

Lauer, Tim

From: Lauer, Tim
Sent: Thursday, October 5, 2017 4:24 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: RE: Judge Jeanine

Hey Ian,
Sorry for the delay, we can't make this work this week.

Thanks for your help.

Have a good weekend!
Tim

From: Prior, Ian (OPA) [mailto:ian.prior@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, October 04, 2017 8:20 PM
To: Lauer, Tim <Tim.Lauer@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: Re: Judge Jeanine

Realizing this probably may not work due to Vegas but wanted to check back in on this. If not this week, maybe next week?

Please let me know asap.

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Office: 202.616.0911
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On Sep 29, 2017, at 12:04 PM, Lauer, Tim <Tim.Lauer@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Ok thank you for checking. We haven't planned next week yet but I will let you know if we can make that work.

Hope you have a good weekend1

From: Prior, Ian (OPA) [mailto:ian.prior@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 5:22 PM
To: Lauer, Tim
Subject: RE: Judge Jeanine

I think we will pass on the AG this time, but would like to offer the Associate Attorney General Rachel Brand. She is truly an expert on this topic and is leading the charge on our efforts. Also the only woman ever to be Associate Attorney General.

She is out early next week, but we could pre-tape Thursday or, even better, Friday?

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From: Lauer, Tim [<mailto:Tim.Lauer@FOXNEWS.COM>]
Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 4:25 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Judge Jeanine
Importance: High

Hi Ian,

I'm a producer for Judge Jeanine Pirro, we met while she and I were in DC. Hope all is well! I believe my coworker Danielle blue reached out regarding a pretape with AG Sessions. I wanted to follow up and let you know that whatever time is possible for him we will make it work and can come to DC with a crew. Judge is very interested sitting down with him to discuss Free Speech.

Thanks so much for your consideration!

Look forward to hearing from you.

Thanks,
Tim

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Lauer, Tim

From: Lauer, Tim
Sent: Thursday, October 5, 2017 9:32 AM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: Re: Judge Jeanine

Checking! Thank you

Tim Lauer
Producer, Fox News

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Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 4, 2017, at 8:20 PM, Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov> wrote:

duplicative material

From: Robbins, Christina <Christina.Robbins@FOXNEWS.COM>
Sent: Saturday, September 30, 2017 12:54 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: Re: 1p hour Monday - AG?

Okay. Will do!

On Sep 30, 2017, at 12:46 PM, Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Oh hey sorry. Won't be able to do this week, but keep at me

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On Sep 30, 2017, at 12:45 PM, Robbins, Christina <Christina.Robbins@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Hi!
Any luck? Would be thrilled if something could work....
1p hour Monday on Harris' new show?

Christina

On Sep 29, 2017, at 10:19 AM, Robbins, Christina
<Christina.Robbins@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Hey Ian!
Thanks for Rachel Brand on Weds!

Harris Faulkner launches her new show Monday in the 1p hour.
Any way AG sessions can come on with her? She has been one of
the key hosts of Out#d for the past 3 years and did a weekend
prime time show.

Christina Robbins

Fox News Channel

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From: Decker, Jonathan <jonathan.decker@FOXNEWS.COM>
Sent: Thursday, October 12, 2017 11:58 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: RE: Fox and Friends

Thank you!

Jonathan Decker
Senior Booker, Fox and Friends
Jonathan.Decker@foxnews.com

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From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Thursday, October 12, 2017 11:58 AM
To: Decker, Jonathan <jonathan.decker@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: RE: Fox and Friends

Not to worry! I'm still waiting to hear from the WH

Sarah Isgur Flores
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202.305.5808

From: Decker, Jonathan [mailto:jonathan.decker@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Thursday, October 12, 2017 11:56 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Fox and Friends

Thank you! So sorry about that - I think this is my first time reaching out to you. I'm new with Fox and Friends.

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From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Thursday, October 12, 2017 11:56 AM
To: Decker, Jonathan <jonathan.decker@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: RE: Fox and Friends

Btw this is my work email

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From: Sarah Isgur Flore (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, October 12, 2017 11:49 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Fox and Friends

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From: Decker, Jonathan <jonathan.decker@foxnews.com>
Date: Thu, Oct 12, 2017 at 10:30 AM
Subject: Fox and Friends
To: (b) (6) - Sarah Flores (b) (6)

Hey Sarah,

JP with Fox and Friends – we would love to have the AG on the show tomorrow morning if possible.

If he is not available we would love to have you on the show to talk about the sanctuary cities final warning.

Hope you are having a great week,

Thanks again,

Jonathan Decker

Senior Booker, Fox and Friends

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From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Sent: Friday, October 6, 2017 2:54 PM
To: jessica.rosenthal@foxnews.com
Cc: Laco, Kelly (OPA)
Subject: RE: media inquiry

Hey Jessica

Attributable to me:

“The State of California has now codified a commitment to returning criminal aliens back onto our streets, which undermines public safety, national security, and law enforcement. Given the multiple high-profile incidents that have occurred in California in recent years, it is especially disappointing that state leaders have made it law to limit cooperation between local jurisdictions and immigration authorities attempting to keep Californians safe.”

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From: Press
Sent: Friday, October 6, 2017 2:51 PM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Laco, Kelly (OPA) <klaco@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: FW: media inquiry

Thanks!

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From: Rosenthal, Jessica [<mailto:jessica.rosenthal@FOXNEWS.COM>]
Sent: Friday, October 6, 2017 2:49 PM
To: Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: media inquiry

Hi there. Now that California's Governor has signed SB 54, does the AG or DOJ broadly have any reaction? Will AG Sessions sue?

Thank you,

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From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Sent: Tuesday, October 3, 2017 5:51 PM
To: McDonough, Constance; Laco, Kelly (OPA); Rizzolo, Lisa
Subject: RE: Mandatory Pool Requested

Multiple producers is fine for the remarks, but I know space is limited in the AG's conference room for the second part. Let me work on that.

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From: McDonough, Constance [mailto:Constance.mcdonough@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Tuesday, October 3, 2017 3:31 PM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Laco, Kelly (OPA) <klaco@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Rizzolo, Lisa <Lisa.Rizzolo@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: Re: Mandatory Pool Requested

No problem at all. Now, will the remarks and spray be mandated pool in the editorial sense as well? Meaning, can there only be one producer in attendance representing all the networks editorially or can multiple producers attend? It will still be just one camera representing all the networks but sometimes even when an event is mandated pool and there is only one camera, editorial producers are still allowed to attend from the different networks.

From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, October 3, 2017 1:36:27 PM
To: McDonough, Constance; Laco, Kelly (OPA); Rizzolo, Lisa
Subject: RE: Mandatory Pool Requested

Thank you. We will work to rectify this misunderstanding, and we appreciate your working with us through this event.

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From: McDonough, Constance [mailto:Constance.mcdonough@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Tuesday, October 3, 2017 1:35 PM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Laco, Kelly (OPA) <klaco@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Rizzolo, Lisa <Lisa.Rizzolo@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: Re: Mandatory Pool Requested

Both events were voted on and have gone mandated pool. I will have network names for you by tomorrow afternoon once they are assigned.

From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, October 3, 2017 1:24:31 PM
To: McDonough, Constance; Laco, Kelly (OPA); Rizzolo, Lisa
Subject: RE: Mandatory Pool Requested

Are they able to vote by 2:00 pm? We need to move on this guidance and I want it to be accurate so we don't have to follow up later today.

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From: McDonough, Constance [<mailto:Constance.mcdonough@FOXNEWS.COM>]
Sent: Tuesday, October 3, 2017 12:00 PM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Laco, Kelly (OPA) <klaco@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Rizzolo, Lisa <Lisa.Rizzolo@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: Re: Mandatory Pool Requested

Understood. Just want to make sure we are all on the same page as yesterday I was being told it was still technically open press and other media would be allowed in. I will address this with the networks today. They already have the logistics but will circle back and let them know its now mandated.

From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, October 3, 2017 11:39:33 AM
To: McDonough, Constance; Laco, Kelly (OPA); Rizzolo, Lisa
Subject: RE: Mandatory Pool Requested

I am operating under the direction of the component at DOJ that manages the area where this event is happening. While I disagree with their position, I don't have the time to prove them wrong; that will have to wait until next week. There are no other TV cameras going to be allowed in, hence why we asked for the mandated pool from Patrick last week.

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From: McDonough, Constance [<mailto:Constance.mcdonough@FOXNEWS.COM>]
Sent: Tuesday, October 3, 2017 11:33 AM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Laco, Kelly (OPA) <klaco@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Rizzolo, Lisa <Lisa.Rizzolo@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: Re: Mandatory Pool Requested

Hey Devin,

Can you let me know a little more as to why this is being mandated? Can you tell me what these roadblocks are? I need a little more to go on to circle back to the networks and say this is now being mandated. Are other cameras still allowed in?

From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, October 3, 2017 9:34:49 AM

To: Laco, Kelly (OPA); McDonough, Constance; Rizzolo, Lisa

Subject: RE: Mandatory Pool Requested

Hey Constance

Following up on this. To put Kelly's email a little more plainly, we are running into roadblocks from folks who run the Great Hall here. Frankly, the unwillingness to be flexible was the catalyst for this conversation. We'd like to mandate the pool for this one event, and then Kelly can have networks and cables here to test their signal and we can put this to bed with the folks making this difficult for us.

Either way, we're hoping to get a decision from you this AM as we need to put out the guidance.

Thanks for your consideration.

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From: Laco, Kelly (OPA)

Sent: Monday, October 2, 2017 1:06 PM

To: McDonough, Constance <Constance.mcdonough@FOXNEWS.COM>; O'Malley, Devin (OPA)

<domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Rizzolo, Lisa <Lisa.Rizzolo@FOXNEWS.COM>

Subject: RE: Mandatory Pool Requested

Hi Constance,

The only reason why we are mandating the pool for the AG's remarks is because we've talked to multiple of our AV folks at DOJ here, and the way the Great Hall is designed, makes it hard for cameras to get a strong signal in order to stream live wirelessly with no issues. The event is still considered "Open Press," and we are still inviting all press to attend, but we are cautioning that it will be potentially difficult to establish a strong connection to actually live stream.

After this event on Thursday, we are hoping to set up a time next week with the networks in order to test their transmitting capabilities and ability to connect to a signal from the Great Hall. This way, moving forward, we can be sure that all the different networks will be able to successfully connect wirelessly in the Great Hall for future events.

I hope that makes sense on your end. Please let me know if you have any questions!

Kelly Laco

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From: McDonough, Constance [<mailto:Constance.mcdonough@FOXNEWS.COM>]
Sent: Monday, October 2, 2017 12:11 PM
To: Laco, Kelly (OPA) <klaco@jmd.usdoj.gov>; O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Rizzolo, Lisa <Lisa.Rizzolo@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: Re: Mandatory Pool Requested

Hey Kelly,

Thank you for passing along the information below. Before I send the logistics to the networks, I want to clarify - it is my understanding that at this point, the Great Hall remarks are NOT mandated pool. Correct? I realize that there is only one fiber for a network to go back live, but as Patrick mentioned below, all of the networks have live transmitting capabilities via satellite backpacks that they can bring and use to shoot the remarks live. And as you said below, the spray in the office will be mandated pool.

From: Laco, Kelly (OPA) <Kelly.Laco@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Monday, October 2, 2017 11:56:12 AM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA); McDonough, Constance; Rizzolo, Lisa
Subject: RE: Mandatory Pool Requested

Hi Constance,

I wanted to touch base with you regarding the specifics of Thursday's announcement. This is all off the record, for planning purposes only: there will be two different parts/locations for Thursday's event that will require the pool. The first part is the formal announcement from the AG in the Great Hall beginning at 11am. There is a physical pool connection in the Great Hall that the camera will be able to connect to. The AG will conclude at approx. 11:30/35. After remarks, there will be a pool spray in the AG's 5th floor conference room beginning at 11:50 with him and a group of law enforcement officials. The pool spray will only occur at the top, and the rest of the meeting will be closed door. There is no physical connection in the AG's conference room to connect into to stream live.

I wanted to let you know since it looks like there will be about a tight 10 min or so gap between the closing of remarks and the pool spray in the AG's conference room, so it might be helpful to bring one camera for the Great Hall portion and another stand-free for the pool spray component at the second location.

Thanks and let me know if you need any additional information.

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From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Sent: Monday, October 2, 2017 10:50 AM
To: McDonough, Constance <Constance.mcdonough@FOXNEWS.COM>; Rizzolo, Lisa <Lisa.Rizzolo@FOXNEWS.COM>; Laco, Kelly (OPA) <klaco@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Mandatory Pool Requested

Hi Constance

I'm looping in my colleague, Kelly Laco, who has some questions for you given the specific format this event is going to have.

Thanks

Devin

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From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Sent: Wednesday, September 27, 2017 5:02 PM
To: 'McDonough, Constance' <Constance.mcdonough@FOXNEWS.COM>; Rizzolo, Lisa <Lisa.Rizzolo@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: RE: Mandatory Pool Requested

Yes, AG.

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From: McDonough, Constance [<mailto:Constance.mcdonough@FOXNEWS.COM>]
Sent: Wednesday, September 27, 2017 3:44 PM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Rizzolo, Lisa <Lisa.Rizzolo@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: Re: Mandatory Pool Requested

Hi Devin,
I will be the primary contact at Fox during our time as pool chair. We will handle Thursday's event. I wanted to confirm, this is with AG Sessions, right? I am looping in my manager, Lisa Rizzolo, who will be covering pool chair responsibilities while I am away. Please reply all with any information.

Thank you very much!
Connie

From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, September 27, 2017 3:30:05 PM
To: Davis, Patrick
Cc: Laco, Kelly (OPA); McDonough, Constance
Subject: RE: Mandatory Pool Requested

We were told by a component here that only one camera was allowed in the Great Hall.

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From: Davis, Patrick [<mailto:Patrick.Davis@turner.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, September 27, 2017 2:30 PM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Laco, Kelly (OPA) <klaco@jmd.usdoj.gov>; McDonough, Constance <Constance.mcdonough@FOXNEWS.COM>; Davis, Patrick <Patrick.Davis@turner.com>
Subject: Re: Mandatory Pool Requested

Devin,

Thanks for the early heads up. CNN hands off Pool Chair duties to FOX on Friday, so I've copied them here. They can send it out for vote and assign it next week. That said, I don't recall the Great Hall ever being mandated pool before. Isn't there enough room for it to be Open press?

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From: "O'Malley, Devin (OPA)" <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov>
Date: Wednesday, September 27, 2017 at 1:47 PM
To: "Davis, Patrick" <Patrick.Davis@turner.com>
Cc: "Laco, Kelly (OPA)" <Kelly.Laco@usdoj.gov>
Subject: Mandatory Pool Requested

Thanks again for organizing the pool yesterday. Wanted to give you good lead time on the next request

Off the record, for planning purposes only (understanding that you need to forward this to rest of pool for vote):

Date: Thursday, October 5, 2017
Time: 11:00 am EDT
Where: Great Hall, Department of Justice
Topic: Rollout of program designed to reduce violent crime
POC: Kelly Laco (copied)

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From: Laco, Kelly (OPA)
Sent: Monday, October 2, 2017 6:26 PM
To: Elise.Norris@FOXNEWS.COM
Subject: RE: NEW Dana Perino Fox News show-contact and info

Added you to our lists, thanks!

Kelly Laco
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From: Norris, Elise [<mailto:Elise.Norris@FOXNEWS.COM>]
Sent: Friday, September 29, 2017 3:13 PM
To: Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: NEW Dana Perino Fox News show-contact and info

Hello,

My name is Elise and I am one of the bookers for the new Fox News program, *The Daily Briefing w/ Dana Perino* premiering this Monday, October 2nd. Wanted to get the media contact for Attorney General Sessions, and to also be added to your department's mailing list so we can track your latest initiatives.

If you could keep me updated whether there's a new policy, event, or proposal you would care to promote, let me know and we may want to announce on the show and potentially feature as a guest segment.

Dana and the rest of our show's staff look forward to working with you!

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From: Blue, Danielle <danielle.blue@FOXNEWS.COM>
Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 11:18 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: RE: Fox News interview request

No problem. We'd love to put something on the calendar, for the upcoming weeks. Let me know his availability.

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, September 27, 2017 7:22 PM
To: Blue, Danielle <danielle.blue@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: RE: Fox News interview request

Sorry not this time

Sarah Isgur Flores
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From: Blue, Danielle [mailto:danielle.blue@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Wednesday, September 27, 2017 12:03 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Fox News interview request

Hi Sarah,

Would he be available for a pre-tape on Friday instead?

Best,
Danielle

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, September 26, 2017 7:25 PM
To: Blue, Danielle <danielle.blue@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: Re: Fox News interview request

I dont think we can do this week--sometime soon?

On Sep 26, 2017, at 3:31 PM, Blue, Danielle <danielle.blue@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Hi Sarah,

My name is Danielle Blue and I'm a Producer at *Justice with Judge Jeanine*. I am reaching out to see if AG Jeff Sessions is available this Saturday between 9pm-10pm EST to join Judge Jeanine for an interview.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Best,

Danielle

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From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Wednesday, September 27, 2017 11:12 AM
To: Kerry Picket
Subject: RE: DOJ Mosque cases

This press release seems relevant: <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/justice-department-and-bensalem-township-settle-lawsuit-over-alleged-religious-land-use-and>

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs
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From: Kerry Picket [mailto:kerry@dailycaller.com]
Sent: Tuesday, September 26, 2017 4:38 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: DOJ Mosque cases

Hi Sarah,

I'm just following up on today. Below are some examples from the previous administrations in regards to the mosque cases.

<https://blogs.wsj.com/law/2016/07/22/justice-department-sues-pennsylvania-town-for-rejecting-mosque-plan/>

<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2016/dec/15/us-justice-department-mosque-michigan-sterling-heights>

<http://www.nytimes.com/2012/09/08/nyregion/mosque-being-built-in-brooklyn-continues-to-face-opposition.html?mcubz=0>

<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=129256069>

Additionally, please keep me in the loop when an amicus brief is filed on the freedom of speech issue on college campuses.

Thanks again,

Kerry

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From: Joost, Nathalie <Nathalie.Joost@FOXNEWS.COM>
Sent: Wednesday, September 27, 2017 10:08 AM
To: Laco, Kelly (OPA)
Subject: Re: KELLY (b) (6) : SESSIONS INTV FOR F&F

Yay!

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 27, 2017, at 10:05 AM, Laco, Kelly (OPA) <Kelly.Laco@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Yes we got it, thanks!

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 27, 2017, at 10:03 AM, Joost, Nathalie <Nathalie.Joost@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

I apologize I'm just now getting you email. NY producer should have let you know all that. I hope it went well and you got the information in time.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 27, 2017, at 7:21 AM, Laco, Kelly (OPA) <Kelly.Laco@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Also--if you have info on the exact hit time (we understand it will be around 8), that would be great! Thanks so much.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 27, 2017, at 7:18 AM, Laco, Kelly (OPA) <klaco@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

Hey Nathalie-

Is it possible for your producer to send topics for the AG interview this morning to Ian? ian.Prior@usdoj.gov

Thanks so much!

Kelly

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 26, 2017, at 3:45 PM, Joost, Nathalie <Nathalie.Joost@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Wonderful! thanks so much Kelly and did my crews get you their personal information?

From: Laco, Kelly (OPA)
[mailto:Kelly.Laco@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, September 26, 2017
3:44 PM
To: Joost, Nathalie
<Nathalie.Joost@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: RE: KELL (b) (6):
SESSIONS INTV FOR F&F

Thanks Nathalie I just confirmed that we will make the patch to go live for the crew in the morning. Thanks.

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From: Joost, Nathalie
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2:59 PM
To: Laco, Kelly (OPA)
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Cc: Gibson, Jake
<Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM>;
Maltas, Mike
<Mike.Maltas@FOXNEWS.COM>;
Rizzolo, Lisa
<Lisa.Rizzolo@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: KELL (b) (6): SESSIONS
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Importance: High

Hi Kelly,

Our crew for tomorrow's interview will be:

Photog: (b) (6)

Audio: (b) (6)

They will meet you at 0700 at the visitors center.

The crew is copied on this email.

(b) (6) please send Kelly Laco your full legal names, your DOB, State/City of birth, and Soc numbers ASAP. Do not reply all, just send it to Kelly please.

Thanks everyone,
-Nathalie

Please send me the names of the crew members that will be arriving tomorrow morning to set up for the interview. I will then get them cleared through our main visitor's center on Constitution between 9th and 10th NW. They should plan to arrive at the visitors center at 7am, where I will pick them up and allow ample time for set up in our 7th floor conference room before the interview.

If you have any other questions, please feel free to email me or call my cell.

Thanks,

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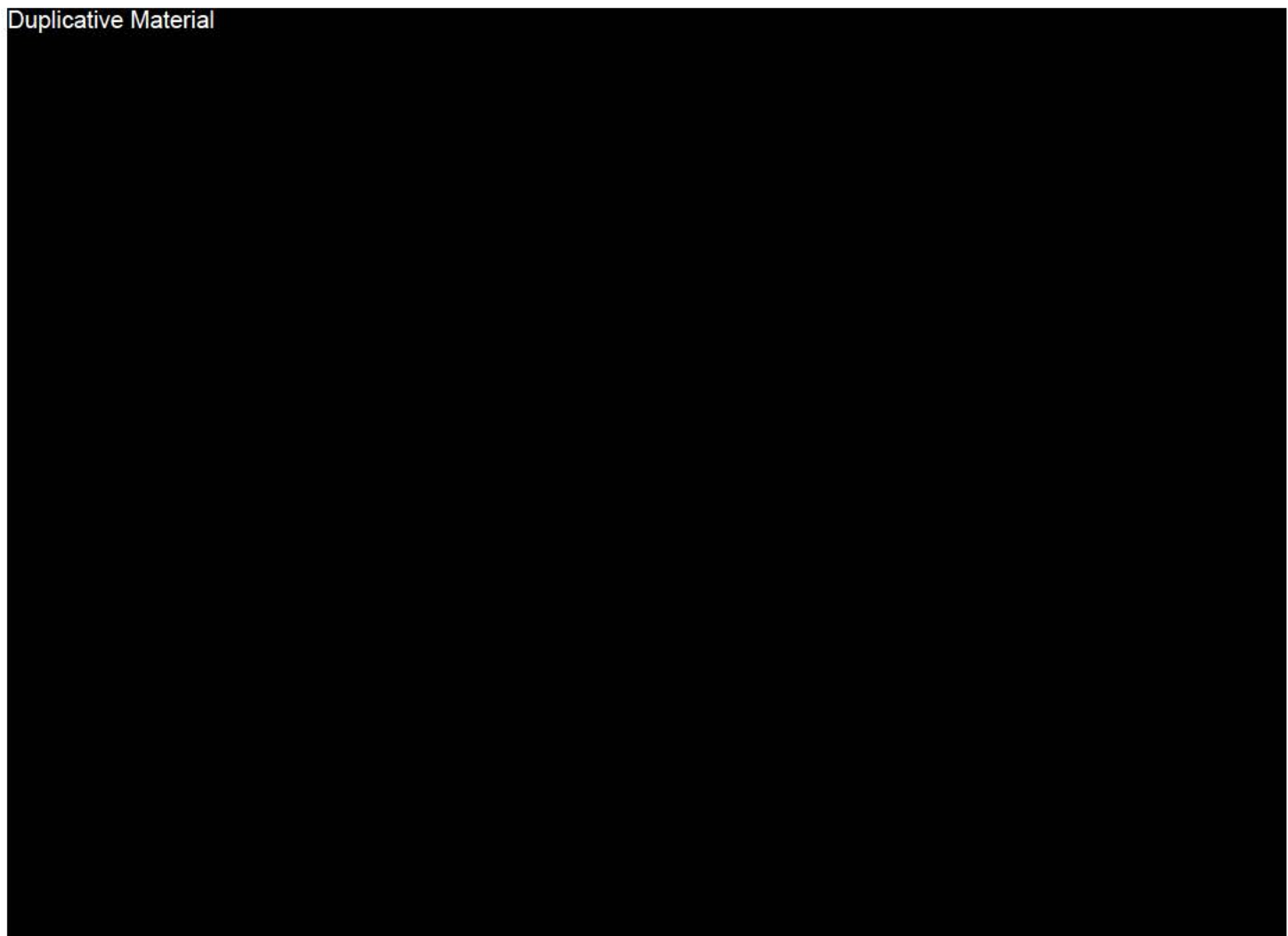
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Just waiting o (b) (6), go (b) (6) already!

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From: Robbins, Christina <Christina.Robbins@FOXNEWS.COM>
Sent: Tuesday, September 26, 2017 10:41 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: Re: Rachel Brand for Wed

Wow
Really impressive bio!!!

On Sep 26, 2017, at 10:12 PM, Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov> wrote:

<https://www.justice.gov/asg/staff-profile/meet-associate-attorney-general>

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On Sep 26, 2017, at 4:14 PM, Robbins, Christina <Christina.Robbins@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

The host is Jon Scott.

The hit will be 11:20a. live for 5 minutes.

Can you send me her official bio?

Christina Svolopoulos Robbins

Fox News Channel

Happening Now, 11 & 1p M-F

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To: Robbins, Christina <Christina.Robbins@FOXNEWS.COM>

Subject: Re: Rachel Brand for Wed

Few more questions:

How long is the hit?

Who is hosting tomorrow?

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On Sep 25, 2017, at 5:11 PM, Robbins, Christina <Christina.Robbins@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Reaction to sessions remarks at Georgetown.

Sounds good.

Thanks!

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 25, 2017, at 4:44 PM, Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Yep. And the focus will be on the free speech on campus address and issue?

If so, were confirmed.

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On Sep 25, 2017, at 4:38 PM, Robbins, Christina
<Christina.Robbins@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

If she can come to bureau it would be best. We have better lighting, makeup and overall set up works best.

Can we confirm?

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 25, 2017, at 4:03 PM, Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Yes or we could do it here on the 7th floor like last time with the AG?

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Sent: Monday, September 25, 2017 4:01 PM

To: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>

Subject: Re: Rachel Brand for Wed

Ahhh.

Copy. From dc bureau?

On Sep 25, 2017, at 2:17 PM, Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov> wrote:

The 11 am would be next day. She's totally booked up tomorrow

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On Sep 25, 2017, at 2:15 PM, Robbins, Christina
<Christina.Robbins@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Is there any chance she could come on after the AG to react to what he said? In the 1p hour?

Or only avail in the 11a?

Also, where will she be? DC bureau?

From: Prior, Ian (OPA) [mailto:Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Monday, September 25, 2017 1:56 PM
To: Robbins, Christina
Subject: Re: Rachel Brand for Wed

Awesome thx.

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On Sep 25, 2017, at 1:56 PM, Robbins, Christina
<Christina.Robbins@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Hi Ian

In control room just finishing today's show.

Let me check on this and I'll get back to you asap!

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Sent: Monday, September 25, 2017 12:47 PM
To: Robbins, Christina <Christina.Robbins@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: Rachel Brand for Wed

Hey Christina,

Please see the advisory below. We think this is going to be a big deal and we wanted to see if HN would want to have Associate Atty General Rachel Brand on Wed in the 11 am hour to talk about it.

Please let me know.

Thx!

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ABOUT FREE SPEECH ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2017

ATTORNEY GENERAL SESSIONS TO GIVE REMARKS ABOUT FREE SPEECH ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES

***** MEDIA ADVISORY *****

WASHINGTON The Georgetown Center for the Constitution hosts Attorney General Jeff Sessions at Georgetown University Law Center on **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2017**. The Attorney General will give remarks about free speech on college campuses.

WHO:

Attorney General Jeff Sessions;

Professor Randy Barnett, Director of the Georgetown Center for the Constitution at Georgetown Law.

WHAT:

Attorney General Jeff Sessions will give remarks about free speech on college campuses at Georgetown University Law Center.

Remarks will be followed by a conversation with Professor Randy Barnett.

WHEN:

Tuesday, September 26, 2017
12:00 p.m. EDT

WHERE:

Georgetown University Law Center
Hart Auditorium
600 New Jersey Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20001

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(Preset at 11:30 a.m. // Final Access 11:30 a.m.)

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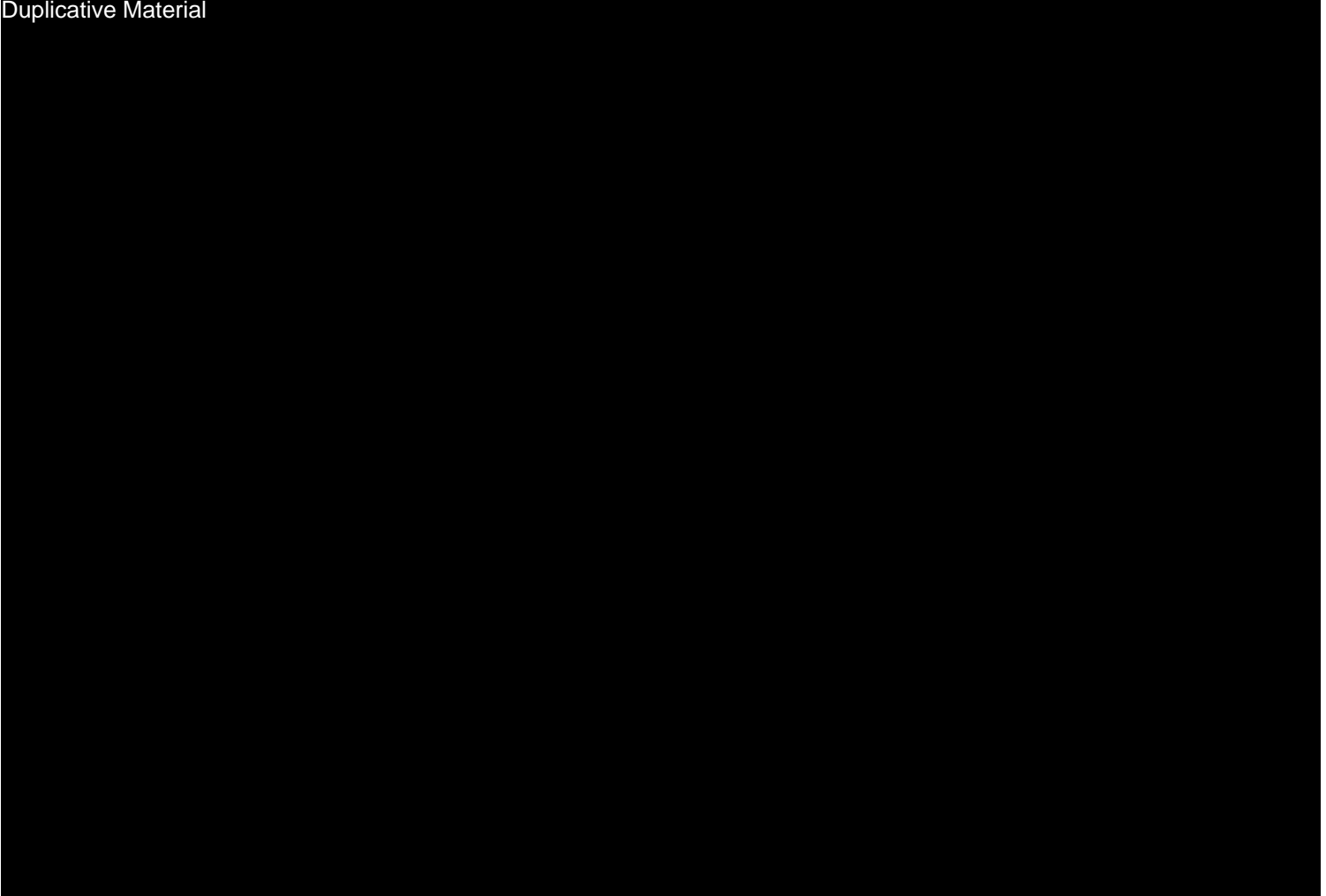
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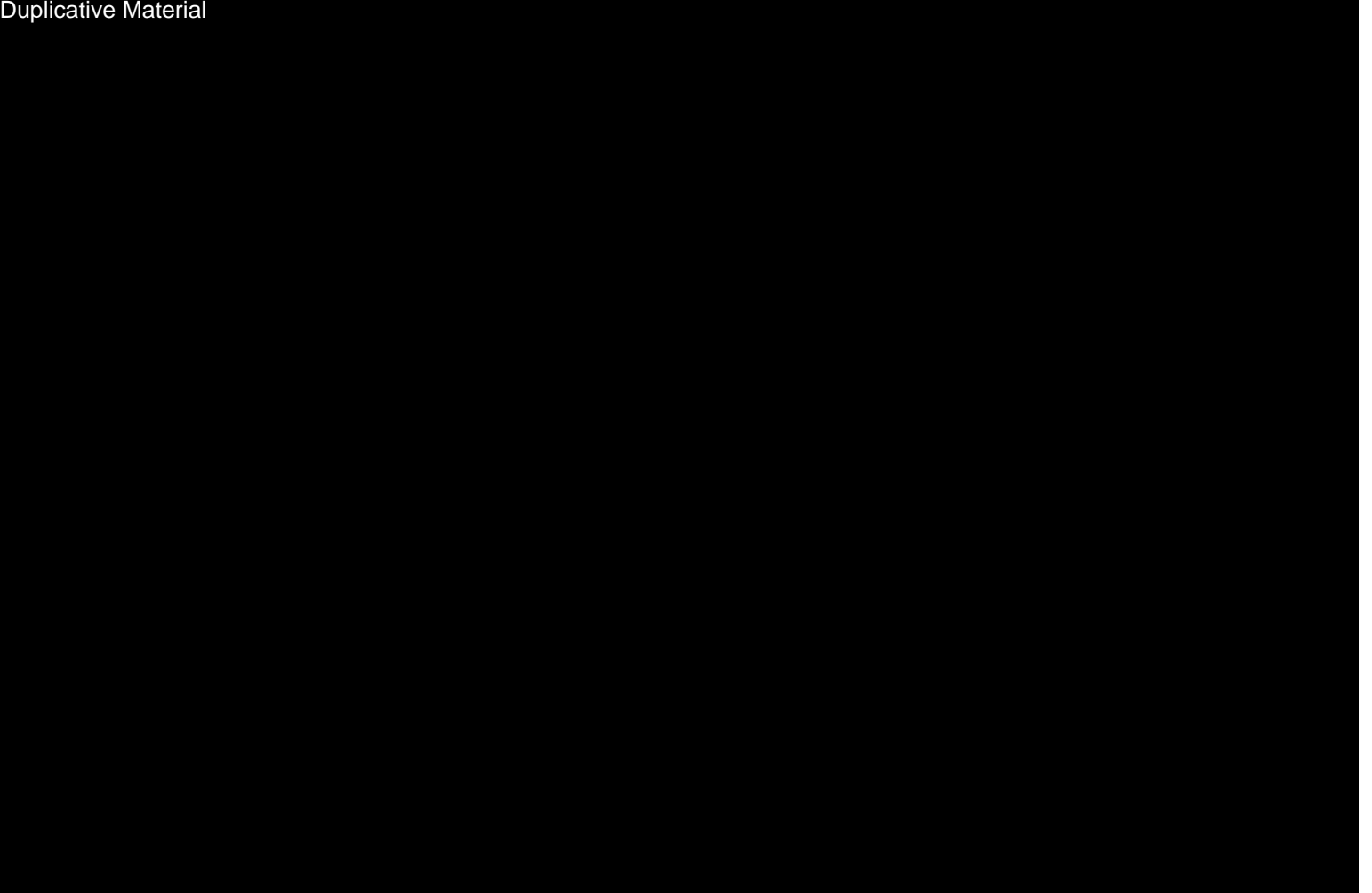
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Subject: RE: Fox News request

The best.
Thank you very, very much.

From: Prior, Ian (OPA) [mailto:ian.prior@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Monday, September 25, 2017 4:03 PM
To: Singman, Brooke <brooke.singman@FOXNEWS.COM>; Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Fox News request

Freedom of thought and speech on the American campus are under attack.

Whereas the American university was once was the center of academic freedom—a place of robust debate, a forum for the competition of ideas—it is transforming into an echo chamber of political correctness and homogenous thought, a shelter for fragile egos.

....But who is to decide what is offensive and what is acceptable, what is odious and what is good? The university is supposed to be about the *search* for truth, not the imposition of truth by a government censor.

....This has allowed a cottage industry of protestors to crop up who understand school administrators will capitulate to their demands and are now routinely shutting down speeches and debates across the country in an effort to silence voices that are insufficiently orthodox on their pet issues.

... But the right of free speech does not exist to protect the speech we all agree on. It exists to protect the very speech that we don't want to hear.

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To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
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Thank you, Sarah!

Ian... ☺

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Ian has some excerpts

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Thank you!
Anything else you can share for a walk-up piece?? A little nugget?!

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Subject: RE: Fox News request

Thanks, Ian. Heard back from FBI on first one.
Likelihood anything on Berkeley will come up in the Attorney General's remarks tomorrow at Georgetown?

Thanks,

Brooke

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On the first you should contact Middle District of Tennessee US Atty's office (b) (6)

Decline comment as to investigations.

That said, want to make sure you saw this: <https://www.axios.com/scoop-jeff-sessions-culture-war-2489208528.html>

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Subject: Fox News request

Hi Sarah and Ian,

So sorry I missed you last week editor wanted me back in NYC for Friday.

Two questions for you re: civil rights investigations.

The first regarding the Tennessee church shooting over the weekend. Can you confirm reports that the Justice Department and the FBI have opened a federal civil rights investigation into the shooting at Burnette Chapel Church of Christ in Antioch, Tenn.? And any further information in regards to DOJ's involvement in investigating that incident?

The second Berkeley Patriots told the Wall Street Journal that they may ask the Justice Department to investigate how UC Berkeley treats them... Is this something that the Justice Department would consider investigating?

Deadline is 10:30a EST.

Thank you!

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Subject: RE: Fox News request

Hi again...

Can you confirm these quotes in Axios? I'm doing a walk-up to the attorney general's speech tomorrow.
"Whereas the American university was once the center of academic freedom a place of robust debate, a forum for the competition of ideas it is transforming into an echo chamber of political correctness and homogenous thought, a shelter for fragile egos."

"If you look at what he's focused on as Attorney General, whether it's violent crime, opioids, or sanctuary cities, the common thread is the rule of law," the source said. "When it comes to something as important as the First Amendment, he's going to speak out."

I know you pointed me to this article but just wanted to confirm these...

Let me know as soon as you can.

Thanks,

Brooke Singman

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[Any timeline on when I can expect them??](#)

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Who handles op-eds on FOXNEWS.com? You gave me her info once

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Subject: Re: hey

Any luck?

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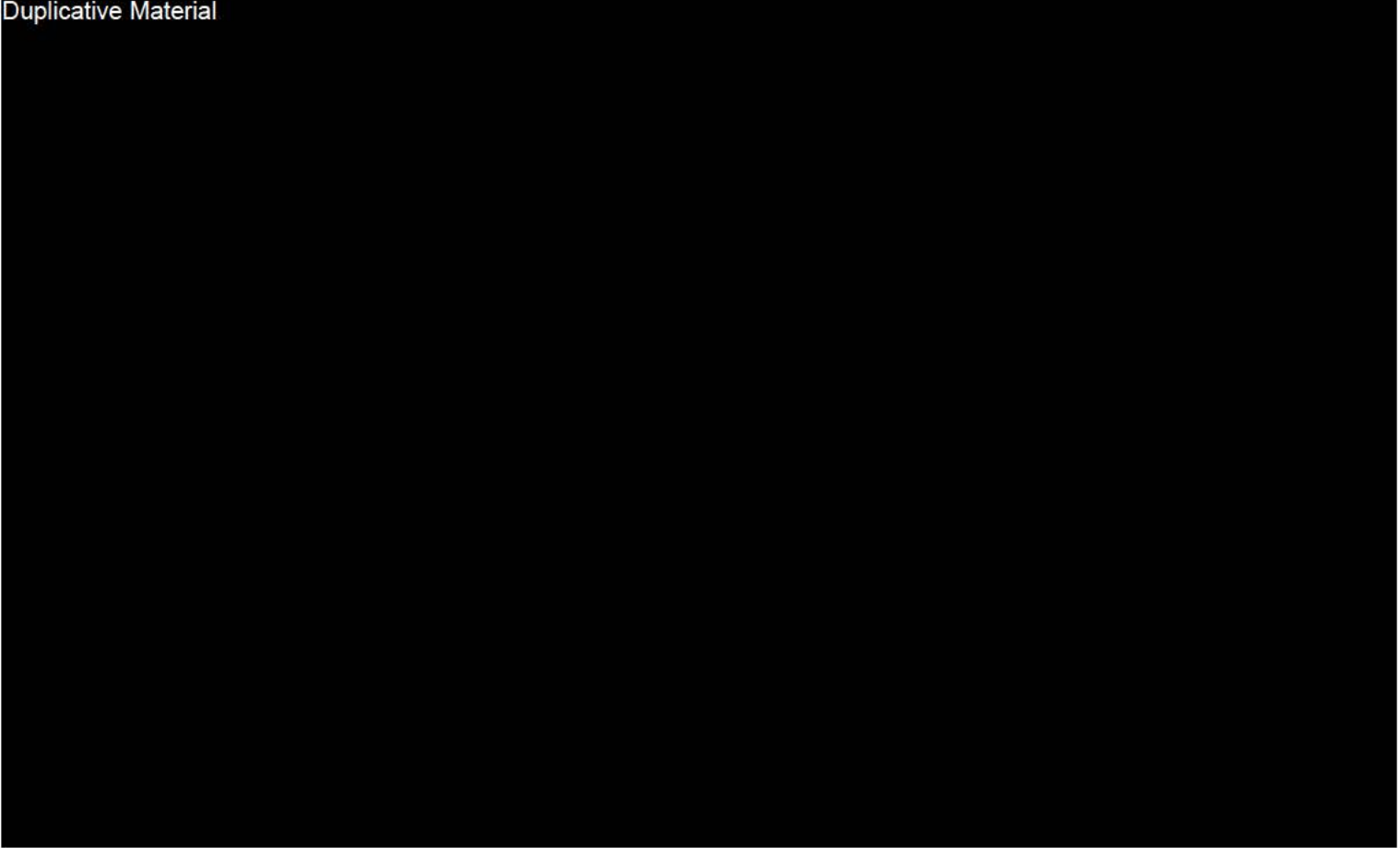
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To: Henning, Alexa A. EOP/WHO
Cc: Spinato, Eric; Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: In a meeting

Hey Eric--we def want to do Maria at some point. Timing has been tough since we tend to be on the road on fridays and he has church on sundays.

> On Sep 26, 2017, at 6:46 PM, Henning, Alexa A. EOP/WHO <Katherine.A.Henning@who.eop.gov> wrote:

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> Adding Sarah and Ian

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>> AG Sessions has yet to be on with MB since in office When can he join

>> Maria on either show

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>>> On Sep 26, 2017, at 6:29 PM, Henning, Alexa A. EOP/WHO <Katherine.A.Henning@who.eop.gov> wrote:

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>>> What's up?

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Cc: Secli, Garrett; May, Kelly; Sutton, Sarah E. (OPA)
Subject: RE: Sneak Peek: Rand's health care demands — Sessions' culture war — Exclusive Alabama poll

Great Thank you! and please thank AG Sessions I'm a Fellow Texan so it's always great to have him on the show.

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To: Decker, Jonathan; Prior, Ian (OPA)
Cc: Secli, Garrett; May, Kelly; Sutton, Sarah E. (OPA)
Subject: RE: Sneak Peek: Rand's health care demands Sessions' culture war Exclusive Alabama poll

Yes, got it all thanks! We are set.

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Cc: Secli, Garrett <garrett.secli@FOXNEWS.COM>; May, Kelly <Kelly.May@FOXNEWS.COM>; Sutton, Sarah E. (OPA) <sesutton@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Sneak Peek: Rand's health care demands Sessions' culture war Exclusive Alabama poll

Hey Kelly,
Did you received everything you need?

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To: Prior, Ian (OPA); Decker, Jonathan
Cc: Secli, Garrett; May, Kelly; Sutton, Sarah E. (OPA)
Subject: RE: Sneak Peek: Rand's health care demands Sessions' culture war Exclusive Alabama poll

Hi Jonathan,

Please send me the names of the crew members that will be arriving tomorrow morning to set up for the interview. I will then get them cleared through our main visitor's center on Constitution between 9th and 10th NW. They should plan to arrive at the visitors center at 7am, where I will pick them up and allow ample time for set up in our 7th floor conference room before the interview.

If you have any other questions, please feel free to email me or call my cell.

Thanks,

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Subject: RE: Sneak Peek: Rand's health care demands Sessions' culture war Exclusive Alabama poll

Ian,

Thank you so much for helping us have AG Sessions on the show tomorrow morning at 8AM from the DOJ Studio... If there is anything else you need please don't hesitate to ask.

I've cc'd the overnight team and the producer for this segment. What is the best contact for tomorrow AM?

Fox and Friends AM Contact:

Kelly May,
She can be reached after 4AM at (b) (6)
Kelly.May@foxnews.com

From: Fleming, Taylor
Sent: Monday, September 25, 2017 1:17 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Cc: Decker, Jonathan
Subject: RE: Sneak Peek: Rand's health care demands Sessions' culture war Exclusive Alabama poll

Yes, let's lock it in for 8A EST on Wednesday for a live interview with AG Sessions on FOX and Friends. I'm adding my colleague JP who will be in touch tomorrow to confirm all the details. Thanks so much, and looking forward to it. -Taylor

From: Prior, Ian (OPA) [mailto:Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov]

Sent: Monday, September 25, 2017 1:13 PM

To: Fleming, Taylor

Subject: Re: Sneak Peek: Rand's health care demands Sessions' culture war Exclusive Alabama poll

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Hi Ian Would this be for tomorrow? Where could he join us from?

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Sent: Monday, September 25, 2017 12:43 PM

To: Fleming, Taylor

Subject: RE: Sneak Peek: Rand's health care demands Sessions' culture war Exclusive Alabama poll

If we keep the topic to the AG's free speech on campus address and related topics the AG would like to go on in the 8 am hour

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Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 8:12 PM

To: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>

Subject: RE: Sneak Peek: Rand's health care demands Sessions' culture war Exclusive Alabama poll

Thanks, Ian. Let me check. I know Andrew was working with Sarah Flores to try and arrange a live interview with Attorney General Sessions last week. Would he be available to join us this week to discuss the address?

From: Prior, Ian (OPA) [mailto:Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov]

Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 8:08 PM

To: Fleming, Taylor

Subject: Fwd: Sneak Peek: Rand's health care demands Sessions' culture war Exclusive Alabama poll

Hey Taylor, wanted to highlight number 2 below for Fox and Friends. Also wanted to try and book Associate Attorney General Rachel Brand to come on the show the next day (Wed) to discuss the issue of free speech on campuses.

Thx

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Axios Sneak Peek

By Jonathan Swan · Sep 24, 2017

Welcome to Sneak Peek, our weekly lookahead for both ends of Pennsylvania Avenue. **I'd love** your tips and feedback: jonathan@axios.com. And **please urge** your friends and colleagues to join the conversation by signing up for Sneak Peek.

1 big thing: Rand Paul's do-or-die demands

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Rand Paul speaks in Kentucky. Photo: Bryan Woolston / AP

Rand Paul, who has become a do-or-die vote for the Republicans' last-ditch effort to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act, is sending a list to the White House of what it would take to get him from no to yes.

We've obtained the list and, if the White House and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell accept Paul's demands, it's hard to see how they'd stop at least half a dozen moderate Republican senators dropping their support for the Graham-Cassidy health care bill.

Why this matters: This could definitively kill Graham-Cassidy. President Trump, who has a warm personal relationship with Paul, hasn't given up winning his support for the bill, even though the Kentucky senator has relentlessly and publicly attacked the legislation. Trump continues to personally lobby Paul and administration officials believe they've got a better chance of flipping him than they do to convince the moderate Sen. Susan Collins to vote for the bill.

Here's what Paul is asking the White House to do:

1. Cut the Affordable Care Act spending way back. He says that "only a significant reassessment of this trillion-dollar spending regime would get my support." The problem with this demand is that if you have deep cuts in health care spending you will push away other moderate Republicans, and not just Collins and Alaska's Lisa Murkowski.
2. Scrap way more Affordable Care Act regulations. He says that states should "have to opt into ACA regulations," rather than having to opt out. The problem with this demand is that it only appeals to conservatives. You'd get Ted Cruz on board but still lose other moderate Republicans.
3. Expand association health plans, which would let small businesses and individuals band together to buy health insurance. The problem with this demand is that Republican leaders have already determined they can't do this through the budget reconciliation rules.

Bottom line: Republicans have already lost John McCain; they can only afford to lose one more senator. Nobody I've spoken to thinks Collins is gettable. Therefore Paul and Murkowski become the decisive votes. Paul's list of demands suggest he's not an absolute no, but his conditions may be impossible to meet.

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2. Scoop: Jeff Sessions' culture war

Trump isn't the only member of his administration fighting a culture war this week; his Attorney General Jeff Sessions will make a "free speech on campus address" on Tuesday at Georgetown University law school in D.C. It's going to get testy.

A source close to Sessions tells me the AG will tell the students:

"Whereas the American university was once the center of academic freedom — a place of robust debate, a forum for the competition of ideas — it is transforming into an echo chamber of political correctness and homogenous thought, a shelter for fragile egos."

- **Why this matters:** In this hyper-tense political climate, Sessions' speech could be explosive. The Attorney General is already a lightning rod for progressive protests. As AG, he's led some of the most controversial aspects of the president's agenda, including his toughening of sentencing for drug offenders, his crackdown on sanctuary cities, and his announcement that the Trump administration plans to end DACA, the Obama era program that temporarily shields from deportation more than 700,000 illegal immigrants who came to the U.S. as children. Tuesday's speech shows how eager he is to embrace this role.
- **What Sessions is thinking:** A source close to the AG says Sessions has been discussing making a speech like this for several months. "If you look at what he's focused on as Attorney General, whether it's violent crime, opioids, or sanctuary cities, the common thread is the rule of law," the source said. "When it comes to something as important as the First Amendment, he's going to speak out."

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3. The Sneak Peek forecast

Ryan, Trump and McConnell at the White House. Photo: Evan Vucci / AP

Here's how top sources in the White House and on Capitol Hill expect this week's major legislative items to play out:

1. Health care: Over the past 48 hours, I've spoken to more than half a dozen senior administration officials and Republican leadership sources about health care. Not one of them said they were optimistic about the chances of passing the GOP's last-ditch Graham-Cassidy bill to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act.

It's telling — and not in a good way — that President Trump is pinning a good deal of his hopes on his last-ditch attempt to flip Rand Paul, who is perennially the toughest vote in the conference, from a hard no to a reluctant yes.

The political chessboard, per sources close to the process:

- John McCain has already said he's voting against it, and nobody thinks there's a snowball's chance in hell of persuading him to change his mind. They can only lose one more vote.
- Susan Collins signaled she's almost certainly voting against the bill. The administration plans to release new figures on Monday they say will show that Collins' state of Maine gets significantly more resources under the GOP health care bill, but nobody I've spoken to believes that argument will work on her. The way one source put it: Collins' political brand is built on being bipartisan and her incentives are to oppose any bill that's Republican-only.
- Lisa Murkowski leans heavily towards no, and McCain has given her political cover to vote against the bill. (Oh, and bonus! Ted Cruz said today they don't have his vote yet. He wants the bill to tackle more regulations. Oh, and Mike Lee hasn't committed to the bill, either.)
- The opposition: Progressives are well organized against the key Republican senators leading up to the health care vote, which is expected to happen as early as Wednesday. Progressive groups are running high-pressured ads, and have planned protests and rallies this week in Alaska, Ohio, West Virginia, Colorado, Florida, and Nevada.
- X factor: Republican leaders are hoping that the realization sinks in among their reluctant colleagues that repeal will either happen this week or never. If Republicans don't repeal-and-replace the Affordable Care Act this week, forget it. The road ahead is clear: working with Democrats to *strengthen* President Obama's signature domestic achievement.

2. Tax reform: Republican leaders were frustrated when Axios and the Washington Post reported leaked details of the "Big Six" tax plan that's been hashed out for months in immense secrecy among Republican leaders and administration officials Gary Cohn and Steven Mnuchin. These leaks, which began circulating around Capitol Hill on Friday night, put GOP leaders under pressure from their members, who are anxious for the details.

Overall, however, leaders and administration officials feel far more optimistic about tax reform than they have about health care:

- Tax reform is a natural issue for a lot of Republicans. When most Republican lawmakers wake up in the morning they don't think about refashioning the health care system; but most *do* think about cutting taxes.
- They've had a pretty good run up to tax reform; they're going to have vigorous hearings, a lot of negotiation. The pay off — reduced tax rates, goosing the GDP, money in voters' pockets — is more tangible than it ever was with health care.
- Senior officials on Capitol Hill and inside the administration told me this weekend that they fully expect Trump to embrace the Big Six tax plan. He won't be selling the framework as a finished product; it's the starting point of a process that will be long and have lots of give and take as it wends its way through the House and Senate.
- The opposition: Following Axios' scoop about Republicans' planned cut to the top income tax rate, Democratic Senate leader Chuck Schumer said: "Democrats have strongly and firmly stood for the position that not one penny of tax cuts should go to the top 1%."

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How a new fertilizer could grow more food
with less waste

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U.S. farmers apply roughly 13 million tons of nitrogen fertilizer to their fields every year. Nearly half goes to waste, but a groundbreaking innovation could change this. [Read more.](#)

4. Exclusive: Alabama poll

The data analytics firm optimus has been running surveys in the lead up to Tuesday's Alabama special election. Their latest poll — taken on Friday and Saturday — has anti-establishment candidate Roy Moore at 55.4 percent and the Trump/McConnell-backed candidate Luther Strange at 44.6 percent.

- optimus partner Scott Tranter says he was struck by this statistic: "80% of those surveyed and 86% of primary voters know Trump endorsed Strange, which is up 5% since Tuesday and 15% since last week. Moore has maintained similar leads throughout this period."
- The RealClearPolitics [average](#) of recent polls for the Alabama Senate race has Moore ahead by 8.6 percentage points, which is within the margin of error of the optimus survey.

(Methodology: Tranter says they've been running automated telephone surveys for two weeks in Alabama. This latest sample of 1,035 modeled likely voters has a margin of error of 2.9 percentage points, according to Tranter.)

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5. The shows

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Sunday highlight reel, with Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin passing Trump's loyalty test with flying colors, and White House Legislative Affairs Director Marc Short making a last-ditch pitch to Republican holdouts on the health care repeal bill.

Mnuchin showed, on ABC's "This Week," why he'll always be one of Trump's favorites.

- He told host Martha Raddatz that Trump was trying to "unify" the country with his attacks on the NFL protesters.

- He told her he agrees with the president that NFL owners "should have a rule that players should have to stand in respect for the national anthem."
- "It's not about free speech," Mnuchin added. "They can do free speech on their own time..."
- When Raddatz asked Mnuchin if it was appropriate for the president to call these NFL players SOBs, he replied: "I think the president can use whatever language he wants to use."
- **Be smart:** Could you ever imagine Gary Cohn defending Trump like Mnuchin does at every turn? Of course not. The difference between Mnuchin and Trump's other top economic official, Cohn, is that Mnuchin is a Trump loyalist and Cohn has often been a combatant. While Cohn publicly condemned — and considered resigning over — Trump's comments about the white nationalist protesters in Charlottesville; Mnuchin backed the president to the hilt.

Marc Short appeared on three shows today and on "Fox News Sunday" he laid out the argument the administration will be making to persuade Rand Paul to vote for the GOP health care bill.

- Short told Fox host Chris Wallace: "When else would [Paul] get the opportunity to vote on a bill that actually provides real entitlement reform? When will we get a chance to vote on a bill that doubles the ability to contribute to health savings accounts?"
- "Chris, when will we get the ability to vote on a bill that gets rid of the individual mandate, the employer mandate?"
- Short's toughest line: "Something else that I know is important to Rand Paul and that's life. This administration stood for life, and this bill protects the sanctity of life by denying taxpayer dollars going to fund abortions. If Rand Paul is the final vote here, it's hard to see how he could go to his pro-life supporters... and say, 'I had a chance to protect life and instead, I went the other way'."

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6. Diary notes

- **Tax reform:** A senior GOP aide tells me the White House told Republican leadership that the president's speech on Wednesday will be formal and serious, closer in style to his announcement of

his Afghanistan strategy than to the raucous rally speech he gave in Alabama on Friday.

- More details of the tax plan are expected to leak tonight and tomorrow morning. House Ways and Means chairman Kevin Brady meets at 6pm with Republican members of the tax-writing committee. It's the start of their two-day retreat and politically, given the leaks already, Brady can't afford to hide too many details from his members.
- The entire Republican House conference has a tax reform retreat on Wednesday, where they'll learn the full details of the plan hashed out by GOP leaders and the White House.
- **Health care:** The administration is targeting a Wednesday vote. A McConnell spokesman said: "If we make any announcements we will be sure to let you know."
- **Conservative outreach:** Trump is having dinner with conservative movement leaders on Monday night, as he seeks to consolidate their support leading into fall's legislative fights.
- **House floor:** On Monday, House Republicans will consider the North Korean Human Rights Reauthorization Act of 2017. Per House Foreign Affairs chairman Ed Royce: "As we step up sanctions to cut off the cash that funds Kim's nuclear program, we must also break down barriers to truth in North Korea. This bill will update critical efforts to get real, accurate information into the hands of North Koreans through radio broadcasts, USB drives, mobile devices, and more."

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1 predictable thing: Trump triples down

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Members of the Los Angeles Chargers link arms during the national anthem on Sunday.
Photo: Jae C. Hong / AP

After a day of whacking NFL players on Twitter for their protests, and urging supporters to boycott the league until players stand during the national anthem, Trump kept feeding the furnace Sunday afternoon in a conversation with reporters at Morristown Municipal Airport in New Jersey:

"There was great solidarity — I watched a little bit. I was not watching the games today, believe me — I'm doing other things. But I watched a little bit, and I will say that there was tremendous solidarity for our flag and for our country."

- **What happened:** Axios' Dave Lawler [reports](#) on a day of protests, writing, "the NFL is showing collective resistance today to President Trump's comments about players who protest during the anthem."
- **What's next:** Expect Trump to milk this for all it's worth. He's never more comfortable than when he's revving up a cultural war and in this case he's compounding some of the deepest cultural, political and racial divisions in the country. Right on cue: A well-funded outside group supporting Trump is up with a new digital ad, "amplifying his attack on professional athletes who kneel during the national anthem as a form of protest," [per BuzzFeed](#).

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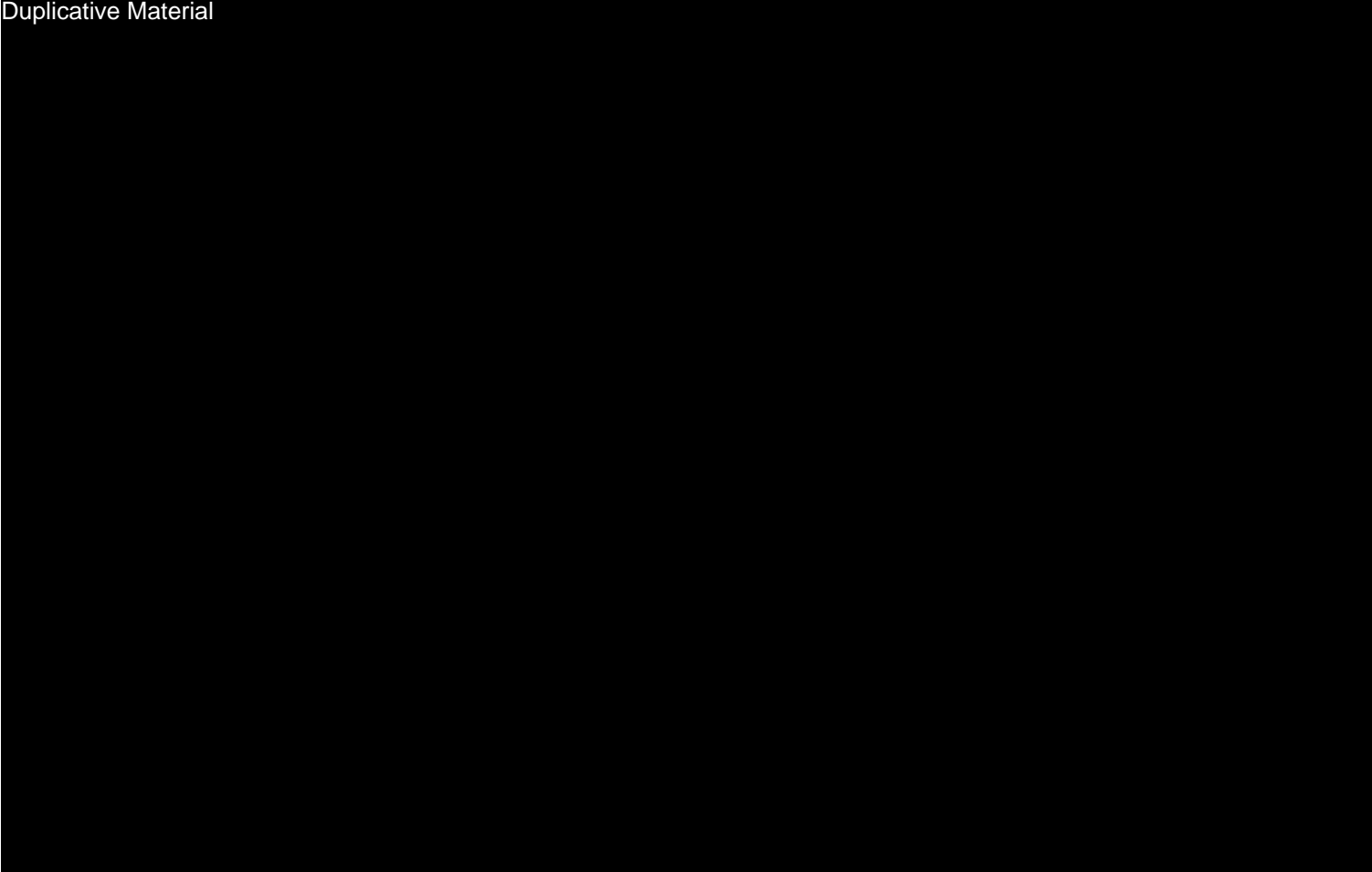
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Enjoy in good health. My spot on today's speech airs at 6:30p. Feel free to drop me a line letting me know what you thought! Hope punted me to Alexa.

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Subject: RE: Hi Kelly - Fox News info for tomorrow

Hi all,

Thank you for sending me the names. I will also need their full legal names, DOB, State/City of birth, and Social Security #. If you could please give to me by 5pm today, that would be great.

I'm adding Jonathan Decker, who I've been in touch with earlier regarding tomorrow's interview, and let him know that the crew should plan to arrive at 7am at our visitor's center (between 9th and 10th St NW on Constitution). I will pick them up there and lead them up to our 7th Floor conference room, where we can set up for the interview.

If someone could also confirm that they will just be bringing one camera and equipment, that would be great. They should be able to enter through the visitor's center with that.

Thanks, let me know if you have any questions.

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Looping Kelly Laco whom I believe is handling this.

Thanks.

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Hi Kelly,

I'm waiting for final guidance from our NY staff, but it's our understanding we have a live interview with the Attorney General tomorrow at DOJ.

Could you please tell us where the interview will take place and if you could make any necessary patches for us? And if you could also let us know what time we can arrive, we'll button this up ASAP.

Our crew will be:

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Thanks so much,

Nathalie Joost
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FBI RELEASES 2016 REPORT ON CRIME IN THE UNITED STATES

WASHINGTON – The Federal Bureau of Investigation today released the 2016 edition of its Crime in the United States (CIUS) report, a part of the FBI's Uniform Crime Reports (UCR). The report, which covers January-December 2016, reaffirms that the worrying violent crime increase that began in 2015 after many years of decline was not an isolated incident. The violent crime rate increased by 3.4 percent nationwide in 2016, the largest single-year increase in 25 years. The nationwide homicide rate increased by 7.9 percent, for a total increase of more than 20 percent in the nationwide homicide rate since 2014.

“For the sake of all Americans, we must confront and turn back the rising tide of violent crime. And we must do it together,” Attorney General Jeff Sessions said. “The Department of Justice is committed to working with our state, local, and tribal partners across the country to deter violent crime, dismantle criminal organizations and gangs, stop the scourge of drug trafficking, and send a strong

message to criminals that we will not surrender our communities to lawlessness and violence.”

The report released today also adjusts and corrects numbers for 2015, showing that the violent crime rate actually increased by 3.3 percent (as opposed to 3.1 percent, as previously reported) in 2015. The violent crime rate increases in 2015 and 2016 each represented the largest single-year increases in the violent crime rate since 1991. These increases were nationwide, with the average violent crime rate increasing in cities over 250,000 in population, in cities under 10,000 in population, in suburban areas, and in every size in-between. In addition to the 7.9 percent homicide rate increase in 2016, the corrected numbers show the homicide rate increased by 11.4 percent in 2015, for a total increase of more than 20 percent from 2014-2016. Rapes, robberies, and aggravated assaults also each continued to increase nationwide in 2016.

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He more or less stuck to script. Here's some parts I thought tucker would like. Note KKK comparison on tactics to antifa.

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Starting today, the Department of Justice will do its part in this struggle. We will enforce federal law, defend free speech, and protect students' free expression from whatever end of the political spectrum it may come. To that end, we are filing a Statement of Interest in a campus free speech case this week and we will be filing more in the weeks and months to come.

This month, we marked the 230th anniversary of our Constitution. This month, we also marked the 54th anniversary of the [16th Street](#) Baptist Church bombing in Birmingham. Four little girls died that day as they changed into their choir robes because the Klan wanted to silence the voices fighting for civil rights. But their voices were not silenced. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. would call them "the martyred heroines of a holy crusade for freedom and human dignity," and I urge

you to go back and read that eulogy and consider what it had to say to each of us. This is the true legacy of free speech that has been handed down to you. It was bought with a price. This is the heritage that you have been given and which you must protect.

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Washington, DC

Remarks as prepared for delivery

Thank you for that kind introduction. I am so pleased to be here at Georgetown Law and to be speaking at the Georgetown Center for the Constitution where the exchange of ideas is both welcomed and encouraged. Thank you, Professor Barnett for that introduction and for hosting me here with your students. And thank you students for letting me take part in this important conversation with you.

As you embark on another school year, you and hundreds of your peers across this campus will, we hope, continue the intellectual journey that is higher education. You will discover new areas of knowledge; you will engage in debates great and small; many of your views will be challenged and some changed. You will—if your institutions follow our nation’s historic cultural and education traditions—pursue truth while growing in mind and spirit. In short, we hope you will take part in the right of every American: the free, robust, and sometimes contentious exchange of ideas.

As you exercise these rights, realize how precious, how rare, and how fragile they are. In most societies throughout history and in so many that I have had the opportunity to visit, such rights do not exist. In these places, openly criticizing the government or expressing unorthodox opinions could land you in jail or worse.

Let me tell you about one such example. It occurred one autumn when a few idealistic university students came together as a group to advocate for a deeply felt political creed. Wanting to recruit others to their cause, they staked out some ground on a campus walkway popular with students and approached them as they passed.

They said things like: “Do you like freedom? Do you like liberty?” and then they offered to these passersby a document they revered and believed stood for these ideals: the U.S. Constitution. These young proselytizers for liberty did not block the walkway, did not disrupt surrounding activities, and did not use intimidation or violence to press their cause.

Nevertheless, a local government official labeled this behavior “provocative” and in violation of government policy. When the young people bravely refused to stop, citing their right to free speech, the local official had them arrested, handcuffed, and jailed.

This troubling incident could have occurred under any number of tyrannies where the bedrock American ideals of freedom of thought and speech have no foothold. But this incident happened right here in the United States, just last year, at a public college in Battle Creek, Michigan. A state official actually had students jailed for handing out copies of the United States Constitution.

Freedom of thought and speech on the American campus are under attack.

The American university was once the center of academic freedom—a place of robust debate, a forum for the competition of ideas. But it is transforming into an echo chamber of political correctness and homogenous thought, a shelter for fragile egos.

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In addition to written speech codes, many colleges now deign to “tolerate” free speech only in certain, geographically limited, “free speech zones.” For example, a student recently filed suit against Pierce College, a public school in southern California, alleging that it prohibited him from distributing Spanish-language copies of the U.S. Constitution outside the school’s free speech zone.

The size of this free speech zone? 616 square feet—an area barely the size of a couple of college dorm rooms. These cramped zones are eerily similar to what the Supreme Court warned against in the seminal 1969 *Tinker v. Des Moines* case about student speech:

“Freedom of expression would not truly exist if the right could be exercised only in an area that a benevolent government has provided as a safe haven.”

College administrators also have silenced speech by permitting “the heckler’s veto” to control who gets to speak and what messages are conveyed. In these instances, administrators discourage or prohibit speech if there is even a threat that it will be met with protest. In other words, the school favors the heckler’s disruptive tactics over the speaker’s First Amendment rights. These administrators seem to forget that, as the Supreme Court put it in *Watson v. City of Memphis* more than 50 years ago, “constitutional rights may not be denied simply because of hostility to their assertion or exercise.”

This permissive attitude toward the heckler’s veto has spawned a cottage industry of protestors who have quickly learned that school administrators will capitulate to their demands.

Protestors are now routinely shutting down speeches and debates across the country in an effort to silence voices that insufficiently conform with their views.

A frightening example occurred this year at Middlebury College. Student protestors violently shut down a debate between an invited speaker and one of the school’s own professors. As soon as the event began, the protestors shouted for 20 minutes, preventing the debate from occurring.

When the debaters attempted to move to a private broadcasting location, the protestors—many in masks, a common tactic also used by the detestable Ku Klux Klan—pulled fire alarms, surrounded the speakers, and began physically assaulting them. In short, Middlebury students engaged in a violent riot to ensure that neither they nor their fellow students would hear speech they may have disagreed with.

Indeed, the crackdown on speech crosses creeds, races, issues, and religions. At Brown University, a speech to promote transgender rights was cancelled after students protested because a Jewish group cosponsored the lecture. Virginia Tech disinvited an African American speaker because he had written on race issues and they worried about protests disrupting the event.

This is not right. This is not in the great tradition of America. And, yet, school administrators bend to this behavior. In effect, they coddle it and encourage it.

Just over a week ago, after the Orwellian-named “anti-fascist” protestors had successfully shut down numerous campus speaker events in recent months with violent riots, Berkeley was reportedly forced to spend more than \$600,000 and have an overwhelming police presence simply to prove that the mob was not in control of the campus.

In advance, the school offered “counseling” to any students or faculty whose “sense of safety or belonging” was threatened by a speech from Ben Shapiro—a 33-year-old Harvard trained lawyer who has been frequently targeted by anti-Semites for his Jewish faith and who vigorously condemns hate speech on both the left and right.

In the end, Mr. Shapiro spoke to a packed house. And to my knowledge, no one fainted, no one was unsafe. No one needed counseling.

Yet, after this small victory for free speech, a student speaking to a reporter said in reaction, “I don’t think Berkley should host any controversial speakers, on either side.” That is, perhaps, the worst lesson to take away from this episode.

I know that the vast majority of students like you at the Constitution Center need no lecture on the dangers of government-imposed group think. But we have seen a rash of incidents often perpetrated by small groups of those students and professors unable or unwilling to defend their own beliefs in the public forum.

Unfortunately, their acts have been tolerated by administrators and shrugged off by other students. So let us directly address the question: Why should we worry that free speech is in retreat at our universities?

Of course, for publicly run institutions, the easy answer is that upholding free speech rights is not an option, but an unshakable requirement of the First Amendment. As Justice Robert Jackson once explained: “If there is a fixed star in our constitutional constellation, it is that no official, high or petty, can prescribe what shall be orthodox in politics, nationalism, religion, or other matters of opinion.”

But even setting aside the law, the more fundamental issue is that the university is supposed to be the place where we train virtuous citizens. It is where the next generation of Americans are equipped to contribute to and live in a diverse and free society filled with many, often contrary, voices.

Our legal heritage, upon which the Founders crafted the Bill of Rights, taught that reason and knowledge produced the closest approximation to truth—and from truth may arise justice. But reason requires discourse and, frequently, argument. And that is why the free speech guarantee is found not just in the First Amendment, but also permeates our institutions, our traditions, and our Constitution.

The jury trial, the right to cross-examine witnesses, the Speech & Debate Clause, the very art and practice of lawyering—all of these are rooted in the idea that speech, reason, and confrontation are the very bedrock of a good society. In fact, these practices are designed to ascertain what is the truth. And from that truth, good policies and actions can be founded.

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The right to freely examine the moral and the immoral, the prudent and the foolish, the practical and the inefficient, and the right to argue for their merits or demerits remain indispensable for a healthy republic. This has been known since the beginning of our nation.

James Madison knew this when, as part of his protest against the Alien and Sedition Acts—the speech codes of his day—he said that the freedom of speech is “the only effectual guardian of every other right.”

And, in a quote that I am reminded of daily in this job, Thomas Jefferson knew this when he said in words now chiseled in the stone of his memorial, “I swear upon the altar of God eternal hostility against every form of tyranny over the mind of man.”

Soon you will be the professor, the university president, the Attorney General, and even the President of the United States. And you will have your own pressing issues to grapple with. But I promise you that no issue is better decided with less debate, indifference, and with voices unheard.

There are those who will say that certain speech isn't deserving of protection. They will say that some speech is hurtful—even hateful. They will point to the very speech and beliefs that we abhor as Americans. But the right of free speech does not exist only to protect the ideas upon which most agree at a given moment in time.

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Just released

Harris Faulkner's new show will be starting Monday. She will be the permanent host of the 1p hour. This would be a one-on-one with Harris.

If AG can join her Monday – or another day one day next week we would greatly appreciate it

Thank you!

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Will check. On free speech stuff?

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Quick question would AG Sessions be able to join us on Monday for a big show in the 1p hour?

I can give more details later but curious if timing might work.

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What time would she need to be there for 11:20 hit?

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Do you have yet?

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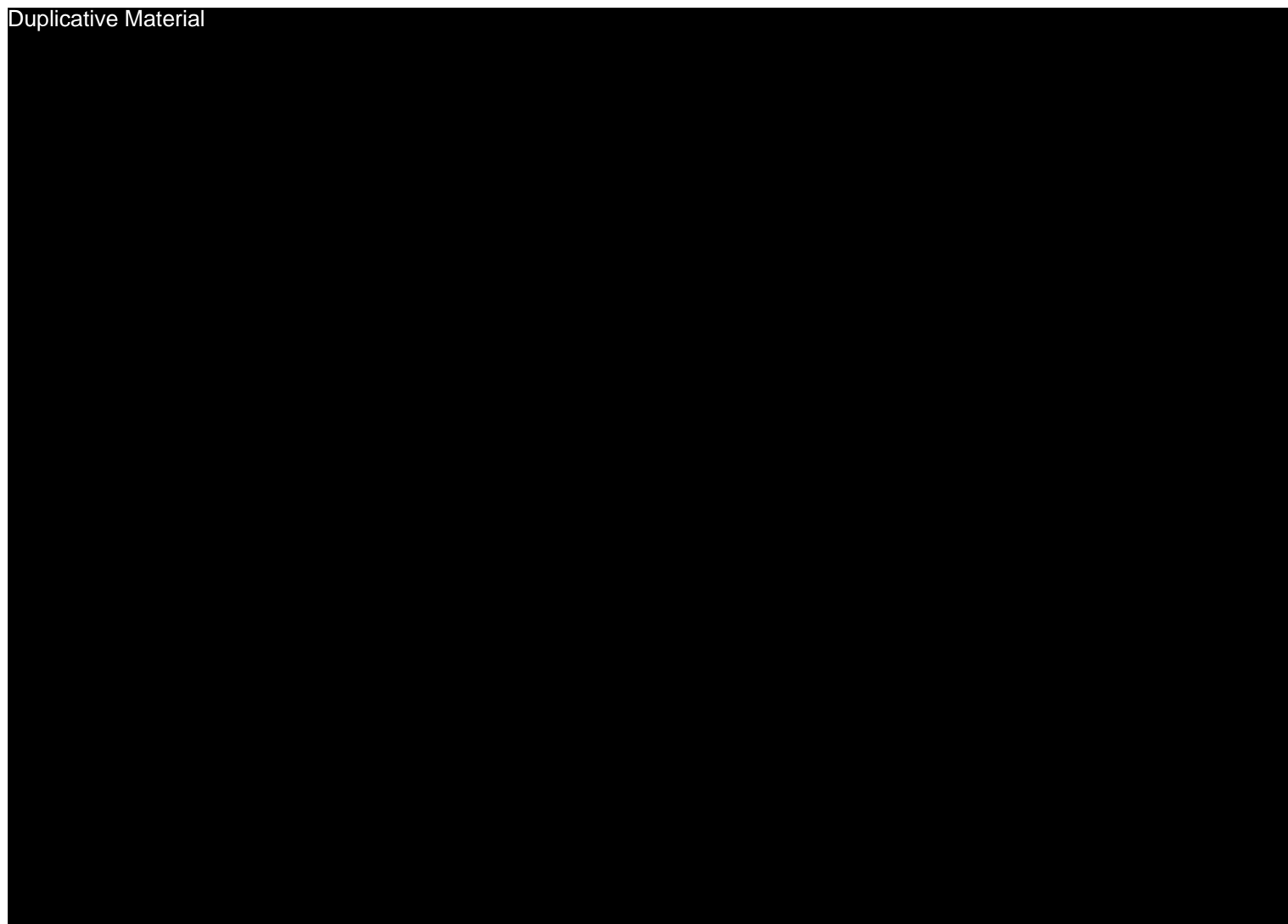
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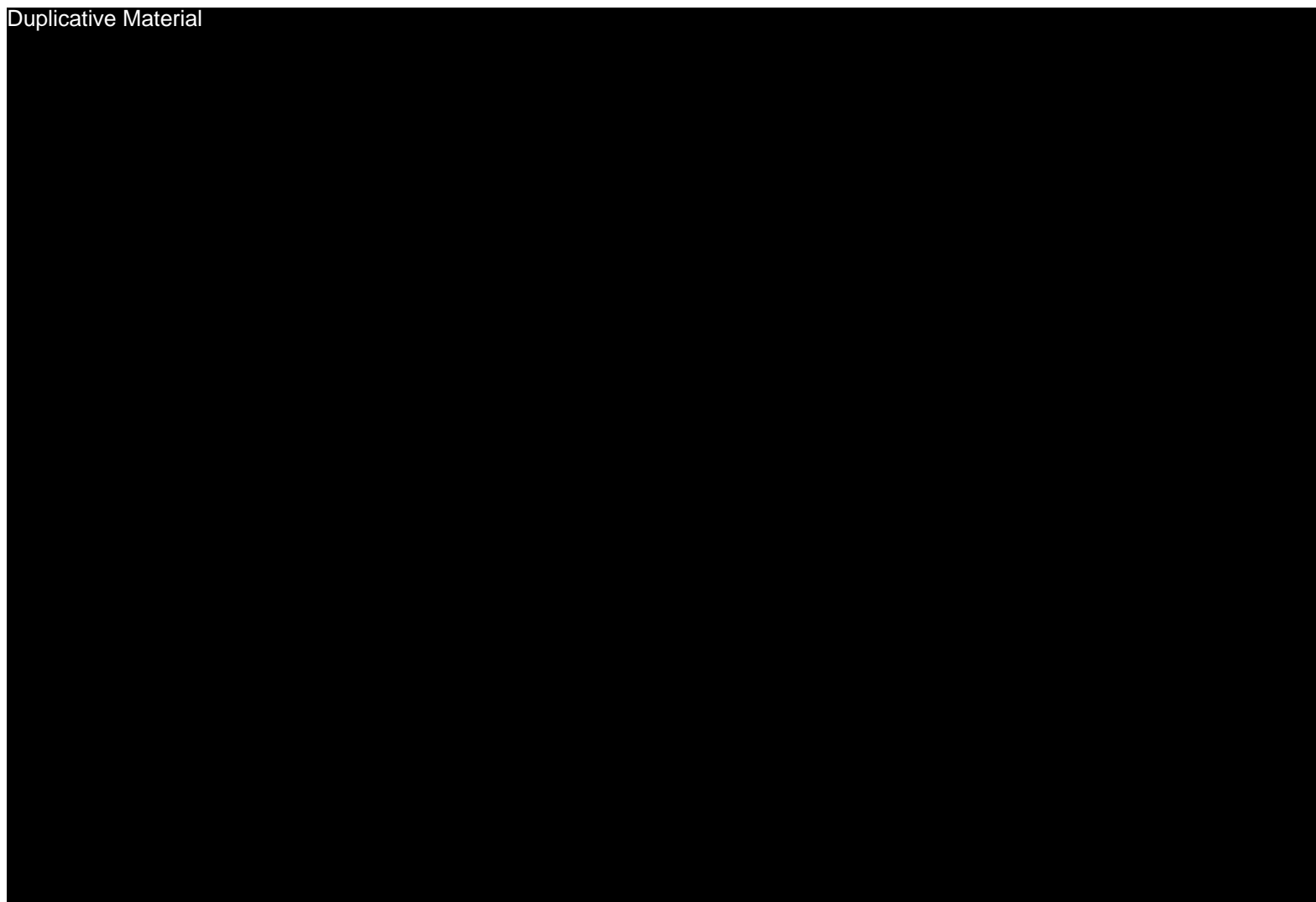
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We'll need her at the studio by 10:40a please.
Or 1045a. Just want to be sure she has time for makeup before being seated at 11:10a. Live at 1120a.

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Thank you for that kind introduction. I am so pleased to be here at Georgetown Law and to be speaking at the Georgetown Center for the Constitution where the exchange of ideas is both welcomed and encouraged. Thank you, Professor Barnett for that introduction and for hosting me here with your students. And thank you students for letting me take part in this important conversation with you.

As you embark on another school year, you and hundreds of your peers across this campus will, we hope, continue the intellectual journey that is higher education. You will discover new areas of knowledge; you will engage in debates great and small; many of your views will be challenged and some changed. You will if your institutions follow our nation's historic cultural and education traditions pursue truth while growing in mind and spirit. In short, we hope you will take part in the right of every American: the free, robust, and sometimes contentious exchange of ideas.

As you exercise these rights, realize how precious, how rare, and how fragile they are. In most societies throughout history and in so many that I have had the opportunity to visit, such rights do not exist. In these places, openly criticizing the government or expressing unorthodox opinions could land you in jail or worse.

Let me tell you about one such example. It occurred one autumn when a few idealistic university students came together as a group to advocate for a deeply felt political creed. Wanting to recruit others to their cause, they staked out some ground on a campus walkway popular with students and approached them as they passed.

They said things like: "Do you like freedom? Do you like liberty?" and then they offered to these passersby a document they revered and believed stood for these ideals: the U.S. Constitution. These young proselytizers for liberty did not block the walkway, did not disrupt surrounding activities, and did not use intimidation or violence to press their cause.

Nevertheless, a local government official labeled this behavior "provocative" and in violation of government policy. When the young people bravely refused to stop, citing their right to free speech, the local official had them arrested, handcuffed, and jailed.

This troubling incident could have occurred under any number of tyrannies where the bedrock American ideals of freedom of thought and speech have no foothold. But this incident happened right here in the United States, just last year, at a public college in Battle Creek, Michigan. A state official actually had students jailed for handing out copies of the United States Constitution.

Freedom of thought and speech on the American campus are under attack.

The American university was once the center of academic freedom a place of robust debate, a forum for the competition of ideas. But it is transforming into an echo chamber of political correctness and homogenous thought, a shelter for fragile egos.

In 2017, the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education surveyed 450 colleges and universities across the country and found that 40 percent maintain speech codes that substantially infringe on

constitutionally protected speech. Of the public colleges surveyed, which are bound by the First Amendment, fully one-third had written policies banning disfavored speech.

For example, at Boise State University in Idaho, the Student Code of Conduct prohibits “[c]onduct that a reasonable person would find offensive.” At Clemson University in South Carolina, the Student Code of Conduct bans any verbal or physical act that creates an “offensive educational, work or living environment.”

But who decides what is offensive and what is acceptable? The university is about the search for truth, not the imposition of truth by a government censor.

Speech and civility codes violate what the late Justice Antonin Scalia rightly called “the first axiom of the First Amendment,” which is that, “as a general rule, the state has no power to ban speech on the basis of its content.” In this great land, the government does not get to tell you what to think or what to say.

In addition to written speech codes, many colleges now deign to “tolerate” free speech only in certain, geographically limited, “free speech zones.” For example, a student recently filed suit against Pierce College, a public school in southern California, alleging that it prohibited him from distributing Spanish-language copies of the U.S. Constitution outside the school’s free speech zone.

The size of this free speech zone? 616 square feet – an area barely the size of a couple of college dorm rooms. These cramped zones are eerily similar to what the Supreme Court warned against in the seminal 1969 *Tinker v. Des Moines* case about student speech:

“Freedom of expression would not truly exist if the right could be exercised only in an area that a benevolent government has provided as a safe haven.”

College administrators also have silenced speech by permitting “the heckler’s veto” to control who gets to speak and what messages are conveyed. In these instances, administrators discourage or prohibit speech if there is even a threat that it will be met with protest. In other words, the school favors the heckler’s disruptive tactics over the speaker’s First Amendment rights. These administrators seem to forget that, as the Supreme Court put it in *Watson v. City of Memphis* more than 50 years ago, “constitutional rights may not be denied simply because of hostility to their assertion or exercise.”

This permissive attitude toward the heckler’s veto has spawned a cottage industry of protestors who have quickly learned that school administrators will capitulate to their demands.

Protestors are now routinely shutting down speeches and debates across the country in an effort to silence voices that insufficiently conform with their views.

A frightening example occurred this year at Middlebury College. Student protestors violently shut down a debate between an invited speaker and one of the school’s own professors. As soon as the event began, the protestors shouted for 20 minutes, preventing the debate from occurring.

When the debaters attempted to move to a private broadcasting location, the protestors – many in masks, a common tactic also used by the detestable Ku Klux Klan – pulled fire alarms, surrounded the speakers, and began physically assaulting them. In short, Middlebury students engaged in a violent riot to ensure that neither they nor their fellow students would hear speech they may have disagreed with.

Indeed, the crackdown on speech crosses creeds, races, issues, and religions. At Brown University, a speech to promote transgender rights was cancelled after students protested because a Jewish group cosponsored the lecture. Virginia Tech disinvited an African American speaker because he had written on race issues and they worried about protests disrupting the event.

This is not right. This is not in the great tradition of America. And, yet, school administrators bend to this behavior. In effect, they coddle it and encourage it.

Just over a week ago, after the Orwellian-named “anti-fascist” protestors had successfully shut down numerous campus speaker events in recent months with violent riots, Berkeley was reportedly forced to spend more than \$600,000 and have an overwhelming police presence simply to prove that the mob was not in control of the campus.

In advance, the school offered “counseling” to any students or faculty whose “sense of safety or belonging” was threatened by a speech from Ben Shapiro—a 33-year-old Harvard trained lawyer who has been frequently targeted by anti-Semites for his Jewish faith and who vigorously condemns hate speech on both the left and right.

In the end, Mr. Shapiro spoke to a packed house. And to my knowledge, no one fainted, no one was unsafe. No one needed counseling.

Yet, after this small victory for free speech, a student speaking to a reporter said in reaction, “I don’t think Berkley should host any controversial speakers, on either side.” That is, perhaps, the worst lesson to take away from this episode.

I know that the vast majority of students like you at the Constitution Center need no lecture on the dangers of government-imposed group think. But we have seen a rash of incidents often perpetrated by small groups of those students and professors unable or unwilling to defend their own beliefs in the public forum.

Unfortunately, their acts have been tolerated by administrators and shrugged off by other students. So let us directly address the question: Why should we worry that free speech is in retreat at our universities?

Of course, for publicly run institutions, the easy answer is that upholding free speech rights is not an option, but an unshakable requirement of the First Amendment. As Justice Robert Jackson once explained: “If there is a fixed star in our constitutional constellation, it is that no official, high or petty, can prescribe what shall be orthodox in politics, nationalism, religion, or other matters of opinion.”

But even setting aside the law, the more fundamental issue is that the university is supposed to be the place where we train virtuous citizens. It is where the next generation of Americans are equipped to contribute to and live in a diverse and free society filled with many, often contrary, voices.

Our legal heritage, upon which the Founders crafted the Bill of Rights, taught that reason and knowledge produced the closest approximation to truth—and from truth may arise justice. But reason requires discourse and, frequently, argument. And that is why the free speech guarantee is found not just in the First Amendment, but also permeates our institutions, our traditions, and our Constitution.

The jury trial, the right to cross-examine witnesses, the Speech & Debate Clause, the very art and practice of lawyering—all of these are rooted in the idea that speech, reason, and confrontation are

the very bedrock of a good society. In fact, these practices are designed to ascertain what is the truth. And from that truth, good policies and actions can be founded.

The Federalists against the Anti-federalists, Abraham Lincoln against Stephen Douglas, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. against George Wallace. Indeed, it was the power of Dr. King's words that crushed segregation and overcame the violence of the segregationists. At so many times in our history as a people, it was speech and still more speech that led Americans to a more just, more perfect union.

The right to freely examine the moral and the immoral, the prudent and the foolish, the practical and the inefficient, and the right to argue for their merits or demerits remain indispensable for a healthy republic. This has been known since the beginning of our nation.

James Madison knew this when, as part of his protest against the Alien and Sedition Acts the speech codes of his day he said that the freedom of speech is "the only effectual guardian of every other right."

And, in a quote that I am reminded of daily in this job, Thomas Jefferson knew this when he said in words now chiseled in the stone of his memorial, "I swear upon the altar of God eternal hostility against every form of tyranny over the mind of man."

Soon you will be the professor, the university president, the Attorney General, and even the President of the United States. And you will have your own pressing issues to grapple with. But I promise you that no issue is better decided with less debate, indifference, and with voices unheard.

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Sent: Tuesday, September 26, 2017 1:15 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: RE: Tucker- Tuesday

Great event! Are you able to send over the transcript?

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
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To: Fanning, Elizabeth <Elizabeth.Fanning@FOXNEWS.COM>
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Tucker- Tuesday

We'll definitely have some controversial lines. Will send you embargoed copy in the am. Here's some excerpts:

"Freedom of thought and speech on the American campus are under attack."

"Whereas the American university was once was the center of academic freedom a place of robust debate, a forum for the competition of ideas it is transforming into an echo chamber of political correctness and homogenous thought, a shelter for fragile egos."

"...But who is to decide what is offensive and what is acceptable, what is odious and what is good? The university is supposed to be about the search for truth, not the imposition of truth by a government censor."

"...This has allowed a cottage industry of protestors to crop up who understand school administrators will capitulate to their demands and are now routinely shutting down speeches and debates across the country in an effort to silence voices that are insufficiently orthodox on their pet issues."

"...But the right of free speech does not exist to protect the speech we all agree on. It exists to protect the very speech that we don't want to hear."

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To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Tucker- Tuesday

No worries! Thanks for working it out. Is there any information you can get me on the event tomorrow?

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [<mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>]
Sent: Monday, September 25, 2017 4:26 PM
To: Fanning, Elizabeth <Elizabeth.Fanning@FOXNEWS.COM>
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>
Subject: FW: Tucker- Tuesday

Yep! This works. So sorry for the mess up.

From: Fanning, Elizabeth [<mailto:Elizabeth.Fanning@FOXNEWS.COM>]
Sent: Monday, September 25, 2017 3:01 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Tucker- Tuesday

Gotcha! Could you do around 5:15?

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [<mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>]
Sent: Monday, September 25, 2017 2:57 PM
To: Fanning, Elizabeth <Elizabeth.Fanning@FOXNEWS.COM>; Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Tucker- Tuesday

Its my fault. He had a dinner that he is attending that I forgot about (bc those never happen!) and the seated part starts at 715. He's at the head table—so there's really no way to pull him without it causing a scene because of the security detail etc. If it wont work to pretape (which I understand!), it may not work this time. Very sorry!

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Cc: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Tucker- Tuesday

We would much rather live. We really don't do pretapes like this right now. any way you can make live work?

From: Prior, Ian (OPA) [<mailto:Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>]
Sent: Monday, September 25, 2017 1:59 PM
To: Fanning, Elizabeth <Elizabeth.Fanning@FOXNEWS.COM>
Cc: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: Tucker- Tuesday

Running into a little bit of an issue time wise. Any chance to pretape it?

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On Sep 25, 2017, at 12:10 PM, Fanning, Elizabeth <Elizabeth.Fanning@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Yes

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 25, 2017, at 09:50, Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Hey Elizabeth,

We're definitely going to do this. Let me know what you need

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To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Tucker- Tuesday

Awesome! Is he doing any other interviews on Tuesday? Thanks!

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Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 7:37 PM
To: Fanning, Elizabeth
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: Re: Tucker Tuesday

Ian is handling logistics but yes, we're in!

On Sep 22, 2017, at 7:28 PM, Fanning, Elizabeth <Elizabeth.Fanning@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Hi guys!

Happy Friday hope all is well! Tucker mentioned that the AG is doing a speech at Georgetown on Tuesday and is interested in coming on the broadcast. We can make that work on our end does it work for you guys?

Let me know what you think.

Thanks!

Liz

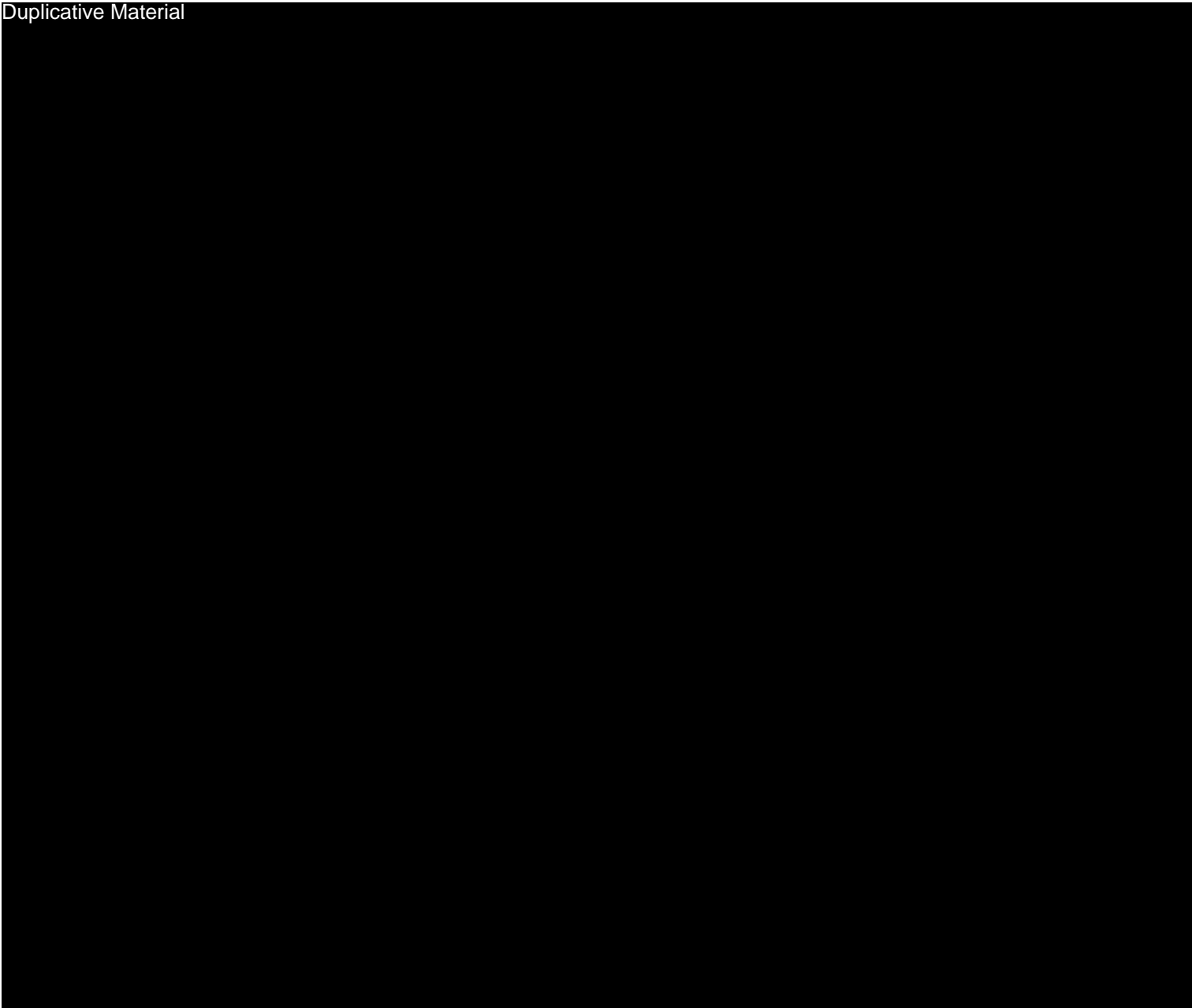
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To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: RE: Tucker- Tuesday

Awesome. Thank you much!

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Sent: Monday, September 25, 2017 8:20 PM
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Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>
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From: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Sent: Monday, September 25, 2017 5:32 PM
To: Fanning, Elizabeth; Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: RE: Tucker- Tuesday

Right now we have some speech experts and the location time etc. Will forward speech as soon as we can

"Freedom of thought and speech on the American campus are under attack."

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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2017

ATTORNEY GENERAL SESSIONS TO GIVE REMARKS ABOUT FREE SPEECH ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES

******* MEDIA ADVISORY *******

WASHINGTON – The Georgetown Center for the Constitution hosts Attorney General Jeff Sessions at Georgetown University Law Center on **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2017**. The Attorney General will give remarks about free speech on college campuses.

WHO:

Attorney General Jeff Sessions;

Professor Randy Barnett, Director of the Georgetown Center for the Constitution at Georgetown Law.

WHAT:

Attorney General Jeff Sessions will give remarks about free speech on college campuses at Georgetown University Law Center.

Remarks will be followed by a conversation with Professor Randy Barnett.

WHEN:

Tuesday, September 26, 2017
12:00 p.m. EDT

WHERE:

Georgetown University Law Center
Hart Auditorium
600 New Jersey Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20001

OPEN PRESS - MANDATED TV POOL

(Preset at 11:30 a.m. // Final Access 11:30 a.m.)

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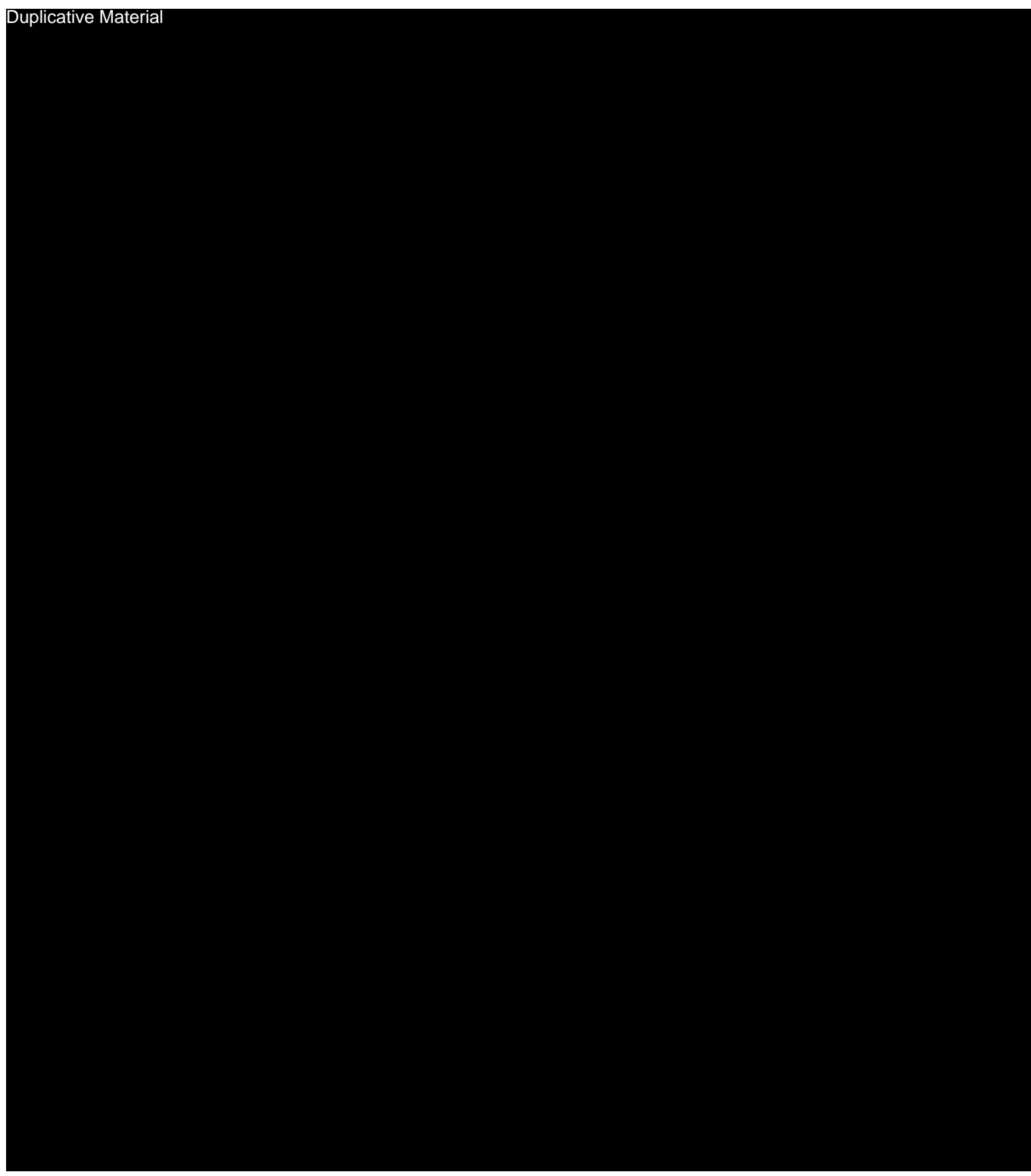
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Cc: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: RE: Tucker- Tuesday

That is fine! I'll know the exact time tomorrow. is there a time he needs to be clear on the other end?

From: Prior, Ian (OPA) [mailto:Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov]
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To: Fanning, Elizabeth <Elizabeth.Fanning@FOXNEWS.COM>
Cc: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Tucker- Tuesday

Can we do it not exactly at top of hour? He has something at 7 and we don't want to rush too much

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From: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Sent: Monday, September 25, 2017 12:16 PM
To: Fanning, Elizabeth
Cc: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Re: Tucker- Tuesday

Confirmed. 8 pm
Hour? We can go there

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On Sep 25, 2017, at 12:10 PM, Fanning, Elizabeth <Elizabeth.Fanning@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

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From: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Sent: Monday, September 25, 2017 12:06 PM
To: Fanning, Elizabeth
Cc: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Re: Tucker- Tuesday

Is Tucker in D.C.?

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On Sep 25, 2017, at 11:42 AM, Fanning, Elizabeth <Elizabeth.Fanning@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

great! Live in the 8pm? Will you be in DC?

Sent from my iPhone

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To: Fanning, Elizabeth
Cc: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Re: Tucker- Tuesday


He's going to do a radio interview but Tucker will have the run on tv

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From: Alex Pfeiffer <pfeiffer@dailycaller.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 26, 2017 1:08 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: Re: hey

Yeah thats what i changed it to.....
fuck sorry about getting your name wrong. Meant no disrespect.

On Tue, Sep 26, 2017 at 1:05 PM, Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Nothing really, but since she is now the USA it should prob read

Which, at the time the case was brought, was led by Channing Phillips, an Obama appointee

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Sent: Tuesday, September 26, 2017 1:02 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: hey

Shit. Sorry. I spaced out. Confused you there with Michael Short. What does Jessie Liu have to do with the peace she isnt in it?

On Tue, Sep 26, 2017 at 12:57 PM, Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Good stuff but two things:

1. Channing Phillips was USA at time that case was brought. Jessie Liu is not the USA. So I think that's an easy fix.
2. And its Ian PRIOR not Ian SHORT!!

Thx!

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Sent: Tuesday, September 26, 2017 1:05 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: Re: hey

oh isee what you mean

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To: Fanning, Elizabeth
Subject: RE: fyi

Also check this out

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To: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: fyi

Thank you! will you be able to send over a transcript of the speech when you get a second? I am watching. Very good so far

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Sent: Tuesday, September 26, 2017 12:16 PM
To: Carlson, Tucker <Tucker.Carlson@FOXNEWS.COM>; Fanning, Elizabeth <Elizabeth.Fanning@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: fyi

Live outside the Georgetown Law protest of Jeff Sessions speaking on campus asking people why they're here today.
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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2017

**ATTORNEY GENERAL SESSIONS GIVE AN ADDRESS ON THE
IMPORTANCE OF FREE SPEECH ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES**

Washington, DC

Remarks as prepared for delivery

Thank you for that kind introduction. I am so pleased to be here at Georgetown Law and to be speaking at the Georgetown Center for the Constitution where the exchange of ideas is both welcomed and encouraged. Thank you, Professor Barnett for that introduction and for hosting me here with your students. And thank you students for letting me take part in this important conversation with you.

As you embark on another school year, you and hundreds of your peers across this campus will, we hope, continue the intellectual journey that is higher education. You will discover new areas of knowledge; you will engage in debates great and small; many of your views will be challenged and some changed. You will—if your institutions follow our nation’s historic cultural and education

traditions—pursue truth while growing in mind and spirit. In short, we hope you will take part in the right of every American: the free, robust, and sometimes contentious exchange of ideas.

As you exercise these rights, realize how precious, how rare, and how fragile they are. In most societies throughout history and in so many that I have had the opportunity to visit, such rights do not exist. In these places, openly criticizing the government or expressing unorthodox opinions could land you in jail or worse.

Let me tell you about one such example. It occurred one autumn when a few idealistic university students came together as a group to advocate for a deeply felt political creed. Wanting to recruit others to their cause, they staked out some ground on a campus walkway popular with students and approached them as they passed.

They said things like: “Do you like freedom? Do you like liberty?” and then they offered to these passersby a document they revered and believed stood for these ideals: the U.S. Constitution. These young proselytizers for liberty did not block the walkway, did not disrupt surrounding activities, and did not use intimidation or violence to press their cause.

Nevertheless, a local government official labeled this behavior “provocative” and in violation of government policy. When the young people bravely refused to stop, citing their right to free speech, the local official had them arrested, handcuffed, and jailed.

This troubling incident could have occurred under any number of tyrannies where the bedrock American ideals of freedom of thought and speech have no foothold. But this incident happened right here in the United States, just last year, at a public college in Battle Creek, Michigan. A state official actually had students **jailed** for handing out copies of the United States Constitution.

Freedom of thought and speech on the American campus are under attack.

The American university was once the center of academic freedom—a place of robust debate, a forum for the competition of ideas. But it is transforming into an echo chamber of political correctness and homogenous thought, a shelter for fragile egos.

In 2017, the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education surveyed 450 colleges and universities across the country and found that 40 percent maintain speech codes that substantially infringe on constitutionally protected speech. Of the public colleges surveyed, which are bound by the First Amendment, fully one-third had written policies banning disfavored speech.

For example, at Boise State University in Idaho, the Student Code of Conduct prohibits “[c]onduct that a reasonable person would find offensive.” At Clemson University in South Carolina, the Student Code of Conduct bans any verbal or

physical act that creates an “offensive educational, work or living environment.”

But who decides what is offensive and what is acceptable? The university is about the search for truth, not the imposition of truth by a government censor.

Speech and civility codes violate what the late Justice Antonin Scalia rightly called “the first axiom of the First Amendment,” which is that, “as a general rule, the state has no power to ban speech on the basis of its content.” In this great land, the government does not get to tell you what to think or what to say.

In addition to written speech codes, many colleges now deign to “tolerate” free speech only in certain, geographically limited, “free speech zones.” For example, a student recently filed suit against Pierce College, a public school in southern California, alleging that it prohibited him from distributing Spanish-language copies of the U.S. Constitution outside the school’s free speech zone.

The size of this free speech zone? 616 square feet—an area barely the size of a couple of college dorm rooms. These cramped zones are eerily similar to what the Supreme Court warned against in the seminal 1969 *Tinker v. Des Moines* case about student speech:

“Freedom of expression would not truly exist if the right could be exercised only in an area that a benevolent government has provided as a safe haven.”

College administrators also have silenced speech by permitting “the heckler’s veto” to control who gets to speak and what messages are conveyed. In these instances, administrators discourage or prohibit speech if there is even a threat that it will be met with protest. In other words, the school favors the heckler’s disruptive tactics over the speaker’s First Amendment rights. These administrators seem to forget that, as the Supreme Court put it in *Watson v. City of Memphis* more than 50 years ago, “constitutional rights may not be denied simply because of hostility to their assertion or exercise.”

This permissive attitude toward the heckler’s veto has spawned a cottage industry of protestors who have quickly learned that school administrators will capitulate to their demands.

Protestors are now routinely shutting down speeches and debates across the country in an effort to silence voices that insufficiently conform with their views.

A frightening example occurred this year at Middlebury College. Student protestors violently shut down a debate between an invited speaker and one of the school’s own professors. As soon as the event began, the protestors shouted for 20 minutes, preventing the debate from occurring.

When the debaters attempted to move to a private broadcasting location, the protestors—many in masks, a common tactic also used by the detestable Ku Klux Klan—pulled fire alarms, surrounded the speakers, and began physically assaulting them. In short, Middlebury students engaged in a violent riot to ensure

that neither they nor their fellow students would hear speech they may have disagreed with.

Indeed, the crackdown on speech crosses creeds, races, issues, and religions. At Brown University, a speech to promote transgender rights was cancelled after students protested because a Jewish group cosponsored the lecture. Virginia Tech disinvited an African American speaker because he had written on race issues and they worried about protests disrupting the event.

This is not right. This is not in the great tradition of America. And, yet, school administrators bend to this behavior. In effect, they coddle it and encourage it.

Just over a week ago, after the Orwellian-named “anti-fascist” protestors had successfully shut down numerous campus speaker events in recent months with violent riots, Berkeley was reportedly forced to spend more than \$600,000 and have an overwhelming police presence simply to prove that the mob was not in control of the campus.

In advance, the school offered “counseling” to any students or faculty whose “sense of safety or belonging” was threatened by a speech from Ben Shapiro—a 33-year-old Harvard trained lawyer who has been frequently targeted by anti-Semites for his Jewish faith and who vigorously condemns hate speech on both the left and right.

In the end, Mr. Shapiro spoke to a packed house. And to my knowledge, no one fainted, no one was unsafe. No one needed counseling.

Yet, after this small victory for free speech, a student speaking to a reporter said in reaction, “I don’t think Berkley should host any controversial speakers, on either side.” That is, perhaps, the worst lesson to take away from this episode.

I know that the vast majority of students like you at the Constitution Center need no lecture on the dangers of government-imposed group think. But we have seen a rash of incidents often perpetrated by small groups of those students and professors unable or unwilling to defend their own beliefs in the public forum.

Unfortunately, their acts have been tolerated by administrators and shrugged off by other students. So let us directly address the question: Why should we worry that free speech is in retreat at our universities?

Of course, for publicly run institutions, the easy answer is that upholding free speech rights is not an option, but an unshakable requirement of the First Amendment. As Justice Robert Jackson once explained: “If there is a fixed star in our constitutional constellation, it is that no official, high or petty, can prescribe what shall be orthodox in politics, nationalism, religion, or other matters of opinion.”

But even setting aside the law, the more fundamental issue is that the university is supposed to be the place where we train virtuous citizens. It is where the next

generation of Americans are equipped to contribute to and live in a diverse and free society filled with many, often contrary, voices.

Our legal heritage, upon which the Founders crafted the Bill of Rights, taught that reason and knowledge produced the closest approximation to truth—and from truth may arise justice. But reason requires discourse and, frequently, argument. And that is why the free speech guarantee is found not just in the First Amendment, but also permeates our institutions, our traditions, and our Constitution.

The jury trial, the right to cross-examine witnesses, the Speech & Debate Clause, the very art and practice of lawyering—all of these are rooted in the idea that speech, reason, and confrontation are the very bedrock of a good society. In fact, these practices are designed to ascertain what is the truth. And from that truth, good policies and actions can be founded.

The Federalists against the Anti-federalists, Abraham Lincoln against Stephen Douglas, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. against George Wallace. Indeed, it was the power of Dr. King's words that crushed segregation and overcame the violence of the segregationists. At so many times in our history as a people, it was speech—and still more speech—that led Americans to a more just, more perfect union.

The right to freely examine the moral and the immoral, the prudent and the foolish, the practical and the inefficient, and the right to argue for their merits or demerits remain indispensable for a healthy republic. This has been known since the beginning of our nation.

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Hello,

We are looking forward to seeing you today for lunch with the Attorney General. Attached is the speech that will be given by Attorney General Sessions shortly about the importance of free speech on college campuses. Just for the record, this speech is embargoed until 12:00 p.m.

Best,
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Thank you for that kind introduction. I am so pleased to be here at Georgetown Law and to be speaking at the Georgetown Center for the Constitution where the exchange of ideas is both welcomed and encouraged. Thank you, Professor Barnett for that introduction and for hosting me here with your students. And thank you students for letting me take part in this important conversation with you.

As you embark on another school year, you and hundreds of your peers across this campus will, we hope, continue the intellectual journey that is higher education. You will discover new areas of knowledge; you will engage in debates great and small; many of your views will be challenged and some changed. You will if your institutions follow our nation's historic cultural and education traditions pursue truth while growing in mind and spirit. In short, we hope you will take part in the right of every American: the free, robust, and sometimes contentious exchange of ideas.

As you exercise these rights, realize how precious, how rare, and how fragile they are. In most societies throughout history and in so many that I have had the opportunity to visit, such rights do not exist. In these places, openly criticizing the government or expressing unorthodox opinions could land you in jail or worse.

Let me tell you about one such example. It occurred one autumn when a few idealistic university students came together as a group to advocate for a deeply felt political creed. Wanting to recruit others to their cause, they staked out some ground on a campus walkway popular with students and approached them as they passed.

They said things like: "Do you like freedom? Do you like liberty?" and then they offered to these passersby a document they revered and believed stood for these ideals: the U.S. Constitution. These young proselytizers for liberty did not block the walkway, did not disrupt surrounding activities, and did not use intimidation or violence to press their cause.

Nevertheless, a local government official labeled this behavior "provocative" and in violation of government policy. When the young people bravely refused to stop, citing their right to free speech, the local official had them arrested, handcuffed, and jailed.

This troubling incident could have occurred under any number of tyrannies where the bedrock American ideals of freedom of thought and speech have no foothold. But this incident happened right here in the United States, just last year, at a public college in Battle Creek, Michigan. A state official actually had students *jailed* for handing out copies of the United States Constitution.

Freedom of thought and speech on the American campus are under attack.

The American university was once the center of academic freedom a place of robust debate, a forum for the competition of ideas. But it is transforming into an echo chamber of political correctness and homogenous thought, a shelter for fragile egos.

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In addition to written speech codes, many colleges now deign to “tolerate” free speech only in certain, geographically limited, “free speech zones.” For example, a student recently filed suit against Pierce College, a public school in southern California, alleging that it prohibited him from distributing Spanish-language copies of the U.S. Constitution outside the school’s free speech zone.

The size of this free speech zone? 616 square feet – an area barely the size of a couple of college dorm rooms. These cramped zones are eerily similar to what the Supreme Court warned against in the seminal 1969 *Tinker v. Des Moines* case about student speech:

“Freedom of expression would not truly exist if the right could be exercised only in an area that a benevolent government has provided as a safe haven.”

College administrators also have silenced speech by permitting “the heckler’s veto” to control who gets to speak and what messages are conveyed. In these instances, administrators discourage or prohibit speech if there is even a threat that it will be met with protest. In other words, the school favors the heckler’s disruptive tactics over the speaker’s First Amendment rights. These administrators seem to forget that, as the Supreme Court put it in *Watson v. City of Memphis* more than 50 years ago, “constitutional rights may not be denied simply because of hostility to their assertion or exercise.”

This permissive attitude toward the heckler’s veto has spawned a cottage industry of protestors who have quickly learned that school administrators will capitulate to their demands.

Protestors are now routinely shutting down speeches and debates across the country in an effort to silence voices that insufficiently conform with their views.

A frightening example occurred this year at Middlebury College. Student protestors violently shut down a debate between an invited speaker and one of the school’s own professors. As soon as the event began, the protestors shouted for 20 minutes, preventing the debate from occurring.

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Indeed, the crackdown on speech crosses creeds, races, issues, and religions. At Brown University, a speech to promote transgender rights was cancelled after students protested because a Jewish group cosponsored the lecture. Virginia Tech disinvited an African American speaker because he had written on race issues and they worried about protests disrupting the event.

This is not right. This is not in the great tradition of America. And, yet, school administrators bend to this behavior. In effect, they coddle it and encourage it.

Just over a week ago, after the Orwellian-named “anti-fascist” protestors had successfully shut down numerous campus speaker events in recent months with violent riots, Berkeley was reportedly forced to spend more than \$600,000 and have an overwhelming police presence simply to prove that the mob was not in control of the campus.

In advance, the school offered “counseling” to any students or faculty whose “sense of safety or belonging” was threatened by a speech from Ben Shapiro—a 33-year-old Harvard trained lawyer who has been frequently targeted by anti-Semites for his Jewish faith and who vigorously condemns hate speech on both the left and right.

In the end, Mr. Shapiro spoke to a packed house. And to my knowledge, no one fainted, no one was unsafe. No one needed counseling.

Yet, after this small victory for free speech, a student speaking to a reporter said in reaction, “I don’t think Berkley should host any controversial speakers, on either side.” That is, perhaps, the worst lesson to take away from this episode.

I know that the vast majority of students like you at the Constitution Center need no lecture on the dangers of government-imposed group think. But we have seen a rash of incidents often perpetrated by small groups of those students and professors unable or unwilling to defend their own beliefs in the public forum.

Unfortunately, their acts have been tolerated by administrators and shrugged off by other students. So let us directly address the question: Why should we worry that free speech is in retreat at our universities?

Of course, for publicly run institutions, the easy answer is that upholding free speech rights is not an option, but an unshakable requirement of the First Amendment. As Justice Robert Jackson once explained: “If there is a fixed star in our constitutional constellation, it is that no official, high or petty, can prescribe what shall be orthodox in politics, nationalism, religion, or other matters of opinion.”

But even setting aside the law, the more fundamental issue is that the university is supposed to be the place where we train virtuous citizens. It is where the next generation of Americans are equipped to contribute to and live in a diverse and free society filled with many, often contrary, voices.

Our legal heritage, upon which the Founders crafted the Bill of Rights, taught that reason and knowledge produced the closest approximation to truth—and from truth may arise justice. But reason requires discourse and, frequently, argument. And that is why the free speech guarantee is found not just in the First Amendment, but also permeates our institutions, our traditions, and our Constitution.

The jury trial, the right to cross-examine witnesses, the Speech & Debate Clause, the very art and practice of lawyering—all of these are rooted in the idea that speech, reason, and confrontation are the very bedrock of a good society. In fact, these practices are designed to ascertain what is the truth. And from that truth, good policies and actions can be founded.

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To: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: Re: any interest in fact checking

Word thanks. I have some shit on my plate but will get around to filing this today.

On Tue, Sep 26, 2017 at 11:04 AM, Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Ok let's do on deep background it will be more effective that way. But here is my on the record statement to the faculty statement: "The Attorney General fully supports the right of faculty members to express their views, even when, as here, the assumptions underlying their viewpoints are based on false premises and inaccurate information."

As for the statement:

AG's own office prosecuting Desiree Fairouz FALSE. This was done by the US Atty for DC. Noteworthy that when the case was filed it was Channing Phillips as US Atty for DC, an Obama US Atty. Same office did the Dreamhost subpoena.

https://www.nytimes.com/2017/05/03/us/code-pink-sessions-laughter-trial.html?mcubz_0&r_0

<http://www.cnn.com/2017/08/24/politics/dreamhost-disruptj20-search-warrant-granted/index.html>

Claim that AG has made clear that the DOJ will not pursue investigations into police shootings of unarmed black man FALSE. He has spoken about investigations and consent decrees of police departments, but has been quite clear about prosecuting police officers individually who violate civil rights. See Slager case announcement and statement.

<https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/former-north-charleston-south-carolina-police-officer-michael-slager-pleads-guilty-federal>

The two agencies that the professors reference are DHS agencies, not DOJ agencies.

<https://www.dhs.gov/countering-violent-extremism>

https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/trumps-homeland-security-department-gives-right-wing-extremists-a-pass/2017/08/31/a0164ab4-8455-11e7-ab27-1a21a8e006ab_story.html?utm_term=.041c49aa0da4

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Sure. Anyway you'd care to point out which facts should be checked on this and with what points? aha

On Tue, Sep 26, 2017 at 10:15 AM, Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov> wrote:

This release by Georgetown faculty?

<https://twitter.com/HeidiLiFeldman/status/912511965704196096/photo/1>

There are so many things wrong with it

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Many thanks, Sarah. Can I call you? If so where? Won't take too much of your time. Yours, James

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Sarah, Hope this finds you well. I am assigned to cover the AG's address on campus free speech today (though I'll be watching it come back live on our screens in the Fox DC bureau). Any background guidance on the address – e.g., how it came to be an event/issue for the AG to take on? Who wrote the speech? What the AG hopes to accomplish with it? Yours cordially, James

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Thanks much.

Do you know if any decisions have been made... as far as the group at UC Berkeley that was asking for a DOJ investigation about their speech getting trampled?

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This month, we marked the 230th anniversary of our Constitution. This month, we also marked the 54th anniversary of the 16th Street Baptist Church bombing in Birmingham. Four little girls died that day as they changed into their choir robes because the Klan wanted to silence the voices fighting for civil rights. But their voices were not silenced. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. would call them "the martyred heroines of a holy crusade for freedom and human dignity," and I urge you to go back and read that eulogy and consider what it had to say to each of us. This is the true legacy of free speech that has been handed down to you. It was bought with a price. This is the heritage that you have been given and which you must protect.

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs
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From: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Sent: Monday, September 25, 2017 5:36 PM
To: Jake Gibson
Subject: who is Fox News op ed poc again?

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From: Maltas, Mike <Mike.Maltas@FOXNEWS.COM>
Sent: Monday, September 25, 2017 4:22 PM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Subject: Fox News: Net Pool for AG Session at Georgetown Law Center Speech, Sep 26

Importance: High

Attn: Devin O'Malley

Devin,
Fox News has been assigned mandated network pool duty for AG Jeff Sessions Tuesday remarks on free speech at noon in the Hart Auditorium, Georgetown University Law Center, 600 New Jersey Avenue NW. We'd like to request an 1100 on site preset. Our crew is bringing a LiveU and an extender (small device that helps boost cell signal).

Our crew...

Editorial Producer: Jake Gibson (b) (6)

Camera (b) (6)

Audio (b) (6)

As a precaution, please clear (b) (6) as well (in case we have a crew sick call).

Our team can always be reached through our DC Desk (b) (6)

Please confirm receipt and let me know if you need anything else.

Thank you

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From: Joost, Nathalie <Nathalie.Joost@FOXNEWS.COM>
Sent: Monday, September 25, 2017 4:13 PM
To: Davis, Patrick; O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Cc: Maltas, Mike
Subject: RE: Mandatory pool requested

+ Mike Maltas who's setting this one up for Fox

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

From: Davis, Patrick [mailto:Patrick.Davis@turner.com]
Sent: Monday, September 25, 2017 4:09 PM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov>
Cc: Joost, Nathalie <Nathalie.Joost@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: Re: Mandatory pool requested

Devin,

FOX will be the pool tomorrow. Adding Nathalie here, so you can coordinate directly with each other.

On 9/24/17, 1:58 PM, "O'Malley, Devin (OPA)" <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Remarks on free speech on college campuses
Georgetown University Law Center
600 New Jersey Avenue NW
Washington, DC
Preset 11:00 am (can be flexible here if it helps)
Start 12:00 pm
I'd be your onsite POC

Sent from my iPhone

> On Sep 24, 2017, at 1:54 PM, Davis, Patrick <Patrick.Davis@turner.com> wrote:
>
> Devin,
>
> Thanks for the heads up. Before I can send it out for a vote, I need all the info for the event:
>
> Description, location/address, preset time, event start time, on site contact, etc.
>
> Patrick Davis
> Field Operations Manager
> CNN Washington
> (b) (6) (office)
> (b) (6) (cell)
> patrick.davis@cnn.com

>
> On Sep 24, 2017, at 12:32 PM, O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov> wrote:
>
> Hi Patrick-
>
> For planning purposes only, Event on Tuesday at Georgetown law in DC requires pool. AG speaking at noon.
>
> Anything else you need from me?
>
> Sent from my iPhone

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From: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Sent: Monday, September 25, 2017 4:03 PM
To: Jake Gibson
Subject: Excerpts

Freedom of thought and speech on the American campus are under attack.

Whereas the American university was once was the center of academic freedom—a place of robust debate, a forum for the competition of ideas—it is transforming into an echo chamber of political correctness and homogenous thought, a shelter for fragile egos.

...But who is to decide what is offensive and what is acceptable, what is odious and what is good? The university is supposed to be about the *search* for truth, not the imposition of truth by a government censor.

...This has allowed a cottage industry of protestors to crop up who understand school administrators will capitulate to their demands and are now routinely shutting down speeches and debates across the country in an effort to silence voices that are insufficiently orthodox on their pet issues.

... But the right of free speech does not exist to protect the speech we all agree on. It exists to protect the very speech that we don't want to hear.

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From: Pettit, Mark T. (OPA)
Sent: Monday, September 25, 2017 1:11 PM
To: mark.t.pettit@usdoj.gov
Subject: Reminder: Lunch with the Attorney General on Tuesday, September 26

Hello,

I have you RSVP'd for the off-the-record group lunch with the Attorney General here at the Department of Justice tomorrow, **Tuesday, September 26**, at **1:00 pm**.

The "Off The Record Lunch" will last for approximately an hour. I will have you cleared to enter the building, please meet me at the Visitors Entrance to the Main Department of Justice Building located at the south side of the building, the approximate address is:

901 Constitution Ave NW
Washington, DC 20530

If you have any more questions or are unable to make it please feel free to reach out to me.

Best,
Mark Pettit

Mark T. Pettit
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From: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Sent: Monday, September 25, 2017 10:30 AM
To: Tucker.Carlson@FOXNEWS.COM; Elizabeth.Fanning@FOXNEWS.COM
Subject: Fwd: FBI RELEASES 2016 REPORT ON CRIME IN THE UNITED STATES

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From: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 8:25 PM
To: Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM; Taylor.Fleming@FOXNEWS.COM
Subject: FBI Crime Stats

You guys can have this as a 7 am exclusive. We won't be sending to everyone until 9 am when the report is actually released by FBI, but you can run with this.

Should be noted that Sessions has taken heat for talking about rising crime, but this report shows that this is the second straight year of national rising violent crime and murders.

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From: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 7:51 PM
To: Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM
Subject: Crime stats

This will be the release we send. Need to have an embargo on it until I give the green light, which should be 9 am. I'll give you guys a 15 minute jump before I release to everyone.

Figure this will allow you to put something together early

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From: DeSanctis, Christine <Christine.DeSanctis@FOXNEWS.COM>
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 6:02 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: Re: Fox News Channel Request

Can I let you know tomorrow? I know he is dying get AG sessions on. How hard would it be in the next week or so?!
Thanks so much!!

On Sep 22, 2017, at 3:52 PM, Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Next week AG is doing a speech on Tues (planning purposes only) about free speech on college campus. While the AG can't do the show, what if we had Associate Attorney General Rachel Brand on to talk about the issue? Tues or Wed

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From: DeSanctis, Christine [<mailto:Christine.DeSanctis@FOXNEWS.COM>]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 8:02 AM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Fox News Channel Request

Morning, Just following up to see if we can set something up?

From: DeSanctis, Christine
Sent: Wednesday, September 20, 2017 8:52 AM
To: Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov
Subject: Fox News Channel Request

Good Morning,

Hope all is well!

My name is Christine and I produce the **Todd Starnes National Radio Show on Fox News Talk**.

Todd is the number one columnist on Foxnews.com and hosts a nationally syndicated radio show from Noon-3pmET.

We would like to invite AG Sessions on to the program.

How can we go about setting this up?

Thanks,
Christine

Christine DeSanctis Bragg
The Todd Starnes Show
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From: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 8:04 AM
To: DeSanctis, Christine
Subject: Re: Fox News Channel Request

Will get back to you

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From: Gibson, Jake <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 5:30 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: Re: Matt Whitaker

Thanks.

On Sep 22, 2017, at 5:20 PM, Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon,

I am confirming that Attorney General Jeff Sessions has appointed Matthew Whitaker to be his new Chief of Staff.

Please find below biographical information about Matt as well as an on-the-record quote from Sen. Joni Ernst:

Matthew Whitaker is a lawyer and the managing partner at Whitaker Hagenow & Gustoff LLP in Des Moines, Iowa. He is also the Executive Director of the Foundation for Accountability & Civic Trust (FACT) in Washington, D.C. a non-profit, non-partisan ethics watchdog organization. Prior to this, Matthew served as the US Attorney for the Southern District of Iowa from 2004-2009. Matt received his undergraduate degree in liberal arts (broadcasting & film production) from Iowa in 1991 and his law degree and MBA from Iowa in 1995. He played football for Iowa (lettered three years at tight end) and was named Academic all-Big Ten in 1990, 91 & 92, was Academic All American in 1992 and won the Big Ten Medal of Honor in 1993.

From Sen. Joni Ernst:

"I am pleased that Matt, a fellow Iowan, will be joining the DOJ as Attorney General Jeff Sessions' new Chief of Staff. Matt brings a strong knowledge of the Department of Justice from his five and a half years as United States Attorney, as well as his decades of legal experience.

"Matt is a tireless advocate for the rule of law and the enforcement of our nation's laws. I know him to be a strong leader, and is a patriot for this country and our Constitution."

The following names are people who will speak to you about Matt. Obviously the following information is not on the record or for republication, but rather to help facilitate your reporting should you need people to reach out to:

Leonard Leo (b) (6) (office)

State Senator and Iowa Senate President Jack Whitve (b) (6) (cell)

State Rep and Iowa House Majority Leader Chris Hageno (b) (6) (cell)

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From: Murray, Andrew <Andrew.Murray@FOXNEWS.COM>
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 12:02 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Cc: Fleming, Taylor; Hadden, Gavin
Subject: Attorney General Sessions

Hi Sarah,

I will be out of the office for the next few weeks, if the Attorney General does have time for us during that time, please let producer Taylor Fleming know.

Thanks in advance,

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On Sep 5, 2017, at 10:09 AM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

I'll get back to y'all later today

On Sep 5, 2017, at 9:45 AM, Murray, Andrew <Andrew.Murray@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Hi Sarah,

Please let us know if we can schedule Attorney General Sessions to appear on "Fox & Friends" tomorrow (Wednesday) for a LIVE 5-7 minute discussion on DACA between 6am -9am ET.

Thanks in advance,

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From: Murray, Andrew <Andrew.Murray@FOXNEWS.COM>
Sent: Wednesday, September 6, 2017 9:57 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Re: Interview with "Fox & Friends" Tomorrow (Wednesday)?

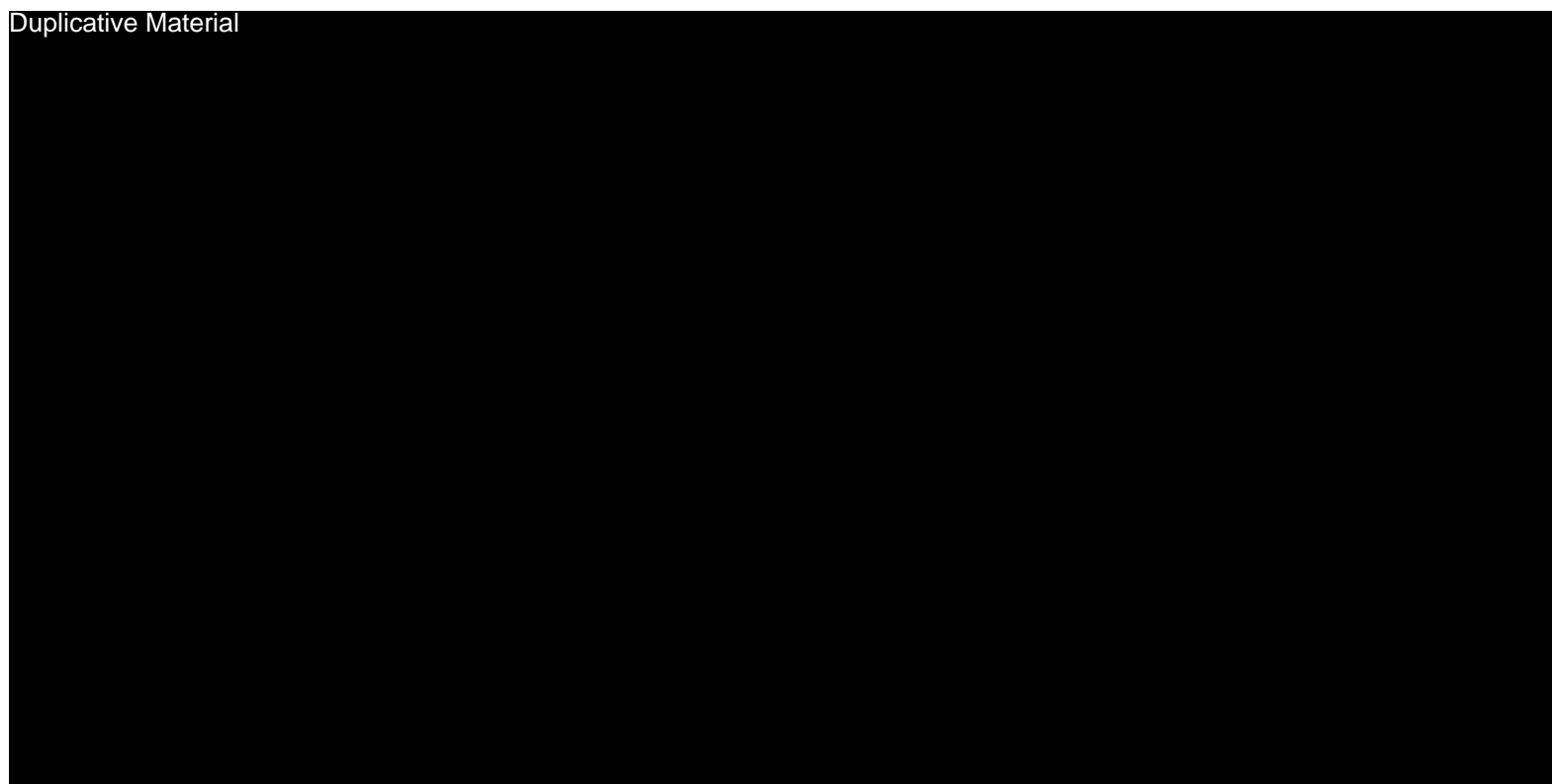
Hi Sarah,

Nice job on CNN this morning, please let us know if we can schedule Attorney General Sessions tomorrow or Friday.

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On Sep 5, 2017, at 10:09 AM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

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From: Fone, Andrew <Andrew.Fone@FOXNEWS.COM>
Sent: Wednesday, September 20, 2017 5:06 PM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Subject: Re: FOX News

Thank you. We will be there bright and early.

Andrew

> On Sep 20, 2017, at 4:47 PM, O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov> wrote:

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> Awesome, thank you. I'll be in touch with more details soon.

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> Sent from my iPhone

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>> On Sep 20, 2017, at 4:44 PM, Fone, Andrew <Andrew.Fone@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

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>> Devin,

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>> FOX News will be at the Boston news conference with Attorney General Sessions.

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>> Andrew Fone, Producer, FOX News

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>> Thank you for your consideration.

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From: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Sent: Wednesday, September 20, 2017 9:56 AM
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Subject: Re: Hey man...

Do you just need the statement?

Ian D. Prior
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On Sep 20, 2017, at 8:54 AM, Gibson, Jake <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

The statement you gave last night about Rosenstein??

You have a sec for that?

From: Prior, Ian (OPA) [<mailto:Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>]
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Subject: Re: Hey man...

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On Sep 20, 2017, at 8:47 AM, Gibson, Jake <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Have a sec?

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Sent: Tuesday, September 19, 2017 10:23 PM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Subject: Sure Devon let me know if I can help you. Lee is down there tonight I am leaving LA around 5 AM which should put me into San Diego shortly before 7 AM so we're flexible as to the attorney general and your schedule.

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ATTORNEY GENERAL SESSIONS DELIVERS REMARKS TO FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES ABOUT SANCTUARY CITIES

Portland, OR

Attorney General Jeff Sessions traveled to Portland, Oregon to talk to federal law enforcement about sanctuary cities stating:

"Sadly, after these tragic cases, the legislature in California where these tragedies occurred has now passed legislation to further limit law enforcement cooperation with immigration enforcement... And I urge Governor Brown not to sign this law that is in front of him. The bill risks the safety of good law enforcement officers and the safety of the neighborhoods that need their protection the most. There are lives and livelihoods at stake."

Full remarks are below.

Remarks as prepared for delivery

Thank you for that kind introduction.

It is an honor to be here with you all with the selfless and courageous men and women of law enforcement. President Trump and this Department of Justice understand your mission. He has directed us to support that mission and support you.

As a former federal prosecutor, for 14 years, I was blessed to work every day with federal, state, and local law enforcement. And there is nothing I am more proud of than what we accomplished together.

We are in the midst of a multi-front battle: an increase in violent crime, a rise in vicious gang activity, an opioid epidemic that it is taking an American life every ten minutes, and threats from terrorism combined with a culture in which family and discipline seem to be eroding further and a disturbing disrespect for the rule of law.

After decreasing for over 20 years because of the hard but necessary work our country started in the 1980s, violent crime is back. The murder rate surged nearly 11 percent nationwide in 2015 the largest increase since 1968. Per capita homicide rates are up in 27 of our 35 largest cities.

And Portland is not immune to these problems. Between 2013 and 2015, the city saw an increase in homicides of more than 140 percent. In 2015, Portland Police received more than 180 calls related to gangs, including shootings, stabbings, and assaults the highest number since they began recording that number nearly 20 years ago, and almost double the count from 2014.

You know the tragic consequences of crime all too well.

You know the story of 17-year-old Jose Morales, who was shot and killed with a rifle, allegedly at the hands of local gang members in Gresham.

Or the story of the 17-year-old from Vancouver who was murdered in the middle of the day in Holladay Park. They had their whole lives ahead of them lives that we and their loved ones will never get to see.

The fundamental duty of this government is to protect the safety and the rights of its citizens. President Trump is a law and order President.

One of his first executive orders was to back our police and another was to reduce crime in America. That is our goal. That is your goal. We must not cave to rising crime. Working together, with professionalism and dedication we can begin to turn this pernicious trend.

To get on the right track, there are a number of things we must fix. A key concern is that some jurisdictions have undertaken to undo our immigration laws through so-called “sanctuary policies.”

Such policies undermine the moral authority of law and undermine the safety of the jurisdictions that adopt them.

In Portland and all over Oregon, here’s how it works right now: once the police arrest an illegal alien and charge him with a crime, they fingerprint him and book him into their jail.

When federal immigration authorities learn that this criminal alien is in a jurisdiction’s custody, our ICE officers issue a detainer request accompanied by a civil arrest warrant and ask the city to either notify them before they release the criminal or to hold the criminal alien long enough to transfer him to federal custody in a safe setting.

But political leaders have directed state and local officers to refuse these requests. Cooperation has been a key element in informed crime fighting for decades.

The result is that police are forced to release the criminal alien back into the community without regard to the seriousness of his crimes or the length of his rap sheet. Think about that: Police may be forced to release pedophiles, rapists, murderers, drug dealers, and arsonists back into the communities where they had no right to be in the first place. They should according to law and common sense be processed and deported.

These policies hinder the work of federal law enforcement; they’re contrary to the rule of law, and they have serious consequences for the law-abiding residents of Oregon.

Just two months ago, an alleged illegal alien named Sergio Martinez was arrested in Portland.

Martinez had been deported at least 20 times, and police reports show that he was arrested at least 10 times just this year – accused of everything from possessing drugs to stealing a car.

Federal immigration authorities properly lodged a detainer against Martinez just a few months before, asking to be notified when he was set to be released. But authorities in Oregon refused.

According to the allegations, Martinez then broke into the home of a 65-year-old Portland woman by crawling through her bedroom window. Once inside, he reportedly forced her to the ground, used scarves and socks to blindfold, bind, and gag her, and then raped her and slammed her head into the wooden floor.

These policies do far greater damage than many understand. At its root, they are a rejection of our immigration laws and a declaration of open borders.

These lawless policies do more than shield individual criminal illegal aliens – they also shelter lethal gangs like the Latin Kings and MS-13.

These predators thrive when crime is not met with consequences. This state of lawlessness allows gangs to smuggle guns, drugs, and even humans across borders and around cities and communities.

That makes a sanctuary city a trafficker, smuggler, or gang member's best friend.

I'm sure many of you are familiar with the case of Kate Steinle. She was just 32 years old when she was murdered in cold blood as she walked a pier in San Francisco with her father. Her alleged murderer is an illegal alien who had been deported five times.

In fact, he admitted that one reason he was there that day was that he knew the city had these policies in place.

And just in the last week, 23-year old Abel Esquivel, a popular community volunteer who mentored young people in his San Francisco neighborhood, was allegedly shot to death by two illegal aliens attempting to rob him after he left work.

About three weeks earlier, one of his alleged killers was arrested for an alleged battery, and, despite a detainer request from ICE, he was released. One of the other defendants in the murder case also had an ICE detainer request for him when he was arrested back in May for illegal possession of marijuana and brass knuckles. Both requests were ignored. Both walked free.

And because of these policies and in the face of all common sense, Abel was gunned down in the street by two people who never should have been there.

Sadly, after these tragic cases, the legislature in California where these tragedies occurred has now passed legislation to further limit law enforcement cooperation with immigration enforcement.

It is an unconscionable reaction to Mr. Esquivel's murder to put into law the very policies that got him killed.

They will say that forcing police officers to release criminal aliens back onto the streets will somehow increase community trust. But that does not make sense to me. Would releasing someone who had been arrested 10 times this year into your community give you more confidence in law enforcement?

Would learning that your local district attorney actually charges illegal aliens with less serious crimes to evade federal deportation make you believe they are trying to make your neighborhood safer? Would forcing federal officers to track criminal aliens on your street instead of safely in the jails make you believe we value your community?

And we all know law enforcement is not the problem.

You risk your lives each day in service of the law and the people you protect.

The problem is the policies that tie your hands. Sanctuary policies endanger us all, and especially the federal immigration officers who are forced to pursue criminal aliens outside of jails and prisons.

Yet, rather than reconsider their policies, these sanctuary jurisdictions feign outrage when they lose federal funds as a direct result of actions designed to nullify plain federal law. Some, including Portland, have even decided to sue this administration so that they can keep receiving taxpayer-funded grants while continuing to impede federal immigration enforcement.

These grants are not an entitlement. We strive to help state and local law enforcement.

But we cannot continue giving such federal grants to cities that actively undermine the safety of federal law officers and actively frustrate efforts to reduce crime in their own cities.

Our duty to protect public safety and protect taxpayer dollars and I plan to fulfill that duty.

The vast majority of Americans oppose “sanctuary” policies. According to one poll, 80 percent of Americans believe that cities should turn over criminal aliens to immigration officials. A poll taken earlier this month of swing-state voters found the same thing: 77 percent support denying federal funds to sanctuary cities.

The American people are not asking too much, and neither is the Department of Justice. Federal law enforcement wants to work with our partners at the state and local level. We want to keep our citizens safe.

And to win this multi-front war against rising crime, we need to use every lawful tool we have. And we need to eliminate all bad policies.

So I urge the city of Portland, the state of Oregon, and every “sanctuary” jurisdiction to reconsider.

And I urge Governor Brown not to sign this law that is in front of him. The bill risks the safety of good law enforcement officers and the safety of the neighborhoods that need their protection the most. There are lives and livelihoods at stake.

Together, we can make our country safer for all our residents --native born and lawful immigrant alike.

The Department of Justice will not concede a single block or street corner in the United States to lawlessness or crime. Nor will we tolerate the loss of innocent life because a handful of jurisdictions believe they are above the law.

And I know that the Acting ICE Director, Tom Homan, will work tirelessly with his men and women to track down and find these criminal aliens wherever they may be.

The American people rightly want a lawful immigration system that keeps us safe and serves the national interest.

U.S. Attorney Billy Williams has been eloquent about sanctuary policies: If we’re going to make this community safer, then we have to work together. Cooperation between law enforcement works. It saves lives.

And so to all the law enforcement here federal, state, and local thank you for all that you do. President Trump is grateful, I am grateful, and the entire Department of Justice is grateful for your service. We have your back and you have our thanks.

Thank you, and God bless you.

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From: Chuck Ross <chuck@dailycaller.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 19, 2017 2:08 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA); Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: Inquiry on Manafort FISA leak

Hi Sarah,

I'm working on a story about the latest disclosure of the FISA warrant on Manafort.

Given that AG Sessions is leading the investigation into leaks, I was hoping to use a comment on this latest leak of classified information. I'm noting that former FBI Dir. Comey said in March that leaking info about a FISA is a felony punishable by up to 10 years in prison.

I wonder how seriously this particular leak will be taken and whether it will fall under the leak investigation.

Thanks,
Chuck Ross

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Subject: Hey there

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To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Cc: (b) (6)
Subject: Re: Alabama

Thought I'd at least try!

On Sep 18, 2017, at 9:10 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Ha! Nothing from him:)

On Sep 18, 2017, at 5:46 PM, Pappas, Alex <Alex.Pappas@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Is there anything reportable about how the attorney general feels about the upcoming Alabama Senate runoff?

I know he probably can't weigh in, but I think a lot of people would be interested to know if he prefers Strange or Moore, if there's a way to report his feelings.

Just thought I'd check, in case.

Hope you're well

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Alex Pappas
Politics reporter
FoxNews.com

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Sent: Monday, September 18, 2017 8:27 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Bret Baier soon?

Hi Sarah,

I hope you're doing well!

I wanted to see if AG Sessions would be available for an interview with Bret sometime soon.

FYI Bret is anchoring 2 hours of Special Report this week - 5pm-7pm ET. The extra hour gives us plenty of room for guests.

I hope we can set something up soon!

Best,
Ashley

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Subject: RE: ATTORNEY GENERAL SESSIONS TO TRAVEL TO PORTLAND, OREGON TO GIVE REMARKS TO FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES ABOUT SANCTUARY CITIES

Thanks, Lee.

Devin M. O'Malley

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Hello From Fox News.

I'd be obliged for the following folks for credentials tomorrow in Portland

Lee Ross (that's me) Producer

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Jonathan Hunt // Reporter

Dan Gallo // Producer

Also....what guidance can you pass along about Wednesday in San Diego? Thank you, Lee

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ATTORNEY GENERAL SESSIONS TO TRAVEL TO PORTLAND, OREGON TO GIVE REMARKS TO FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES ABOUT SANCTUARY CITIES

******* MEDIA ADVISORY *******

WASHINGTON Attorney General Jeff Sessions will travel to Portland, Oregon on **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2017**, to give remarks to federal law enforcement authorities about sanctuary cities.

WHO:

Attorney General Jeff Sessions

WHAT:

Remarks to federal law enforcement authorities about sanctuary cities.

WHEN:

Tuesday, September 19, 2017
1:00 p.m. PDT

WHERE:

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From: kwong@breitbart.com
Sent: Sunday, September 17, 2017 8:32 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: Re: Breitbart: Leakers Target Jeff Sessions as He Ramps Up War Against Leakers

You're welcome! :-)

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

From: "Prior, Ian (OPA)" <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Sunday, September 17, 2017 8:25pm
To: "kwong@breitbart.com" <kwong@breitbart.com>
Subject: Re: Breitbart: Leakers Target Jeff Sessions as He Ramps Up War Against Leakers

Good stuff thanks for sending!

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On Sep 17, 2017, at 8:00 PM, "kwong@breitbart.com" <kwong@breitbart.com> wrote:

Hi Ian,

For your perusal -- my original title was Leakers Target Sessions As He Ramps Up War Against Leakers:

<http://www.breitbart.com/big-government/2017/09/16/nyt-publishes-anonymously-sourced-story-targeting-jeff-sessions-as-he-ramps-up-war-against-leakers/>

NYT Publishes Anonymously-Sourced Story Targeting Jeff Sessions as He Ramps Up War Against Leakers

by KRISTINA WONG 16 Sep 2017 4.582

As Attorney General Jeff Sessions ramps up efforts against leakers, it appears that they are striking back with a story aimed to humiliate him.

Unnamed “current and former administration officials” told the *New York Times* supposed details from an Oval Office meeting months ago where the president allegedly dressed Sessions down after getting word that Robert Mueller was to be appointed special counsel.

The report [claimed](#) that during a meeting on May 17 between Trump and his top advisers on who would replace fired FBI Director James Comey, White House Counsel Don McGahn received a call from Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein, who said he decided to appoint Mueller as special counsel to lead the Russia investigation.

After the call ended, according to the *Times*:

“Mr. Trump lobbed a volley of insults at Mr. Sessions, telling the attorney general it was his fault they were in the current situation. Mr. Trump told Mr. Sessions that choosing him to be attorney general was one of the worst decisions he had made, called him an ‘idiot,’ and said that he should resign. An emotional Mr. Sessions told the president he would resign and left the Oval Office.”

Sessions had recused himself from overseeing the FBI’s Russia investigation in March, a decision that gave control to Rosenstein and angered Trump.

The *Times* attributes that story to “four people who were told details of the meeting” — suggesting that they were not in the meeting, but had heard about it from others later. The *Times* mentions that attendees in the meeting were: “Mr. Sessions, Vice President Mike Pence; Donald F. McGahn II, the White House counsel; and several other aides.” The story also said that Sessions had later told “associates” about that the demeaning way the president addressed him.

Notably, the story comes as Sessions is ramping up his search for leakers.

On September 10, Axios [published](#) a story — not attributed to anyone — claiming that Sessions had been telling associates as recently as August that he wanted to put the entire National Security Council through a lie detector test to root out leakers.

It appears to be part of efforts to find out who [leaked](#) the transcripts of the president’s phone calls with the Mexican president and Australian prime minister last month, since there is a “small enough universe of people” who would have had access to those transcripts.

According to Axios, interrogators would sit down with every NSC staffer and ask them individually what they know about the leaks of those transcripts, since Sessions suspects the leaks came within the NSC.

On September 13, BuzzFeed [reported](#) on a leaked September 8 memo from National Security Adviser H.R. McMaster that directed agencies to warn their employees against leaking. The story notes that McMaster’s request included Sessions’ press conference last month about leaks, where he announced the Justice Department was pursuing a number of leak investigations and that the FBI had created a unit to deal with leaks of classified information.

“We will not allow rogue anonymous sources with security clearances to sell out our country any longer,” Sessions said.

On September 14, the *Times* published the story on Sessions.

Cheers,
Kristina

From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Sent: Friday, September 15, 2017 6:15 PM
To: jessica.rosenthal@FOXNEWS.COM
Cc: Hudson, Andrew (OLP); Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: Re: media inquiry

From me:

"By protecting criminals from immigration enforcement, cities and states with 'so-called' sanctuary policies make their communities less safe and undermine the rule of law. The Department of Justice will continue to fully enforce existing law and to defend lawful and reasonable grant conditions that seek to protect communities and law enforcement."

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 15, 2017, at 2:33 PM, Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

From: Rosenthal, Jessica [<mailto:jessica.rosenthal@FOXNEWS.COM>]
Sent: Friday, September 15, 2017 5:32 PM
To: Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: media inquiry

Hi there. Writing to ask for any comment or response to Judge Leininweber's ruling in Illinois against DOJ on sanctuary city grant funding.

Thank you,

Jessica Rosenthal
Fox News Network LLC
West Coast Radio Correspondent

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From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Sent: Friday, September 15, 2017 6:13 PM
To: Gibson, Jake
Cc: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Re: Statement on Chicago?

Attributable to me:

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Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 15, 2017, at 1:53 PM, Gibson, Jake <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Reuters Top News Verified account @Reuters 1m1 minute ago

BREAKING: Judge in Chicago bars Trump administration from denying public safety grants to so-called sanctuary cities nationwide

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [<mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>]
Sent: Friday, September 15, 2017 4:11 PM
To: Gibson, Jake
Cc: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Subject: Re: Statement on Chicago?

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On Sep 15, 2017, at 4:09 PM, Gibson, Jake <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

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From: Ian Mason <imason@breitbart.com>
Sent: Friday, September 15, 2017 2:16 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: RE: COPS Change

Wonderful. Thanks so much.

Original Message
From: "Prior, Ian (OPA)" <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Friday, September 15, 2017 2:15pm
To: "Ian Mason" <imason@breitbart.com>
Subject: RE: COPS Change

Bill Johnson at NAPO

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From: Ian Mason [mailto:imason@breitbart.com]
Sent: Friday, September 15, 2017 1:47 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: COPS Change

Basically I'd like to hear the parade of horrors as to how things were going before.

Original Message
From: "Prior, Ian (OPA)" <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Friday, September 15, 2017 1:42pm
To: "Ian Mason" <imason@breitbart.com>
Subject: Re: COPS Change

What specifically so I can figure out who?

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On Sep 15, 2017, at 1:39 PM, Ian Mason <imason@breitbart.com> wrote:

Can someone talk about this off the record on this?

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From: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Sent: Friday, September 15, 2017 2:12 PM
To: Ian Mason
Subject: RE: COPS Change

Jim Pasco at FOP will be good


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Sent: Friday, September 15, 2017 1:47 PM
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Subject: Re: COPS Change

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From: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Sent: Friday, September 15, 2017 2:00 PM
To: Ian Mason
Subject: RE: COPS Change

Working on this.

You should definitely reach out to Jonathan Thompson with the National Sheriffs Assn though

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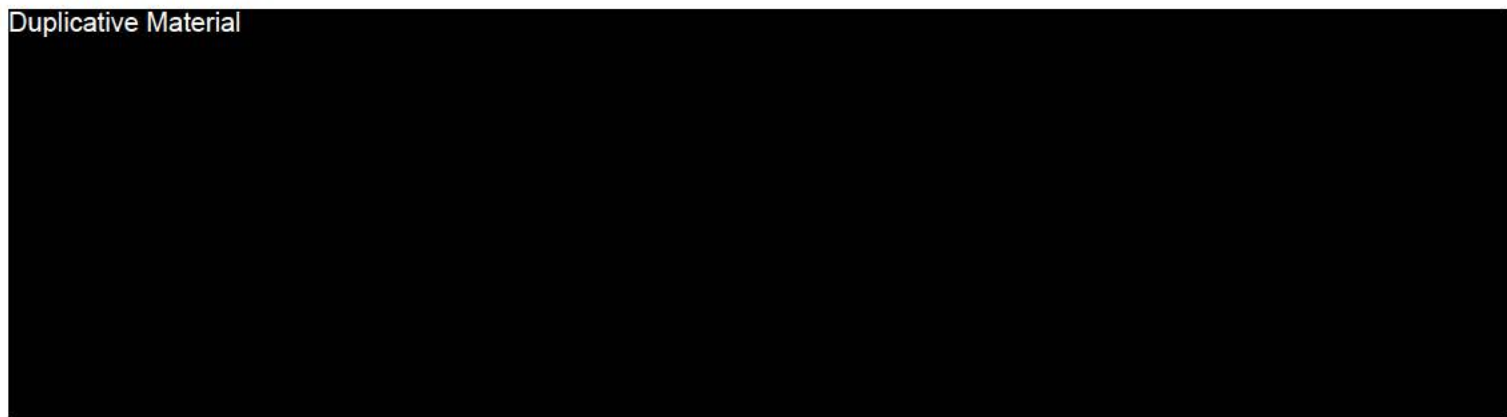
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Sent: Friday, September 15, 2017 1:39 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: COPS Change

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From: Spinato, Eric <eric.spinato@FOXNEWS.COM>
Sent: Thursday, September 14, 2017 3:12 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: RE: Hello, Sarah

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From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Thursday, September 14, 2017 3:11 PM
To: Spinato, Eric <eric.spinato@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: RE: Hello, Sarah

He'll be on travel all next week but we'll keep looking for opportunities. Feel free to reach out to the WH also. They sometimes have strong feelings about bookings.

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs
202.305.5808

From: Spinato, Eric [mailto:eric.spinato@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Thursday, September 14, 2017 9:11 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Hello, Sarah

Can you let me know, if you see a day next week, Maria can interview AG Sessions.
This would be her first time speaking with him.

Thank you !
Eric

Eric Spinato
Senior Story Editor, Fox Business Network

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From: Ian Mason <imason@breitbart.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 13, 2017 5:06 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: Re: Six Nominations Sent to the Senate Today

Alright perfect. Thanks so much

On Sep 13, 2017, at 4:58 PM, Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Yeah I guess its not actually the blue slip process. But here is a quote anyway so as long as its just "person familiar with the nomination process" and no connection to DOJ

"It is an abomination that the Senate has confirmed three out of forty United States Attorneys. These are non-controversial nominees that are going to be prosecuting criminals in their district that's important enough to get them done in short order. Instead, people on Capitol Hill are dragging their feet while watching the Nats or tinkering with their fantasy football lineups. They need to start doing their jobs and confirming the President's nominees"

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From: Ian Mason [<mailto:imason@breitbart.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, September 13, 2017 4:35 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Six Nominations Sent to the Senate Today

That would be more than sufficient.
Thanks again.

Original Message
From: "Prior, Ian (OPA)" <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, September 13, 2017 4:30pm
To: "Ian Mason" <imason@breitbart.com>
Subject: RE: Six Nominations Sent to the Senate Today

Nah I think well let it be on the blue slip process. Unless you want to use a quote from someone familiar with the nomination process?

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From: Ian Mason [<mailto:imason@breitbart.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, September 13, 2017 4:29 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: Six Nominations Sent to the Senate Today

Just circling back on this. No worries if you guys don't want to comment, but I think it would make a much stronger piece.

On Sep 12, 2017, at 3:00 PM, Ian Mason <imason@breitbart.com> wrote:

Ian,

Any chance I got get a comment on the role of blue slips in this process? I believe only D. MA and D. NIL are the only nominations in states with two senate dems. Is that the hold up? Are senate dems playing hardball with US attorney noms? Has there been any effort to get the Senate JC to disregard blueslips?

Thanks again,
Ian Mason

On Sep 11, 2017, at 4:30 PM, Prior, Ian (OPA) <lan.Prior@usdoj.gov> wrote:

There you go we're at 40 nominations. Good on quote below too from Sarah:

"We are proud that President Trump has nominated twice as many US Attorneys at this point than the previous administration, including an significant number of veterans and law enforcement, who will dedicate themselves to upholding the rule of law and combatting crime across the country."

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From: White House Press Office [mailto:whitehouse_noreply@messages.whitehouse.gov]
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2017 4:18 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Six Nominations Sent to the Senate Today

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September 11, 2017

NOMINATIONS SENT TO THE SENATE:

Scott W. Brady, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Pennsylvania for the term of four years, vice David J. Hickton, resigned.

Bobby L. Christine, of Georgia, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia for the term of four years, vice Edward J. Tarver, resigned.

David J. Freed, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of Pennsylvania for the term of four years, vice Peter J. Smith, resigned.

Andrew E. Lelling, of Massachusetts, to be United States Attorney for the District of Massachusetts for the term of four years, vice Carmen Milagros Ortiz, resigned.

Stephen R. McAllister, of Kansas, to be United States Attorney for the District of Kansas for the term of four years, vice Barry R. Grissom, resigned.

Ronald A. Parsons, Jr., of South Dakota, to be United States Attorney for the District of South Dakota for the term of four years vice Brendan V. Johnson, resigned.

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From: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Sent: Tuesday, September 12, 2017 3:45 PM
To: Ian Mason
Subject: RE: Six Nominations Sent to the Senate Today

Off the record, for some reason we never comment on the blue slip process. So my hands are tied there. But they've confirmed THREE. Out of 40

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From: Ian Mason [mailto:imason@breitbart.com]
Sent: Tuesday, September 12, 2017 3:01 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: Six Nominations Sent to the Senate Today

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From: Pettit, Mark T. (OPA)
Sent: Wednesday, September 13, 2017 2:31 PM
To: mark.t.pettit@usdoj.gov
Subject: Lunch with the Attorney General on Tuesday, September 26 (TIME ADJUSTMENT)

Hello,

I have you RSVP'd for the off-the-record group lunch with the Attorney General here at the Department of Justice on **Tuesday, September 26** at 12:00 pm. We have to push the lunch by an hour to **1:00 pm** on the same day due to a new schedule conflict. Please let me know if this adjustment works for you.

New Lunch Time: **Tuesday, September 26 at 1:00 pm**

Best,

Mark Pettit

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From: Gibson, Jake <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM>
Sent: Wednesday, September 13, 2017 11:57 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: Re: Letter to Judiciary

Copy that.

Thanks!

On Sep 13, 2017, at 11:54 AM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

No DOJ finger prints just source familiar as to where you got the letter.

No comment from us. Refer you to special counsel's office.

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The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman and Senator Feinstein:

The Department of Justice is in receipt of your August 25, 2017, letter requesting interviews with Carl Ghattas, Executive Assistant Director of the FBI National Security Branch, and James Rybicki, the Chief of Staff and Senior Counselor to the FBI Director.

As a threshold matter, the scope of the Committee's inquiry has not been de-conflicted with Special Counsel Mueller's investigation. Therefore, in order to protect the integrity of the Special Counsel's investigation, as we have previously indicated, we will not be able to provide Mr. Ghattas or Mr. Rybicki for interviews at this time.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Stephen E. Boyd".

Stephen E. Boyd
Assistance Attorney General

From: Gibson, Jake <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM>
Sent: Wednesday, September 13, 2017 11:48 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Anything on this?

Exclusive: Justice Department denying Senate request to interview FBI officials over Comey firing

By [Manu Raju](#), CNN Senior Congressional Correspondent

Updated 11:08 AM ET, Wed September 13, 2017

<http://www.cnn.com/2017/09/13/politics/fbi-official-interview-request-denied-justice-department/index.html?sr=twCNNp091317fbi-official-interview-request-denied-justice-department1111AMVODtop&CNNPolitics=Tw>

(CNN) The Justice Department is preventing Senate investigators from interviewing two top FBI officials who could provide first-hand testimony over the firing of former FBI Director James Comey, the latest sign that Special Counsel Robert Mueller could be investigating the circumstances around the firing, officials tell CNN.

The previously undisclosed turf war comes as the Senate judiciary committee has not yet given assurances to the special counsel's office that it could have unfettered access to the transcript of the interview it conducted last week with the President's eldest son, Donald Trump Jr., saying that the full Senate must first authorize the release of the information to Mueller's team.

What appears to have irked the panel in particular is the refusal of the Justice Department to cooperate with a key part of its investigation. The leaders of the panel, Senate Judiciary Chairman Chuck Grassley and the ranking Democrat Dianne Feinstein, have repeatedly asked two senior FBI officials -- [Carl Ghattas](#) and [James Rybicki](#) -- to sit down for a transcribed interview to discuss the Comey firing as part of its inquiry into any improper interference with the FBI.

But the Justice Department has declined, citing "the appointment of Robert S. Mueller III to serve" as special counsel about Russian interference in the 2016 elections and "related matters."

"Under these circumstances and consistent with the Department's long-standing policy regarding the confidentiality and sensitivity of information relating to pending matters, the Department cannot make Mr. Ghattas nor Mr. Rybicki available for transcribed interviews at this time," [according to a July letter signed by Acting Assistant Attorney General Samuel Ramer, which was reviewed by CNN.](#)

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From: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Sent: Tuesday, September 12, 2017 7:02 PM
To: Ian Mason
Cc: Pettit, Mark T. (OPA)
Subject: Re: Comment on SCOTUS order

“We are pleased that the Supreme Court has allowed the government to keep in place the protections for the Nation’s safety and security provided by the Executive Order. We look forward to full argument [on October 10th.](#)”

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On Sep 12, 2017, at 6:58 PM, Ian Mason <imason@breitbart.com> wrote:

Hey guys,

Any comment on the full court joining on to the stay?

-Ian Mason, Breitbart

From: Singman, Brooke <brooke.singman@FOXNEWS.COM>
Sent: Tuesday, September 12, 2017 6:51 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Cc: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Re: next week

Great. I will circle back tomorrow and confirm.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 12, 2017, at 5:26 PM, Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov> wrote:

If you are still here Friday am I can do that otherwise, travelling the first part of week.

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From: Singman, Brooke [<mailto:brooke.singman@FOXNEWS.COM>]
Sent: Tuesday, September 12, 2017 4:55 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: next week

Hi Sarah and Ian!

I'll be in town next week..Getting in Tuesday evening and heading out either Thursday evening, or Friday morning.

Do you have time to meet? Would love to put a face to the name.

Let me know what you think would work for you.

Best,

Brooke

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From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Sent: Tuesday, September 12, 2017 5:44 PM
To: Pontius, Christopher
Subject: Re: Quick Question

Don't apologize, I have over a week until the event (b) (6)

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 12, 2017, at 5:43 PM, Pontius, Christopher <Christopher.Pontius@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Hi Devin, sorry late reply (b) (6) no cell service
If u got 4 flags should be good enough to cover the wall from various camera angles
Again apologies for the late

Chris Pontius
Fox News Channel
(b) (6)

On Sep 12, 2017, at 12:01 PM, O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Hi Chris

Hope you're well.

Quick question for you I am setting up a speech for the AG, and the venue has a white wall behind where I would place the podium. I plan on placing 4 American flags behind the AG, but is the remaining white a problem?

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From: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2017 3:45 PM
To: Gibson, Jake
Subject: RE: WaPo piece?

Yep

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From: Gibson, Jake [mailto:Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2017 3:32 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: WaPo piece?

So basically this guy is available for a remote live interview?

From: Prior, Ian (OPA) [mailto:Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2017 3:10 PM
To: Gibson, Jake
Subject: RE: WaPo piece?

Yes

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From: Gibson, Jake [mailto:Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2017 3:07 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: WaPo piece?

So this Amundson guy is in Baton Rouge?

From: Prior, Ian (OPA) [<mailto:Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>]
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2017 2:51 PM
To: Gibson, Jake
Subject: RE: WaPo piece?

https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/true-crime/wp/2017/09/08/fraud-inevitably-follows-disasters-so-authorities-in-texas-florida-prepare-for-post-storm-scams/?utm_term=.a8d44215fb81

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From: Gibson, Jake [<mailto:Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM>]
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2017 2:49 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: WaPo piece?

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From: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2017 3:15 PM
To: Gibson, Jake
Subject: RE: WaPo piece?

Not sure. We have an antitrust release going out in a bit that addresses it but not sure if that is what he is referring to

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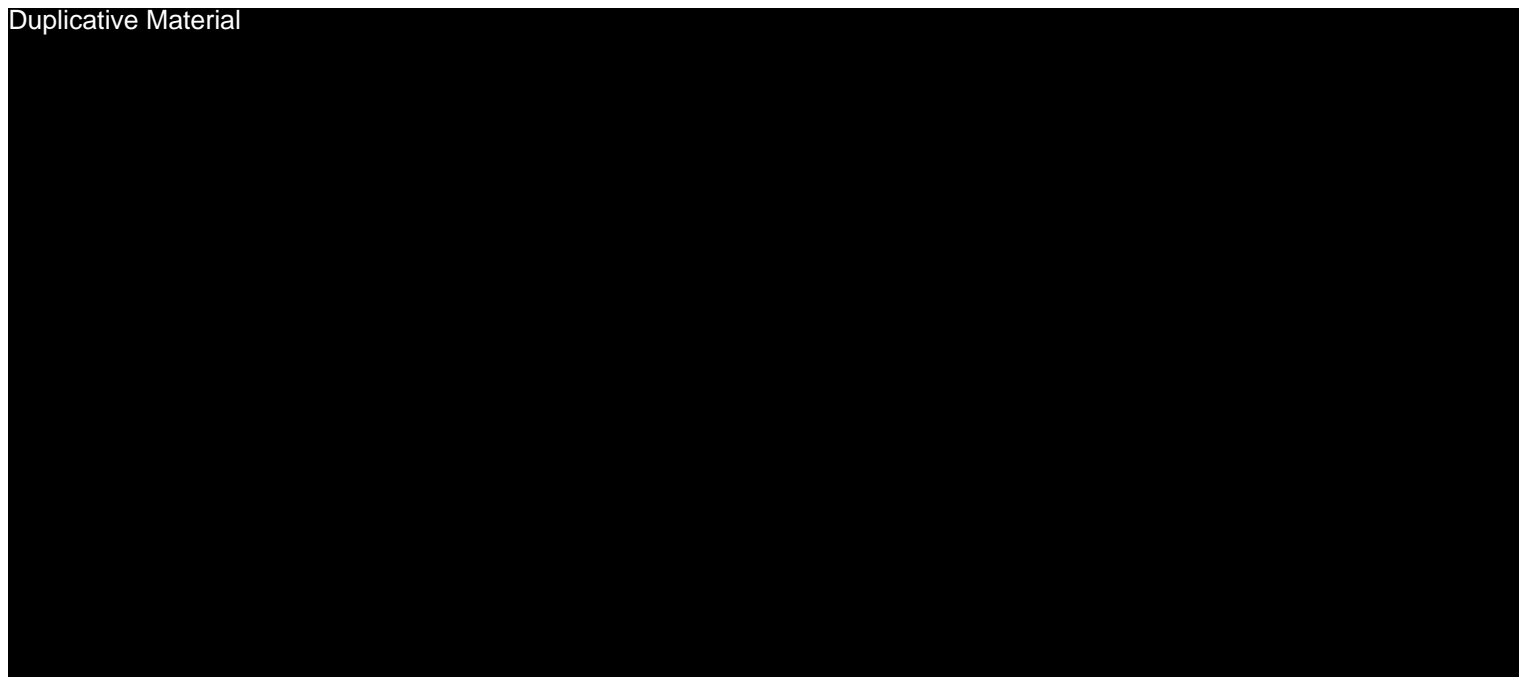
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From: Gibson, Jake [mailto:Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2017 3:09 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: WaPo piece?

Also...
Bossert just said the AG will address price gouging.
Is there something specific planned?

From: Prior, Ian (OPA) [mailto:Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2017 2:51 PM
To: Gibson, Jake
Subject: RE: WaPo piece?

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From: Gibson, Jake <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM>
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2017 2:55 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: RE: WaPo piece?

Thanks.
I will take a look and try to pitch.

From: Prior, Ian (OPA) [mailto:Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2017 2:51 PM
To: Gibson, Jake
Subject: RE: WaPo piece?

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From: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2017 12:30 PM
To: Ian Mason

- 1) Jessie Liu - DC
- 2) Jay Town - NDAL
- 3) D. Michael Dunavant - WDTN
- 4) Justin Herdman - NDOH
- 5) John Huber - UT
- 6) Louis Franklin - MDAL
- 7) Richard Moore - SDAL
- 8) Russell Coleman - WDKY
- 9) James Hiland - EDAR
- 10) Kurt Alme - MT
- 11) Brian Kuester - EDOK
- 12) Donald Cochran - MDTN
- 13) Robert Shores - NDOK
- 14) Peter Deegan - NDIA
- 15) Marc Kirckbaum SDIA
- 16) Josh Minkler - SDIN
- 17) Bart Davis ID
- 18) Mark Klaassen WY
- 19) BJay Pak NDGA
- 20) Jeff Jensen EDMO
- 21) Halsey Frank ME
- 22) Bryan Schroder AK
- 23) Michael Hurst SDMS
- 24) Chad Lamar - NDMS
- 25) Thomas Kirsch- NDIN
- 26) Robert Higdon - EDNC
- 27) J Douglas Overbey EDTN
- 28) Charles Peeler MDGA
- 29) Bill Powell NDWV
- 30) Robert Duncan EDKY
- 31) Scott Blader WDWI
- 32) John Lausch NDIL
- 33) David Freed MDPA
- 34) Scott Brady WDPA
- 35) Stephen McCallister KS
- 36) Andrew Lelling MA
- 37) Bobby Christine SDGA
- 38) Andrew Murray WDNC
- 39) John Bash WDTX
- 40) Ronald Parsons - SD

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From: Ian Mason <imason@breitbart.com>
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2017 12:21 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: Re: whats your number?

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On Sep 11, 2017, at 12:19 PM, Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov> wrote:

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From: Ian Mason <imason@breitbart.com>
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2017 12:21 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: Re: HOLD ON THAT COMMENT FOR JUST A SECOND!!!

No worries

On Sep 11, 2017, at 12:17 PM, Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Fact checking!

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From: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2017 12:16 PM
To: Ian Mason
Subject: RE: any interest in this

We have announced 42, nominated 41. I think you can run with it now. There will be more noms later this week, just not sure when

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From: Ian Mason [mailto:imason@breitbart.com]
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2017 12:05 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: any interest in this

Fantastic. Thanks again

On Sep 11, 2017, at 12:03 PM, Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov> wrote:

“This administration has nominated more than twice as many United States Attorneys than the last administration had at this time, and we are looking forward to the Senate confirming them this fall along with our Assistant Attorneys Generals.”

Also, looks like Clinton had nominated 37 by this time.

I would honestly hold this story for a day. I think there may be more noms coming including a female nom which would mess with the left’s narrative.

Will let you know

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From: Ian Mason [mailto:imason@breitbart.com]
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2017 11:51 AM

To: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>

Subject: Re: any interest in this

Thanks for the heads up on this.

Any comment to go with?

On Sep 11, 2017, at 11:03 AM, Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Washington Post wrote a pretty unbalanced piece earlier in the year.

We are up to 41 US Attorney nominations. As of Sept. 11/12, 2009, President Obama had nominated **20 USAs**. So more that twice where Obama was (checking on Clinton numbers because he also fired all his US Attys).

Here is some information about our 41 nominations:

34 currently serve or previously served as state or federal prosecutors

6 currently or previously served in the military

- Justin Herdman: currently a Judge Advocate General in the United States Air Force Reserve.
- Jay Town: served as a Judge Advocate General in the United States Marine Corps, where he served on active duty and as a reservist for twelve years.
- Donald Cochran: was an Army Ranger and Special Forces officer for nine years prior to law school.
- Bryan Schroder: is a retired Captain in the U.S. Coast Guard, having served for 24 years.
- Bobby Christine: is a Colonel in the Georgia Army National Guard, where he serves as State Judge Advocate.
- R. Andrew Murray: enlisted in the United States Coast Guard in 1980 and was later commissioned as an officer in the Coast Guard Reserve until 2016, when he retired as a Captain after 35 years of service.

3 previously worked as police officers or FBI agents

- Brian Kuester: Prior to receiving his law degree, Mr. Kuester served on two separate police forces in Missouri, in Fulton and in Springfield.
- Russell Coleman: From 2004 to 2010, he served as a special agent with the FBI.
- Jeff Jensen: Prior to joining the U.S. Attorney's Office, Mr. Jensen was an FBI Special Agent from 1989 to 1999.

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From: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2017 12:06 PM
To: Ian Mason
Subject: RE: any interest in this

Also may have a better comment shortly

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To: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: any interest in this

Thanks for the heads up on this.

Any comment to go with?

On Sep 11, 2017, at 11:03 AM, Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov> wrote:

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From: Prior, Ian (OPA)
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Subject: RE: any interest in this

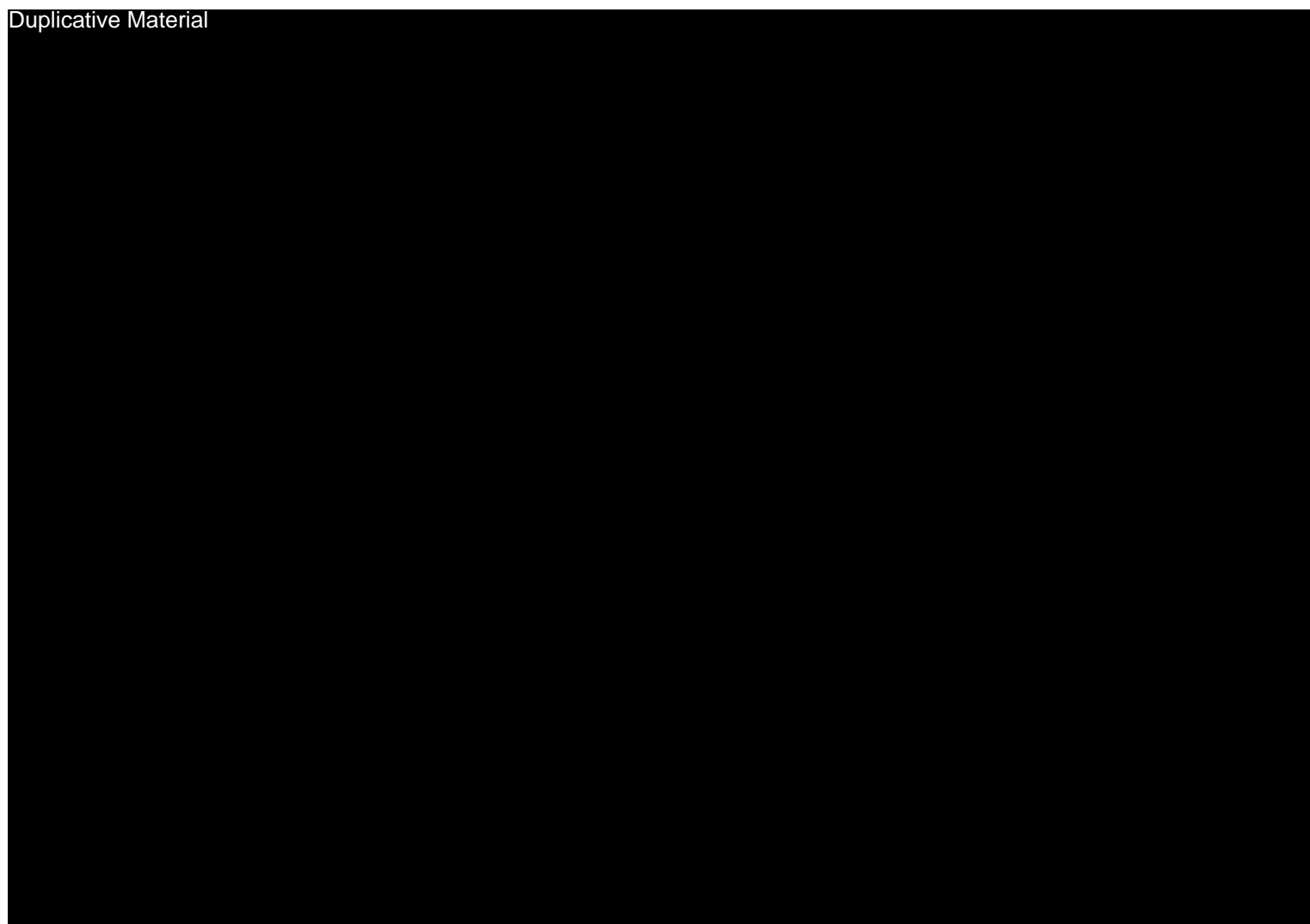
Stand by

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From: Alex Pfeiffer <pfeiffer@dailycaller.com>
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2017 11:35 AM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: Re: Opioid crisis

ahah so I'm getting nothing more than press releases? (which are still helpful)

On Mon, Sep 11, 2017 at 11:26 AM, Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Well there was this: <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/mallinckrodt-agrees-pay-record-35-million-settlement-failure-report-suspicious-orders>

And he said this about it:

The Department is also holding drug manufacturers accountable for their actions. I am announcing today that the Department has reached a \$35 million settlement with Mallinckrodt Pharmaceuticals for failing to notify the DEA of suspicious drug orders. These failures resulted in millions of oxycodone pills being sold on the streets.

<https://www.justice.gov/opa/speech/attorney-general-jeff-sessions-delivers-remarks-30th-dare-training-conference>

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From: Alex Pfeiffer [mailto:pfeiffer@dailycaller.com]
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2017 11:13 AM

To: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: Opioid crisis

Not even something super vague?

On Mon, Sep 11, 2017 at 10:59 AM, Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov> wrote:

We couldn't make any of that public for law enforcement sensitivity reasons

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From: Alex Pfeiffer [mailto:pfeiffer@dailycaller.com]
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2017 10:40 AM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: Opioid crisis

Yeah that could be a good piece. What I remembered being mentioned by AG Sessions and Deputy AG Rosenstein is that doctors who overprescribe are being targeted and that pharmaceutical companies could be targeted in the same [way](#) that Purdue Pharma got hit in 2007. The overprescription is somewhat covered in that third press release, but I don't think the DOJ looking at going at pharma companies has been reported.

On Mon, Sep 11, 2017 at 9:40 AM, Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Im not sure what they were referring to in that lunch, but we have done a lot of good stuff on opioids that have gotten less than ideal coverage because they aren't the story du jour. I think there is a good story/angle here What the Media is Missing While Focusing on the Shiny Hood Ornaments in Front of them, or something to that effect

Health Care Fraud (opioid centric) Takedown largest in history: <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/national-health-care-fraud-takedown-results-charges-against-over-412-individuals-responsible>

Alpha Bay takedown was huge: <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/alphabay-largest-online-dark-market-shut-down>

Launch of Opioid Fraud and Abuse Detection Unit: <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/attorney-general-sessions-announces-opioid-fraud-and-abuse-detection-unit>

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From: Alex Pfeiffer [mailto:pfeiffer@dailycaller.com]

Sent: Monday, September 11, 2017 9:34 AM

To: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>

Subject: Opioid crisis

Hey - I was just reading this solid NYT [article](#) on the WH's stalled efforts in the opioid crisis and remembered the DOJ's push against doctors and some pill manufacturers being mentioned in that lunch.

That was off the record, so I'm wondering if there is anything you could give me on background to work with. This epidemic is rather serious. More deaths from overdoses than the height of car crash deaths, HIV deaths, or gun deaths. I'm sure the public would love to hear that AG Sessions and the DOJ is working to combat it.

Thanks,

Alex Pfeiffer

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The Daily Caller

From: McDonough, Constance <Constance.mcdonough@FOXNEWS.COM>
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2017 7:44 AM
To: Creighton, Kelly M (OPA); Pettit, Mark T. (OPA)
Cc: Joost, Nathalie; 531-DCDeskOps (b) (6)
Subject: Re: Fox will be your Pool on Monday for Courtyard event

Hi Kelly,

We are not planning on doing live shots at today's event. Our crew is only covering for the event live for the pool and he is already onsite and set.

From: Creighton, Kelly M (OPA) <Kelly.M.Creighton@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2017 7:36:03 AM
To: Pettit, Mark T. (OPA)
Cc: Joost, Nathalie; 531-DCDeskOps (b) (6)
Subject: Re: Fox will be your Pool on Monday for Courtyard event

Only if you are doing a live shot, you can park at 10th and Penn. otherwise, parking is not available.

Please let me know so I can alert security.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 10, 2017, at 12:18, Pettit, Mark T. (OPA) <mtpettit@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

Hey Nathalie,
Sorry about the delay! I haven't organized an event at our location yet, and I was just notified this morning that you will need to talk to Kelly Creighton who I've looped in here.

Kelly - sorry for the late loop in! I couldn't figure out who to shoot this to.

-Mark

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 8, 2017, at 11:34 PM, Joost, Nathalie <Nathalie.Joost@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Great thanks so much. Looping in our desk and photog. Thanks if you can let us all know
Appreciate it!

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 8, 2017, at 9:31 PM, Pettit, Mark T. (OPA) <Mark.T.Pettit@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Hey Nathalie,
Sounds good I will have to look into the parking spot, from what I've seen street parking is where the camera crew goes.

-mark

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 8, 2017, at 8:59 PM, Joost, Nathalie
<Nathalie.Joost@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Hi just checking back on this

From: Joost, Nathalie
Sent: Friday, September 08, 2017 6:47 PM
To: 'mark.t.pettit@usdoj.gov'
<mark.t.pettit@usdoj.gov>; Press <Press@usdoj.gov>
Cc: 531-DCDeskOps <DCdeskops@foxnews.com>;
(b) (6); Gibson, Jake
<Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: Fox will be your Pool on Monday for Courtyard
event
Importance: High

Hi DOJ,

Fox News will be your pool for Monday's event.

Our photographer i (b) (6) and I'm sure he
would appreciate a parking space if you all have one to
share. What time should he arrive on Monday
morning?

Thanks very much!

Nathalie

Monday, September 11th

8:40 a.m. EDT

Attorney General Jeff Sessions will give remarks at a
vigil ceremony marking the sixteenth anniversary of the
terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

Courtyard

RFK Main Justice Building

Washington, DC

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**NOTE: All media must RSVP and present government-
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valid media credentials. The RSVP and any inquiries regarding logistics should be directed to Mark Pettit at mark.t.pettit@usdoj.gov and press@usdoj.gov. Please include the email address of the person(s) attending the event, so that we may reach them directly if details change.

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From: mtpettit@jmd.usdoj.gov
Sent: Sunday, September 10, 2017 11:21 AM
To: Joost, Nathalie
Cc: 531-DCDeskOps (b) (6)
Subject: Re: Fox will be your Pool on Monday for Courtyard event

Hey all,
Sorry about the delay, I've been told to please contact Kelly Creighton

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 8, 2017, at 11:34 PM, Joost, Nathalie <Nathalie.Joost@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Duplicative Material



From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Sunday, September 10, 2017 9:37 PM
To: Chuck Ross
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: Re: Lie detector tests for NSC members

We'll decline to comment

> On Sep 10, 2017, at 6:10 PM, Chuck Ross <chuck@dailycaller.com> wrote:

>
> Sarah,
>
> I just saw Jonathan Swan's story come across the transom about AG Sessions floating the idea of using lie detector tests on National Security Council members to find leakers.
>
> Can you confirm any of that or provide additional background?
>
> Thank you,
> Chuck Ross
> The Daily Caller

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From: Pettit, Mark T. (OPA)
Sent: Sunday, September 10, 2017 8:11 PM
To: mark.t.pettit@usdoj.gov
Subject: DOJ 9-11 Ceremony

Hello,

Thank you for your RSVP to the Department of Justice's 9-11 Ceremony. I will be in the office by 7:30 am, please feel free to contact me if you need me before then via phone.

Details for tomorrow's event:

Event Start: 8:40 am

Camera Preset: 7:55 am

Final Access: 8:25 am

Cameras, crew, and press who are receiving this have been cleared.

Best,
Mark Pettit

Mark T. Pettit
Confidential Assistant
Office of Public Affairs
U.S. Department of Justice
Office: 202.514.1449
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From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Friday, September 8, 2017 4:47 PM
To: imason@breitbart.com
Subject: thought you'd want to see this

Daily Kos ran with a truly “fake news” story today. A fake memo was circulated by one of the “alt” accounts. Daily Kos didn’t reach out for comment first.

<https://m.dailykos.com/stories/2017/9/7/1696864/-Leaked-DOJ-memo-recommends-making-rape-victims-sexual-history-fair-play-in-campus-hearings?detail> facebook

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs
202.305.5808

From: Gibson, Jake <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM>
Sent: Friday, September 8, 2017 3:56 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: RE: DOJ Statement on Lerner?

Copy that.

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Friday, September 08, 2017 3:56 PM
To: Gibson, Jake
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: Re: DOJ Statement on Lerner?

Letter speaks for itself

On Sep 8, 2017, at 3:55 PM, Gibson, Jake <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Any official statement on this?
Or does the letter speak for itself...?

<http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2017/09/08/doj-declines-to-charge-lois-lerner-in-irs-scandal.html>

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From: Spinato, Eric <eric.spinato@FOXNEWS.COM>
Sent: Friday, September 8, 2017 11:50 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Hi, checking back with you about Sunday

Thank you
Eric

Eric Spinato
Senior Story Editor, Fox Business Network
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From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Sent: Friday, September 8, 2017 7:03 AM
To: imason@breitbart.com
Subject: Checking in

Morning Ian-

Were your editors able to make that correction last night?

Sent from my iPhone

From: Ian Mason <imason@breitbart.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 7, 2017 6:03 PM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Subject: RE: Good cell for you?

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Original Message

From: "O'Malley, Devin (OPA)" <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Thursday, September 7, 2017 5:59pm
To: "imason@breitbart.com" <imason@breitbart.com>
Subject: Good cell for you?

Sent from my iPhone

From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, September 7, 2017 2:10 PM
To: Ian Mason
Subject: FW: DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ANNOUNCES PRIORITY CONSIDERATION CRITERIA FOR COPS OFFICE GRANTS: TEST

Hi Ian-

Attached you'll find the backgrounder, certification document and cover letter, and below is the release we plan on sending. I'd ask that you please not publish, forward, or otherwise reproduce these documents. As far as attribution for the acquisition of these documents, we ask that you refer to the documents you based your reporting off of as "acquired by Breitbart," or some variation.

Regarding the hurricane language, on background (DOJ official), I can tell you that in addition to the extra time we are giving to applicants impacted by the recent/upcoming hurricanes, those applicants will receive additional consideration for catastrophic events in next FY's application process. This is a standard consideration that is given, and you can see referenced on page 2 of [this document](#). The consideration is given next FY because the events happened after the grant application process closed.

Please let me know if you have any follow up questions.

The embargo for your story will be lifted at 4:00 pm EDT (i.e., our press release will go at 4:05 pm EDT).

The Department of Justice today announced additional priority consideration criteria for FY 2017 COPS Office grants.

https://www.justice.gov/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2017

Note: The relevant documents are available at the following links: [Backgrounder](#), [Letter](#), and [Q & A](#).

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ANNOUNCES PRIORITY CONSIDERATION CRITERIA FOR COPS OFFICE GRANTS

WASHINGTON The Department of Justice today announced additional priority consideration criteria for FY 2017 Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office) grants. Jurisdictions for FY 2017 were notified that their applications would receive additional points in the application scoring process if their agencies cooperate with federal law enforcement to address illegal immigration, ensuring that federal immigration authorities have the full ability to enforce immigration laws and keep our communities safe.

“Cities and states that cooperate with federal law enforcement make all of us safer by helping remove dangerous criminals from our communities,” Attorney General Jeff Sessions said. “This cooperation is supported by the vast majority of the American people, and jurisdictions with these policies in place should be acknowledged for their commitment to ending violent crime, including violent crime stemming from illegal immigration. Today, the Justice Department announced it will recognize jurisdictions that commit to the rule of law by awarding additional points in the application scoring process for COPS Office grants. My hope is that this recognition will further incentivize every jurisdiction in America to collaborate with federal law enforcement and help us make this country safer.”

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AG

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Certification of Illegal Immigration Cooperation

On behalf of the applicant entity named below, I certify under penalty of perjury to the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, U.S. Department of Justice, that all of the following is true and correct:

- (1) As the Law Enforcement Executive or Government Executive for the applicant entity named below, I have the authority to make this certification on behalf of the applicant entity (that is, the entity applying directly to the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services) and its governing body (i.e., city, county, or state).
- (2) The applicant entity and/or its governing body has implemented or, before drawing down grant funds if awarded, will implement rules, regulations, policies, and/or practices that ensure that U.S. Department of Homeland Security ("DHS") personnel have access to any of the governing body's correctional or detention facilities in order to meet with an alien (or an individual believed to be an alien) and inquire as to his or her right to be or to remain in the United States.
- (3) The applicant entity and/or its governing body has implemented or, before drawing down grant funds if awarded, will implement rules, regulations, policies, and/or practices that ensure that any of the governing body's correctional and detention facilities provide advance notice as early as practicable (at least 48 hours, where possible) to DHS regarding the scheduled release date and time of an alien in the jurisdiction's custody when DHS requests such notice in order to take custody of the alien. This certification does not require holding an alien beyond his or her scheduled time of release.

I acknowledge that a false statement in this certification, or in the application that it supports, may be the subject of criminal prosecution (including under 18 U.S.C. §§ 1001 and/or 1621, and/or 42 U.S.C. § 3795), of administrative action, and/or of civil action in court. I also acknowledge that Office of Community Oriented Policing Services awards, including certifications provided in connection with such awards, are subject to review by the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services and/or by the Department of Justice's Office of the Inspector General.

Name of Applicant Entity

Signature of Law Enforcement Executive

Signature of Government Executive

Printed Title and Name of Law Enforcement Executive

Printed Title and Name of Government Executive

Date Signed

Date Signed

September 7, 2017

Dear COPS Office FY 2017 Grant Applicant:

Thank you for your agency's application for COPS Office funding this fiscal year. The COPS Office is currently reviewing all applications and looks forward to making award decisions in the near future.

As the FY 2017 COPS Office application materials stated, the COPS Office may give additional consideration to state, local, or tribal applicants that cooperate with federal law enforcement to address illegal immigration. Your agency may receive this additional consideration by completing the enclosed Certification and returning it to the COPS Office by 5 p.m. EDT on Tuesday, September 19, 2017.

For agencies that are currently preparing for or conducting hurricane recovery efforts: your deadline for submitting the Certification will be by 5 p.m. EDT on Friday, September 29, 2017. We recognize that your agencies are facing significant challenges at this time and hope that this extended deadline may assist in offering you this Certification opportunity without compromising your emergency efforts.

Both the Government Executive (highest ranking official within your jurisdiction e.g., mayor, city administrator, county executive, or equivalent) and Law Enforcement Executive (highest ranking law enforcement official within your jurisdiction e.g., chief of police, sheriff, or equivalent) must sign the enclosed Certification and submit it by the deadline to receive this additional consideration. If your agency chooses to complete the Certification, please print the blank Certification, fill out and sign the form, scan the completed Certification and send the file to the COPS Office via email at copsofficecertifications@usdoj.gov.

Please note that by offering this opportunity for additional consideration, we anticipate making award announcements for most COPS Office programs after September 30, 2017. We remain committed to finishing application reviews and announcing this year's award recipients as quickly as possible.

If you have any questions regarding the enclosed Certification, please contact the COPS Office Response Center at (800) 421-6770.

Sincerely,

Russell Washington

Acting Director

Enclosure

COPS Office: Immigration Cooperation Certification Process Background

- The Department of Justice encourages cooperation between local jurisdictions and federal immigration authorities.
- The Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office) notified its FY2017 state, local, and tribal law enforcement grant applicants that they might receive priority consideration in funding decisions if they cooperate with federal law enforcement.
- In order to receive priority consideration, applicants must certify the following:
 - If the applicant operates a detention facility, the applicant must provide Department of Homeland Security (DHS) access to their detention facility;
 - And, the applicant must provide advance notice as early as practicable (at least 48 hours, where possible) to DHS of an illegal alien's release date and time.
- Applicants that submit the certification will receive additional points in the application scoring process in recognition of their efforts to increase information sharing with federal immigration authorities.
- Background on FY2012-FY2016 grants can be found [here](#).

From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, September 7, 2017 3:54 PM
To: Ian Mason
Subject: RE: FW: DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ANNOUNCES PRIORITY CONSIDERATION CRITERIA FOR COPS OFFICE GRANTS: TEST

That works.

Devin M. O'Malley

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From: Ian Mason [mailto:imason@breitbart.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 7, 2017 3:53 PM
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Subject: RE: FW: DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ANNOUNCES PRIORITY CONSIDERATION CRITERIA FOR COPS OFFICE GRANTS: TEST

Devin, for additional consideration for Harvey affected agencies I'll attribute to "sources at DOJ." Let me know if that's a problem.

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

From: "O'Malley, Devin (OPA)" <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Thursday, September 7, 2017 2:09pm
To: "Ian Mason" <imason@breitbart.com>
Subject: FW: DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ANNOUNCES PRIORITY CONSIDERATION CRITERIA FOR COPS OFFICE GRANTS: TEST

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Wonderful. Thanks again

Original Message

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From: Ian Mason <imason@breitbart.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 7, 2017 11:46 AM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Subject: Re: DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE PRESS GUIDANCE FOR SEPTEMBER 7, 2017

Fantastic. Keep me posted

On Sep 7, 2017, at 11:26 AM, O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Heads up....I'm going to have some info coming your way embargoed until 3:00 or 4:00 pm

Devin M. O'Malley

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PRESS GUIDANCE

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2017

ATTORNEY GENERAL

There are no scheduled public events.

PRESS RELEASES

The Civil Division will issue one press release today. (Navas)

The Civil Rights Division will issue one press release today. (Ehram)

The Criminal Division will issue one press release today. (Hornbuckle)

The National Security Division will issue two press releases today. (Hornbuckle)

The Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) will issue one press release today. (O'Malley)

EVENTS/HEARINGS

Thursday, Sept. 7 at 11 am to 11:30 am

9-11 Victim Compensation Fund (VCF) Special Master Rupa Bhattacharyya is participating along with Dr. Jim Melius, 9/11 Health Watch board member, in FB LIVE event hosted by 9/11 Health Watch. They will explain how the VCF works and who might be qualified to receive financial compensation for their 9/11-related injuries.

More info at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/119233618723081/>

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Devin O'Malley

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From: Spinato, Eric <eric.spinato@FOXNEWS.COM>
Sent: Wednesday, September 6, 2017 8:09 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Re: Good morning, Sarah

Thank you

Eric Spinato
Senior Story Editor, Fox Business Network

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On Sep 6, 2017, at 1:23 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

I will at least get back to you today even if its that I don't know yet☺

Sarah Isgur Flores
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From: Spinato, Eric [<mailto:eric.spinato@FOXNEWS.COM>]
Sent: Wednesday, September 6, 2017 1:09 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Good morning, Sarah

Sarah,
Do you think you will know possibly today, if possible to tape on Friday if needed?
Just like to reserve studio space

Thank you
Eric

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [<mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, September 06, 2017 10:40 AM
To: Spinato, Eric <eric.spinato@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: RE: Good morning, Sarah

Let me ask him about his weekend plans. Do yall pretape at all?

Sarah Isgur Flores
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From: Spinato, Eric [<mailto:eric.spinato@FOXNEWS.COM>]
Sent: Wednesday, September 6, 2017 8:19 AM

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

Subject: Good morning, Sarah

Can AG Sessions join Maria Bartiromo live this Sunday, on her FNC 10am ET program, to discuss DACA and other news of the day.

The interview will be up to 8 minutes with Maria.

If he can't join us live, we can tape him on Friday, between 9:10a-9:30a ET

Please let me know.

Thank you,

Eric

Eric Spinato

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From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Wednesday, September 6, 2017 7:30 PM
To: Spinato, Eric
Subject: RE: Good morning, Sarah

Didn't get the chance to pin him down today....will try again tomorrow!

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs
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From: Spinato, Eric [mailto:eric.spinato@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Wednesday, September 6, 2017 1:26 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Good morning, Sarah

You're funny 😊

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
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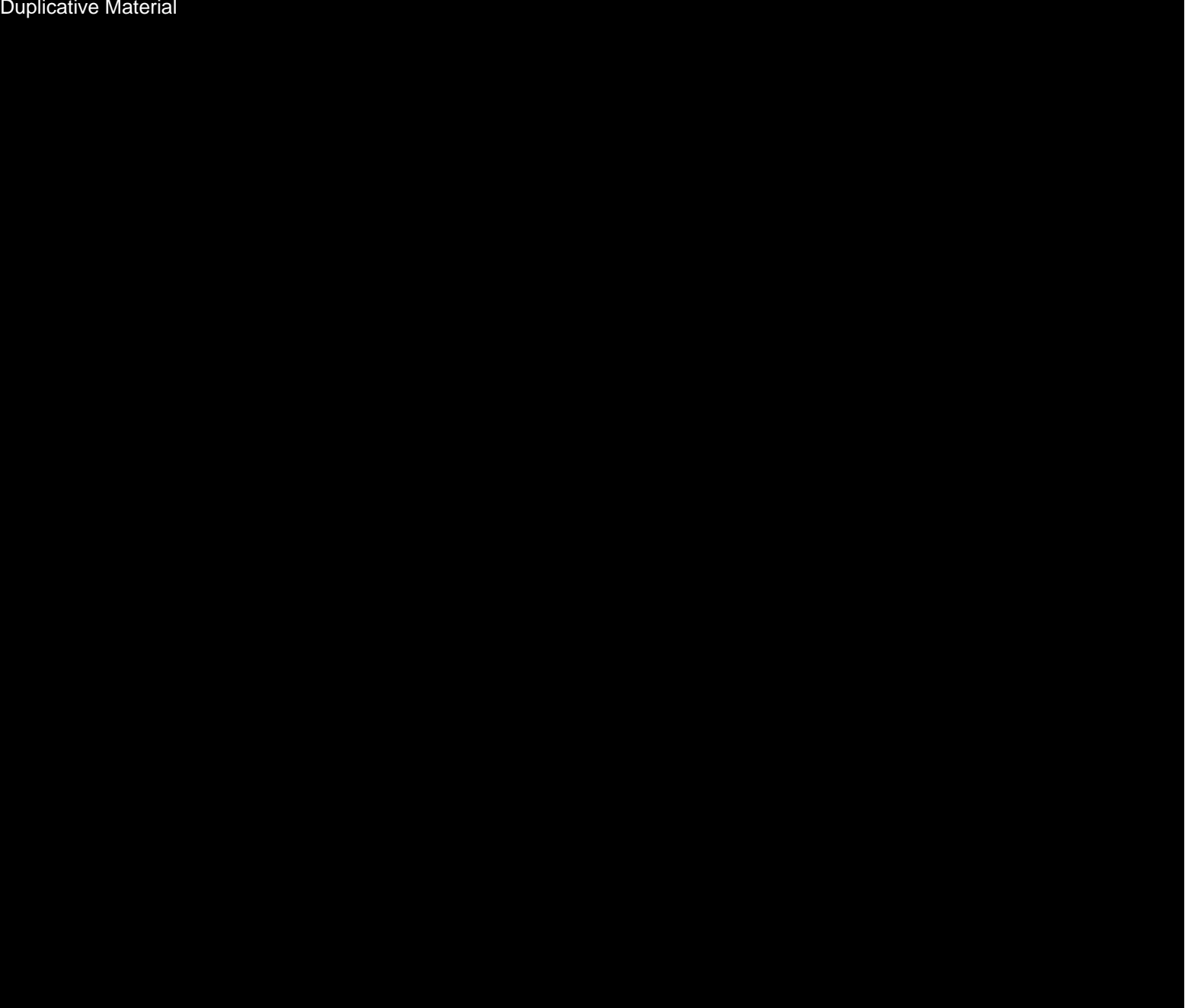


From: Spinato, Eric <eric.spinato@FOXNEWS.COM>
Sent: Wednesday, September 6, 2017 10:41 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: RE: Good morning, Sarah

Friday would be the only day
Time best, post her Morning show, around 9:10a

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, September 06, 2017 10:40 AM
To: Spinato, Eric <eric.spinato@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: RE: Good morning, Sarah

Duplicative Material



From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Wednesday, September 6, 2017 5:35 PM
To: Gibson, Jake
Subject: RE: Planning question

Yes but we aren't releasing it yet and it wont be open press.

Sarah Isgur Flores
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From: Gibson, Jake [mailto:Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Wednesday, September 6, 2017 5:26 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Planning question

Does the AG have anything on his schedule on 9/11?

Jake Gibson
Department of Justice and Federal Law Enforcement Producer
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From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Wednesday, September 6, 2017 10:39 AM
To: Spinato, Eric
Subject: RE: Good job this morning !

Thank you!

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs
202.305.5808

From: Spinato, Eric [mailto:eric.spinato@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Wednesday, September 6, 2017 8:25 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Good job this morning !

Eric Spinato

Senior Story Editor, Fox Business Network

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From: Nestande, Francesca <Francesca.Nestande@FOXNEWS.COM>
Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2017 1:12 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Hannity Request

Hi Sarah—

Sean would really love to get AG Sessions on Hannity tomorrow or a day this week.

Please let me know if there is anything we can do to make this work.

Thank you!
Francesca

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From: Roberts, John <John.roberts@FOXNEWS.COM>
Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2017 9:14 AM
To: Sutton, Sarah E. (OPA)
Cc: Press
Subject: Re: RSVP from Fox News Channel

FYI - my legal last name is (b) (6)

John Roberts
Chief White House Correspondent
Fox News Channel
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> On Sep 5, 2017, at 9:01 AM, Sutton, Sarah E. (OPA) <Sarah.E.Sutton@usdoj.gov> wrote:

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> Thanks!

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Roberts, John [mailto:John.roberts@FOXNEWS.COM]

> Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2017 8:15 AM

> To: Sutton, Sarah E. (OPA) <sesutton@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov>

> Subject: RSVP from Fox News Channel

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> I will be attending this morning's press conference on behalf of Fox News Channel

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> Thank you,

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> John Roberts

> Chief White House Correspondent

> Fox News Channel

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From: Roberts, John <John.roberts@FOXNEWS.COM>
Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2017 9:11 AM
To: Sutton, Sarah E. (OPA)
Cc: Press
Subject: Re: RSVP from Fox News Channel

See you soon. Thanks!

John Roberts
Chief White House Correspondent
Fox News Channel

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> On Sep 5, 2017, at 9:01 AM, Sutton, Sarah E. (OPA) <Sarah.E.Sutton@usdoj.gov> wrote:
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Sutton, Sarah E. (OPA)

From: Sutton, Sarah E. (OPA)
Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2017 8:28 AM
To: Gibson, Jake
Subject: RE: FOX CREDENTIALING FOR SESSIONS EVENT AT 11AM TUESDAY

Yes, I have him down. Thanks!

From: Gibson, Jake [mailto:Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2017 8:27 AM
To: Sutton, Sarah E. (OPA) <sesutton@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: FOX CREDENTIALING FOR SESSIONS EVENT AT 11AM TUESDAY

Sorry about all the craziness.

But have you seen that we changed our reporter?

It's now John Roberts.

Thanks much!

On Sep 5, 2017, at 8:15 AM, Sutton, Sarah E. (OPA) <Sarah.E.Sutton@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Done.

From: Kearns, Cailin [mailto:Cailin.Kearns@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2017 7:45 AM
T (b) (6) Photographer; Sutton, Sarah E. (OPA) <sesutton@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Creighton, Kelly M (OPA) <kcreighton@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Gibson, Jake <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM>; McDonough, Constance <Constance.mcdonough@FOXNEWS.COM>; 531-DCDeskOps <DCdeskops@foxnews.com>; Kenney, Colleen <Colleen.Kenney@FOXNEWS.COM>; Rizzolo, Lisa <Lisa.Rizzolo@FOXNEWS.COM>; Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Pamias, Alexandra <Alexandra.Pamias@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: RE: FOX CREDENTIALING FOR SESSIONS EVENT AT 11AM TUESDAY

Good Morning,

Could you please credential our reporter as well?

John Roberts

Thanks!
Cailin

From: Kearns, Cailin
Sent: Tuesday, September 05, 2017 7:35 AM
T (b) (6) Photographer; Sutton, Sarah E. (OPA) <Sarah.E.Sutton@usdoj.gov>
Cc: Creighton, Kelly M (OPA) <Kelly.M.Creighton@usdoj.gov>; Gibson, Jake

<Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM>; McDonough, Constance <Constance.mcdonough@FOXNEWS.COM>;
531-DCDeskOps <DCdeskops@foxnews.com>; Kenney, Colleen <Colleen.Kenney@FOXNEWS.COM>;
Rizzolo, Lisa <Lisa.Rizzolo@FOXNEWS.COM>; Press <Press@usdoj.gov>; Pamas, Alexandra
<Alexandra.Pamas@FOXNEWS.COM>

Subject: RE: FOX CREDENTIALING FOR SESSIONS EVENT AT 11AM TUESDAY

Good Morning,

FOX would also like to credential an additional photographer. Details below:

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Thanks!

Cailin

From (b) (6) Photographer

Sent: Monday, September 04, 2017 10:44 PM

To: Sutton, Sarah E. (OPA) <Sarah.E.Sutton@usdoj.gov>

Cc: Creighton, Kelly M (OPA) <Kelly.M.Creighton@usdoj.gov>; Gibson, Jake
<Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM>; McDonough, Constance <Constance.mcdonough@FOXNEWS.COM>;
531-DCDeskOps <DCdeskops@foxnews.com>; Kenney, Colleen <Colleen.Kenney@FOXNEWS.COM>;
Rizzolo, Lisa <Lisa.Rizzolo@FOXNEWS.COM>; Press <Press@usdoj.gov>; Pamas, Alexandra
<Alexandra.Pamas@FOXNEWS.COM>

Subject: Re: FOX CREDENTIALING FOR SESSIONS EVENT AT 11AM TUESDAY

Great, thanks!

On Sep 4, 2017 10:36 PM, "Sutton, Sarah E. (OPA)" <Sarah.E.Sutton@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Thanks all. I have CC'd Kelly Creighton in this email who can give guidance on parking.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 4, 2017, at 10:16 PM, Kenney, Colleen <Colleen.Kenney@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Hi Sarah,

FOX would like to credential a photographer to cover tomorrow's briefing:

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We also plan to send a reporter. We'd like permission to have a spot inside for our crew to report back live from the press conference. Let us know if you can provide a parking spot as well.

Thanks,

Colleen

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From: Sutton, Sarah E. (OPA)
Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2017 7:40 AM
To: Gibson, Jake
Cc: Press; McDonough, Constance; Creighton, Kelly M (OPA); McKelway, Doug
Subject: Re: FOX CREDENTIALING FOR SESSIONS EVENT AT 11AM TUESDAY

Sounds good, thanks!

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 5, 2017, at 7:28 AM, Gibson, Jake <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Fox needs to add one more person for today's 11am event please.

Doug McKelway will be our correspondent in the room.

I will also attend, but I have a hard pass.

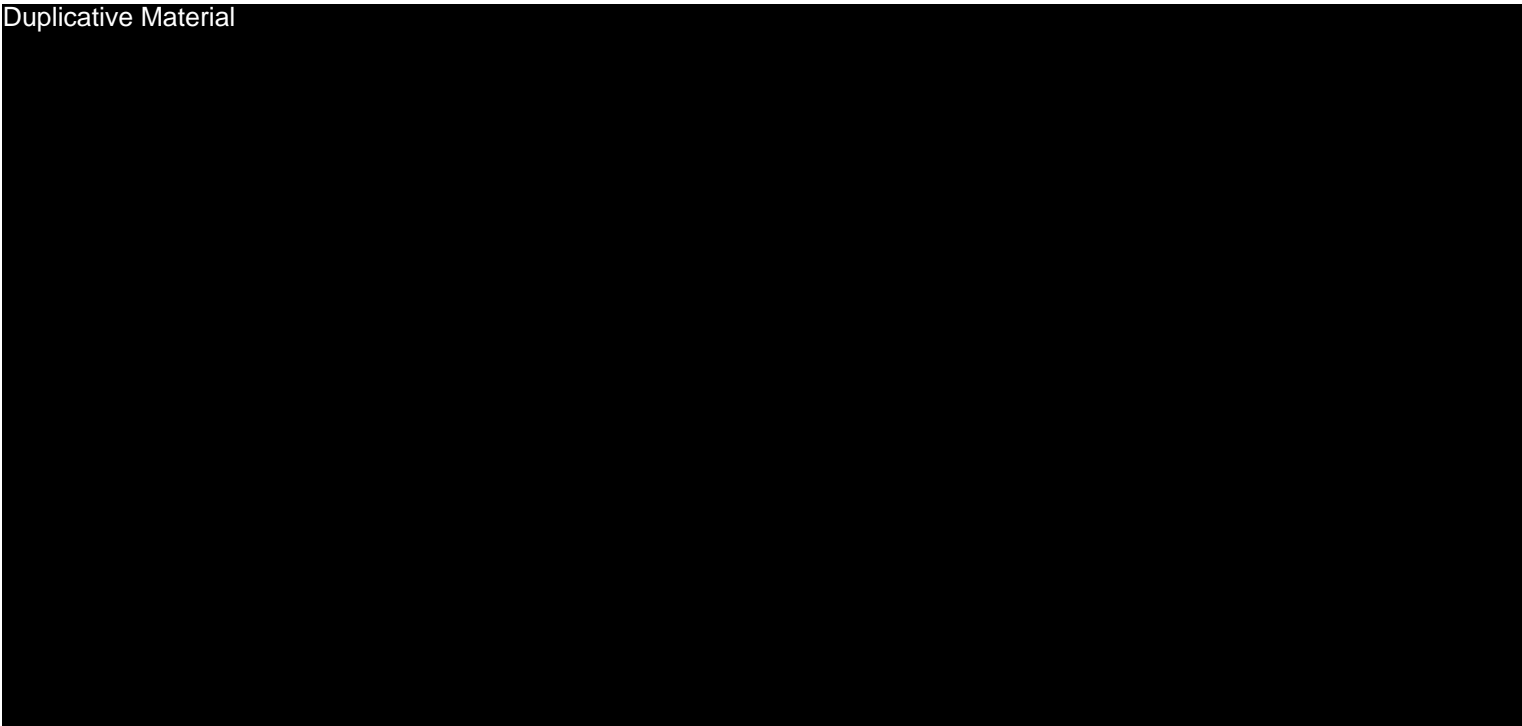
Thanks.

Jake Gibson
DOJ Producer
Fox News Washington

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On Sep 4, 2017, at 10:35 PM, Sutton, Sarah E. (OPA) <Sarah.E.Sutton@usdoj.gov> wrote:

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From: Creighton, Kelly M (OPA)
Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2017 7:36 AM
To: Sutton, Sarah E. (OPA)
Cc: Kenney, Colleen; 531-DCDeskOps; Gibson, Jake (b) (6) Photographer; Press; Rizzolo, Lisa; McDonough, Constance; Pamas, Alexandra
Subject: Re: FOX CREDENTIALING FOR SESSIONS EVENT AT 11AM TUESDAY

My apologies for the delay. Parking is not available.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 4, 2017, at 22:34, Sutton, Sarah E. (OPA) <sesutton@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

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From: (b) (6) Photographer
Sent: Monday, September 4, 2017 10:17 PM
To: Kenney, Colleen
Cc: Gibson, Jake; McDonough, Constance; 531-DCDeskOps; Rizzolo, Lisa; Press; Pamias, Alexandra; Sutton, Sarah E. (OPA)
Subject: Re: FOX CREDENTIALING FOR SESSIONS EVENT AT 11AM TUESDAY

Got it.

On Sep 4, 2017 10:16 PM, "Kenney, Colleen" <Colleen.Kenney@foxnews.com> wrote:

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From: Murray, Andrew <Andrew.Murray@FOXNEWS.COM>
Sent: Monday, September 4, 2017 10:42 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Re: Interview with "Fox & Friends" Tomorrow (Wednesday)?

How about Wednesday on DACA?

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On Sep 3, 2017, at 11:48 AM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

(b) (6) But y'all are on our list as soon as it makes sense--thanks!

On Sep 3, 2017, at 10:17 AM, Murray, Andrew <Andrew.Murray@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Hi Sarah,

Sorry to bug you on Labor Day weekend, but I wanted to follow up with you on scheduling Attorney General Session to join us on "Fox & Friends" would tomorrow, Tuesday or Wednesday work for a LIVE 5-7 minute discussion between 6am 9am ET?

Thanks in advance,

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From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [<mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 3:45 PM
To: Murray, Andrew <Andrew.Murray@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: RE: Interview with "Fox & Friends" Tomorrow (Wednesday)?

Hoping to get yall an announcement from the WH to go with it...give me another day and should be able to lock in fingers crossed!

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs
202.305.5808

From: Murray, Andrew [<mailto:Andrew.Murray@FOXNEWS.COM>]
Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 3:43 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Interview with "Fox & Friends" Tomorrow (Wednesday)?

That would work for us, please let us know what time would work for a LIVE 5-7 minute discussion between 6am - 9am ET.

Andrew

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [<mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 3:40 PM
To: Murray, Andrew <Andrew.Murray@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: RE: Interview with "Fox & Friends" Tomorrow (Wednesday)?

The AG will be in Nashville to speak at the FOP on Monday. Wonder if that wouldn't be a better time?

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From: Murray, Andrew [<mailto:Andrew.Murray@FOXNEWS.COM>]
Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 11:03 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Interview with "Fox & Friends" Tomorrow (Wednesday)?

Hi Sarah,

Since the news cycle will be focusing again on illegal immigration and border security, tomorrow (Wednesday) might be a good day to set up a LIVE interview with Attorney General Sessions and "Fox & Friends." Please let me know if you believe this might work within his schedule either tomorrow or later this week.

Thanks in advance,

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From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [<mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, August 16, 2017 2:09 PM
To: Murray, Andrew <Andrew.Murray@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: Re: excerpt from tomorrow's AG speech

Looks like we have to pass--they've switched around some meetings in the am. Sorry.
Let's find another day maybe next week.

On Aug 16, 2017, at 12:29 PM, Murray, Andrew <Andrew.Murray@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Would a LIVE interview from 7:30am ET 7:40am ET work, or would that be too late?

Andrew

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [<mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, August 16, 2017 12:07 PM
To: Murray, Andrew <Andrew.Murray@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: Re: excerpt from tomorrow's AG speech

Let me work on it. We'd have to have a truck come out in Miami pretty early before we have to leave--so let me check w the detail and stuff on logistics!

On Aug 16, 2017, at 12:03 PM, Murray, Andrew <Andrew.Murray@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Good question...I asked our Executive Producer and he said, we would want to ask one question at the start, but would keep it to one question and then spend the rest of the time on Sanctuary cities. We would get attacked by our critics if we didn't mention it at all. So if

you are OK with that, let us know. If not...we can always find another day.

Andrew

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
[mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, August 16, 2017 11:55 AM
To: Murray, Andrew
<Andrew.Murray@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: Re: excerpt from tomorrow's AG speech

Hmmm welll...if we did tomorrow could we limit the topic to his sanctuary city speech and Chicago? Or would we need to discuss Charlottesville?

On Aug 16, 2017, at 11:51 AM, Murray, Andrew
<Andrew.Murray@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Great! We can make it work as early as tomorrow or whenever he has time.

Andrew

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
[mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, August 16, 2017 11:50 AM
To: Murray, Andrew
<Andrew.Murray@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: Re: excerpt from tomorrow's AG speech

This morning was just awesomeness everywhere on f&f! Thank you! Let's find a good time for the AGs next interview.

On Aug 16, 2017, at 11:39 AM, Murray, Andrew
<Andrew.Murray@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Thanks again for the quote, we used it for the segment with Mayor Gimenez this morning, below are the links to the segments that might interest you.

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ATTORNEY, SOUTHERN
DISTRICT OF OHIO

Link:

<http://video.foxnews.com/v/5542502652001/>

CARLOS GIMÉNEZ,
MAYOR OF MIAMI
DADE COUNTY, FL -
<http://video.foxnews.com/v/5542596465001/>

Andrew

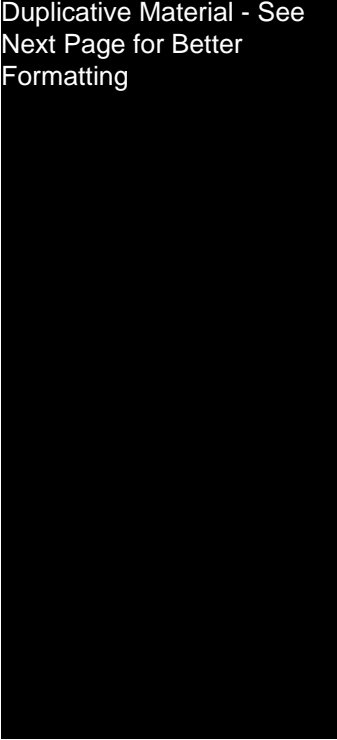
From: Flores, Sarah
Isgur (OPA)
[<mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>]

Sent: Tuesday, August
15, 2017 11:39 PM

To: Murray, Andrew
<Andrew.Murray@FOXNEWS.COM>

Subject: RE: excerpt
from tomorrow's AG
speech

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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2017 11:39 PM
To: Murray, Andrew
Subject: RE: excerpt from tomorrow's AG speech

Oh that one im definitely pumped for

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From: Murray, Andrew [mailto:Andrew.Murray@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2017 11:28 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: excerpt from tomorrow's AG speech

You may want to DVR our 6:15am segment...BENJAMIN C. GLASSMAN, U.S. ATTORNEY, SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO - TOPIC: MAJOR MS-13 BUST! SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE BRUTAL GANG ARRESTED IN OHIO, INDIANA

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On Aug 15, 2017, at 11:25 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Then ill definitely tune in!!

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Director of Public Affairs
202.305.5808

From: Murray, Andrew [<mailto:Andrew.Murray@FOXNEWS.COM>]
Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2017 11:24 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@imd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: excerpt from tomorrow's AG speech

Thank you. We are having the Mayor of Miami-Dade County on at 8:30am tomorrow.

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On Aug 15, 2017, at 11:11 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Sanctuary city speech at 3pm Port of Miami contrasting Miami (which was recently announced to be compliant with federal law) and Chicago (an answer to Rahm Emmanuel's lawsuit):

"I know that Miami-Dade will be an example of the good that comes from following the law. We have already seen that: the same Independence Day weekend when Chicago suffered more than 100 shootings and 15 homicides, Miami-Dade also had a historic number of shooting deaths – zero."

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From: Gibson, Jake <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM>
Sent: Saturday, September 2, 2017 2:13 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA); Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: Fwd: American Oversight Says FBI Response in FOIA Summary Judgment Request Shows No Trump Wiretap

Might you have this document... or know where I can find it?

Thanks much.

Subject: American Oversight Says FBI Response in FOIA Summary Judgment Request Shows No Trump Wiretap

This would of course counter the president's Saturday morning, March 4 Tweet that he had been wiretapped at Trump Tower by the Obama administration right before the election.

DOJ folks, does this document live anywhere to which we have access?

<https://www.americanoversight.org/news/doj-fbi-tweets>

The Department of Justice confirmed in a court filing on Friday evening that neither the DOJ nor the FBI have any records supporting President Trump's tweeted assertion that Trump Tower was "wiretapped."

In a Motion for Summary Judgment in American Oversight's FOIA lawsuit, lawyers for the government stated that neither the National Security Division (NSD) nor the FBI have any records of the wiretaps President Trump in his March 4, 2017 tweets.

FBI/DOJ CONFIRM NO RECORDS OF WIRETAPS (p. 4)

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Statement from American Oversight Executive Director, Austin Evers:

"The FBI and Department of Justice have now sided with former Director Comey and confirmed in writing that President Trump lied when he tweeted that former President Obama 'wiretapped' him at Trump Tower. As the president and his legal team continue their smear campaign against Mr. Comey, Special Counsel Mueller and others investigating him, this filing confirms that even Trump's own Department of Justice does not believe he has credibility on a key element of the Russia investigation. With Special Counsel Mueller's team closing in and reportedly investigating attempts by Mr. Trump to mislead the public on Russia this filing serves as further proof that the president's words simply cannot be trusted."

In the March 4 tweets, President Trump asserted that former President Obama had placed wiretaps on Mr. Trump and entities or associates in Trump Tower for improper purposes during the course of the 2016 presidential campaign.

More information about American Oversight's lawsuit and investigation into the Trump administration's actions related to the Russia investigation can be found [HERE](#).

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From: Gibson, Jake <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM>
Sent: Friday, September 1, 2017 4:39 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Re: Question....

Fair enough...

On Sep 1, 2017, at 4:36 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

I'm not sure what this has to do with us--sounds like it's special counsel right?

On Sep 1, 2017, at 3:20 PM, Gibson, Jake <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

The Grassley letter refers to transcripts of the OSC's interviews with then director Comey's Chief of Staff Jim Rybicki and the Principal Deputy General Counsel of Marional Security and CyberLaw, Trisha Anderson.

Can we get access to the unredacted portions of those transcripts?

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 1, 2017, at 4:01 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

I'm not sure I follow. What transcripts?

On Sep 1, 2017, at 2:48 PM, Gibson, Jake <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Sorry meant to include...

The footnote on the letter says OSC provided to the DOJ

3 OSC first provided the transcripts to the Justice Department, which redacted significant portions of the

transcripts without explanation. It redacted the names of the witnesses, even though those names were in the Committee's request.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 1, 2017, at 3:42 PM, Gibson, Jake
<Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

From a colleague...

Do you happen to know
if the transcripts as part
of this
Grassley/Graham letter
are publicly available?
Would prefer to show
the actual transcripts
provided to the DOJ in
Herridge pkg if possible.
Thanks!

<https://www.grassley.senate.gov/sites/default/files/constituents/2017-08-30%20CEG%20%2B%20LG%20to%20FBI%20%28Comey%20Statement%29.pdf>

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From: Laco, Kelly (OPA)
Sent: Friday, September 1, 2017 3:18 PM
To: Fleming, Taylor
Subject: Re: Book Corey Amundson on Fox&Friends Tomorrow

Nicole Navas Oxman

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On Sep 1, 2017, at 1:44 PM, Fleming, Taylor <Taylor.Fleming@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

We're looking to do a 6:50A CST / 7:50A EST interview with him. Will that work? Please let me know his skype username and when he might be available for a skype test. Thanks so much.

From: Navas, Nicole (OPA) [<mailto:Nicole.Navas@usdoj.gov>]
Sent: Friday, September 01, 2017 1:43 PM
To: Fleming, Taylor
Cc: Laco, Kelly (OPA); Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: Re: Book Corey Amundson on Fox&Friends Tomorrow

Hi,
Yes, he does have Skype capabilities. When were you looking to do this?

Thank you,

Nicole Navas Oxman
Spokeswoman
U.S. Department of Justice

On Sep 1, 2017, at 1:38 PM, Fleming, Taylor <Taylor.Fleming@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Kelly & Nicole Unfortunately, we can't find a studio to accommodate this out of Lake Charles. Does he have the ability to skype with us? Thanks so much, and please let me know. -Taylor

From: Laco, Kelly (OPA) [<mailto:Kelly.Laco@usdoj.gov>]
Sent: Friday, September 01, 2017 12:14 PM
To: Fleming, Taylor; Murray, Andrew

Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA); Navas, Nicole (OPA)
Subject: RE: Book Corey Amundson on Fox&Friends Tomorrow

Great, thanks so much Taylor. I am looping in Nicole Navas who is in communication with him regarding logistics.

Thanks.

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From: Fleming, Taylor [<mailto:Taylor.Fleming@FOXNEWS.COM>]
Sent: Friday, September 1, 2017 12:07 PM
To: Laco, Kelly (OPA) <klaco@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Murray, Andrew <Andrew.Murray@FOXNEWS.COM>
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Book Corey Amundson on Fox&Friends Tomorrow

Hi Kelly,

We would like to have Mr. Amundson join us for a live interview tomorrow at 6:50A CST / 7:50A EST. If we're able to secure a studio at Lake Charles, could he join us from there? We'd be happy to arrange for car service. Otherwise, is he available to join us via skype?

Thanks so much, and please let me know.

-Taylor

From: Laco, Kelly (OPA) [<mailto:Kelly.Laco@usdoj.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, August 31, 2017 9:14 PM
To: Murray, Andrew
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA); Fleming, Taylor
Subject: RE: Book Corey Amundson on Fox&Friends Tomorrow

Andrew,

Great, thanks. He will be in Lake Charles on Saturday and Sunday and could be available for an interview. POTUS visit on Sat will occupy him from 11-2.

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From: Murray, Andrew [<mailto:Andrew.Murray@FOXNEWS.COM>]
Sent: Thursday, August 31, 2017 6:16 PM
To: Laco, Kelly (OPA) <klaco@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Fleming, Taylor <Taylor.Fleming@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: RE: Book Corey Amundson on Fox&Friends Tomorrow

Hi Kelly,

I am looping in weekend producer Taylor Fleming who will let you know the windows of time that work for us this weekend, can you please let us know what his location will be on Saturday and Sunday?

Andrew

From: Laco, Kelly (OPA) [<mailto:Kelly.Laco@usdoj.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, August 31, 2017 5:44 PM
To: Murray, Andrew <Andrew.Murray@FOXNEWS.COM>
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: Book Corey Amundson on Fox&Friends Tomorrow

Great! What do the logistics of timing look like for both mornings? I will see what might work best on his end. Thanks.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 31, 2017, at 3:09 PM, Murray, Andrew <Andrew.Murray@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Thank you, I believe we are filled up tomorrow, but we might have room this weekend on either Saturday or Sunday if Corey is available on either day.

Andrew

From: Laco, Kelly (OPA) [<mailto:Kelly.Laco@usdoj.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, August 31, 2017 2:55 PM
To: Murray, Andrew <Andrew.Murray@FOXNEWS.COM>
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>
Subject: Book Corey Amundson on Fox&Friends Tomorrow

Hi Andrew,

I hope you are doing well! I am hoping to work with you to book Corey Amundson, US Attorney for the Middle District of Louisiana and also head of the DOJ's National Center for Disaster Fraud on Fox & Friends tomorrow morning. USA Amundson has insight on an angle on Harvey that many people overlook fraud and he can shed light on how help citizens avoid scams in the aftermath of disaster.

The NCDF - which has remained fully operational since its inception following Hurricane Katrina - is specifically designed to be ready for situations like Harvey. We have an excellent staff of investigators, analysts, call center operators, and managers preparing to handle the anticipated volume. The Department is committed to pursuing any fraudsters seeking to capitalize on the tragedy and will certainly devote the necessary resources to do so.

We also recognize that much of the fraud may occur in areas far removed from the disaster. For example, in connection with Hurricane Katrina, there were 1,370 federal disaster fraud prosecutions involving 1,463 defendants in 49 different federal districts. This fact illustrates the importance of having a command center, such as the NCDF, to de-conflict and coordinate efforts across the country.

Please let me know if you need any additional information and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Thank you!

Kelly

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From: Navas, Nicole (OPA)
Sent: Friday, September 1, 2017 1:52 PM
To: Fleming, Taylor
Cc: Laco, Kelly (OPA); Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: Re: Book Corey Amundson on Fox&Friends Tomorrow

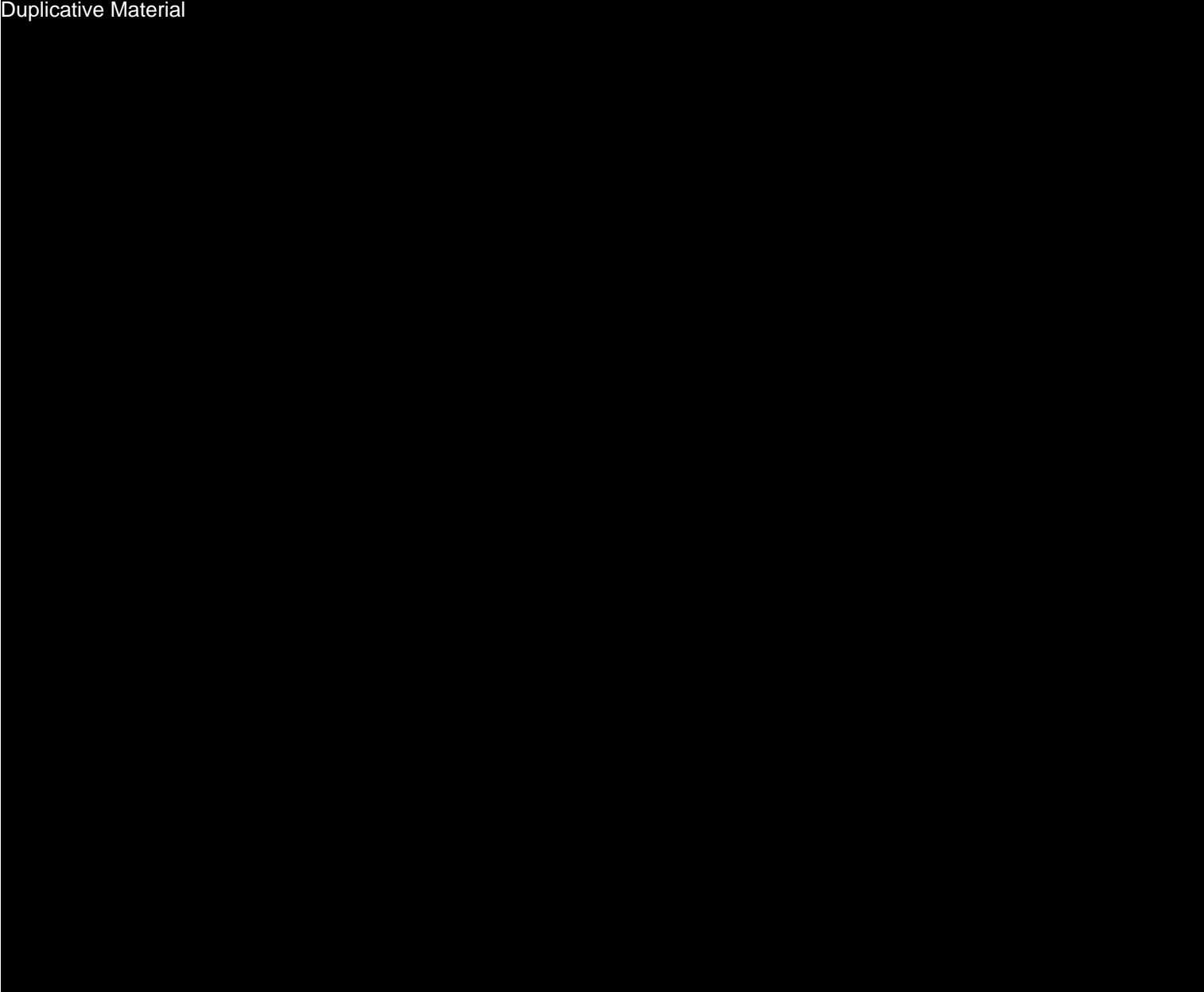
Will check and circle back

Thank you,

Nicole Navas Oxman
Spokeswoman
U.S. Department of Justice

On Sep 1, 2017, at 1:44 PM, Fleming, Taylor <Taylor.Fleming@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

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From: Fleming, Taylor <Taylor.Fleming@FOXNEWS.COM>
Sent: Friday, September 1, 2017 12:24 PM
To: Laco, Kelly (OPA); Murray, Andrew
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA); Navas, Nicole (OPA)
Subject: RE: Book Corey Amundson on Fox&Friends Tomorrow

Thank you! We are looking into our satellite studio capabilities in Lake Charles. Please let me know when we can confirm.

From: Laco, Kelly (OPA) [mailto:Kelly.Laco@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Friday, September 01, 2017 12:14 PM
To: Fleming, Taylor; Murray, Andrew
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA); Navas, Nicole (OPA)
Subject: RE: Book Corey Amundson on Fox&Friends Tomorrow

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From: Fleming, Taylor <Taylor.Fleming@FOXNEWS.COM>
Sent: Friday, September 1, 2017 8:54 AM
To: Laco, Kelly (OPA); Murray, Andrew
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: RE: Book Corey Amundson on Fox&Friends Tomorrow

Thank you, Kelly. I'll be in touch later today with further details.

From: Laco, Kelly (OPA) [mailto:Kelly.Laco@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Thursday, August 31, 2017 9:14 PM
To: Murray, Andrew
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA); Fleming, Taylor
Subject: RE: Book Corey Amundson on Fox&Friends Tomorrow

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From: Singman, Brooke <brooke.singman@FOXNEWS.COM>
Sent: Friday, September 1, 2017 9:42 AM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA); Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: RE: Fox News request-- Goodlatte letter 7/27

Thank you so much, Ian!

Have a great holiday weekend!

Brooke

From: Prior, Ian (OPA) [mailto:ian.prior@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Friday, September 01, 2017 9:36 AM
To: Singman, Brooke <brooke.singman@FOXNEWS.COM>; Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Fox News request-- Goodlatte letter 7/27

On the record: We have received the letter.

Off the record, we are working on a response. Don't have anything beyond that.

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From: Singman, Brooke [mailto:brooke.singman@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Friday, September 1, 2017 8:34 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Fox News request-- Goodlatte letter 7/27

Good morning Sarah and Ian!

Just checking in on a letter from House Judiciary Chairman Goodlatte...He sent a letter to the Attorney General on July 27 calling for a second special counsel to investigate former FBI Director Comey and Hillary Clinton. What is the status of that? Especially with the latest revelations out of the Senate Judiciary Committee that Comey drafted an exoneration statement for Clinton before the investigation was over. The president is tweeting about this and the "rigged system" this morning.

We can speak on background, or off the record. Just looking for some guidance with this.

Deadline is as soon as you can... hoping before 11a EST.

Thanks,

Brooke Singman
Politics Reporter, Fox News Channel

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From: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, August 31, 2017 2:59 PM
To: Gibson, Jake

https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/files/epress/DACA_letter_6_29_2017.pdf?cachebuster:5

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Prior, Ian (OPA)

From: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Sent: Thursday, August 31, 2017 2:55 PM
To: Gibson, Jake

If, by September 5, 2017, the Executive Branch agrees to rescind the June 15, 2012 DACA memorandum and not to renew or issue any new DACA or Expanded DACA permits in the future, then the plaintiffs that successfully challenged DAPA and Expanded DACA will voluntarily dismiss their lawsuit currently pending in the Southern District of Texas. Otherwise, the complaint in that case will be amended to challenge both the DACA program and the remaining Expanded DACA permits.

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From: Gibson, Jake <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM>
Sent: Thursday, August 31, 2017 2:10 PM
To: Pettit, Mark T. (OPA); Prior, Ian (OPA); Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: RE: Subscriber Deleted

Thanks all!

From: Pettit, Mark T. (OPA) [mailto:Mark.T.Pettit@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Thursday, August 31, 2017 2:09 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA); Gibson, Jake; Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: RE: Subscriber Deleted

On it!

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From: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, August 31, 2017 1:39 PM
To: Gibson, Jake <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM>; Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Pettit, Mark T. (OPA) <mtpettit@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Subscriber Deleted

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From: Gibson, Jake [mailto:Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Thursday, August 31, 2017 1:37 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: FW: Subscriber Deleted

Uh oh...

I have no idea how this happened... but I certainly don't want to cease being a subscriber!

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Sent: Thursday, August 31, 2017 1:28 PM
To: Gibson, Jake
Subject: Subscriber Deleted

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From: Chuck Ross <chuck@dailycaller.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 31, 2017 12:02 PM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Subject: Re: Erdogan's UNGA visit and bodyguards

Thanks Devin

On Thu, Aug 31, 2017 at 10:32 AM, O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Hi Chuck

The US Attorney's Office in DC is handling the case and would be able to help you on this case. The contact info for the PIO should be on the email that Alex forwarded to you.

That said, I'm not certain how into the weeds on hypotheticals they are going to get.

Let me know if I can be more helpful in the future.

Devin

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From: Chuck Ross [mailto:chuck@dailycaller.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 31, 2017 10:58 AM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Erdogan's UNGA visit and bodyguards

Devin,

How are you? This is Chuck Ross over at The Daily Caller. My colleague Alex Pfeiffer said you might be the right guy to contact about this. I'm working on something regarding Erdogan's visit to UN General Assembly next month and was wondering what will happen regarding his indicted bodyguards.

State Dept gave me a general statement and referred me to Justice.

I don't know what you can tell me at this point, but please give me a call a (b) (6) if you're able to discuss.

Best,

Chuck Ross

The Daily Caller

From: Singman, Brooke <brooke.singman@FOXNEWS.COM>
Sent: Thursday, August 31, 2017 7:48 AM
To: Carr, Peter (OPA); SpecialCounselPress
Subject: Fox News request

Good morning Peter,

Hope you're well!

Hoping for a comment from the Special Counsel's office in regards to the recent reports that he has been in communication with New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman in recent weeks and is working with him on the investigation into Paul Manafort and his financial transactions. Are you able to confirm this? (assuming no)

But I wonder while Manafort has not been accused of any wrongdoing at this point, his potential crimes would seem to be at the state level. Would the president have pardon power over state crimes or only federal?

News outlets have spun Mueller's work with Scheiderman as a potential attempt to limit the president's pardon power in the investigation into his associates... Any comment to that?

My deadline is 8:45a EST.

Thank you,

Brooke Singman
Politics Reporter, Fox News Channel

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From: Pettit, Mark T. (OPA)
Sent: Wednesday, August 30, 2017 2:12 PM
To: Kerry Picket
Subject: RE: Lunch with the Attorney General (NEW RESCHEDULED)

Thanks Kerry!

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From: Kerry Picket [mailto:kerry@dailycaller.com]
Sent: Wednesday, August 30, 2017 2:10 PM
To: Pettit, Mark T. (OPA) <mtpettit@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: Lunch with the Attorney General (NEW RESCHEDULED)

I can attend.

On Wed, Aug 30, 2017 at 1:59 PM, Pettit, Mark T. (OPA) <Mark.T.Pettit@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Hello,

I have you RSVP'd for the off-the-record group lunch with the Attorney General here at the Department of Justice on Tuesday, September 12 at 12 pm. Due to a change in the Attorney General's schedule, we need to change the date of the event to **September 26th at 12 pm**. Please let me know if you are still able to attend.

Best,

Mark Pettit

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THE DAILY CALLER

From: Alex Pfeiffer <pfeiffer@dailycaller.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 29, 2017 6:41 PM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Subject: Re: Indictments Returned Against 19 Defendants in Turkish Embassy Case

Just forwarded them over to Chuck. I appreciate it.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 29, 2017, at 6:07 PM, O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov> wrote:

I know your colleague Chuck Ross was all over the embassy violence, so I wanted to be sure I flagged this for you/him.

Devin M. O'Malley
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From: Sutton, Sarah E. (OPA)
Sent: Tuesday, August 29, 2017 6:03 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: FW: Indictments Returned Against 19 Defendants in Turkish Embassy Case

From: Miller, William (USADC) [<mailto:William.Miller3@usdoj.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, August 29, 2017 5:47 PM
Subject: Indictments Returned Against 19 Defendants in Turkish Embassy Case

A total of 19 defendants, including 15 identified as Turkish security officials, were indicted today by a grand jury in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia on criminal charges stemming from violence that took place May 16, 2017, near the Turkish embassy.

Sixteen of the defendants had been charged on June 13, 2017, in criminal complaints. The indictment adds three new defendants, all Turkish security officials: Muhsin Kose, Yusuf Ayar, and Harrettin Eren.

All 19 defendants were indicted on a charge of conspiracy to commit a crime of violence, with a bias crime enhancement. Many were indicted on additional charges, as outlined below:

The 15 Turkish security officials include:

Turgut Akar, 41:, also charged with one count each of assault with a dangerous weapon and simple assault, both with bias enhancements.

Yusuf Ayar, age not available.

Ismail Dalkiran, 41: also charged with one count each of assault with a dangerous weapon and simple assault, both with bias enhancements.

Ismail Ergunduz, 41: also charged with two counts of assault with a dangerous weapon, both with bias enhancements, and one with an age enhancement; one count each of assault with significant bodily injury and simple assault, both with bias enhancements.

Servet Erkan, 42: also charged with two counts of assault with a dangerous weapon, both with bias enhancements, and one with an age enhancement; one count each of assault with significant bodily injury and simple assault, all with bias enhancements.

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Tugay Erkan, 26: also charged with one count of assault with a dangerous weapon with bias and age enhancements; one count each of assault with significant bodily injury and simple assault with bias enhancements.

Harrettin Eren, age not available: also charged with two counts of assault with a dangerous weapon and two counts of simple assault, both with bias enhancements.

Ahmet Karabay, 53: also charged with one count each of assault with a dangerous weapon and simple assault, both with bias enhancements.

Feride Kayasan, 26: also charged with one count each of assault with a dangerous weapon and three counts of simple assault, all with bias enhancements.

Muhsin Kose, age not available.

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Lutfu Kutluca, 46: also charged with one count of simple assault, with a bias enhancement.

Mehmet Sarman, 25: also charged with two counts of assault with a dangerous weapon, both with bias enhancements; one count of aggravated assault, with a bias enhancement, one count of simple assault, with a bias enhancement.

Mustafa Murat Sumercan, age not available: also charged with two counts of assault with a dangerous weapon and one count each of assault with significant bodily injury and simple assault, all with bias enhancements.

Gokhan Yildirim, 29: also charged with one count of assault with a dangerous weapon, with bias and age enhancements and one count of assault with significant bodily injury, with a bias enhancement.

Hamza Yurteri, 24,: also charged with two counts of assault with a dangerous weapon and one count each of aggravated assault and simple assault both with bias enhancements.

Others (4)

Sinan Narin , 45, of Mclean, Va.: also charged with two counts of assault with a dangerous weapon, one count of aggravated assault, and one count of simple assault, all with bias enhancements.

Eyup Yildirim, 50, of Manchester, N.J.: also charged with three counts of assault with a dangerous weapon, one with an age enhancement and all with bias enhancements; one count of assault with significant bodily injury, with a bias enhancement.

Ahmet Cengizhan Dereci, 37, of Toronto: also charged with two counts of assault with a dangerous weapon, one with an age enhancement and both with bias enhancements, one count each of assault with significant bodily injury and simple assault, both with bias enhancements.

Mahmut Sami Ellialti, 34, of Canada: also charged with also charged with two counts of assault with a dangerous weapon, one with an age enhancement and both with bias enhancements, one count each of aggravated assault and assault with significant bodily injury, both with bias enhancements.

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Two of the defendants were arrested on June 14, 2017. They include Sinan Narin and Eyup Yildirim. Both are due in court on Sept. 7, 2017.

The other defendants remain at large.

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The charge of conspiracy to commit a crime of violence is a felony punishable by a statutory maximum of 15 years in prison.

The charge of aggravated assault is a felony punishable by a statutory maximum of 10 years in prison.

The charge of assault with significant bodily injury is a felony punishable by a statutory maximum of three years in prison.

The charge of simple assault is a misdemeanor punishable by a statutory maximum of 180 days in jail.

All charges also carry potential financial penalties. The age and bias enhancements could lead to enhanced penalties (up to 1 ½ times the statutory maximums) under District of Columbia law.

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An indictment is merely a formal charge that a defendant has committed a violation of criminal laws and every defendant is presumed innocent until, and unless, proven guilty.

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OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Holding a Criminal Term
Grand Jury Sworn in on July 17, 2017

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	:	Criminal Nos: 2017 CF3 10331 (Narin)
	:	2017 CF3 11114 (Yildirim)
v.	:	GJO (Akar)
	:	GJO (Dalkiran)
SINAN NARIN,	:	GJO (Erkan, S.)
PDID: 723-623	:	GJO (Erkan, T.)
	:	GJO (Karabay)
EYUP YILDIRIM,	:	GJO (Kayasan)
PDID: 723-944	:	GJO (Kutluca)
	:	GJO (Sumercan)
TURGUT AKAR,	:	GJO (Yildirim, G.)
DCTN: U17028553	:	GJO (Ergunduz)
	:	GJO (Sarman)
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DCTN: U17028554	:	GJO (Ellialti)
	:	GJO (Dereci)
SERVET ERKAN,	:	GJO (Kose)
DCTN: U17028555	:	GJO (Ayar)
	:	GJO (Eren)
TUGAY ERKAN,	:	
DCTN: U17028556	:	Violations:
	:	22 D.C. Code, Sections 1805a(a)(1),
AHMET KARABAY,	:	1805a(a)(2), 3701, 3703;
DCTN: U17028557	:	22 D.C. Code, Sections 402, 3701, 3703;
	:	22 D.C. Code, Sections 402, 3601, 3701,
FERIDE KAYASAN,	:	3703;
DCTN: U17028558	:	22 D.C. Code, Sections 404.01, 3701, 3703;
	:	22 D.C. Code, Sections 404(a)(2), 3701,
LUTFU KUTLUCA,	:	3703;
DCTN: U17028559	:	22 D.C. Code, Sections 404, 3701, 3703
	:	(2001 ed.)
MUSTAFA MURAT SUMERCAN,	:	
DCTN: U17028560	:	(Conspiracy, Bias-Related (Hate) Crime;
	:	Assault with a Dangerous Weapon, Bias-
GOKHAN YILDIRIM,	:	Related (Hate) Crime; Assault with a
DCTN: U17028561	:	Dangerous Weapon of a Senior Citizen, Bias-
	:	Related (Hate) Crime; Aggravated Assault,
ISMAIL ERGUNDUZ,	:	Bias-Related (Hate) Crime; Assault with
DCTN: U17028562	:	Significant Bodily Injury, Bias-Related
	:	(Hate) Crime; Assault, Bias-Related (Hate)
	:	Crime

From: Kerry Pickett <kerry@dailycaller.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 29, 2017 5:25 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: Re: Antifa

I'll be there. When are the details coming out on that?

On Tue, Aug 29, 2017 at 5:22 PM, Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov> wrote:
I don't. Would be a good question for the Ag next week though!

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On Aug 29, 2017, at 5:21 PM, Kerry Pickett <kerry@dailycaller.com> wrote:

Any idea if there's a push to make this group a domestic terrorist org?

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Kerry Pickett
Reporter
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[@KerryPickett](#)
<image007.png>

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[@KerryPickett](#)
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From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Sent: Tuesday, August 29, 2017 2:34 PM
To: Ian Mason
Subject: Re: Finally will get to you today

You are a very patient man, and I appreciate that!

Sent from my iPhone

> On Aug 29, 2017, at 2:33 PM, Ian Mason <imason@breitbart.com> wrote:
>
> Alright. Keep me posted
>
>> On Aug 29, 2017, at 2:15 PM, O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov> wrote:
>>
>> Off the record- putting a pin in this for the time being.
>>
>> Sent from my iPhone
>>
>>> On Aug 29, 2017, at 10:57 AM, Ian Mason <imason@breitbart.com> wrote:
>>>
>>> Perfect. Thanks
>>>
>>>> On Aug 29, 2017, at 11:22 AM, O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov> wrote:
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>>>> Embargoed until 3 pm ok?
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>>>> Sent from my iPhone
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From: Kerry Pickett <kerry@dailycaller.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 29, 2017 11:33 AM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: Re: Obama release

working on now

On Tue, Aug 29, 2017 at 9:52 AM, Kerry Pickett <kerry@dailycaller.com> wrote:
Thanks!!!

On Tue, Aug 29, 2017 at 9:48 AM, Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov> wrote:
Pretty sure this guy got released early

<http://www.chattanooga.com/2017/8/27/353720/Police-Called-To-Disperse-Crowd-On-3rd.aspx>

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Prior, Ian (OPA)

From: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Sent: Tuesday, August 29, 2017 10:02 AM
To: kerry@dailycaller.com
Subject: Also thought you might be interested in this
Attachments: 20170828 Williams Correspondence.pdf; ATT00001.htm

Haven't given it out so if you want to use just say "a letter acquired by Daily Caller."

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U.S. Department of Justice

Office of Legal Policy

Assistant Attorney General

Washington, D.C. 20530

August 28, 2017

Ex Parte

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Promoting Technological Solutions to Combat Contraband Wireless Device Use
in Correctional Facilities – GN Docket 13-111

Dear Ms. Dortch:

In response to the Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in the above captioned proceeding,¹ the United States Department of Justice (“Department”) writes in support of the Federal Communications Commission’s efforts to combat contraband cellphones in correctional facilities. Contraband cellphones are an ongoing correctional security and public safety concern for the Bureau of Prisons (“BOP”), as well as for our state and local correctional partners across the country. BOP confiscated 5,116 cellphones from its facilities in 2016. Based on data available for the first six months, BOP projects that confiscations will increase by 28% in 2017. The Department understands that the problem is significantly worse in state and local correctional facilities.

Contraband cellphones are used to perpetuate gang activity, to run criminal enterprises, to facilitate the commission of violent crimes, and to thwart the efforts of law enforcement. In one recent case, for example, the Department prosecuted an inmate in Tennessee who used a smuggled cellphone in prison to upload child pornography onto the Internet and to communicate with another individual about the rape of the inmate’s young daughter.² In another case, a gang member incarcerated in a North Carolina facility used a contraband cellphone to call in a “hit” on

¹ Promoting Technological Solutions to Combat Contraband Wireless Device Use in Correctional Facilities, *Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*, GN Dkt. No. 13-111, FCC 17-25 (rel. Mar. 24, 2017), available at https://apps.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC-17-25A1.pdf.

² United States’ Sentencing Memorandum and Response to Defendant’s Motion for Variance, *United States v. Christopher David Grippe*, Case No. 16-CR-114, Dkt. #25 (July 18, 2017).

the prosecutor's father who was subsequently kidnapped and assaulted by the inmate's associates.³ Similarly horrific stories abound.

The Department intends to address this threat promptly. We commend the Commission's initiative and encourage further efforts to deal with this public safety issue. Addressing this problem should be a chief priority of both the Department and the Commission.

The Department appreciates and supports the Commission's rules to streamline the process for approval of contraband interdiction systems ("CIS"), such as managed access systems ("MAS"). BOP has examined MAS deployments at state and local correctional facilities and has conducted a proof-of-concept to determine MAS efficacy in a medium-security BOP facility. Based on BOP's assessment, the Department is concerned that MAS and other CIS technologies may be prohibitively expensive, particularly in those locations where only one provider is available and market competition cannot assist in driving down costs. In December 2015, the BOP issued a Request for Information ("RFI") for an active or passive communications blackout solution within a defined secure prison perimeter. In evaluating the responses across the various locales of BOP facilities (rural, suburban, and metropolitan), BOP found that cost estimates ranged from \$1 million to \$2 million per correctional facility. The Department encourages any effort to improve market competition to make CIS more affordable.

In response to the Commission's specific request for information, the Department further submits the following comments:

- **Requiring wireless carriers to terminate service to contraband devices that have been found to be operating inside a correctional facility and how that process should work.** The Department supports this rule change with some caveats. The rules should facilitate expeditious termination of service to contraband cellphones and must allow for termination of multiple devices on a single request. Under the Cell Phone Contraband Act of 2010,⁴ unauthorized cellphones are prohibited in federal facilities; therefore, lengthy justification for termination of service should not be required. Instead, the primary goal of the request should be to identify the device and verify to the wireless carrier that the person requesting termination is an authorized official. Additionally, termination of service should be carried out on an expedited timeframe to mitigate harm to the public. We also support the Commission's decision to continue to explore the possibility of disabling contraband cell phones.
- **Whether other technological solutions for stopping the use of contraband wireless devices are viable from a technical, legal, policy, and cost-benefit perspective.** The Department supports the exploration of additional technology solutions that provide viable, pragmatic options. In particular, the Department believes that cellphone jamming merits continued study. The most recent federal testing of jamming in a prison context

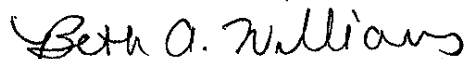
³ See *Blood Gang Leader Used Prison Cellphone to Order Hit on Prosecutor's Father*, CHARLOTTE OBSERVER (May 31, 2017), available at <http://www.charlotteobserver.com/news/local/crime/article152334207.html>.

⁴ Pub. L. 111-225, Aug. 10, 2010, 124 Stat. 2387 (as codified, 18 U.S.C. § 1791(d)(1)(F)).

was conducted in 2010, and the technology has continued to improve. The Department will continue to work with the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, other federal agencies, state and local authorities, carriers, technology companies, and other stakeholders to explore the viability of jamming, as well as the potential impact on first responder and other lawful uses of wireless cell service. The Department encourages the Commission to continue to evaluate its authorities in this area.⁵

Thank you for considering the Department's views.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Beth A. Williams". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Beth A. Williams
Assistant Attorney General

⁵ The Department understands there is a question whether state and local correctional facilities may employ this option under existing federal law. While 47 U.S.C. § 333 generally prohibits “willfully or maliciously” interfering with an authorized station’s radio communications, the statute does not necessarily preclude the Commission’s authorization of justifiable law enforcement use of targeted jamming to prevent inmates from using contraband cellphones to further their illegal activities.

From: Singman, Brooke <brooke.singman@FOXNEWS.COM>
Sent: Tuesday, August 29, 2017 8:33 AM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA); Prior, Ian (OPA); Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: RE: Illinois Sanctuary State??

I'm not sure if I ever responded thanking you so....thank you! Hope you have a great day.

Brooke

From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) [mailto:Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Monday, August 28, 2017 3:22 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>; Singman, Brooke <brooke.singman@FOXNEWS.COM>; Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Illinois Sanctuary State??

Here you go, Brooke (attributable to me):

"As the Attorney General has said, when cities and states refuse to help enforce immigration laws, our nation is less safe. Failure to deport aliens who are convicted for criminal offenses puts whole communities at risk especially immigrant communities in the very sanctuary jurisdictions that seek to protect the perpetrators."

Devin M. O'Malley
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From: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Sent: Monday, August 28, 2017 2:51 PM
To: Singman, Brooke <brooke.singman@FOXNEWS.COM>; Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>; O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Illinois Sanctuary State??

Loopin in Devin

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From: Singman, Brooke [mailto:brooke.singman@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Monday, August 28, 2017 2:46 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>

Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>

Subject: Illinois Sanctuary State??

Hi Sarah and Ian,

Hope you had a great weekend.

Looking for a comment from the Justice Department in regards to Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner signing legislation that would effectively make the state a "Sanctuary State."

The law bans law enforcement from stopping, arresting, searching, and detaining anyone based on immigration status.

Deadline is ASAP hoping before 3:30p EST.

Thank you!

Brooke Singman
Politics Reporter, Fox News Channel

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Brooke.singman@foxnews.com

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From: Herridge, Catherine <Catherine.Herridge@FOXNEWS.COM>
Sent: Monday, August 28, 2017 3:33 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA); Abueg, Mark (OPA)
Cc: Gibson, Jake
Subject: RE: FARA

Thx Ian for the quick response.

Mark,

Let me know if you can do a quick call and best number?

Our questions are about the status of the July 2016 FARA complaint filed by Bill Browder against Fusion GPS. T

Catherine

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From: Prior, Ian (OPA) [mailto:ian.prior@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Monday, August 28, 2017 3:28 PM
To: Herridge, Catherine; Abueg, Mark (OPA)
Cc: Gibson, Jake
Subject: Re: FARA

Adding Mark.

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On Aug 28, 2017, at 3:05 PM, Herridge, Catherine <Catherine.Herridge@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Hi Ian

Trust you can help.

We are checking the status of a FARA complaint filed against Fusion GPS filed July 2016.

Can you help or suggest POC at FARA?

Thx Catherine

Many thx

Sent from my iPhone

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Prior, Ian (OPA)

From: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Sent: Monday, August 28, 2017 2:56 PM
To: Ian Mason; O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Subject: RE: Comment on Antifa Violence in Berkeley

"The nation cannot yield to violence and lawlessness."

You can attribute to me

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

From: Ian Mason [mailto:imason@breitbart.com]
Sent: Monday, August 28, 2017 10:46 AM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Comment on Antifa Violence in Berkeley

Ian, Devin,

Will there be any statement from DOJ about the weekend's Antifa violence in California? In particular, is there any comment on the Berkeley Police Department's apparent refusal to prevent violence.

Thank you,
Ian Mason, Breitbart News

From: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Sent: Monday, August 28, 2017 8:41 AM
To: Alex Pfeiffer
Subject: Re: Is this call also embargoed until 9 central?

Yes

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On Aug 28, 2017, at 8:37 AM, Alex Pfeiffer <pfeiffer@dailycaller.com> wrote:

Prior, Ian (OPA)

From: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Sent: Sunday, August 27, 2017 7:45 PM
To: Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM
Subject: Doc
Attachments: EO Backgrounder--8-28-17.docx; ATT00001.htm

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EO Rescinding EO13688 -- Backgrounder

- The President's Executive Order restores the full scope of a longstanding program for recycling surplus, lifesaving gear from the Department of Defense, along with restoring the full scope of grants used to purchase this type of equipment from other sources. The gear recycled through the Department of Defense's 1033 program includes everything from ammunition and vehicles to office supplies. Under that program, assets that would otherwise be scrapped can be repurposed to help state, local, and tribal law enforcement better protect public safety and reduce crime.

Highlights of the Executive Order

- President Trump's Executive Order directs all executive branch agencies to cease implementing recommendations issued pursuant to President Obama's Executive Order 13688, and to take prompt steps to rescind directives, guidelines, and policies already implemented subject to that previous executive order.
- It represents a policy shift toward ensuring officers have the tools they need to reduce crime and keep their communities safe. It sends the message that we care more about public safety than about how a piece of equipment looks, especially when that equipment has been shown to reduce crime, reduce complaints against and assaults on police, and make officers more effective.
- The 2015 recommendations limiting the program admitted that the equipment "enhances the safety of officers who are often called upon to respond to dangerous or violent situations; being improperly equipped in such operations can have life-threatening consequences, both for the law enforcement personnel and the public they are charged with protecting."¹ Yet the Obama Administration curtailed the program anyway, putting claims about perception above protecting public safety and law enforcement officers.

1033 Program Generally

- The 1033 program was created by Congress in 1990 as part of the National Defense Authorization Act, allowing the military to transfer surplus hardware and equipment to federal and state law enforcement for use in counter-drug activities. In 1997, the program was expanded to include all law enforcement agencies and missions, with a preference for counter-drug and counter-terrorism purposes. Since that time, the 1033 program has resulted in the transfer of more than \$5.4 billion in surplus military gear to state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies.
- Equipment transferred through the 1033 program includes such items as clothing, small arms, rifles, tools, ammunition, armored vehicles, helmets, riot shields, rescue equipment, computers, and more. Law enforcement agencies voluntarily apply for the surplus gear during a brief window before the equipment is scrapped by the Department of Defense, and the law enforcement agency receiving the equipment pays no cost other than the transportation or shipping costs.
- In January 2015, President Obama issued Executive Order 13688, establishing a working group to make recommendations for reforming the program, which he later implemented as policy. The most significant of those changes included the creation of a "prohibited equipment" list and a "controlled

¹ https://ojp.gov/docs/LE_Equipment_WG_Final_Report.pdf

equipment” list. In January 2016, President Obama began recalling previously-issued surplus gear that had been placed on the prohibited equipment list.

- The “prohibited equipment” list includes, among other things, tracked, armored vehicles; weaponized vehicles of any kind; firearms and ammunition of .50-caliber or higher; grenade launchers; and even camouflage uniforms. The “controlled equipment” list includes any specialized firearms or ammunition under .50-caliber (excluding ammunition for service-issued weapons); manned and unmanned aircraft; armored vehicles; so-called “tactical” vehicles; command and control vehicles (such as repurposed RVs or buses); explosives; battering rams; riot helmets; and riot shields and batons. Items on the controlled equipment list may only be accessed after agencies comply with a rigorous list of conditions, including keeping detailed logs of every time a piece of equipment is used in a list of possible scenarios.
- Much of the equipment provided through the 1033 program is entirely defensive in nature, such as armored vehicles that protect officers in active shooter scenarios and other dangerous situations.

Effects of the 1033 program on Crime and Policing

- A pair of recently published academic articles² both analyzed the data and came to the same general conclusion: military aid provided through the 1033 program reduces crime rates, reduces societal costs, reduces the number of assaults on police officers, reduces the number of complaints against police officers, and increases arrest rates for particularly worrisome crimes such as drug trafficking and weapons violations. The studies also found that increasing military aid to law enforcement agencies through the program did not increase the number of offenders killed by police.
- This type of equipment has been used in high-profile police operations such as San Bernardino, where armored vehicles and other military gear were used to protect the lives of the officers who pursued and ultimately killed the terrorists.³ A military-style helmet also stopped a bullet and saved the life of an officer responding to the Orlando nightclub shooting.⁴
- For every \$5,800 in military aid given to law enforcement agencies through this program, society saves roughly \$112,000 in costs due to prevented crime.⁵
- Increases in military aid given to law enforcement agencies result in a decrease in crimes committed, particularly in the categories of robberies, assaults, and vehicle thefts. A 10 percent increase in the value of military aid through this program results in the crime rate (crimes per 100,000 people) decreasing by 5.9 crimes.⁶
- Military aid, especially vehicles, given to law enforcement agencies through this program has a significant effect on assaults on police officers and on officer deaths. A 10 percent increase in

² See, Vincenzo Bove & Evelina Gavrilova, *Police Officer on the Frontline or a Soldier? The Effect of Police Militarization on Crime*, 9 Am. Econ. Journal: Econ. Policy 3, 1 18 (2017); Matthew C. Harris et al., *Peacekeeping Force: Effects of Providing Tactical Equipment to Local Law Enforcement*, 9 Am. Econ. Journal: Econ Policy 3, 291 313 (2017).

³ <http://www.ksbw.com/article/controversial-military-style-police-vehicles-in-demand-during-san-bernardino-attack/1058287>

⁴ <http://nypost.com/2016/06/12/helmet-saves-cop-from-bullet-to-head-during-nightclub-massacre/>

⁵ Bove & Evelina, *supra* n.2, at 16 17.

⁶ *Id.* at 17.

vehicles received by a law enforcement agency through this program results in a 3.5 percent decrease in assaults on police.⁷

- Equipment received through the 1033 program often includes gear the receiving agency would not otherwise be able to afford. By recycling that surplus gear, law enforcement agencies are able to do more with their limited budgets, including more training, community policing, intelligence sharing, and other key public safety functions.

⁷ Harris et al., *supra* n.2, at 305.

O'Malley, Devin (OPA)

From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Sent: Sunday, August 27, 2017 7:21 PM
To: Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM
Subject: Any luck on a crew?

Sent from my iPhone

From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Sent: Sunday, August 27, 2017 1:08 PM
To: Gibson, Jake
Subject: Re: ATTORNEY GENERAL SESSIONS TO TRAVEL TO TENNESSEE TO MAKE MAJOR LAW ENFORCEMENT POLICY ANNOUNCEMENT AT THE NATIONAL FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE'S 2017 BIENNIAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE & EXPO

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Can you call me at 2:00 pm EDT? I'll be on the ground in Nashville and can talk then.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 27, 2017, at 10:54 AM, Gibson, Jake <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

What phone number are you at?

From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) [mailto:Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Sunday, August 27, 2017 11:42 AM
To: Gibson, Jake <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: Re: ATTORNEY GENERAL SESSIONS TO TRAVEL TO TENNESSEE TO MAKE MAJOR LAW ENFORCEMENT POLICY ANNOUNCEMENT AT THE NATIONAL FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE'S 2017 BIENNIAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE & EXPO

I'd say this is pretty big. Off the record, we'll take incoming from all sides on this one.

All cameras are off to side, but if Fox sends one, it will be only national camera with head on shot.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 27, 2017, at 11:40 AM, Gibson, Jake <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

I don't think we have plans to send anyone at this point.

What Is the announcement? HUGE?

From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) [mailto:Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Sunday, August 27, 2017 11:34 AM
To: Gibson, Jake <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: Fwd: ATTORNEY GENERAL SESSIONS TO TRAVEL TO TENNESSEE TO MAKE MAJOR LAW ENFORCEMENT POLICY ANNOUNCEMENT AT THE NATIONAL FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE'S 2017 BIENNIAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE & EXPO

Making sure you saw this

Do you know if you are sending someone? Know with the hurricane that it's tough.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: USDOJ-Office of Public Affairs <USDOJ-OfficeofPublicAffairs@public.govdelivery.com>
Date: August 27, 2017 at 10:16:06 AM EDT
To: <devin.omalley@usdoj.gov>
Subject: ATTORNEY GENERAL SESSIONS TO TRAVEL TO TENNESSEE TO MAKE MAJOR LAW ENFORCEMENT POLICY ANNOUNCEMENT AT THE NATIONAL FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE'S 2017 BIENNIAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE & EXPO
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******* MEDIA ADVISORY *******

WASHINGTON – Attorney General Jeff Sessions will travel to Nashville, Tennessee, on **MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 2017**, to make major law enforcement policy announcement at the National Fraternal Order of Police's 2017 Biennial National Conference & Expo.

WHO:

Attorney General Jeff Sessions

WHAT:

Attorney General Sessions to travel to Tennessee to make major law enforcement policy announcement at the National Fraternal Order of Police's 2017 Biennial National Conference & Expo.

WHEN:

Monday, August 28, 2017
9:00 a.m. CDT

WHERE:

Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center
Delta Ballroom
2800 Opryland Drive
Nashville, TN 37214

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