuary Hall
- 8:50 PM - 8:50 PM** **Cabinet Affairs assists in lining Cabinet in Processional order (Jim Kaelin will assist, Congressional Cabinet Liaison)**
- 9:01 PM - 9:01 PM** **The President enters the Hall of the House announced by the House Sergeant at Arms and escorted to the dais**

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Tuesday

- 9:10 PM - 10:10 PM** **Joint Session of Congress -- Capitol, House Floor**
Location: Capitol, House Floor
- 10:00 PM - 10:00 PM** **Potential Press Availability-Cabinet Affairs communications, Brad Rateike and Kaelan Dorr will escort some Cabinet Members to Statuary Hall for press availability -- Statuary Hall**
- 10:30 PM - 10:30 PM** **Cabinet Members will depart via the Memorial Door and return to the White House West Exec**
- 10:35 PM - 10:35 PM** **AG to Meet detail in East Plaza of the Capitol**

March 1, 2017

Wednesday

- 8:20 AM - 8:45 AM** **Senior Meeting -- AG's Office**
Location: AG's office
POC: Jody Hunt
Attendees: Jody Hunt, Dana Boente, Jim Crowell, Jesse Panuccio
- 8:45 AM - 9:15 AM** **Leadership Meeting -- AG's Conference Room**
POC: Jody Hunt
Attendees: Jody Hunt (OAG), Dana Boente (ODAG), Jim Crowell (ODAG), Jesse Panuccio (OASG), Sam Ramer (OLA), Peter Carr (OPA), Ryan Newman (OLP), Danielle Cutrona, Rachael Tucker, David Rybicki
- 9:30 AM - 10:15 AM** **FBI Briefing -- JCC**
Location: JCC
POC: Tashina Gauhar
Attendees: OAG: Jody Hunt and Rachael Tucker, ODAG: Acting DAG Boente, James Crowell, Tashina Gauhar, NSD: Mary McCord, George Toscas, Stu Evans, Michael Mullaney
- 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM** **Task Force on Transnational Criminal Organization and Trafficking meeting Prep -- Situation Room in the Justice Command Center**
Location: Situation Room in the Justice Command Center
POC: Danielle Cutrona
Attendees: Jody Hunt, Danielle Cutrona, David Rybicki, Rachael Tucker; Bruce Ohr, Jim Crowell and Ken Blanco
- 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM** **Task Force on Transnational Criminal Organization and Trafficking meeting -- Situation Room in the Justice Command Center Room 6100**
Location: Situation Room in the Justice Command Center
POC: Danielle Cutrona and Bruce Ohr
Attendees:
State: Acting Deputy Secretary Tom Shannon and Christine Ciccone
DHS: Sec. Kelly (yes) with Kirstjen Nielsen and Ms. Dimple Shah; Mr. David Glawe, Acting Under Secretary, Intelligence and Analysis, DHS
ODNI: National Intelligence Michael Dempsey; John Lombardi; Todd Porter; Lisa Wardach and Danielle Smallcomb
OAG/ODAG Attendees: Jody Hunt, Danielle Cutrona, David Rybicki, Rachael Tucker; Bruce Ohr, Tasha Gauhar Jim Crowell and Ken Blanco
- 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM** **LUNCH/Desk Time -- AG's Office**

March 1, 2017 Continued

Wednesday

1:00 PM - 1:30 PM

Interview: (b) (6) -- AG's Office

(b) (6)

Location: AG's Office

Attendees: Rod Rosenstein; Rachel Brand; and Jody Hunt

1:30 PM - 2:00 PM

Interview: (b) (6) -- AG's Office

(b) (6)

Location: AG's Office

POC: Jody Hunt

Attendees:

Jody Hunt

Racheal Brand (need to have information submitted as a visitor)

Rod Rosenstein

(b) (6)

2:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Interview: (b) (6) -- AG's Office

(b) (6)

Location: AG's Office

POC: Jody Hunt

Attendees:

Jody Hunt; Racheal Brand; Rod Rosenstein; (b) (6)

2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Interview Discussion -- AG's Office

Location: AG's Office

POC: Jody Hunt

Attendees

Jody Hunt

Rachel Brand

Rod Rosenstein

3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Meeting with the AAG Ken Blanco and CRM leadership -- AG's Conference Room

Location: AG's Conference Room

POC: David Rybicki

Attendees: David Rybicki, Ken Blanco, James Mann, Trevor McFadden, Richard Downing, Denise Cheung, Bruce Swartz, (b) (6), Kendall

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NOTES:

This would be to introduce the AG to the division, learn about its components, and high-profile matters currently pending

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Wednesday

4:30 PM - 4:45 PM

Capital Case Review -- AG's Office
Location: AG's Office
POC: David Rybicki
Attendee: David Rybicki

5:30 PM - 6:00 PM

FISA SIGNATURE TIME -- AG's Conference Room
Location: OAG conference room
Attendees: OAG: Jody & Rachel; ODAG: James Crowell & Tashina Gauhar; NSD: Stuart Evans, (b) (6), (b) (6), (b) (6), (b) (6), Dana Boente

March 2, 2017

Thursday

7:00 AM - 7:00 AM

En Route to AG's Office

8:20 AM - 8:45 AM

Senior Meeting -- AG's Office
Location: AG's office
POC: Jody Hunt
Attendees: Jody Hunt, Dana Boente, Jim Crowell, Jesse Panuccio

9:15 AM - 9:30 AM

Trips and Meeting request discussion with Rachael Tucker -- AG's office
Location: AG's Office
POC: Rachael
Attendee: Rachael Tucker

10:30 AM - 11:00 AM

National Fraternal Order of Police meeting -- AG's Office
Location: AG's Office
POC: Danielle
Attendees: Danielle Cutrona; Chuck Canterbury, National President, FOP
Jim Pasco, Senior Advisor, FOP

Notes:
The issues to be address are: asset forfeiture reform, sentencing reform, drug legalization and general anti-crime and criminals issues.

11:00 AM - 11:30 AM

FISA SIGNATURE TIME -- AG's Conference Room
Location: OAG conference room
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11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Lunch/Desk time -- AG's Office
Location: AG's Office

1:00 PM - 1:15 PM

Meet/Greet: DOJ Inspector General Michael Horowitz -- AG's Office
Location: AG's Office
POC: Jody Hunt

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Thursday

Attendees: Jody Hunt and Michael Horowitz

1:30 PM - 2:30 PM

FISA SIGNATURE TIME -- AG's Conference Room

Attendees: OAG: Jody & Rachel; ODAG: James Crowell & Tashina Gauhar; NSD: Stuart Evans; (b) (6), (b) (6), (b) (6), Dana Boente

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Interview Prep -- AG's Office

Location: AG's Office

Attendees: Jody Hunt, Sarah Flores, Peter Carr, Scott Schools, David Rybicki and Rachael Tucker

4:15 PM - 5:15 PM

Gorsuch nomination discussion -- AG's Office

Location: AG's Office

POC: Jody Hunt

Attendees: Jody Hunt; Jesse Panuccio, Rachel Parker; Ryan Newman Sam Ramer, Gary Barnett and Danielle Cutrona

5:15 PM - 6:15 PM

Discussion on recusal issues -- AG's Conference Room

Location: AG's Conference Room

POC: Jody Hunt

Attendees: Jody Hunt, Dana Boente, Jim Crowell, Tash Gauhar, Scott Schools

8:15 PM - 8:15 PM

En Route to Tucker Carlson Show

8:30 PM - 9:30 PM

PRESS: Tucker Carlson Show -- 400 N Capitol Street;

AG POC: Sarah Flores

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

9:30 PM - 9:30 PM

En Route to the AG's home (b) (6)

March 3, 2017

Friday

7:30 AM - 7:30 AM

En Route to AG's Office

8:20 AM - 8:45 AM

Senior Meeting -- AG's Office

Location: AG's office

POC: Jody Hunt

Attendees: Jody Hunt, Dana Boente, Jim Crowell, Jesse Panuccio

8:45 AM - 9:15 AM

Leadership Meeting -- AG's Conference Room

POC: Jody Hunt

Attendees: Jody Hunt (OAG), Dana Boente (ODAG), Jim Crowell (ODAG), Jesse Panuccio (OASG), Sam Ramer (OLA), Peter Carr (OPA), Ryan Newman (OLP), Danielle Cutrona, Rachael Tucker, David Rybicki

March 3, 2017 Continued

Friday

9:30 AM - 10:15 AM

FBI Briefing -- JCC

Location: JCC

POC: Tashina Gauhar

Attendees: OAG: Jody Hunt and Rachael Tucker, ODAG: Acting DAG Boente, James Crowell, Tashina Gauhar, NSD: Mary McCord, George Toscas, Stu Evans, Michael Mullaney

10:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Prep for NAACP meeting -- AG's office

Attendee: Rachael Tucker and John Gore

10:30 AM - 11:00 AM

Meeting with Cornell William Brook, NAACP -- AG's Office

Location: AG's Office

AG POC: Rachael Tucker

POC: (b) (6)

Phone: (b) (6)

Attendees: Rachael Tucker, John Gore

Cornell William Brooks, President/CEO of the NAACP: Bradford Berry,

General Counsel of the NAACP Cell: (b) (6)

11:00 AM - 11:30 AM

FISA SIGNATURE TIME -- AG's Conference Room

Location: OAG conference room

Attendees: OAG: Jody & Rachel; ODAG: James Crowell & Tashina Gauhar; NSD: Stuart Evans; (b) (6)

(b) (6), (b) (6), Dana Boente

11:30 AM - 11:45 AM

Phone Call: Kevin Sabet, President of Smart Approaches to Marijuana -- AG's Office

Location: AG's Office

POC: Danielle Cutrona

Participants: AG, Danielle Cutrona and Kevin Sabet

Call in number: (b) (6)

12:00 PM - 12:20 PM

LUNCH/Desk Time -- AG's Office

Location: AG's Office

12:20 PM - 12:20 PM

En Route to White House

12:30 PM - 2:45 PM

Meeting at White House -- WHCO

Attendees: AG and Jody Hunt

2:45 PM - 2:45 PM

En Route to AG's Office

3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Personnel Discussion -- AG's Office

Location: AG's Office

Attendees: Jody Hunt, Rod Rosenstein and Rachel Brand

March 3, 2017 Continued

Friday

4:30 PM - 5:00 PM

Discussion -- AG's Office

Attendees: Jody Hunt, Scott Schools and James Crowell