Re: FOIA Tracking No. FY19-131; CREW v. U.S. Dep’t of Justice, D.D.C. No. 19-cv-1552

Dear Ms. Weisman:

This letter partially responds to your April 18, 2019 Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") request to the Office of Legal Counsel ("OLC"), in which you seek “all documents pertaining to the views OLC provided Attorney General William Barr on whether the evidence developed by Special Counsel Robert Mueller is sufficient to establish that the President committed an obstruction-of-justice offense.” As you know, the request was assigned the tracking number FY19-131, is also the subject of the above-captioned litigation, and has been narrowed in certain ways by negotiation through counsel, while reserving your right to seek additional records within the scope of the original request. Pursuant to 28 C.F.R. § 16.5(b), your request was processed in the complex track.

We have completed our search of OLC files and have identified 61 documents that are responsive to your request, totaling 260 pages. We have enclosed 32 documents totaling 56 pages with redactions pursuant to FOIA Exemption Five, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5) or FOIA Exemption Six, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6). The material redacted pursuant to Exemption Five is exempt from mandatory disclosure because it is protected by the attorney-client and deliberative process privileges, and we have determined that the material is not appropriate for discretionary release at this time. Disclosure of the material redacted pursuant to Exemption Six would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

We have referred one document totaling nine pages to the Office of Information Policy ("OIP") for direct response to you. OIP may be reached as follows: Douglas Hibbard, Chief, Initial Request Staff, Office of Information Policy, Department of Justice, Suite 11050, 1425 New York Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20530, Tel: (202) 514-FOIA.

We are withholding the remaining 28 documents totaling 195 pages in full pursuant to FOIA Exemption Five. The documents are protected by the attorney-client and deliberative process privileges, and we have determined that the documents are not appropriate for discretionary release at this time.
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). 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.

Your counsel may contact Julie Straus Harris of the Civil Division, Federal Programs
Branch, at 202-353-7633 or at Julie.StrausHarris@usdoj.gov, to discuss any aspect of your
request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services
(“OGIS”) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA
mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of
Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, Room 2510,
8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at
202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

Although your request is the subject of ongoing litigation, and administrative appeals are
not ordinarily acted upon in such situations, I am required by statute and regulation to inform
you of your right to file an administrative appeal. You may administratively appeal by writing to
the Director, Office of Information Policy (“OIP”), United States Department of Justice, Suite
11050, 1425 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20530-0001, or you may submit an
appeal through OIP’s FOIA STAR portal by creating an account following the instructions on
OIP’s website: https://www.justice.gov/oip/submit-and-track-request-or-appeal. Your appeal
must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within 90 days of the date of my response to
your request. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be
clearly marked “Freedom of Information Act Appeal.”

Sincerely,

[Signature]

for Paul P. Colborn
Special Counsel

Enclosures

cc: Julie Straus Harris, Trial Attorney
Civil Division, Federal Programs Branch
Looks very good to me. Attached are some suggested edits/comments. Steve

Guys – We’d appreciate your thoughts on this if you have the time.

All – Attached please find a draft of Bill’s opening statement / testimony. I understand that this needs to be submitted Monday morning, so prompt comments would be appreciated.

Brian C. Rabbitt
U.S. Department of Justice
Brian_Rabbitt@usdoj.gov
Cell: (b) (6)
Brian: Looks good. Attached are a few suggested edits from me. Let me know if I can be of any more help. I'll be at the Department tomorrow, except for a few meetings at the WH. Steve

From: Rabbitt, Brian (OLP)
Sent: Sunday, January 13, 2019 7:57 PM
To: Engel, Steven A. (OLC) <b>(b) (6)</b>
Subject: Privileged & Confidential DRAFT

Brian C. Rabbitt
U.S. Department of Justice
Brian.Rabbitt@usdoj.gov
Cell: <b>(b) (6)</b>
One additional tweak.
Engel, Steven A. (OLC)

From: Engel, Steven A. (OLC)
Sent: Friday, March 22, 2019 8:36 PM
To: Rabbitt, Brian (OAG)
Subject: draft letter
Attachments: 2019.03.23 SC Second Notification DRAFT 3-22 2030.docx

Here's the latest.

Steven A. Engel
Assistant Attorney General
Office of Legal Counsel
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20530

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Great. We're working in the AG's conference room.

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 23, 2019, at 10:31 AM, Rosenstein, Rod (ODAG) <rosenstein@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

... but how about meeting with the AG at 10:45 to discuss process.

I understand Steve is as well, so we may want to coordinate.

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 23, 2019, at 10:18 AM, Rosenstein, Rod (ODAG) <rosenstein@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

We are working on a draft letter.

The AG, Steve and I are here.
See you then.

On Mar 22, 2019, at 7:01 PM, Rabbitt, Brian (OAG)
<brrabbits@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

The AG and I plan to be here tomorrow. The AG will likely arrive around 10 AM.

Brian C. Rabbitt
Chief of Staff
Office of the Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice
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Brian.Rabbitt@usdoj.gov
Attached is the current draft of the memo. I’ll probably take another pass through it this evening or first thing in the morning, and recirculate before 10:30 am.

But for those with time and interest to keep going now, feel free to take a pass. Steve

Steven A. Engel
Assistant Attorney General
Office of Legal Counsel
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20530

(b) (6)
Thanks!

Sent from my iPad

On Mar 24, 2019, at 1:34 AM, Rosenstein, Rod (ODAG) <rosenstein@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

A few more proposed edits. Sorry I am working from my phone.

1. Page 4: (b) (5)

2. Page 4: (b) (5)

3. Page 5: (b) (5)

NOTE: (b) (5)

4. Page 6: (b) (5)

5. Page 6: (b) (5)

6. Page 7: (b) (5)

7. Page 7: (b) (5)
On Mar 23, 2019, at 11:44 PM, Rabbitt, Brian (OAG) <brrabitt@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

A few initial thoughts and comments in the attached.
Attached is the latest draft. This should include all of the edits received to date. I’m going to re-read it myself as well, but in the interest of time, thought it ripe to circulate.
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From: Engel, Steven A. (OLC)
Sent: Sunday, March 24, 2019 1:10 PM
To: Rabbitt, Brian (OAG)
Subject: RE: new paragraph

correct

From: Rabbitt, Brian (OAG) <brrabbitt@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Sent: Sunday, March 24, 2019 1:03 PM
To: Engel, Steven A. (OLC) <brrabbitt@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: new paragraph

For the memo, not the letter, correct?

From: Engel, Steven A. (OLC) <brrabbitt@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Sent: Sunday, March 24, 2019 1:01 PM
To: Rabbitt, Brian (OAG) <brrabbitt@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: new paragraph

Here's the new paragraph:

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done

I take the point

From: Rosenstein, Rod (ODAG) <rrosenstein@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Sent: Sunday, March 24, 2019 1:59 PM
To: Engel, Steven A. (OLC) <brrabbit@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Rabbitt, Brian (OAG) <brabbit@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: O'Callaghan, Edward C. (ODAG) <ecocallaghan@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Whitaker, Henry C. (OLC)
Subject: RE: draft memo
From: Engel, Steven A. (OLC) >
Sent: Sunday, March 24, 2019 1:52 PM
To: Rosenstein, Rod (ODAG) <rorosenstein@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Rabbitt, Brian (OAG) <brrabbitt@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: O'Callaghan, Edward C. (ODAG) <ecocallaghan@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Whitaker, Henry C. (OLC) >
Subject: RE: draft memo

What do you think about this:

Rosenstein, Rod (ODAG) <rorosenstein@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Sent: Sunday, March 24, 2019 1:40 PM
To: Engel, Steven A. (OLC) >; Rabbitt, Brian (OAG) <brrabbitt@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: O'Callaghan, Edward C. (ODAG) <ecocallaghan@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Whitaker, Henry C. (OLC) >
Subject: RE: draft memo

Proposed edits.

Engel, Steven A. (OLC) >
Sent: Sunday, March 24, 2019 12:58 PM

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Engel, Steven A. (OLC)

From: Engel, Steven A. (OLC)
Sent: Sunday, March 24, 2019 2:18 PM
To: Rosenstein, Rod (ODAG); Rabbitt, Brian (OAG); O'Callaghan, Edward C. (ODAG); Whitaker, Henry C. (OLC)
Subject: RE: Draft Letter
Attachments: AG Memo 3-24 1300.docx

OK. here's the latest memo, btw, although we presumably don't need to finalize that as soon.

From: Rosenstein, Rod (ODAG) <rosenstein@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Sent: Sunday, March 24, 2019 2:17 PM
To: Rabbitt, Brian (OAG) <brrabbitt@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Engel, Steven A. (OLC) <brrabbitt@jmd.usdoj.gov>; O'Callaghan, Edward C. (ODAG) <ecocallaghan@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Whitaker, Henry C. (OLC) <ecocallaghan@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Draft Letter

Let's meet now to review the final version.

From: Rabbitt, Brian (OAG) <brrabbitt@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Sent: Sunday, March 24, 2019 2:16 PM
To: Engel, Steven A. (OLC) <brrabbitt@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Rosenstein, Rod (ODAG) <rosenstein@jmd.usdoj.gov>; O'Callaghan, Edward C. (ODAG) <ecocallaghan@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Whitaker, Henry C. (OLC) <ecocallaghan@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Draft Letter

We need to go final at 2:25.

From: Engel, Steven A. (OLC) <brrabbitt@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Sent: Sunday, March 24, 2019 2:11 PM
To: Rabbitt, Brian (OAG) <brrabbitt@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Rosenstein, Rod (ODAG) <rosenstein@jmd.usdoj.gov>; O'Callaghan, Edward C. (ODAG) <ecocallaghan@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Whitaker, Henry C. (OLC) <ecocallaghan@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Draft Letter

First page:

From: Rabbitt, Brian (OAG) <brrabbitt@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Sent: Sunday, March 24, 2019 2:08 PM
To: Rosenstein, Rod (ODAG) <rosenstein@jmd.usdoj.gov>; O'Callaghan, Edward C. (ODAG) <ecocallaghan@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Engel, Steven A. (OLC) <brrabbitt@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Whitaker, Henry C. (OLC) <ecocallaghan@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Draft Letter
From: Rosenstein, Rod (ODAG) <rosenstein@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Sent: Sunday, March 24, 2019 2:05 PM
To: Rabbitt, Brian (OAG) <brrabbit@jmd.usdoj.gov>; O'Callaghan, Edward C. (ODAG)
<ecocallaghan@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Engel, Steven A. (OLC)
Subject: RE: Draft Letter

Page 2.

From: Rabbitt, Brian (OAG) <brrabbit@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Sent: Sunday, March 24, 2019 1:51 PM
To: O'Callaghan, Edward C. (ODAG) <ecocallaghan@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Engel, Steven A. (OLC)
Rosenstein, Rod (ODAG) <rosenstein@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Whitaker, Henry C. (OLC)
Subject: Draft Letter

Proposed final draft attached. Please review ASAP and respond with edits.

Brian C. Rabbitt
Chief of Staff
Office of the Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice
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Engel, Steven A. (OLC)

From: Engel, Steven A. (OLC)
Sent: Sunday, March 24, 2019 4:13 PM
To: O'Callaghan, Edward C. (ODAG); Rosenstein, Rod (ODAG); Rabbitt, Brian (OAG); Whitaker, Henry C. (OLC)
Subject: RE: Draft Letter

Agree with DAG's edits. Some more included.

Edward C. O'Callaghan
202-514-2105

Revised, with Rod and my edits in redline. Of a quasi-substantive note, I added

I'm ready to finalize, subject to any remaining edits from others.
Proposed edits attached.

Attached is the current version and a compare to the prior version.

Ok. Everyone come to OAG now.
Engel, Steven A. (OLC)

From: Engel, Steven A. (OLC)
Sent: Sunday, March 24, 2019 4:33 PM
To: Rosenstein, Rod (ODAG); O’Callaghan, Edward C. (ODAG); Rabbitt, Brian (OAG); Whitaker, Henry C. (OLC)
Subject: RE: Draft Letter

OK w me. OAG conference room?

From: Rosenstein, Rod (ODAG) <rostenstein@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Sent: Sunday, March 24, 2019 4:29 PM
To: Engel, Steven A. (OLC) <O’Callaghan, Edward C. (ODAG) <ecocallaghan@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Rabbitt, Brian (OAG) <brrabbitt@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Whitaker, Henry C. (OLC) <hwhitaker@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Draft Letter

A few proposed edits attached.

How about meeting at 4:45 to finalize?

From: Engel, Steven A. (OLC) <b>(6)
Sent: Sunday, March 24, 2019 4:27 PM
To: O’Callaghan, Edward C. (ODAG) <ecocallaghan@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Rosenstein, Rod (ODAG) <rostenstein@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Rabbitt, Brian (OAG) <brrabbitt@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Whitaker, Henry C. (OLC)
Subject: RE: Draft Letter

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From: Engel, Steven A. (OLC)
Sent: Sunday, March 24, 2019 4:25 PM
To: O’Callaghan, Edward C. (ODAG) <ecocallaghan@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Rosenstein, Rod (ODAG)
Current draft, and here’s the revised (b)(5) paragraph. If this looks good, I think we can finalize.
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Engel, Steven A. (OLC)

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Sent: Sunday, March 24, 2019 4:36 PM
To: O'Callaghan, Edward C. (ODAG); Whitaker, Henry C. (OLC); Rosenstein, Rod (ODAG); Rabbitt, Brian (OAG)
Subject: RE: Draft Letter

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Sent: Sunday, March 24, 2019 4:31 PM
To: Whitaker, Henry C. (OLC) <engel, steven a. (olc)@ecocallaghan@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Rosenstein, Rod (ODAG) <rrosenstein@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Rabbitt, Brian (OAG) <brrabbitt@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Draft Letter

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Edward C. O'Callaghan
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Sent: Sunday, March 24, 2019 4:29 PM
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Subject: RE: Draft Letter

Suggested change: (b) (5)

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Engel, Steven A. (OLC)

From: Engel, Steven A. (OLC)
Sent: Monday, March 25, 2019 10:59 AM
To: O’Callaghan, Edward C. (ODAG); Rosenstein, Rod (ODAG); Rabbitt, Brian (OAG)
Subject: RE: 2019.03.24 - Memorandum to AG from DAG re Mueller Report Review.pdf
Attachments: AG Memo 3-24 FINAL.docx

I’m not sure Brian has the final Word version. It is attached.

I signed a corrected one this am and will have it delivered to you.

From: O’Callaghan, Edward C. (ODAG) <ecocallaghan@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 25, 2019 9:53 AM
To: Engel, Steven A. (OLC) <rosenstein@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Rabbitt, Brian (OAG) <brrabbit@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: 2019.03.24 - Memorandum to AG from DAG re Mueller Report Review.pdf

Spoke with Brian and I think he is making a corrected cover page for us to sign.

Edward C. O’Callaghan
202-514-2105

From: Engel, Steven A. (OLC) <rosenstein@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 25, 2019 9:03 AM
To: Rosenstein, Rod (ODAG) <rosenstein@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Rabbitt, Brian (OAG) <brrabbit@jmd.usdoj.gov>; O’Callaghan, Edward C. (ODAG) <ecocallaghan@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: 2019.03.24 - Memorandum to AG from DAG re Mueller Report Review.pdf

Should I run off a new copy of the front page and we can update it?

From: Rosenstein, Rod (ODAG) <rosenstein@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 25, 2019 8:56 AM
To: Rabbitt, Brian (OAG) <brrabbit@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Engel, Steven A. (OLC) <ecocallaghan@jmd.usdoj.gov>; O’Callaghan, Edward C. (ODAG) <ecocallaghan@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: 2019.03.24 - Memorandum to AG from DAG re Mueller Report Review.pdf

Note the year is wrong in the date!

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Sent: Monday, March 25, 2019 8:52 AM
To: Engel, Steven A. (OLC) <rosenstein@jmd.usdoj.gov>; O’Callaghan, Edward C. (ODAG) <ecocallaghan@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Rosenstein, Rod (ODAG) <rosenstein@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: 2019.03.24 - Memorandum to AG from DAG re Mueller Report Review.pdf
All - For your records. OAG has retained the original and will file through our exec sec process.

Brian C. Rabbitt  
Chief of Staff  
Office of the Attorney General  
U.S. Department of Justice  
T: (b)(6) [REDACTED]  
M: (b)(6) [REDACTED]  
Brian.Rabbit@usdoj.gov
From: Engel, Steven A. (OLC)
Sent: Tuesday, March 26, 2019 6:10 PM
To: Rabbitt, Brian (OAG); O’Callaghan, Edward C. (ODAG)
Subject: FW: Draft Letter to Chairman Nadler - Privileged & Confidential
Attachments: v14 DRAFT Response to March 4 Request.docx

Attached is the draft response to HJC on the broad request for investigative documents. But let us know if OAG or ODAG has any comments/edits to suggest. (I’m sending to the two of you, but see no reason you can’t delegate the review.) With apologies for the short notice.

Steven A. Engel
Assistant Attorney General
Office of Legal Counsel
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20530
Office: (b) (6) (b) (6)
Engel, Steven A. (OLC)

From: Engel, Steven A. (OLC)
Sent: Wednesday, March 27, 2019 12:02 PM
To: O'Callaghan, Edward C. (ODAG); Rabbitt, Brian (OAG)
Subject: RE: Draft Letter to Chairman Nadler - Privileged & Confidential

Thanks. Any objection to my tweaking as follows:

From: O'Callaghan, Edward C. (ODAG) <ecocallaghan@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 27, 2019 11:35 AM
To: Engel, Steven A. (OLC) <brrabbitt@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Draft Letter to Chairman Nadler - Privileged & Confidential

Some ODAG comments/suggestions. DAG has letter and is reviewing but if we need to get back to WHCO these are ok.

Edward C. O'Callaghan
202-514-2105

From: Engel, Steven A. (OLC)
Sent: Tuesday, March 26, 2019 6:10 PM
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Attached is the current draft of the cover letter. This reflects my effort to incorporate the AG's thoughts, as well as my own, and draws on the Action Memo when it comes to the [REDACTED]. Comments/improvements welcome.

Steven A. Engel  
Assistant Attorney General  
Office of Legal Counsel  
U.S. Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20530  
Office: [REDACTED]
Just spoke with AG. I’ll have further revisions, either this evening or tomorrow am. But will be offline for a few hours.

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 7, 2019, at 5:23 PM, Engel, Steven A. (OLC) <Steven.Engel@DOJ.GOV> wrote:
Here's the latest.

From: Engel, Steven A. (OLC)
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2019 5:24 PM
Good edits. This version incorporates Brian’s edits, plus a few more tweaks from me on the first two pages.

Some initial suggested edits.
As discussed. Attached is the draft for your review/comment/improvements. Steve

Steven A. Engel
Assistant Attorney General
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U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20530
Office: (b) (6)
Slightly updated, if you haven’t started reading.
Attached is a shorter version of the cover letter.

Steven A. Engel
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Office of Legal Counsel
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950 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20530
Office: (b) (5)
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Attached is the latest draft of the cover memo, which we have revised in an effort to reflect this morning’s discussion. Best, Steve

Steven A. Engel
Assistant Attorney General
Office of Legal Counsel
U.S. Department of Justice
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Washington, D.C. 20530

Office: (b) (6)
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OLC edits.

Attached are (1) a draft statement the AG will deliver at tomorrow’s press conference and (2) a draft cover letter to accompany public release of the report tomorrow. We would appreciate your views, particularly as to [redacted].
Engel, Steven A. (OLC)

From: Engel, Steven A. (OLC)
Sent: Wednesday, April 17, 2019 10:10 PM
To: Rabbitt, Brian (OAG)
Subject: Re: 2019.04.017 Press Conference Prepared Statement - 4.17 Draft 5PM

I will come in early as well. Prep in the AG’s conference room?

Sent from my iPad

On Apr 17, 2019, at 9:46 PM, Rabbitt, Brian (OAG) <brabbitt@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

All – I believe that the attached drafts of the statement and letter reflect everyone’s suggested/requested edits, including the DAG’s below. Note, in particular, that at Ed and Steve’s suggestion I have added a passage in each document.

The AG will be in by 7:30 tomorrow and we will convene around 8 for anyone who is planning on attending prep. BR

From: Rosenstein, Rod (ODAG) <rosenstein@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 17, 2019 8:33 PM
To: Gannon, Curtis E. (OLC)
Cc: Rabbitt, Brian (OAG); O’Callaghan, Edward C. (ODAG)
Engel, Steven A. (OLC); Moran, John (OAG); Boyd, Stephen E. (OLA); Kupec, Kerri (OPA); Burnham, James (OAG)
Subject: Re: 2019.04.017 Press Conference Prepared Statement - 4.17 Draft 5PM

Two minor edits:

1. [Redacted]

2. [Redacted]

How about:

[Redacted]
On Apr 17, 2019, at 8:01 PM, Gannon, Curtis E. (OLC) wrote:

Here (on top of ODAG's redlines) are nits for pages 4 and 9 of the statement.

Here also (again on top of ODAG's redlines) are nits for pages 2 and 3 of the letter. The only suggestion of substance is...

From: Rabbitt, Brian (OAG) <brabbitt@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 17, 2019 5:42 PM
To: Rosenstein, Rod (ODAG) <rosenstein@jmd.usdoj.gov>; O'Callaghan, Edward C. (ODAG) <ecocallaghan@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Engel, Steven A. (OLC) <Gannon, Curtis E. (OLC) Moran, John (OAG) <jomoran@jmd.usdoj.gov> Boyd, Stephen E. (OLA) <seboyd@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Kupec, Kerri (CPA) <kupec@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Burnham, James (OAG) <burnham@jmd.usdoj.gov>

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Attached are the most recent versions of the remarks and letter.

From: Rabbitt, Brian (OAG)
Sent: Wednesday, April 17, 2019 5:01 PM
To: Rosenstein, Rod (ODAG) <rosenstein@jmd.usdoj.gov>; O'Callaghan, Edward C. (ODAG) <ecocallaghan@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Engel, Steven A. (OLC) Gannon, Curtis E. (OLC) Moran, John (OAG) <jomoran@jmd.usdoj.gov> Boyd, Stephen E. (OLA) <seboyd@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Kupec, Kerri (CPA) <kupec@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: 2019.04.017 Press Conference Prepared Statement - 4.17 Draft 5PM

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Attached is a revised version of the AG's statement for tomorrow's press conference. Please provide edits as soon as you are able.

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Here's OLC's working draft on the bullets. I have not edited very much. But happy to have you take the pen.

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Attached are draft talking points on obstruction.

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Subject: Hearing Prep Materials

I would like to get the AG copies of any additional prep materials by noon or 1 PM today. I am close to a draft opening statement that I will give him and will try to circulate to you first, time permitting. (If time does not permit, I will circulate contemporaneously.) He also has the updated version of the “10 Episode” talking points. If anyone else has materials to get him, I just wanted to give you a sense of timing. We can always get him more later if more time is needed.

John
These edits all look good to me.

I take the point on the comment. Perhaps we can say something like, (b) (5)

Some edits and thoughts on these.

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Some edits/suggestions from me, on top of Ed’s.

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Subject: RE: DRAFT Written Opening Statement for May 1 Hearing

Some edits/suggestions in track changes.

All:

Attached is a preliminary draft of the AG’s written statement for the record for his Wednesday testimony before the Senate Judiciary Committee. Under the tentative current plan, the AG will submit a longer written statement along these lines and then either (i) deliver a substantially shorter statement on Wednesday or (ii) waive a spoken statement altogether.

Any and all comments are welcome. It would be great to have everyone’s initial comments on Monday morning.

I hope that everyone has a nice weekend.

Regards,

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Looks very good to me. Three suggested tweaks in the attached.

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One minor edit and two minor comments

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All:

Here is the presumptively final draft of the AG's opening statement for tomorrow. Please let me know ASAP if you have any show-stopper edits. We are looking to finalize and submit by noon.

Regards,

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