

# Non-Responsive Records

> On Feb 19, 2017, at 11:34 AM, Hunt, Jody (OAG) <johunt@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

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>> On Feb 19, 2017, at 11:06 AM, Gannon, Curtis E. (OLC) (b) (6) > wrote:

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>> As you can see below, we have a new request for information. (b)(5) per OLC

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>> My impression -- (b)(5) per OLC

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>> ? Who should do a call at some point this afternoon to discuss?

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**Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO**

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**From:** Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO  
**Sent:** Monday, March 6, 2017 1:19 PM  
**To:** Peggi Hanrahan  
**Cc:** Hunt, Jody (OAG); Bremberg, Andrew P. EOP/WHO  
**Subject:** RE: Change of plans re: tomorrow

thanks

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**From:** Peggi Hanrahan [mailto:(b) (6)]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 6, 2017 11:18 AM  
**To:** Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>  
**Cc:** Hunt, Jody (OAG) <Jody.Hunt@usdoj.gov>; Bremberg, Andrew P. EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>  
**Subject:** Re: Change of plans re: tomorrow

Got it. Thanks.

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 6, 2017, at 11:02 AM, Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO <(b) (6)> wrote:

The Attorney General is not needed at the WH anymore tomorrow for a 1:30pm meeting -- plans have changed. Please confirm.

**Cutrona, Danielle (OAG)**

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**From:** Cutrona, Danielle (OAG)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 8, 2017 9:47 AM  
**To:** Zachary.terwilliger2@usdoj.gov; Mizelle, Chad (ODAG); Bonilla, Armando (ODAG) (JMD); Lan, Iris (ODAG); Hanson, Alan R (OJP)  
**Cc:** Hunt, Jody (OAG); Crowell, James (ODAG)  
**Subject:** FW: Friday 9:30-11:00  
**Importance:** High

Team,  
See below re: meeting with Stephen Miller at the WH on Friday morning. Is there anyone else who I might have left off this email that would need to attend this meeting?  
Thanks,  
Danielle

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

From: Bash, Zina G. EOP/WHO [mailto:(b) (6)]  
Sent: Wednesday, March 8, 2017 9:38 AM  
To: Danielle.Cutrona@usdoj.gov; gene.hamilton@hq.dhs.gov  
Cc: Zadrozny, John A. EOP/WHO (b) (6)  
Subject: Friday 9:30-11:00

Danielle and Gene, just heard back that we were able to carve out a Friday morning time to fit your schedules; it'll be Friday at 9:30, lasting 90 minutes max. (b) (5)

(b) (5) (b) (5) I will send more details on all of this today--just wanted to get you the fixed time so you can pass along to your teams. Thanks!

## Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Sent:** Monday, March 13, 2017 11:12 AM  
**To:** Hunt, Jody (OAG) (JMD)  
**Subject:** FW: USA Today media inquiry: AG Sessions' role in selecting Trump campaign's National Security Advisory Committee members

I think (b) (5) . Let me know when I can come up this morning to discuss.

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**From:** Reilly, Stephen [mailto:sreilly@usatoday.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 13, 2017 11:07 AM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>  
**Subject:** USA Today media inquiry: AG Sessions' role in selecting Trump campaign's National Security Advisory Committee members

Hi Sarah,

Thanks for being in touch on Friday. Because time was a consideration in you declining to comment and we held publication over the weekend, I wanted to circle back to see if you wanted to respond today in any way to our questions for our story on Attorney General Sessions' role in selecting the Trump campaign's national security advisory committee members.

Our piece will discuss multiple public statements from 2016 which indicate Attorney General Sessions had the primary role in selecting the members of the Trump campaign's national security advisory committee, which included Carter Page, George Papadopoulos and other advisers who have made public statements critical of U.S. sanctions against Russia.

Statements we will quote from in the piece include:

- Stephen Miller on March 16: "I can tell you that Donald Trump has chosen Jeff Sessions and Jeff Session has been meeting for hours now putting together a team of foreign policy advisers, military experts, intelligence experts."
- Attorney General Sessions on March 17, 2017, in response to a reporter's question on his progress in selecting members of the national security advisors for the committee: "I'm talking to a lot of good people, and I'll be talking to Mr. Trump today to report on those calls, and just to try to make sure that I'm sharing with him honestly."

The questions I wanted to ask if you could address are:

- What role did Attorney General Sessions play a role in selecting the members of the National Security Advisory Committee last year?
- How did Attorney General Sessions come to know Carter Page and George Papadopoulos before they were named as members of the committee? Did he speak with them before they were named to the committee on March 21, 2016?
- Has Senator Sessions received correspondence from the Senate Intelligence Committee requesting that he preserve records potentially related to the Committee's investigation into alleged Russian



government intervention in the 2016 presidential election?

- Are there any other comments you'd wish to provide on this matter?

Thanks again,

Steve

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**Ramer, Sam (OLA)**

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**From:** Ramer, Sam (OLA)  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 16, 2017 9:54 PM  
**To:** Hunt, Jody (OAG)  
**Subject:** Memo  
**Attachments:** SUMMARY OF GOODLATTE MEETING.docx

Jody-

After the Goodlatte meeting, the AG asked for a memo summarizing the meeting and next steps, attached. Any thoughts on who else I should forward to?

Much appreciated.

Sam

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**Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO**

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**From:** Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO  
**Sent:** Friday, April 21, 2017 8:19 PM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA); Hunt, Jody (OAG)  
**Subject:** RE: RE:

Thanks. Let's discuss tomorrow.

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

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]  
Sent: Friday, April 21, 2017 7:54 PM  
To: Hunt, Jody (OAG) <Jody.Hunt@usdoj.gov>  
Cc: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>  
Subject: Re: RE:

Yes--abc

> On Apr 21, 2017, at 4:47 PM, Hunt, Jody (OAG) <johunt@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

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> That was the plan earlier today. Sarah can confirm.

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>> On Apr 21, 2017, at 7:37 PM, Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO <(b) (6)> wrote:

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>> You got it. Is Sessions doing Sunday shows?

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>> -----Original Message-----

>> From: Hunt, Jody (OAG) [mailto:Jody.Hunt@usdoj.gov]

>> Sent: Friday, April 21, 2017 7:12 PM

>> To: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>

>> Cc: Hunt, Jody (OAG) <Jody.Hunt@usdoj.gov>; Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov

>> Subject: Re:

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>> Thank you Stephen.

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>>> On Apr 21, 2017, at 6:48 PM, Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO <(b) (6)> wrote:

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>>> Extremely positive reaction at WH to press activities from AG. Double-up on it, and make the Long Island event a grand slam.

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**Hanrahan, Peggi (OAG)**

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**From:** Hanrahan, Peggi (OAG)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 25, 2017 9:35 AM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur. (OPA) (siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov)  
**Subject:** FW: Comm's Plan

This is the request. We are going to decline.

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

**From:** Cypher, Catharine D. EOP/WHO (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 25, 2017 8:40 AM  
**To:** Errical.Bryant@usdoj.gov  
**Subject:** Comm's Plan

Errical,

By way of introduction, my name is Catharine Cypher and I am Kellyanne's assistant here at the White House. She has asked me to set up a weekly meeting with Mr. Sessions, Stephen Miller, Rick Dearborn, Steve Bannon, Sean Spicer, Mike Dubke and Sarah Huckabee Sanders to work on a comms plan.

Is there a day next week that would work for Mr. Sessions so that I can be sure it makes it on everyone's calendar.

Thank you!

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Catharine Cypher  
Special Assistant to the Counselor to the President, Kellyanne Conway Executive Office of the President C: (b) (6)

**Hanson, Alan R (OJP)**

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**From:** Hanson, Alan R (OJP)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 25, 2017 8:51 PM  
**To:** 'Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO'; Mizelle, Chad (ODAG)  
**Cc:** Cutrona, Danielle (OAG); Hunt, Jody (OAG)  
**Subject:** PEOTUS Progress

Stephen & Chad:

Per my conversation with the AG earlier today, (b) (5)

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All:

Please let me know (b) (5)

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Thanks.

Alan

**Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)**

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Sent:** Friday, May 5, 2017 7:55 PM  
**To:** DeStefano, John J. EOP/WHO  
**Cc:** Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO; Doocey, Sean E. EOP/WHO; Hankey, Mary Blanche (OAG)  
**Subject:** Re: Help w PPO

Much appreciated! And thanks for checking on Kelly.

On May 5, 2017, at 7:48 PM, DeStefano, John J. EOP/WHO <(b) (6)> wrote:

Sarah - All of these except for one have been sent to us within the last ten days. One of them today. (b) (5)

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

On May 5, 2017, at 7:33 PM, Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO <(b) (6)> wrote:

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Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)" <[Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov)>  
**Date:** May 5, 2017 at 7:03:27 PM EDT  
**To:** '(b)(6) Stephen Miller White House Email'  
**Subject:** Help w PPO

I hate sounding like I'm making excuses, but we still only have one political in our comms shop for all of DOJ. If any of these guys have issues, I'm happy to move on to other options but we haven't heard anything. Here's the list roughly in order they were sent to PPO as far as I know in case there's any advice you'd give to get them moving:

Kelly Laco (at PPO since 3/17)  
Devin OMalley  
Sarah Sutton  
Mark Pettit

Laura Ersham  
Steve Stafford  
Andy Reuss



Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO

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**From:** Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO  
**Sent:** Friday, June 16, 2017 8:35 AM  
**To:** Hunt, Jody (OAG); Cutrona, Danielle (OAG); Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

<http://nypost.com/2017/06/15/ms-13-is-targeting-new-york-for-more-bloodshed-authorities/>

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Hunt, Jody (OAG)

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**From:** Hunt, Jody (OAG)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 28, 2017 8:33 AM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Subject:** Re: travel schedule for next week

Don't disagree with the notion, but we will not be able to (b) (5) [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] and so we would need to pick another day.

On Jun 28, 2017, at 12:23 AM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <[siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov)> wrote:

The WH (re: Stephen miller) (b) (5) [REDACTED]  
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Let me know what you think  
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Sarah Isgur Flores  
Director of Public Affairs  
202.305.5808

(b) (6)

**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2017 12:02 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) Ivanka Trump White House Email; (b)(6) Jared Kushner White House Email;  
(b)(6) Stephen Bannon White House Email; (b)(6) Stephen Miller White House Email; Hunt, Jody (OAG);  
hunt@usdoj.gov; Peterlin (b)(6) per Dept. of State  
**Cc:** (b)(6) Carleton Atkinson Senate Email ; (b)(6) Chris Pumphrey Senate Email  
**Subject:** Fwd: Kleptocracy Asset Recovery Initiative (KARI), Nigeria's Citizens Crimes on US Citizens  
**Attachments:** Nigeria, Kleptocracy Asset Recovery Initiative-Status.docx; Nigeria--Department of Justice.docx

Hello:

I have written several times since March of this year to each of you honorable "American First" advocates and disciples, Great Americans.. I have not received a response from either of you as of this date, but my hopes are high.

I made the point previously that the US is helping Nigeria recover **proceeds of corruption with the intent to return such to Nigeria** while American citizens are being ripped-off by Nigerian citizens/criminals at the same time. Much of what I said to you on three different occasions is synopsisized in the below e-mail to Attorney Pelletier. To reiterate, I am a victim of Nigerian terrorists financial crimes committed against US citizens and I despise that my hard-earned tax dollars are nonetheless being used to locate and repatriate financial assets/proceeds of corruption to Nigeria when I am, personally, suffering as many others.. It may be said the Nigerian Government should not be responsible for the criminal behavior of its citizens involving financial crimes against US citizens, but these ill-gotten proceeds are flowing unabated into the Nigerian economy with no incentive by Nigerian Embassy in the US to help curtail or correct that. In contrast, economic incentives exist to fuel such behavior and that is not farfetched in practice on US soil.

In the attachment herein, Nigeria Kleptocracy Asset Recovery, it appears that the US Ambassador to Nigeria may propose support to President Donald Trump to initiate civil asset forfeiture proceedings by the Department of Justice involving \$500M USD, proceeds of corruption. This appears to be in addition to \$480M USD cited in the second attachment, Nigeria-Department of Justice, of this e-mail. As a US tax paying America First citizen, I recommend no repatriation of these assets to Nigeria and such assets to be used to pay legitimate fraud claims involving Nigeria of US citizens, such as myself and others like me. This would be appropriate since the US DOJ has no legal obligation to repatriate seized assets, proceeds of corruption, in the first place.

Since the US government may soon have to decide whether to return the stolen assets (proceeds of corruption) to Nigeria and risk they may again be stolen or keep them, I side with keeping these assets, subject to fraud claims by US citizens, etc. If some, but not all, of the assets are nonetheless repatriated, the U.S. must attach some conditions on how the repatriated assets will be used keeping in mind the many financially harmed and distressed US citizens. Again, there should be retention of some of these assets for criminal fraud or other claims from US citizens under any event....of the people, by the people, for the people...!

Please advise. As I have indicated before, I be extremely grateful to chat with any of you, but particularly Attorney General Sessions or Mr. Tillerson, or both. (b) (6), folks from Alabama and Texas are generally patriotic and good people.

Grateful,

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

From: (b) (6)

To: pelletierp <pelletierp@pepperlaw.com>

Sent: Thu, Jul 20, 2017 12:36 pm

Subject: Kleptocracy Asset Recovery Initiative (KARI), Nigeria's Citizens Crimes on US Citizens

Hello Mr. Pelletier: I hope all is well. Please excuse the length of this e-mail.

I reviewed your very impressive background a bit, particularly at the US Justice Department. I have a situation that has troubled me for a while as I explore options. I wish to schedule an appointment to see you and chat if available. I am a retired (b) (6). The attached would be germane to our chat and I can supply a bio to you, most expeditiously.

I am shaken by an issue/matter involving Nigeria, its criminal citizens domiciled in Nigeria and their corresponding surrogates located in the USA doing local fraudulent dirty-work. I have been personally financially damaged for roughly \$900,000.00 (retirement savings) by various Nigerian Fraud Teams (US fronts) that operate on US soil, being directed by fraudsters/leaders physically located in Nigeria. I believe, that there are a tremendous number of US citizens that are victims of these financial crimes by Nigerian fraudsters/criminals. Nigeria should be penalized, potentially lose its US AID, and be required to return ill-gotten funds in full, with compensatory AND punitive trebled damages assessed.

**I have raised criminal (fraud) concerns with (and provided evidence to) the Nigerian Embassy in Washington DC. Nigerian Government folks at the Embassy are fully aware of such criminal level activity occurring in the US, but are dismissive in attitude and appearance. This is very prevalent although it is well known that the US through, the US Department of Justice, is financially helping Nigeria and has frozen more than \$458 million in corruption proceeds stolen by Nigerian corrupt citizens for return to Nigeria and a civil forfeiture complaint also may have recovered more than \$550 million in connection with the largest kleptocracy forfeiture action brought in the department's history. I will go as far as to say that the Nigerian Embassy in Washington DC is facilitating financial crimes on US citizens as ill-gotten money is freely flowing directly into Nigeria. There is no incentive to stop such financial crimes as economic benefits are being reaped and there are no apparent US penalties to them for not dealing with such financial crimes. Moreover, as a US taxpayer, I have extreme difficulty with potential repatriation of such recovered proceeds of corruption to Nigeria while wide-spread financial fraud crimes are being (and have been) committed on US Citizens such as myself. While the DOJ has no legal obligation to repatriate, the US may decide to do so and could attach some conditions on how the repatriated assets will be used particularly for payment of misdeeds committed on US citizens, as an option. It is understood that the U.S. State Department must concur with every act of repatriation, so foreign policy is a factor. In any event, Identified/known local Nigerian criminals in Nigeria should be arrested.**

The size of this fraud /criminal activity and the amount of money involved are likely blinding/staggering. There are likely thousands of Nigerian teams operating on US soil through US surrogates. A US based surrogate (immigrant from Pakistan, working with Americans) of one of the Nigerian Teams informed me that he has been an unchallenged operation in the USA, committing fraud and financially terrorizing US citizens, for more than 10 years. He describes it as very easy in the US to abuse, rob and steal from US citizens. **This is not just a private citizen problem involving me, but a significant and very pervasive dangerous public problem.** The Teams use a real estate focused website, Privatemoneygoldmine.com, placed with US surrogates (usually felons), to camouflage the connections to Nigeria and fraud leaders domiciled there. I have provided information (names, telephone numbers, locations) to the Nigerian Embassy regarding the Teams that I have encountered. In one case (of 7 cases) I provided the Nigerian Embassy evidence that showed 23 different Nigerian receivers/individuals located in Nigeria were simultaneously supplied with my money by one US surrogate (grandmother of 5 and a felon). Certainly, there should be means to recover from the Nigerian Government, through KARI or other means. This should be for ill-gotten monies illegally stolen from US citizens by Nigerian citizens/criminals since US taxpayers are helping Nigeria to also recover proceeds of corruption from them **at US taxpayer expense**, while Nigeria simultaneously receives US AID as a normal hand-out or contribution by the US. Accordingly, reiterating, since the



Embassy knows of misdeeds and misconduct, with evidence, and is not committed to stop it, we should penalize the Nigerian government to pay/reimburse US citizens either through recovered Nigeria funds by US efforts or direct remittance by the Nigerian Government. Certainly, normal US AID to Nigeria should be suspended, if not eliminated, altogether until it compensates US citizens. That also goes for other countries such as South Africa, Ghana, and The Gambia as well, since they (its citizens) Team with Nigerian fraudsters in committing these heinous criminal acts in the US. Such may provide justification for suspension or cessation of US taxpayer AID to them. Again, why should US taxpayer pay for efforts to repatriate assets/recovered proceeds of corruption to Nigeria?

### **Other EFFORT**

I have consulted with the US Justice Department, Criminal Division and the Department of State, Bureau of African Affairs and Bureau of Counter Terrorism (CT) I have also raised criminal (scam/fraud) concerns with the Nigerian Embassy in Washington DC. In addition, I am currently coordinating with Senator Ben Cardin, D/MD, Ranking Member, Foreign Relations, US Senate involving this problem and I have e-mailed Chiefs of Staff for VP Spence (Mr. Pitcock), Secretary Tillerson (Ms. Peterlin), and AG Sessions (Mr. Hunt) as well as White House Advisors Mr. Steve Bannon, Mr. Jared Kushner, and Ms. Ivanka Trump.

### **Action or Assistance from Justice/State Department**

Get restitution of my \$900K to me either through Kleptocracy Asset Recovery Initiative (with Justice), or Victim Restitution Fund (with Justice/State) or by direct remittance, CT (State Dept.) provisions or other means not readily known. The goal is to make Nigeria Pay as they get US Assistance while concurrently supporting financial terrorism on US citizens. Again, the Nigerian Embassy knows this but is not incentivized to help stop it as a source of revenue to Nigeria, although ill-gotten.

### **Other consequential actions sought from State Dept (until Nigeria cleans-up its financial terrorism)**

- \*Pursue Congress/Administration, led by State, to withhold or suspend all US AID to Nigeria
  - 2. \*Compel local Nigerian arrests of known fraudsters committing financial terrorism on US citizens. These same folks benefit from US AID while committing financial terrorism
  - 3. \*Pursue Congress/Administration, led by State, to suspend US AID to other countries such as South Africa, Ghana, and The Gambia that Team with Nigerians to commit financial terrorism on US citizens
- P Please acknowledge and respond. I am requesting a meeting and I would be grateful and most appreciative. Again, I apologize for the length and thanks for your patience.

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**Sarah Isgur Flores**

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**From:** Sarah Isgur Flores  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 30, 2017 8:18 PM  
**To:** Hunt, Jody (OAG)  
**Subject:** Fwd: WaPo: For Trump and Sessions, a warm beginning turned into an icy standoff

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

**From:** Comms Alert <[CommsAlert@gop.com](mailto:CommsAlert@gop.com)>  
**Date:** Sun, Jul 30, 2017 at 6:42 PM  
**Subject:** WaPo: For Trump and Sessions, a warm beginning turned into an icy standoff  
**To:**

**For Trump and Sessions, a warm beginning turned into an icy standoff**

Washington Post

Sari Horwitz & Robert Costa

July 30, 2017 – 6:34 PM

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/for-trump-and-sessions-a-warm-beginning-turned-into-an-icy-standoff/2017/07/30/049aa4a2-73a4-11e7-9eac-d56bd5568db8\\_story.html?utm\\_term=.fd819f34302a](https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/for-trump-and-sessions-a-warm-beginning-turned-into-an-icy-standoff/2017/07/30/049aa4a2-73a4-11e7-9eac-d56bd5568db8_story.html?utm_term=.fd819f34302a)

They met more than a decade ago, when the genteel junior senator from Alabama invited the brash real estate mogul to testify on Capitol Hill about the renovation of the United Nations. Jeff Sessions was taken by Donald Trump, calling him a “breath of fresh air for this Senate.”

But their bond was cemented two years ago when Trump began to move toward a presidential bid. Trump’s adviser at the time, Sam Nunberg, said Trump saw Sessions as a similar type: a hard-liner on immigration who was far from beloved by the elites and wealthy donors within the Republican Party.

“He saw Sessions as someone he could develop a natural rapport with,” Nunberg said in an interview. “Sessions was 100 percent simpatico on Trump’s major issues: immigration, trade, veterans’ care. He was also willing to engage. That was the start.”

Now, the conversation inside the White House — and across Washington — is about the end



Now, the conversation inside the White House — and across Washington — is about the end.

Although Sessions was the first high-profile politician to endorse Trump and backed him through the campaign's most tumultuous moments, the president is all about now. In his view, Sessions's decision, after he was confirmed as attorney general, to remove himself from overseeing the Russia investigation, was a breach of Trump's apparent belief that it was Sessions's job to be loyal and protect him.

Then a candidate, Trump stands beside Sessions as the Alabama senator addresses a rally in Madison, Ala., on Feb. 28, 2016. (John Bazemore/AP)

The unlikely friendship has become an icy standoff — one that would have been hard to imagine on a sticky August day in 2015, when Trump swooped into Sessions's home town, circling Ladd-Peebles Stadium as a crowd of thousands roared.

Sessions and his wife served as hosts.

Backstage in Mobile, as they mingled beneath the towering bleachers near a row of black SUVs, Sessions and Trump warmly shared stories about politics and Alabama, exchanges *The Washington Post* witnessed. Sessions, sweaty in a dark suit, was ebullient as Trump charmed him. The two men, born months apart in 1946, connected as populist brothers — one loud, the other understated.

Once on stage, the good feelings continued. "Jeff! Come up! Where's Jeff? Get over here, Jeff," Trump said. "Look at him! He's like 20 years old. Unbelievable guy!"

When Sessions stepped onto the sprawling dais, he briefly put on a white "Make America Great Again" hat as Trump flashed a bright smile and clapped.

"Welcome to my home town," Sessions said. "The American people — these people — want somebody in the presidency who stands up for them."

Sessions later ducked in to Trump's motorcade to see Trump off at the airport, still wearing that white hat. Sessions would finally endorse Trump in February 2016 in Madison, Ala., but by then it was a formality.

Trump listens as Sessions speaks in the Oval Office after Vice President Pence administered his oath of office. (Pablo Martinez Monsivais/AP)

He soon became one of his foreign policy advisers. Sessions was even considered as a possible running mate, according to two former campaign officials.

On election night, in his victory speech at the New York Hilton, Trump gave Sessions a big shout-out.

"The first senator, first major, major politician, and let me tell you, he is highly respected in Washington because he's as smart as you get. Senator Jeff Sessions. Where is Jeff?"

As the crowd applauded, Trump added, "Great man."

#### Russia and recusal

Four months later, on March 2, Trump was touring the new supercarrier the USS Gerald R. Ford in Newport News, Va., when a reporter shouted a question about an event unfolding 130 miles away that would indelibly change the president's relationship with his attorney general.

"Should Sessions have recused himself from investigations into your campaign and Russia?" the reporter asked Trump, who was wearing a Navy jacket and baseball cap inscribed with the carrier's name.

"I don't think so at all," Trump answered flatly, a flash of irritation on his face as he brushed past reporters. "I don't think he should do that at all."

It was too late.

Sessions had already decided to step aside. But he had not consulted his boss, the president of the United States, an action that would trigger a deep-seated anger that has seethed to this day.



Just three weeks after Trump swore him into office as the nation's 84th attorney general, Sessions held his first news conference on the seventh floor of Main Justice on Pennsylvania Avenue. It came a few hours after Trump toured the ship.

The night before, The Post had revealed that Sessions had twice met with Russian Ambassador Sergey Kislyak during the campaign and did not disclose those contacts to the Senate Judiciary Committee during his confirmation hearing.

"I have recused myself from matters that deal with the Trump campaign," Sessions said. Sessions, who had served more than a decade in the Justice Department before becoming a senator, said he did so after department lawyers advised him to recuse himself from any investigation involving the 2016 election, including the probe into whether anyone from the Trump campaign colluded with Russia.

Trump was enraged. The next day, the president left in a fury for Mar-a-Lago for the weekend, telling his aides that Sessions should not have recused himself — and tense discussions in the Oval Office were caught on camera by CNN. The bond between the two men had shattered.

Trump confided to White House officials that he felt more exposed than ever to his critics with Sessions ceding control of the Russia investigation to the nominee for deputy attorney general, Rod J. Rosenstein, a U.S. attorney who had not yet been confirmed and whom Trump hardly knew.

That first flush of anger has never subsided. In fact, Trump's wrath has grown into a cold war with Sessions, particularly after Rosenstein appointed Robert S. Mueller III as special counsel to oversee the Russia probe, according to White House officials and people close to Sessions, who, like others, spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss sensitive matters.

For four months, Trump has rarely spoken to his attorney general, and when he has, it has been perfunctory.

'Hunkering down'

One recent evening, Sessions and his wife, Mary, went to dinner at the Capitol Hill townhouse of his old friend Sen. John Cornyn (R-Tex.). Over pork brisket and banana pudding, Sessions and his wife chatted with Cornyn and his wife, Sandy, about their families and mutual friends.

But when Cornyn asked the attorney general about his new job as the nation's top law enforcement official, his friend seemed a little dispirited.

"He came into the office with a clear agenda and ideas about what he wanted to do as attorney general," Cornyn said in an interview. "There's a lot of work to do, and there's not a lot of support there for him yet. He expressed his frustration with being distracted from that mission that he had so clearly in mind."

People close to Sessions say he has been hurt by the president's barbs and cold shoulder but is hoping the storm will pass. Trump's clash with Sessions mirrors bitter fights he has had with executives at the Trump Organization, according to veteran Trump watchers.

"He's always dealt with people this way," said former New Jersey governor Thomas Kean Sr., who interacted with Trump when he was building his businesses in Atlantic City. "You'd see him go hot and cold with his casino executives. And if he's down on you, he's really down on you and he's difficult to work with."

Since March, Sessions has been trying to "compartmentalize" the tension with the president, one person close to the attorney general said. He comes to work at 6 a.m. and works late, methodically moving forward with his conservative agenda to crack down on illegal immigration, provide more support to state and local law enforcement, and overhaul the criminal justice policies of the Obama administration.

"He's hunkering down, a quiet guy who's diligent and professional," said former senator Bob Smith (R-N.H.), a close friend to Sessions during their time in the legislature.

Trump began in June to publicly blame Sessions for the trouble he was facing. On the morning of June 5, Trump criticized the Justice Department for devising a "politically correct" version of his travel ban, ignoring the fact that he had signed the executive order for the revised version, and called on the department to seek a "much tougher version."

Behind the scenes, the strain between Sessions and Trump was becoming untenable. At one point, shortly



before the president traveled to the Middle East in late May, Sessions offered to resign, according to a White House official.

Trump turned it down. The president made clear to Sessions how disappointed he was in his recusal decision but indicated he still had faith in him. The moment passed.

On June 12, Sessions attended a Cabinet meeting in which nearly every member praised the president. Sessions used his chance to speak up to talk about policy and detail how the Justice Department was going after the violent MS-13 gang and illegal immigration. He said it was "an honor to serve you in that regard."

Trump nodded and called the efforts "a great success."

"You're right, Jeff, thank you very much," Trump said.

But people familiar with the relationship say that for Trump, policy is not the issue and that he is consumed with a feeling of vulnerability on Russia. That was evident the next day, June 13, when Sessions testified before the Senate Intelligence Committee. While Sessions aggressively pushed back on any suggestion that the Trump campaign colluded with Russia, his appearance riled Trump, who closely monitored it on cable television, according to people close to the president.

For Trump, Sessions's testimony was a reminder that the attorney general could do nothing for him on Russia other than answer lawmakers' questions; he was no longer a useful ally.

Five weeks later, in an interview with the New York Times, Trump's hostility exploded into public view. He told a group of reporters that if he had known Sessions would recuse himself, he would never have chosen him as attorney general.

Trump's tirade continued for days on Twitter, where he pronounced Sessions "beleaguered" and "very weak"; at a news conference in the Rose Garden with the Lebanese prime minister, where the president described himself as "disappointed" in Sessions; and in the Wall Street Journal, where he mocked Sessions's loyalty to him during the campaign, saying he just liked the large crowds at rallies.

"I appointed a man to a position and then shortly after he gets the position, he recused himself," Trump told the Wall Street Journal. "I said, 'What's that all about? Why didn't you tell me that you were going to do that? And I wouldn't have appointed you.'"

Peter Wehner, a former adviser to President George W. Bush and senior fellow at the Ethics and Public Policy Center, a conservative think tank, said "it's very rare for a president to lash out at a Cabinet member like Trump has been doing."

"We've never seen anything that's reached this level of contempt — this twisting in the wind, the knife going in and out, in and out, over and over again," Wehner said.

Trump has told aides and friends that if former New York mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani had been the attorney general, the situation would not be as dire. But they have responded that Giuliani would be nearly impossible to confirm in the Senate because of his foreign business entanglements.

"The problem for Trump is: Who would be attorney general, if not Sessions?" said Mark Krikorian, the executive director of the Center for Immigration Studies, which advocates restrictions on immigration.

"Judge Jeanine?" Krikorian asked, referring to Fox News host Jeanine Pirro.

At the pleasure of the president

In recent days, several White House officials, including former White House chief of staff Reince Priebus and counsel Donald F. McGahn, have gently advised Trump that firing Sessions would have sweeping and unpredictable consequences for his presidency, both on the investigative and political fronts. And Republican lawmakers along with conservative organizations, including Breitbart News, have rallied to the attorney general's defense.

While Trump has listened to his aides' arguments, they have not been able to curb the president's rage — and officials have kept their heads down.



Two key Sessions allies in the West Wing — senior policy adviser Stephen Miller and deputy chief of staff Rick Dearborn, who worked for Sessions in the Senate — have avoided becoming caught in the drama and instead have focused on their own responsibilities.

"They're . . . making clear that while they will always be close to Sessions, they're Trump guys now," said one White House official, describing the dynamic. "It's what they have to do in this environment. The president is not going to change his mind, and Stephen and Rick know that if they spoke up, it wouldn't do much."

White House chief strategist Stephen K. Bannon, who had been the early conduit in connecting Trump and his advisers with Sessions, has been an advocate for the attorney general whenever the topic comes up, inside and outside the White House.

"But Steve is in a delicate position where he can't put everything on the line to save him," said one White House official. "So they have a good relationship, but it's not like Steve is able to be vocal." A second official said Bannon talks up Sessions to his friends on the right outside of the White House, which they said is one way he can boost Sessions without engaging in potentially risky White House warfare.

While part of Trump's lore is the persona of a quick-to-dismiss executive, cultivated on NBC's "The Apprentice," the president has a history of brooding and grouching at length, without making uncomfortable decisions.

Trump associates say those out of favor can survive. During the campaign, Corey Lewandowski, Trump's first campaign manager, seemed on the verge of dismissal at numerous points in the race. But he lasted until June 2016.

Trump had a falling-out with adviser Roger Stone, but Stone has returned to the president's orbit. Some former business enemies such as Steve Wynn are now his friends. He scrapped with the late Roger Ailes over Fox News coverage, and then eventually brought Ailes into his campaign's circle.

So Sessions is soldiering on.

His chief of staff, Jody Hunt, told Priebus in one of several conversations he has had with him lately that the attorney general had no intention of stepping down, according to people familiar with the exchanges.

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On Thursday, Sessions traveled to El Salvador to highlight his work to counter the violent transnational street gang MS-13.

In San Salvador, the attorney general spoke to Tucker Carlson, whose Fox News show Trump is known to watch. He said that Trump's personal attacks on him have been "kind of hurtful" but that he understands his feelings "because this has been a big distraction for him."

Sessions cited all the things he's done to push forward the Trump agenda, especially his efforts to curb illegal immigration. "We share such a common interest there," Sessions said.

But Sessions stood firm on the action that turned the president against him.

"I'm confident I made the right decision, a decision that's consistent for the rule of law," Sessions said. "An attorney general who doesn't follow the law is not very effective in leading the Department of Justice."

Sessions plans to hold a news conference this week on prosecuting national security leaks, an issue that animates Trump. But he knows his future remains precarious.

"I serve at the pleasure of the president," Sessions said. "If he wants to make a change, he can certainly do so, and I would be glad to yield in that circumstance, no doubt about it."

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Dear General Sessions,

Retired President Ford DOJ appointee and protégé of Bill Bittman of Hoffa fame, may I repeat my modest proposal? See below. On July 27, 2017, I first wrote you. I asked that you take it to the opposition, that the best defense is a good offense [against Mueller, Comey, Soros, Steyer, Bezos, Zucker, and the Leftist power brokers].

It is now self-evident that your refusal and recusal procrastinating the inevitable prosecution of Hillary's blatant treasonous corruption has caught up to you.

- AG Jeff Sessions: The latest Tweets from AG Jeff Sessions ... DOJ is too busy going after @POTUS via Mueller and still busy protecting Hillary Clinton.
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One day after the GOP's zombie Obamacare repeal died again, Fox News resurrected the Hillary Clinton email "scandal." A reminder that Ivanka Trump, hubby Jared Kushner and four other senior Trump administration officials were just exposed having used private emails to conduct official White House business.

On today's On the Border show, anchors Sandra Smith and co-hosts revealed that Clinton's email, were still among the undead, too - but in a bit more of a ring due to the fact that they were also an excuse to suggest former FBI Director James Comey is a Democratic partisan.

SMITH: House Republicans renewing their call for a second special counsel to investigate the controversies involving Hillary Clinton and the Obama administration during last year's election. This follows allegations that former FBI Director James Comey drafted an exoneration statement for Clinton weeks before interviewing her and more than a dozen key witnesses. Republicans also complaining that Comey didn't record interviews with Clinton and her associates despite Justice Department policy encouraging the practice.

Unfortunately for the Comey team however, the show's guest, Judge Andrew Napolitano all but called it bunk:



NAPOLITANO: This is another letter, with deference and respect to the signers of it, ignorant of the way law enforcement works. All prosecutors show at the end of their investigation, who they plan to charge and what they plan to charge them with and then they look and see if the evidence is there. If Jim Comey decided there wasn't enough to prosecute her, a month before her late June/early July... interview, that's because he knew what was going on and was just wanted to see whether she contradicted what they had or whether she supported it.

However, Napolitano was all in on the Clinton attack. He said another special prosecutor is not needed because Attorney General Jeff Sessions "could go to grand jury tomorrow and indict Hillary Clinton" without one.

"Why doesn't he do it?" Harris Faulkner asked with enthusiasm. Faulkner's sterile devotion to Donald Trump could go up against Fox & Friends and Sea Hanny any day.

Marie Harf, the lone liberal on the five-person panel, said maybe there isn't enough evidence.

Napolitano thought otherwise, though he acknowledged he hasn't seen "their internal file."

Harf said, "The House GOP is looking at going into a mid-term with no legislative successes. If they want to spend their time re-litigating 2016 and obsessing with Hillary Clinton..."

"Why can't they do both?" Faulkner interrupted.

"Cause they have shown themselves to be incapable of doing anything," Harf shot back. "They need to focus on legislating and get over Hillary Clinton if they want to keep their jobs."

At some point, Harf mentioned private email use in the Trump White House but she was quickly talked over and the point ignored.

But Faulkner refused to let go of her dream of indicting Clinton (and, coincidentally distracting from Trump's very bad week).

FALLKNER: It's a great point, though. Why doesn't this attorney general step up and do what he can do in terms of prosecuting Hillary Clinton? If there's evidence there, why not do it?

"Maybe there isn't, though," Harf retorted.

"We don't know," Faulkner replied.

If Trump provoked a nuclear war, Fox will say, "Buzzer email!" Yet you can pretty much count on a lack of concern for any Trump administration private email use.

Watch the hypocritical obsession below, from the September 27, 2017 Outnumbered.

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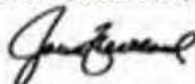
It is with considerable respect and concern that you General Sessions are urged to "grow some new ones or get out." Your tenure is over. Unless you reverse course, please step aside to let Rudy or other AG mount our offensive. We don't need to placate anymore. The whacko-liberal 22% always with the Left cannot be swayed. Our majority will stay with us. The middle 25% will certainly come over to us, when our AG is decisive, and/or when the "new Elliott Ness" tackles the "Millennium Untouchables." Together, we, the 77% swamp-drainers, want our Country Back.

By copy to our resident historian Newt Gingrich [modesty forefends, but attached is my mug with a younger Newt], General Sessions, you've lost sight of the historical fact that when the shoe was on the other foot while the left was in charge, your predecessor prosecuted Andrew Mellon, the Bill Gates of the 1930s, at the same time as "public enemies" John Dillinger, Baby Face Nelson, Bonnie and Clyde, Pretty Boy Floyd, Machine Gun Kelly, and Ma Barker. What more apt analogy than "depression era" retribution against corruption compared with Obama-era corruption?

Timing is poignant. Immediately on the heels of putting away scallywags like Sen. Bob Menendez and Rep. Anthony Weiner for public corruption convictions, who is your 2017 Elliot Ness to grow some and bring justice against the "untouchables" of the new millennium [Soros, Hillary, Steyer, but first, your "low hanging fruit" Debbie Wasserman Schultz, and her "5<sup>th</sup> column" internal spy for radical Muslimism terrorism, Pakistani-born Imran Awan]? If you cannot step aside for strategic reasons, General Sessions, better yet, might you convince Rudy to don the "new Ness" mantle, and join you as "special prosecutor-pit-bull-swamp-drainer Rudy?"

Who would get better press? Rudy or Mueller?

Respectfully & humbly submitted,



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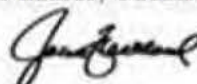
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Dear General Sessions c/o former staff,

It is with considerable honor, privilege, and anticipated gratitude and excitement that you are cordially requested to forward the attached memo to Senator/Attorney General Sessions. With your indulgence, it is hoped, by casting a broad net among Senate staffers that one of you followed the Senator to DOJ, and might pass this along?

Hoping for the best result for our country, and his continued contribution to making America Great again, I look forward, with mutual collaboration, to arriving at a prompt and equally satisfactory resolution to the Deep State problem, so I trust we might arrive at a mutually beneficial arrangement for everyone in the situation.

Respectfully & humbly submitted,



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Hev Joe.

Time to take the battle to the enemy? Phase two. See phase one below. It is with considerable anticipated excitement that you are respectfully asked to accept my volunteer contribution to President Trump's rescue.

**"TEAM SWAMP DRAIN:"**

Copying Newt Gingrich and Dick Morris. [attached is my photo with Newt to refresh his recollection], please see below.

If Trump cannot politically fire Mueller, why not order Mueller to “put up or shut up?”

### Two pronged attack

First, Trump's agenda:

- Goal: Obamacare repeal; tax cut; infrastructure.
- Concept: Newt Gingrich and Team Swampdrain to shotgun Capitol Hill to twist arms; repeal & tax cut; offer trade for infrastructure deal; find union contracts in every vulnerable Dem district

an "offer Dems cannot refuse!" Take it or risk defeat.

- Concept: Every day, a new indictment against Leftist moneybags, please see below.

Second, extricate from Deep State:

- Our Challenge: Mueller seems ominous, and establishment would revolt if Trump fired Mueller.
- Solution: simply have Trump cite pressing business in the National interest--Trump gives Mueller firm and irrevocable deadline: irreversible ultimatum--- disband well before August recess within 30 days.
  - Disband with or without an indictment.
  - Trump says Muller report must be signed off by AG Sessions before released.
  - If leaked, Trump & Sessions will indict.
- Sessions--immediate indictment of any leaker;

Next day Sessions moves to indict Comey and Lynch, for Obama shenanigans, and for Comey's Columbia law school friend leak's prompting Muller appointment. Indict friend. Scapegoat if he does not turn against Comey.

"Immodestly" submitted,



John F. Lillard, III

JFL III/s

From: John Lillard [mailto:johnlillard@verizon.net]  
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 12:46 PM  
To: johnlillard@verizon.net  
Subject: FW: [http://video.foxnews.com/v/5475594528001/?playlist\\_id=928378949001#sp=show-clips](http://video.foxnews.com/v/5475594528001/?playlist_id=928378949001#sp=show-clips) IM-modest proposal

From: John Lillard [mailto:johnlillard@verizon.net]  
Sent: Sunday, June 18, 2017 1:52 PM  
To: 'dt@diGenovaToensing.com' <dt@diGenovaToensing.com>  
Subject: [http://video.foxnews.com/v/5475594528001/?playlist\\_id=928378949001#sp=show-clips](http://video.foxnews.com/v/5475594528001/?playlist_id=928378949001#sp=show-clips) IM-modest proposal

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John F. Lillard III  
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**Tucker, Rachael (OAG)**

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**From:** Tucker, Rachael (OAG)  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 22, 2017 9:00 PM  
**To:** Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO  
**Cc:** Cutrona, Danielle (OAG); Whitaker, Matthew (OAG); Walk, John EOP/WHO  
**Subject:** Re: Refugee report

Yep I'll run this down.

> On Oct 22, 2017, at 8:59 PM, Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO <(b) (6)> wrote:

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**Tucker, Rachael (OAG)**

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**From:** Tucker, Rachael (OAG)  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 22, 2017 9:07 PM  
**To:** Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO  
**Cc:** Cutrona, Danielle (OAG); Whitaker, Matthew (OAG); Walk, John EOP/WHO  
**Subject:** Re: Refugee report

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> On Oct 22, 2017, at 8:59 PM, Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO (b) (6) wrote:

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**Bryant, Errical (OAG)**

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**From:** Bryant, Errical (OAG)  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 26, 2017 8:11 AM  
**To:** Whitaker, Matthew (OAG); Barnett, Gary E. (OAG); Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA); Tucker, Rachael (OAG)  
**Cc:** (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (SECD) (FBI); (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (SECD) (FBI); Hanrahan, Peggi (OAG); Darden, Silas V. (OAG)  
**Subject:** FW: 10.26 Opioids Announcement EM 1  
**Attachments:** 10.26 Opioids Announcement EM 1.docx  
**Importance:** High

Good morning All,

Change in plans for today. The WH would like everyone there by 1pm for the Opioids announcement. So, the plan is to leave from the Heritage event **promptly at 12:45 or earlier**. Then Rachael will be dropped off at DOJ and Gary picked up (Gary, please be in the courtyard waiting at 12:45). Then, the AG, Gary, Matt and Sarah will head to the WH for an 1pm arrival and 2:30pm departure. If you guys run later than 2:30pm, please email me and copy Peggi.

Let me know if you have any questions.  
Thanks E

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

**From:** Gunn, Ashley L. EOP/WHO [mailto:(b)(6)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 25, 2017 5:33 PM  
**To:** Gunn, Ashley L. EOP/WHO <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** McGinley, William J. EOP/WHO <(b)(6)>; McBride, Emily J. EOP/WHO <(b)(6)>; Uli, Gabriella M. EOP/WHO <(b)(6)> Murphy, Christine M. EOP/WHO <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** 10.26 Opioids Announcement EM 1

All,

Due to the large event at 2pm please arrive 17/State at 1pm tomorrow. The White House will experience a high volume at this entrance and it is important that all arrive early to be guaranteed entry into the event in the East Room.

Cabinet Affairs will greet at the awning entry to the West Wing and escort everyone to their seats.

Thank you for understanding.

Thank you,

Ashley Gunn

(b)(6)

**Cutrona, Danielle (OAG)**

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**From:** Cutrona, Danielle (OAG)  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 2, 2017 8:03 PM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Cc:** Whitaker, Matthew (OAG)  
**Subject:** Re: NYT

(b) (5)

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 2, 2017, at 7:58 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <[siflores@imd.usdoj.gov](mailto:siflores@imd.usdoj.gov)> wrote:

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**Trump and Sessions Denied Knowing About Russian Contacts. Records Suggest Otherwise.**

New York Times

Michael S. Schmidt, Matt Apuzzo & Scott Shane

November 2, 2017

<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/11/02/us/politics/trump-jeff-sessions-russia.html>

Standing before reporters in February, President Trump said unequivocally that he knew of nobody from his campaign who was in contact with Russians during the election. Attorney General Jeff Sessions has told the Senate the same thing.

Court documents unsealed this week cast doubt on both statements and raised the possibility that Mr. Sessions could be called back to Congress for further questioning.

The special counsel, Robert S. Mueller III, unsealed his first charges Monday in a wide-ranging investigation into Russian attempts to disrupt the presidential election and whether anyone close to Mr. Trump was involved. Records in that case show that George Papadopoulos, a foreign policy adviser, had frequent discussions with Russians in 2016 and touted his connections in front of Mr. Trump and Mr. Sessions.

For months, journalists have revealed evidence that associates of Mr. Trump met with Russians during the campaign and the presidential transition. But the court documents represent the first concrete evidence that Mr. Trump was personally told about ties between a campaign adviser and Russian officials.

At a March 31, 2016, meeting between Mr. Trump and his foreign policy team, Mr. Papadopoulos introduced himself and said "that he had connections that could help arrange a meeting between then-candidate Trump and President Putin," according to court records.

"He went into the pitch right away," said J. D. Gordon, a campaign adviser who attended the meeting. "He said he had a friend in London, the Russian ambassador, who could help set up a meeting with Putin."



said he had a friend in London, the Russian ambassador, who could help set up a meeting with him.

Mr. Trump listened with interest. Mr. Sessions vehemently opposed the idea, Mr. Gordon recalled. "And he said that no one should talk about it because it might leak," he said.

Several of Mr. Trump's campaign advisers attended the March 2016 meeting, and at least two of those advisers are now in the White House: Hope Hicks, the communications director, and Stephen Miller, a senior policy adviser.

After Mr. Trump was sworn in, he could not escape questions about Russia. At a Feb. 16, 2017, White House news conference, a reporter asked Mr. Trump, "Can you say whether you are aware that anyone who advised your campaign had contacts with Russia during the course of the election?"

"No," Mr. Trump said. "Nobody that I know of. Nobody."

The White House has sought to portray Mr. Papadopoulos as an insignificant figure in the campaign.

Ty Cobb, the White House lawyer dealing with matters related to Mr. Mueller's investigation, said the White House stood behind the president's comments.

"The media's willingness to inflate Papadopoulos, a young unpaid volunteer and supposed energy expert, into an important thought leader in the campaign or Russian operative is ludicrous," Mr. Cobb said. "The evidence so far suggests he attended one meeting, said something about Russia and was immediately shut down by everyone in the room. It's very important to remember that he is not a criminal now because of anything he did for the campaign — he is a criminal because he initially lied to the F.B.I."

A Justice Department spokesman declined to comment.

Democrats in the Senate said on Thursday that they would push to have Mr. Sessions return to the Judiciary Committee for further questioning.

"He now needs to come back before the committee, in person, under oath, to explain why he cannot seem to provide truthful, complete answers to these important and relevant questions," said Senator Patrick J. Leahy, Democrat of Vermont, who is on the Judiciary Committee.

Senator Richard Blumenthal of Connecticut, another Democrat on the committee, pointed out that Mr. Sessions's testimony was under oath and "wasn't just some random comment he made in passing on the street."

Mr. Sessions faced similar questions in January before the Senate Judiciary Committee, when Senator Al Franken, Democrat of Minnesota, asked him about contacts between the campaign and Russia. "I'm not aware of any of those activities," Mr. Sessions said. He denied having any such contacts himself.

Democrats condemned those remarks as misleading when it was revealed that Mr. Sessions held meetings with the Russian ambassador during the campaign. Last month, Mr. Franken renewed his questioning.

"You don't believe that surrogates from the Trump campaign had communications with the Russians?" he asked.



"I did not, and I'm not aware of anyone else that did," Mr. Sessions replied. "And I don't believe it happened."

He did not make any reference to Mr. Papadopoulos. Mr. Sessions has said he answered honestly because he was being questioned in the context of Russian officials continuously exchanging information with campaign advisers.

Mr. Gordon said that while the March 2016 meeting technically contradicted Mr. Sessions's testimony, he defended the attorney general.

"This is something he heard way back in March from some young man who was not authorized to speak for the campaign," he said. "I don't blame Senator Sessions for not remembering that." He said that only in the political "gotcha game" could the matter be considered significant.

The court documents in the Papadopoulos case represent the most explicit evidence yet that Mr. Trump's campaign was eager to coordinate with Russian officials to undermine his rival, Hillary Clinton. Federal investigators suspected that Russian intelligence services used intermediaries to contact Mr. Papadopoulos to gain influence with the campaign, offering "dirt" on Mrs. Clinton in the form of "thousands of emails." Mr. Papadopoulos pleaded guilty to lying about those contacts and is cooperating with the F.B.I.

On Thursday, as news of Mr. Papadopoulos' Russian ties continued to ripple through Washington, Mr. Franken sent a stern letter to Mr. Sessions. "This is another example in an alarming pattern in which you, the nation's top law enforcement official, apparently failed to tell the truth, under oath," he wrote.

The case against Mr. Papadopoulos was unsealed at the same time as an unrelated indictment against two other former campaign advisers, Paul J. Manafort and Rick Gates. Taken together, the three charges sent a foreboding message to a fourth adviser to Mr. Trump's campaign, Michael T. Flynn.

White House officials and others in the case are bracing for charges against Mr. Flynn, a retired three-star general who had a short and tumultuous tenure as national security adviser. Mr. Mueller is investigating Mr. Flynn for not disclosing his Russian contacts or his foreign lobbying work.

Mr. Manafort was indicted on seldom-used charges of concealing foreign lobbying, as well as for lying on federal documents — the same activities for which Mr. Flynn is being investigated.

"It's a bad sign," said Paul Krieger, who until recently was the top federal fraud prosecutor in Manhattan. "It shows that the special counsel's office will not hesitate to charge individuals connected to the administration or campaign with obstruction-like offenses."

Mr. Flynn, one of the architects of Mr. Trump's "America first" foreign policy, did not disclose payments from Russia-linked entities on financial disclosure documents. He did not mention a paid speech he gave in Moscow, and he belatedly disclosed, after leaving the White House, that the Turkish government had paid him more than \$500,000 for lobbying services.

Charging people for not disclosing their foreign lobbying is extremely rare, a point that Mr. Manafort's lawyers made in documents filed in court on Thursday. Since 1966, his lawyers wrote, only six such cases have been filed and only one person has been convicted. Such violations are typically handled administratively.

"It is far from clear what activity triggers a requirement to file a report as a foreign agent," said Kevin M. Downing, Mr. Manafort's lawyer.

Mr. Manafort and Mr. Gates appeared in court briefly on Thursday. Lawyers discussed the conditions of their house arrest and the possibility of a trial in April.

White House officials have long been anticipating the indictments of Mr. Manafort and Mr. Flynn, and have tried to distance themselves from both men. They were caught by surprise, however, by Mr. Papadopoulos's guilty plea and the fact that he had been cooperating with the F.B.I. since July.

That cooperation agreement fueled speculation that Mr. Papadopoulos had secretly recorded his conversations with White House officials this summer. But Mr. Cobb said he had seen no evidence that Mr. Papadopoulos had visited the White House or had recent conversations with staff members.

"We have no indication that this George Papadopoulos came to this White House," Mr. Cobb said, adding that a different person with the same name had entered the White House this year.

Court documents do not explain the extent of Mr. Papadopoulos's cooperation with Mr. Mueller's investigation, but prosecutors said they showed him emails, chat transcripts, text messages and other records "in an attempt to refresh his recollection" about his contacts with Russians and with members of the Trump campaign.

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Sarah Isgur Flores  
Director of Public Affairs  
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**Cutrona, Danielle (OAG)**

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**From:** Cutrona, Danielle (OAG)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 29, 2017 2:54 PM  
**To:** McKinney, Suzanna (OAG); Tucker, Rachael (OAG); Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Cc:** Whitaker, Matthew (OAG); Schreiber, Jayne (OAG)  
**Subject:** RE: DOJ Christmas Party Invitations

Please let us know if you have thoughts/edits or if there are omissions. Defer to Sarah on comms invites. Also, JBS may have thoughts.

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**From:** McKinney, Suzanna (OAG)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 29, 2017 2:23 PM  
**To:** Tucker, Rachael (OAG) <ratucker@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Cutrona, Danielle (OAG) <dcutrona@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>  
**Cc:** Whitaker, Matthew (OAG) <mwhitaker@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Schreiber, Jayne (OAG) <jschreiber@jmd.usdoj.gov>  
**Subject:** DOJ Christmas Party Invitations

Hi all,

As you've already heard from Jayne, we are throwing a DOJ Christmas Party on Friday, December 15!



With any luck, we will send out invitations on Monday, December 4 if not sooner. In order to do that, we need to have your various invitation lists updated and returned to Jayne/me by Friday *at the latest*. Names and e-mail addresses for each individual are all we need. If that turnaround is not doable for any reason, please let me know.

Outstanding Lists:

- White House (Danielle & Matt)
- Press (Sarah)
- CRT (Rachael)
- AG/DAG/OASG List (me)

Questions? Concerns? Ideas? Thanks, everyone, for your help to pull this thing off!

Best,  
**Suzanna R. McKinney**  
U.S. Department of Justice  
Office of the Attorney General



**Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO**

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**Subject:** Miller/Hamilton Call

**Location:** (b) (6)

**Start:** Thursday, November 30, 2017 5:45 PM

**End:** Thursday, November 30, 2017 6:15 PM

**Recurrence:** (none)

**Meeting Status:** Accepted

**Organizer:** Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO

**Required Attendees:** Hamilton, Gene (OAG)

**Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO**

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**From:** Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 21, 2017 8:35 PM  
**To:** Hamilton, Gene (OAG)  
**Cc:** Feere, Jon; Zadrozny, John A. EOP/WHO; Bash, Zina G. EOP/WHO; Nuebel Kovarik, Kathy; Hoffman, Jonathan; Hahn, Julia A. EOP/WHO  
**Subject:** Re: Another NY chain migration terrorist?

Please call DHS.

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 21, 2017, at 8:21 PM, Hamilton, Gene (OAG) <[Gene.Hamilton@usdoj.gov](mailto:Gene.Hamilton@usdoj.gov)> wrote:

I am working with DOJ OPA on the broader issue, but this is particular information is squarely within DHS control. (b) (5)

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Gene P. Hamilton  
Counselor to the Attorney General  
U.S. Department of Justice

On Dec 21, 2017, at 8:15 PM, Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO <(b) (6)> wrote:

Any update guys?

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On Dec 21, 2017, at 5:14 PM, Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO <(b) (6)> wrote:

Adding Gene, Julia and Hoffman to (b) (5)

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**From:** Feere, Jon [<mailto:Jon.Feere@ice.dhs.gov>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 21, 2017 5:02 PM  
**To:** Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>;  
Zadrozny, John A. EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>; Bash,  
Zina G. EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>; Nuebel Kovarik,  
Kathy <(b) (6)>  
**Subject:** Another NY chain migration terrorist?

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Lawful Permanent Resident (F43) (b) (6)

The class F-41 visa is a sponsored immigrant classification for an individual who receives an immigrant visa because he or she is a sibling of a US citizen. The brother or sister who sponsors the person may be a citizen of the United States by birth or naturalization. F46. Brother/sister of U.S. citizen, adjustment.

**(b)(5) per ICE**

**DOJ: Long Island Woman Indicted for Bank Fraud and Money Laundering to Support Terrorists**

>><https://www.justice.gov/usao-edny/pr/long-island-woman-indicted-bank-fraud-and-money-laundering-support-terrorists><<

Indictment: >><https://www.justice.gov/usao-edny/press-release/file/1017901/download><<

**Reuters: Prosecutors say Long Island woman tried to use bitcoin to aid Islamic State**

>><https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-arrest-new-york-bitcoin/prosecutors-say-long-island-woman-tried-to-use-bitcoin-to-aid-islamic-state-idUSKBN1E83DI><<

Jon

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Senior Advisor  
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement  
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Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO

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**From:** Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO  
**Sent:** Saturday, December 23, 2017 10:24 AM  
**To:** Feere, Jon  
**Cc:** Zadrozny, John A. EOP/WHO; Wetmore, David H. EOP/WHO; Bash, Zina G. EOP/WHO; Hahn, Julia A. EOP/WHO; Hamilton, Gene (OAG)  
**Subject:** Re: Bitcoin terrorist update

Adding Gene to (b) (5)

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 22, 2017, at 11:00 PM, Feere, Jon (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per ICE <(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per ICE@ice.dhs.gov> wrote:

Agreed. (b)(5) per ICE

Jon

Jon Feere  
Senior Advisor  
Immigration and Customs Enforcement  
Department of Homeland Security

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**From:** Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>  
**Date:** Friday, Dec 22, 2017, 7:57 PM  
**To:** Feere, Jon (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per ICE <(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per ICE@ice.dhs.gov>  
**Cc:** Zadrozny, John A. EOP/WHO (b) (6); Wetmore, David H. EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>; Bash, Zina G. EOP/WHO (b) (6); Hahn, Julia A. EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>  
**Subject:** Re: Bitcoin terrorist update

Talk to Chad and Hoffman to solve this. It was addressed for the NYC attacks.

(b) (5)

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Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 22, 2017, at 9:55 PM, Feere, Jon (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per ICE <(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per ICE@ice.dhs.gov> wrote:

Stephen –

(b)(5) per ICE



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Jon

Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO

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**From:** Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 31, 2017 4:14 PM  
**To:** McHenry, James (EOIR)  
**Cc:** Zadrozny, John A. EOP/WHO; Wetmore, David H. EOP/WHO; Hamilton, Gene (OAG)  
**Subject:** Re: National Law Review: Illegal or Fraudulent Entry Into the U.S. and its Effect on Asylum

Thank you

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 31, 2017, at 3:02 PM, McHenry, James (EOIR) <[James.McHenry@usdoj.gov](mailto:James.McHenry@usdoj.gov)> wrote:

Thanks, John. Gene or I will call you later this week to discuss.

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**From:** Zadrozny, John A. EOP/WHO [<mailto:> (b) (6)]  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 31, 2017 1:52 PM  
**To:** Wetmore, David H. EOP/WHO (b) (6); McHenry, James (EOIR) <[James.McHenry@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV](mailto:James.McHenry@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV)>  
**Cc:** Hamilton, Gene (OAG) <[ghamilton@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:ghamilton@jmd.usdoj.gov)>; Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO (b) (6)  
**Subject:** RE: National Law Review: Illegal or Fraudulent Entry Into the U.S. and its Effect on Asylum  
**Sensitivity:** Confidential

James:

I hope you had a Merry Christmas.

I am just following up on Dave's inquiry from before the holiday. (b) (5)

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Happy to discuss offline on Tuesday 1/2 or later this week, and thanks in advance.

JZ

w: (b) (6)

c: (b) (6)

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**From:** Wetmore, David H. EOP/WHO  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 21, 2017 11:54 AM  
**To:** 'McHenry, James (EOIR)' <[James.McHenry@usdoj.gov](mailto:James.McHenry@usdoj.gov)>  
**Cc:** 'Hamilton, Gene (OAG)' <[Gene.Hamilton@usdoj.gov](mailto:Gene.Hamilton@usdoj.gov)>; Zadrozny, John A. EOP/WHO (b) (6); Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO (b) (6)  
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Sensitivity: Confidential

Hi James,

Interesting article re the impact of illegal entry on asylum applications. (b) (5)

Dave

## Illegal or Fraudulent Entry Into the U.S. and its Effect on Asylum

Tuesday, December 19, 2017

(b) (5)

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<https://www.natlawreview.com/article/illegal-or-fraudulent-entry-us-and-its-effect-asylum>



**DAVID H. WETMORE**  
Immigration Advisor  
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W: (b) (6)  
M: (b) (6)

**Zadrozny, John A. EOP/WHO**

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**From:** Zadrozny, John A. EOP/WHO  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 2, 2018 8:36 AM  
**To:** Hamilton, Gene (OAG)  
**Cc:** McHenry, James (EOIR); Wetmore, David H. EOP/WHO; Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO  
**Subject:** RE: National Law Review: Illegal or Fraudulent Entry Into the U.S. and its Effect on Asylum

Sounds good. Thanks, Gene.

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**From:** Hamilton, Gene (OAG) [mailto:Gene.Hamilton@usdoj.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 2, 2018 8:35 AM  
**To:** Zadrozny, John A. EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>  
**Cc:** McHenry, James (EOIR) <James.McHenry@usdoj.gov>; Wetmore, David H. EOP/WHO (b) (6); Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>  
**Subject:** RE: National Law Review: Illegal or Fraudulent Entry Into the U.S. and its Effect on Asylum  
**Sensitivity:** Confidential

That works here. There's no way this call will go longer than that.

Gene P. Hamilton  
Counselor to the Attorney General  
U.S. Department of Justice

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**From:** Zadrozny, John A. EOP/WHO [mailto:(b) (6)]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 2, 2018 8:33 AM  
**To:** Hamilton, Gene (OAG) <ghamilton@jmd.usdoj.gov>  
**Cc:** McHenry, James (EOIR) <James.McHenry@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>; Wetmore, David H. EOP/WHO (b) (6); Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO (b) (6)  
**Subject:** RE: National Law Review: Illegal or Fraudulent Entry Into the U.S. and its Effect on Asylum  
**Sensitivity:** Confidential

If we can make this a quick call, I can do during the 10:30-11:00 a.m. time slot.

JZ

w: (b) (6)  
c: (b) (6)

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**From:** Hamilton, Gene (OAG) [mailto:Gene.Hamilton@usdoj.gov]  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 31, 2017 10:47 PM  
**To:** Zadrozny, John A. EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>  
**Cc:** McHenry, James (EOIR) <James.McHenry@usdoj.gov>; Wetmore, David H. EOP/WHO (b) (6); Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>  
**Subject:** Re: National Law Review: Illegal or Fraudulent Entry Into the U.S. and its Effect on Asylum  
**Sensitivity:** Confidential

As of right now, 11:30 is not good for me. This won't take long to cover because things are already in the works. How about Tuesday?

Gene P. Hamilton  
Counselor to the Attorney General  
U.S. Department of Justice

On Dec 31, 2017, at 3:17 PM, Zadrozny, John A. EOP/WHO <(b) (6)> wrote:

Thanks, James. When this week works best for you? This is an important item. Can we aim for Thursday 1/4 at 11:30 a.m.?

JZ

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c: (b) (6)

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**From:** McHenry, James (EOIR) [<mailto:James.McHenry@usdoj.gov>]

**Sent:** Sunday, December 31, 2017 3:02 PM

**To:** Zadrozny, John A. EOP/WHO <(b) (6)> Wetmore, David H.  
EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>

**Cc:** Hamilton, Gene (OAG) <[Gene.Hamilton@usdoj.gov](mailto:Gene.Hamilton@usdoj.gov)>; Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO  
<(b) (6)>

**Subject:** RE: National Law Review: Illegal or Fraudulent Entry Into the U.S. and its Effect on Asylum

**Sensitivity:** Confidential

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McHenry, James (EOIR)

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**From:** McHenry, James (EOIR)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 2, 2018 10:30 AM  
**To:** Zadrozny, John A. EOP/WHO; Hamilton, Gene (OAG)  
**Cc:** Wetmore, David H. EOP/WHO; Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO  
**Subject:** RE: National Law Review: Illegal or Fraudulent Entry Into the U.S. and its Effect on Asylum

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**From:** Zadrozny, John A. EOP/WHO [mailto:(b) (6)]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 02, 2018 8:35 AM  
**To:** Hamilton, Gene (OAG) <ghamilton@jmd.usdoj.gov>  
**Cc:** McHenry, James (EOIR) <James.McHenry@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>; Wetmore, David H. EOP/WHO (b) (6); Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO (b) (6)  
**Subject:** RE: National Law Review: Illegal or Fraudulent Entry Into the U.S. and its Effect on Asylum  
**Sensitivity:** Confidential

P.S. Gene or James, do you have a conference call line we can use this morning?

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**From:** Zadrozny, John A. EOP/WHO  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 2, 2018 8:33 AM  
**To:** 'Hamilton, Gene (OAG)' <[Gene.Hamilton@usdoj.gov](mailto:Gene.Hamilton@usdoj.gov)>  
**Cc:** McHenry, James (EOIR) <[James.McHenry@usdoj.gov](mailto:James.McHenry@usdoj.gov)>; Wetmore, David H. EOP/WHO (b) (6); Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO (b) (6)  
**Subject:** RE: National Law Review: Illegal or Fraudulent Entry Into the U.S. and its Effect on Asylum  
**Sensitivity:** Confidential

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## Hamilton, Gene (OAG)

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**From:** Hamilton, Gene (OAG)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 3, 2018 8:30 AM  
**To:** Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO; Hahn, Julia A. EOP/WHO  
**Subject:** FW: ICYMI: Washington Times: Feds to crack down on immigrants who become naturalized citizens through fraud

Gene P. Hamilton  
Counselor to the Attorney General  
U.S. Department of Justice

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**From:** O'Malley, Devin (OPA)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 3, 2018 8:29 AM  
**To:** O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov>  
**Cc:** Sutton, Sarah E. (OPA) <sesutton@jmd.usdoj.gov>  
**Subject:** ICYMI: Washington Times: Feds to crack down on immigrants who become naturalized citizens through fraud

### [Feds to crack down on immigrants who become naturalized citizens through fraud](#)

*Washington Times*

By Andrea Noble

Iyman Faris is set to be released from prison in 2020 after serving 17 years behind bars for terrorism-related charges stemming from a plot to destroy the Brooklyn Bridge. By the time he gets out, American authorities hope, he will no longer be able to call the U.S. his home.

The Justice Department has filed a lawsuit to try to strip the Pakistan-born Faris of his citizenship, which he obtained in 1999, saying it's an affront to allow him to continue to be an American citizen.

It's just the type of case authorities say they expect to pursue more frequently under President Trump and Attorney General Jeff Sessions.

"The attorney general and the administration are focused on enforcing all immigration laws, especially when it comes to this pinnacle level of citizenship," said one Justice Department official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

Native-born citizens cannot have their citizenship revoked, but those who became naturalized can lose citizenship, and all the rights that come with it, if they are found to have unlawfully or fraudulently obtained naturalization.

The Justice Department can seek to strip a person of citizenship either through a criminal case, by obtaining a conviction of naturalization fraud, or by filing a civil suit claiming the person procured naturalization illegally or procured it by through willful misrepresentation during the naturalization process.

Faris pleaded guilty to providing material support and resources to al Qaeda in 2003. He admitted he



researched methods to sever cables on the Brooklyn Bridge and had met with Osama bin Laden at an al Qaeda training camp in Afghanistan.

Authorities sought to revoke his citizenship on grounds that he entered the U.S. using another person's passport, willfully misrepresented the circumstances under which he came to the United States, and cited his support for al Qaeda as evidence he was engaged in terrorist activities that would have made him ineligible for admission to the U.S. had those facts been known at the time.

"We are doing our best to hold these people accountable," the department official said. "When these people get through, it weakens the integrity of citizenship."

The Justice Department stepped up the number of criminal charges brought in an effort to revoke citizenship in fiscal 2017, with 57 cases filed compared with 46 cases in fiscal 2016 and 44 cases in 2015.

At least another 25 civil denaturalization cases were also filed by the Civil Division's Office of Immigration Litigation in 2017, according to an estimate provided by another Justice Department official.

Among those who had their citizenship stripped last year was Araceli Martinez, who was convicted of impersonating a U.S. immigration officer. She lied about the crime when she applied for citizenship. In November, the Justice Department filed denaturalization cases against five people who lied about a history of sexual abuse of minors during the citizenship process.

Officials said civil denaturalization cases are pursued by the same office that handles other immigration cases — which is seeing plenty of work under the Trump administration. Despite the competing time pressures, officials said, they are getting encouragement to bring the denaturalization cases.

Three more civil cases came in September after the Department of Homeland Security discovered it had mistakenly granted citizenship to more than 800 immigrants who had been ordered deported.

The investigation, dubbed Operation Janus, identified approximately 315,000 cases in which some fingerprint data for immigrants with final deportation orders was missing from a digital fingerprint repository used for background checks.

Among the three denaturalization cases already filed as a result of the Homeland Security review is one against 44-year-old Rashid Mahmood, who entered the country in 1992 using a different spelling of his last name and a counterfeit of a temporary resident card that had been assigned to a Liberian woman. He was ordered deported for the fraud but absconded.

In 1997, after Mr. Mahmood had married a U.S. citizen who filed a visa petition on his behalf, he used the current spelling of his name to apply to register for permanent residence in the U.S. He claimed to have "entered the U.S. with [his] own passport but without a visa," according to court documents filed in his denaturalization case.

Prosecutors say Mr. Mahmood lied during his naturalization interview when he said he had never been ordered removed and when he said he never provided misleading information.

"Mahmood was required to establish that he was a person of good moral character during the period beginning five years prior to the filing of his application for naturalization and continuing until the time of admission to citizenship," states the complaint filed in his case. "Because Mahmood provided false testimony to obtain an immigration benefit during the statutory period, he was not eligible for naturalization; accordingly, he illegally procured his naturalization."

A senior Justice Department official said as the Department of Homeland Security continues its investigation and disposes the proper fingerprint records, prosecutors expect to receive more affidavits that



investigation and utilizes the paper fingerprint records, prosecutors expect to receive more affidavits that could support civil denaturalization cases.

But beyond cases identified as part of the ongoing Homeland Security Department review, Justice Department officials said the Office of Immigration Litigation is prioritizing denaturalization cases involving individuals found to have terrorism connections, or individuals with criminal backgrounds such as sex or child abusers or human rights abusers.

"These people typically don't stop their criminal activity after they get their passport," the Justice Department official said. "It's a fairly common scenario we see where a person is engaged in serious criminal activity before naturalization, and they continue to do so after."

**Devin M. O'Malley**  
Department of Justice  
Office of Public Affairs  
Office: (202) 353-8763  
Cell: (b) (6)

**Hamilton, Gene (OAG)**

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**From:** Hamilton, Gene (OAG)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 3, 2018 2:14 PM  
**To:** O'Malley, Devin (OPA)  
**Subject:** Fwd: DACA negotiations out of WH

Gene P. Hamilton  
Counselor to the Attorney General  
U.S. Department of Justice

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Nancy Cook <[ncook@politico.com](mailto:ncook@politico.com)>  
**Date:** January 3, 2018 at 2:06:34 PM EST  
**To:** "[gene.hamilton@usdoj.gov](mailto:gene.hamilton@usdoj.gov)" <[gene.hamilton@usdoj.gov](mailto:gene.hamilton@usdoj.gov)>  
**Subject:** DACA negotiations out of WH

Hi Gene,

I'm a White House reporter at Politico, covering policy out of the administration. I'm working on a piece about the White House's approach to DACA and other immigration questions as part of the spending package negotiations and would be curious to hear your thoughts, since you've worked so closely on immigration policy at DOJ, DHS, and Sen. Session's office. I'd also be curious to learn more about the role Stephen Miller is playing in the negotiations, alongside Gen. Kelly and Marc Short.

Happy to talk on background. My cell is (b) (6)

Thanks,

Nancy

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Nancy Cook  
White House reporter

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**O'Malley, Devin (OPA)**

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**From:** O'Malley, Devin (OPA)  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 4, 2018 8:28 PM  
**To:** Nancy Cook  
**Subject:** RE: DACA negotiations out of WH

Hi Nancy-

Thank you for giving Gene the opportunity to participate in this story on background. At this time, we are going to decline to participate.

Thanks!

Devin

Devin M. O'Malley  
Department of Justice  
Office of Public Affairs  
Office: (202) 353-8763  
Cell: (b) (6)

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**From:** Hamilton, Gene (OAG)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 3, 2018 4:50 PM  
**To:** Nancy Cook <ncook@politico.com>  
**Cc:** O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: DACA negotiations out of WH

Hi Nancy,

Thanks very much for the note, and happy New Year! I am copying Devin from OPA.

Thanks,

Gene P. Hamilton  
Counselor to the Attorney General  
U.S. Department of Justice

On Jan 3, 2018, at 2:11 PM, Nancy Cook <[ncook@politico.com](mailto:ncook@politico.com)> wrote:

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## Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Sent:** Friday, January 5, 2018 1:23 PM  
**To:** Whitaker, Matthew (OAG); Cutrona, Danielle (OAG)  
**Subject:** FW: Zeke Miller Tweet

**Zeke Miller**  
@ZekeJMiller

WH background on the Camp David meetings this weekend

This weekend the President will host bi-cameral Congressional Leadership for a small-group discussion of 2018 legislative priorities and the successful passage of tax cuts and reform. These priorities will include: ensuring continued economic growth, national security, promoting responsible immigration reform, funding our troops, rebuilding our nation's crumbling infrastructure, the FY19 budget, welfare reform, the opioid crisis, healthcare, the 2018 elections and confirming the President's qualified nominees.

**Participants:**

President Donald J. Trump  
Vice President Mike Pence

**Senators/Members:**

Senate Majority Leader McConnell  
Senate Majority Whip Cornyn  
Speaker Paul Ryan  
House Majority Leader McCarthy  
House Majority Whip Steve Scalise

**Cabinet Arriving Saturday Morning:**

Secretary Rex Tillerson, Department of State  
Secretary Jim Mattis, Department of Defense  
Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen, Department of Homeland Security  
Secretary Betsy DeVos, Department of Education  
Director Mike Pompeo, Central Intelligence Agency  
Director Mick Mulvaney, Office of Management and Budget  
Administrator Scott Pruitt, Environmental Protection Agency  
Dep Sec Jeffrey Rosen, Department of Transportation

**Staff:**

General John Kelly, Assistant to the President and Chief of Staff  
Marc Short, Assistant to the President and Director of Legislative Affairs  
Gary Cohn, Assistant to the President  
Johnny DeStefano, Assistant to the President  
Bill Stepien, Deputy Assistant to the President and Director of Political Affairs  
Mercedes Schlapp, Assistant to the President  
Sarah Sanders, Assistant to the President  
Stephen Miller, Assistant to the President  
Andrew Bremberg, Assistant to the President

<https://twitter.com/ZekeJMiller/status/949344004960866304>

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Sarah Isgur Flores

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@whignewtons

**Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)**

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 16, 2018 12:31 AM  
**To:** Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO  
**Cc:** Hahn, Julia A. EOP/WHO; Hamilton, Gene (OAG); O'Malley, Devin (OPA); Schlapp, Mercedes V. EOP/WHO; Gidley, Hogan H. EOP/WHO  
**Subject:** Re: DRAFT Op-Ed

Then that's easy. Will do.

On Jan 15, 2018, at 9:57 PM, Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO <(b) (6)> wrote:

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Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 15, 2018, at 9:55 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <[Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov)> wrote:

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On Jan 15, 2018, at 9:54 PM, Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO <(b) (6)> wrote:

Yes, (b) (5)

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On Jan 15, 2018, at 9:52 PM, Hahn, Julia A. EOP/WHO <(b) (6)> wrote:

Thanks. Looping in Mercy, Miller and Hogan. I think there was some discussion (b) (5)

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
[\[mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov\]](mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov)  
**Sent:** Monday, January 15, 2018 9:47 PM  
**To:** Hamilton, Gene (OAG) <[Gene.Hamilton@usdoj.gov](mailto:Gene.Hamilton@usdoj.gov)>  
**Cc:** Hahn, Julia A. EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>; O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <[Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov](mailto:Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: DRAFT Op-Ed



Happy to do whichever you'd prefer (b) (5)

On Jan 15, 2018, at 8:26 PM, Hamilton, Gene (OAG)  
<[ghamilton@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:ghamilton@jmd.usdoj.gov)> wrote:

And I obviously defer to Sarah and Devin  
and the WH, but who has the lead on finding  
an outlet for this?

Gene P. Hamilton  
Counselor to the Attorney General  
U.S. Department of Justice

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**From:** Hahn, Julia A. EOP/WHO  
**[mailto: (b) (6)]**  
**Sent:** Monday, January 15, 2018 8:20 PM  
**To:** Hamilton, Gene (OAG)  
<[ghamilton@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:ghamilton@jmd.usdoj.gov)>  
**Cc:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
<[siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov)>; O'Malley, Devin  
(OPA) <[domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: DRAFT Op-Ed

Of course. Thank you so much. Will put  
through process.

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**From:** Hamilton, Gene (OAG)  
**[mailto:Gene.Hamilton@usdoj.gov]**  
**Sent:** Monday, January 15, 2018 8:13 PM  
**To:** Hahn, Julia A. EOP/WHO  
(b) (6)  
**Cc:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
<[Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov)>; O'Malley,  
Devin (OPA) <[Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov](mailto:Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov)>  
**Subject:** DRAFT Op-Ed

Hi Julia,

Here's a draft op-ed so y'all can begin your  
clearance process. The AG reserves the  
right to make further edits when it comes  
back.

Thanks!

Gene P. Hamilton  
Counselor to the Attorney General  
U.S. Department of Justice

Hahn, Julia A. EOP/WHO

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**From:** Hahn, Julia A. EOP/WHO  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 16, 2018 11:29 AM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA); Hamilton, Gene (OAG); O'Malley, Devin (OPA); Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO  
**Subject:** RE: Briefing for national review

Great, thank you! I'll set up

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

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]  
Sent: Tuesday, January 16, 2018 11:25 AM  
To: Hahn, Julia A. EOP/WHO (b) (6); Hamilton, Gene (OAG) <Gene.Hamilton@usdoj.gov>; O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov>; Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>  
Subject: RE: Briefing for national review

Great w us

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Sarah Isgur Flores  
Director of Public Affairs  
202.305.5808

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

From: Hahn, Julia A. EOP/WHO [mailto:(b) (6)]  
Sent: Tuesday, January 16, 2018 11:24 AM  
To: Hamilton, Gene (OAG) <ghamilton@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>; O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO (b) (6)  
Subject: Briefing for national review

Can we get Gene to do a solo briefing on Sect.11 with national review sometime today? I can work with Lowry to set it up.

Sent from my iPhone

**Hamilton, Gene (OAG)**

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**From:** Hamilton, Gene (OAG)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 16, 2018 12:30 PM  
**To:** Hahn, Julia A. EOP/WHO  
**Cc:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA); O'Malley, Devin (OPA); Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO  
**Subject:** RE: Briefing for national review

2 is as good of a time as any.

Gene P. Hamilton  
Counselor to the Attorney General  
U.S. Department of Justice

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

From: Hahn, Julia A. EOP/WHO [mailto:(b) (6)]  
Sent: Tuesday, January 16, 2018 12:29 PM  
To: Hamilton, Gene (OAG) <ghamilton@jmd.usdoj.gov>  
Cc: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>; O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO (b) (6) >  
Subject: Re: Briefing for national review

I'm pretty sure it won't go over 30, but we can do a different time. When would work best for you?  
Want to do 3pm?

Sent from my iPhone

> On Jan 16, 2018, at 12:27 PM, Hamilton, Gene (OAG) <Gene.Hamilton@usdoj.gov> wrote:  
>  
> I am supposed to be doing something else at 2:00, but if we can keep this to 30 minutes or so I  
should be okay.  
>  
> Gene P. Hamilton  
> Counselor to the Attorney General  
> U.S. Department of Justice  
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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Hahn, Julia A. EOP/WHO [mailto:(b) (6)]  
> Sent: Tuesday, January 16, 2018 12:20 PM



> To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>  
> Cc: Hamilton, Gene (OAG) <ghamilton@jmd.usdoj.gov>; O'Malley, Devin (OPA)  
<domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>  
> Subject: Re: Briefing for national review  
>  
> Wonderful. Can we do 2pm?  
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> Sent from my iPhone  
>  
>> On Jan 16, 2018, at 11:25 AM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

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**Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)**

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 16, 2018 2:08 PM  
**To:** Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO; Hamilton, Gene (OAG)  
**Cc:** Hahn, Julia A. EOP/WHO; Gidley, Hogan H. EOP/WHO  
**Subject:** RE:

Working on an event in Norfolk for next week.

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Sarah Isgur Flores  
Director of Public Affairs  
202.305.5808

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

From: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO [mailto:(b) (6)]  
Sent: Tuesday, January 16, 2018 11:15 AM  
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Hamilton, Gene (OAG) <ghamilton@jmd.usdoj.gov>  
Cc: Hahn, Julia A. EOP/WHO (b) (6) v>; Gidley, Hogan H. EOP/WHO (b) (6) >  
Subject: RE:

(b) (5)

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

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]  
Sent: Tuesday, January 16, 2018 10:19 AM  
To: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO (b) (6) >; Hamilton, Gene (OAG) <Gene.Hamilton@usdoj.gov>  
Cc: Hahn, Julia A. EOP/WHO (b) (6) >; Gidley, Hogan H. EOP/WHO (b) (6) >  
Subject: RE:

We can make it a large part of Pittsburgh on the 29th

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Sarah Isgur Flores  
Director of Public Affairs

202.305.5808

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

From: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO [mailto:(b) (6)]

Sent: Tuesday, January 16, 2018 9:02 AM

To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Hamilton, Gene (OAG) <ghamilton@jmd.usdoj.gov>

Cc: Hahn, Julia A. EOP/WHO (b) (6); Gidley, Hogan H. EOP/WHO (b) (6)

Subject:

Can Sessions give a speech on the report (b) (5)?

Sent from my iPhone



**O'Malley, Devin (OPA)**

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**From:** O'Malley, Devin (OPA)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 17, 2018 9:31 AM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA); Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO  
**Cc:** Shah, Raj S. EOP/WHO; Hahn, Julia A. EOP/WHO; Hamilton, Gene (OAG)  
**Subject:** RE: RE: RE:  
**Attachments:** 180117\_OCallaghan\_Opening\_Statement\_DRAFT2.docx

Below and attached.

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Devin M. O'Malley  
Department of Justice  
Office of Public Affairs  
Office: (202) 353-8763  
Cell: (b) (6)

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

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
Sent: Wednesday, January 17, 2018 9:26 AM  
To: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>  
Cc: Shah, Raj S. EOP/WHO (b) (6) <(b) (6)>; Hahn, Julia A. EOP/WHO  
(b) (6) <(b) (6)>; Hamilton, Gene (OAG) <ghamilton@jmd.usdoj.gov>; O'Malley, Devin  
(OPA) <domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov>  
Subject: Re: RE: RE:

Right now it's w ed for edits. Devin can send you latest draft.

> On Jan 17, 2018, at 9:11 AM, Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO (b) (6) <(b) (6)> wrote:

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> Who's working on his opening?

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]

> Sent: Wednesday, January 17, 2018 8:58 AM

> To: Shah, Raj S. EOP/WHO (b) (6) <(b) (6)>

> Cc: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO (b) (6) <(b) (6)>; Hahn, Julia A. EOP/WHO

(b) (6) <(b) (6)>; Hamilton, Gene (OAG) <Gene.Hamilton@usdoj.gov>

> Subject: Re: RE:

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> We were planning to be there at 1230 so we could do some separate prep over here w a larger  
group. Would that work?

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>> On Jan 17, 2018, at 8:51 AM, Shah, Raj S. EOP/WHO <(b) (6)> wrote:

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>> I'm flex, have TV at 1. If you want to do at 12, just come here at that point

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>> -----Original Message-----

>> From: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO

>> Sent: Wednesday, January 17, 2018 8:50 AM

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

>> Cc: Shah, Raj S. EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>; Hahn, Julia A. EOP/WHO

<(b) (6)>; Gene.Hamilton@usdoj.gov



>> Subject: Re:  
>>  
>> Adding McLaurine for my schedule. Gene -- can you start working on an outline?  
>>  
>> Sent from my iPhone  
>>  
>>> On Jan 17, 2018, at 8:25 AM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:  
>>>  
>>> Ed O'Callaghan  
>>>  
>>> Raj--what time are y'all available? Could do call at noon?  
>>>  
>>>> On Jan 17, 2018, at 12:16 AM, Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO (b) (6) <[REDACTED]> wrote:  
>>>>  
>>>> We also want to mention (b) (5) [REDACTED]  
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>>>> Sent from my iPhone  
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>>>>> On Jan 17, 2018, at 12:15 AM, Shah, Raj S. EOP/WHO <(b) (6) [REDACTED]> wrote:  
>>>>>  
>>>>> Ya  
>>>>> Sarah what's the persons name? (b) (5) [REDACTED]  
>>>>>  
>>>>> Sent from my iPhone  
>>>>>  
>>>>>> On Jan 17, 2018, at 12:12 AM, Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO (b) (6) [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]> wrote:  
>>>>>>  
>>>>>> Are we set for tomorrow's briefing?  
>>>>>>  
>>>>>>> Sent from my iPhone  
>>>>>>>  
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Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO

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**From:** Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 17, 2018 10:01 AM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA); O'Malley, Devin (OPA)  
**Cc:** Shah, Raj S. EOP/WHO; Hahn, Julia A. EOP/WHO; Hamilton, Gene (OAG)  
**Subject:** RE: RE: RE:

I rather spend the bulk of time (b) (5)

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

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]  
Sent: Wednesday, January 17, 2018 10:00 AM  
To: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO (b) (6) >; O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov>  
Cc: Shah, Raj S. EOP/WHO (b) (6) >; Hahn, Julia A. EOP/WHO (b) (6) >; Hamilton, Gene (OAG) <Gene.Hamilton@usdoj.gov>  
Subject: RE: RE: RE:

Yeah we can work on that w him.

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Sarah Isgur Flores  
Director of Public Affairs  
202.305.5808

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

From: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO [mailto:(b) (6)]  
Sent: Wednesday, January 17, 2018 9:56 AM  
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>  
Cc: Shah, Raj S. EOP/WHO (b) (6) >; Hahn, Julia A. EOP/WHO (b) (6) >; Hamilton, Gene (OAG) <ghamilton@jmd.usdoj.gov>  
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A few suggested edits --

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

From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) [mailto:Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, January 17, 2018 9:31 AM

To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>; Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO

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**Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)**

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 18, 2018 11:24 AM  
**To:** Whitaker, Matthew (OAG); Cutrona, Danielle (OAG)  
**Subject:** RE: GQ's DC power list

Yep—will do!

xxx

Sarah Isgur Flores  
Director of Public Affairs  
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**From:** Whitaker, Matthew (OAG)  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 18, 2018 11:23 AM  
**To:** Cutrona, Danielle (OAG) <[dcutrona@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:dcutrona@jmd.usdoj.gov)>  
**Cc:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <[siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: GQ's DC power list

Sarah can you ask him?

On Jan 18, 2018, at 11:17 AM, Cutrona, Danielle (OAG) <[dcutrona@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:dcutrona@jmd.usdoj.gov)> wrote:

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 18, 2018 11:13 AM  
**To:** Whitaker, Matthew (OAG) <[mwhitaker@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:mwhitaker@jmd.usdoj.gov)>; Cutrona, Danielle (OAG) <[dcutrona@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:dcutrona@jmd.usdoj.gov)>  
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**From:** Ben Schreckinger [[\(b\) \(6\)](mailto:(b) (6))]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 18, 2018 10:37 AM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <[siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov)>  
**Subject:** GQ's DC power list

Hi Sarah

We're putting together our DC power list for the March issue. Would the AG like to provide a short quote about Stephen Miller and the importance of his influence on the immigration debate for our entry on Miller?

Thanks a bunch for your help and hope all is well

--Ben

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**Hamilton, Gene (OAG)**

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**From:** Hamilton, Gene (OAG)  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 25, 2018 6:33 PM  
**To:** Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO; Zadrozny, John A. EOP/WHO; Hahn, Julia A. EOP/WHO  
**Subject:** RE: DOJ on Philly Immigration Counsel

Correction:

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Gene P. Hamilton  
Counselor to the Attorney General  
U.S. Department of Justice

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**From:** Hamilton, Gene (OAG)  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 25, 2018 6:01 PM  
**To:** Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO (b) (6) >; Zadrozny, John A. EOP/WHO (b) (6) >; 'Hahn, Julia A. EOP/WHO' (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** FW: DOJ on Philly Immigration Counsel

FYSA, DOJ quote (in green) above a release about the Philly DA's office.

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**From:** O'Malley, Devin (OPA)  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 25, 2018 5:57 PM  
**To:** Hamilton, Gene (OAG) <[gghamilton@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:gghamilton@jmd.usdoj.gov)>  
**Subject:** DOJ on Philly Immigration Counsel

Attributable to DOJ spokesman Devin O'Malley:

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Larry Krasner Announces Appointment of Immigration Counsel for Philadelphia District  
Attorney's Office

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**Gunn, Ashley L. EOP/WHO**

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**From:** Gunn, Ashley L. EOP/WHO  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 4, 2018 1:25 PM  
**To:** Morgan K Joyce; Candace CIV SD Currier; Kimberly CIV SD Bender; Errical Bryant; Matthew Whitaker; Chad Wolf; Eliza Thurston; Elizabeth Neumann; Director-Staff; Lisa M Hull; Miles Taylor  
**Subject:** Fwd: APA (In-House): Signing of the National Security Presidential Memorandum Establishing the National Vetting Center  
**Attachments:** 180206 - APA - Signing of National Security Presidential Memorandum Esta....pdf; ATT00001.htm

Please let me know if your principal is not available for the National Vetting Center signing on Tuesday at 3:30pm in the Oval.

Thank you,

Participants are:

POTUS is signing the National Security Presidential Memo to establish a National Vetting Center on Tuesday in the Oval Office. The invitation list includes:

- Secretary of State
- Secretary of Defense
- Attorney General
- Secretary of Homeland Security
- Assistant to the President and Chief of Staff
- Director of National Intelligence
- Director of the [Central Intelligence](#) Agency
- Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs
- Assistant to the President for Homeland Security and Counterterrorism
- Senior Policy Advisor – Stephen Miller
- White House Counsel
- Acting Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection
- Senior Director for Border and Transportation Security
- Director for Security Screening and Vetting
- Deputy Legal Adviser to the National Security Council
- Counselor to the Secretary of Homeland Security – Miles Taylor
- Senior Advisor for Intelligence Integration at U.S. Customs and Border Protection – Monte Hawkins

Ashley Gunn  
Special Assistant to the President  
Cabinet Affairs, The White House

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**Subject: APA (In-House): Signing of the National Security Presidential Memorandum Establishing the National Vetting Center**



This email is to inform you that your schedule proposal for **Signing of the National Security Presidential Memorandum Establishing the National Vetting Center** has been **APPROVED** and added to the President's schedule. Information regarding your event is below.

**PROJECT OFFICER:**

Tom Bossert, Assistant to the President for Homeland Security & Counterterrorism  
Robert Porter, Assistant to the President and Staff Secretary (Paper)

**WORKING CONTACT/POC:** NSC Visits

**DATE/TIME/LENGTH OF PARTICIPATION:** Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at 3:30 PM (30 min)

**LOCATION:** Oval Office

**EVENT FORMAT/PROGRAM:** Signing

**PRESS:** CLOSED – Official White House Photo

Please review this information to ensure accuracy. Any updates regarding your event must be shared with the Office of Presidential Appointments and Scheduling. It is the responsibility of the Project Officer or his/her designee to finalize all details of the approved activity.

Thank you,

Office of Presidential Appointments and Scheduling

**Hamilton, Gene (OAG)**

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**From:** Hamilton, Gene (OAG)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 6, 2018 10:41 PM  
**To:** Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO  
**Cc:** Hahn, Julia A. EOP/WHO  
**Subject:** Re: Heads up re: Indy illegal alien DUI suspect

Already went out. Forwarded the release

Gene P. Hamilton  
Counselor to the Attorney General  
U.S. Department of Justice

On Feb 6, 2018, at 10:40 PM, Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO (b) (6) > wrote:

When does this go out?

Sent from my iPhone

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**Zadrozny, John A. EOP/WHO**

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**From:** Zadrozny, John A. EOP/WHO  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 13, 2018 1:41 PM  
**To:** Watts, Brad (Judiciary-Rep); Tausend, Stephen (Cornyn); Wetmore, David H. (ODAG)  
**Cc:** Hamilton, Gene (OAG); Wold, Theo J. EOP/WHO; McHenry, James (EOIR); Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO  
**Subject:** RE: Aggravated Felony Language

Thanks, Brad. Appreciate your help.

JZ

W: (b) (6)  
C: (b) (6)

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**From:** Watts, Brad (Judiciary-Rep) [mailto:(b) (6)]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 13, 2018 1:41 PM  
**To:** Zadrozny, John A. EOP/WHO (b) (6); Tausend, Stephen (Cornyn) (b) (6); 'Wetmore, David H. (ODAG)' <David.H.Wetmore@usdoj.gov>  
**Cc:** Hamilton, Gene (OAG) <Gene.Hamilton@usdoj.gov>; Wold, Theo J. EOP/WHO (b) (6); McHenry, James (EOIR) <James.McHenry@usdoj.gov>; Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO (b) (6)  
**Subject:** RE: Aggravated Felony Language

We are working through this now and are making a good faith effort to get as much as possible. We will keep ya'll updated.

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**From:** Watts, Brad (Judiciary-Rep)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 13, 2018 1:32 PM  
**To:** 'Zadrozny, John A. EOP/WHO' <(b) (6)>; Tausend, Stephen (Cornyn) (b) (6); 'Wetmore, David H. (ODAG)' <David.H.Wetmore@usdoj.gov>  
**Cc:** Hamilton, Gene (OAG) <Gene.Hamilton@usdoj.gov>; Wold, Theo J. EOP/WHO (b) (6); McHenry, James (EOIR) <James.McHenry@usdoj.gov>; Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>  
**Subject:** RE: Aggravated Felony Language

We aren't litigating this back in forth. It's wasting precious time. We'll do our best.

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**From:** Zadrozny, John A. EOP/WHO [mailto:(b) (6)]  
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**To:** Tausend, Stephen (Cornyn) <(b) (6)>; 'Wetmore, David H. (ODAG)' <David.H.Wetmore@usdoj.gov>  
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**Subject:** RE: Aggravated Felony Language



We have not had access to this language basically until yesterday. We have turned things around pretty quickly. You can ask for the language to be inserted. It is a minor lift, and was essentially agreed to on the call.

JZ

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**From:** Tausend, Stephen (Cornyn) (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 13, 2018 1:29 PM  
**To:** 'Wetmore, David H. (ODAG)' <[David.H.Wetmore@usdoj.gov](mailto:David.H.Wetmore@usdoj.gov)>  
**Cc:** Watts, Brad (Judiciary-Rep) (b) (6); Hamilton, Gene (OAG) <[Gene.Hamilton@usdoj.gov](mailto:Gene.Hamilton@usdoj.gov)>; Zadrozny, John A. EOP/WHO (b) (6); Wold, Theo J. EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>; McHenry, James (EOIR) <[James.McHenry@usdoj.gov](mailto:James.McHenry@usdoj.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Aggravated Felony Language

Would have been great to see it before today, then. Doing our best.

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**From:** Wetmore, David H. (ODAG) [<mailto:David.H.Wetmore@usdoj.gov>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 13, 2018 1:28 PM  
**To:** Tausend, Stephen (Cornyn) (b) (6)  
**Cc:** Watts, Brad (Judiciary-Rep) (b) (6); Hamilton, Gene (OAG) <[Gene.Hamilton@usdoj.gov](mailto:Gene.Hamilton@usdoj.gov)>; Zadrozny, John A. EOP/WHO (b) (6); Wold, Theo J. EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>; McHenry, James (EOIR) <[James.McHenry@usdoj.gov](mailto:James.McHenry@usdoj.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Aggravated Felony Language

The inclusion of this aggravated felony language is absolutely critical.

Dave

**David H. Wetmore**  
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On Feb 13, 2018, at 1:26 PM, Tausend, Stephen (Cornyn) (b) (6) wrote:

Will do our best, but not sure there will be time to process this, given some of the other outstanding issues we are working through

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**From:** Wetmore, David H. (ODAG) [<mailto:David.H.Wetmore@usdoj.gov>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 13, 2018 1:21 PM  
**To:** Tausend, Stephen (Cornyn) (b) (6); Watts, Brad (Judiciary-Rep) (b) (6)  
**Cc:** Hamilton, Gene (OAG) <[Gene.Hamilton@usdoj.gov](mailto:Gene.Hamilton@usdoj.gov)>; Zadrozny, John A. EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>; Wold, Theo J. EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>; McHenry, James (EOIR) <[James.McHenry@usdoj.gov](mailto:James.McHenry@usdoj.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Aggravated Felony Language



Hi Stephen,

Attached is the redlined version of section 1718. Note that the new section 1718 includes: 91) a redefinition of aggravated felony under 1101(a)(43); and (2) a redefinition of conviction under 1101(a)(48). If we include both of these in the new section 1718, they render section 1719 superfluous, which is why it is deleted in the attached redlined version. Alternatively, we could replace the current section 1719 with the redefinition of conviction under 1101(a)(48). We simply kept both 1101(a) provisions in the same section, i.e., the new section 1718 in the redlined version. Please do not hesitate to reach out should you have any questions.

Dave

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Subject: RE: Aggravated Felony Language

We need redlines to our text to review. Sec. 1718

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From: Wetmore, David H. (ODAG) [<mailto:David.H.Wetmore@usdoj.gov>]  
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Tausend, Stephen (Cornyn) <(b) (6)>  
Subject: RE: Aggravated Felony Language

Hi Brad,

Are you looking for the aggravated felony language (attached) or a statement re why it's needed based on the cases and judicial testimonials?

Dave

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Tausend, Stephen (Cornyn) <(b) (6)>  
Subject: RE: Aggravated Felony Language

Do ya'll have language?

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Tausend, Stephen (Cornyn) <(b) (6)>  
Subject: RE: Aggravated Felony Language

Attached is a list of cases in which federal circuit court judges have demanded an aggravated felony fix. These are powerful testimonials to the extent that the INA's current definition is ineffective and endangers our country by preventing violent criminal aliens from being removed.

Dave

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Subject: RE: Aggravated Felony Language

Hi Brad,

These are some of the many egregious examples of the failure of the INA's current aggravated felony definition, which would be corrected by the language that DOJ provided (attached):

- *Esquivel-Quintana v. Sessions*, --- U.S. ---, 137 S. Ct. 1562 (2017), holding that, "in the context of statutory rape offenses that criminalize sexual intercourse based solely on the ages of the participants, the generic federal definition of 'sexual abuse of a minor' requires the age of the victim to be less than 16." The decision is absurd because it so narrowly defined the term "sexual abuse of a minor."
- *Yim v. Lynch*, 610 F. App'x 672 (9th Cir. July 28, 2015). The Court found that perjury was not an offense relating to perjury 1101(a)(43)(S).
- *Solorio-Ruiz v. Sessions*, 2018 WL 576709 (9th Cir.). The Court found that California carjacking was not a crime of violence under 1101(a)(43)(F) because the offense could



include driving a car at a slow speed without resulting harm, and therefore did not require violent force.

- *Harbin v. Sessions*, 860 F.3d 58 (2d Cir. 2016). NY Drug trafficking offense is not an aggravated felony drug trafficking offense (or a controlled substance offense). The ruling could potentially mean that no NY drug crime will have immigration consequences.
- *Larios-Reyes v. Lynch*, 843 F.3d 146 (4th Cir. 2016). MD third degree sex offense (involving fellatio with a 4 year old) did not qualify as a sexual abuse of a minor aggravated felony because the state statute did not require sexual gratification.
- *Sandoval v. Sessions*, 866 F.3d 986 (9th Cir. 2017). OR Delivery of controlled substance is not “drug trafficking crime” aggravated felony offense.
- *Carrillo-Jaime v. Holder*, 572 F.3d 747 (9th Cir. 2009). Operating a chop shop under California law not a “theft offense” under 8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(43)(G) because it could involve fraud.
- *United States v. Garcia-Santana*, 774 F.3d 528 (9th Cir. 2014). Conviction for conspiracy offense under State law is not a “conspiracy” under 1101(a)(43)(U) when overt act need not be proved – conspiracy convictions under laws of 13 or so states will not be aggravated felonies.
- *Medina-Lara v. Holder*, 771 F.3d 1106 (9th Cir. 2014). The court concluded that the amended criminal complaint and abstract of judgment were not clear and convincing evidence that the alien was convicted for possession for sale of cocaine due to various “ambiguities” between those documents, but the docs expressly referenced cocaine.
- *Amos v. Lynch*, 790 F.3d 512 (4th Cir. 2015): Court held that the sexual abuse prong of former Md. Code Ann., Art. 27, § 35A (1988) did not qualify as a “sexual abuse of a minor” aggravated felony. Absurd result because, although the minimum conduct punished by the statute included the “failure to act” to prevent the sexual abuse, the state court’s “failure to act” rule applied narrowly to a situation where a mother watched her husband rape their daughter in her presence and failed to intervene, which the state had found demonstrated “the parent’s consent and contribution to the crime being committed.”
- *Rodriguez v. Holder*, 705 F.3d 207 (5th Cir. 2013). Petitioner’s conviction of the Texas offense of sexual assault was not categorically an aggravated felony (crime of violence) because, although alien was charged with penetrating his female victim without consent and the statute of conviction defined certain acts as being without consent, two of the actions deemed to be without consent in the statute, namely where a mental health worker or clergyman exploited the emotional dependency of the victim, did not inherently involve a substantial risk that intentional physical force may have been used in the commission of the crime, and the indictment did not charge alien with sexual assault of a child.
- *United States v. Martinez-Rodriguez*, 857 F.3d 282 (5th Cir. 2017). The Court reversed its prior immigration precedent and held that “causing injury to a child” under Texas Penal Code 22.04(a) can never be a crime of violence for purposes of section 1101(a)(43)(F).



- *Mena v. Lynch*, 820 F.3d 114 (4th Cir. 2016). Court held that receiving embezzled goods in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 695 is not a “theft offense (including receipt of stolen property)” under 8 U.S.C. § 1101(a)(43)(G). This is absurd because although the initial taking may have involved embezzlement, it would be absurd to suggest that the embezzlement victim consents to the defendant possessing his property.
- *Shuti v. Lynch*, 828 F.3d 440 (6th Cir. 2016). The Sixth Circuit found unarmed robbery under Mich. Comp. Law § 750.530 did not constitute an aggravated felony crime of violence under 18 U.S.C. § 16(b) because § 16(b) was unconstitutionally vague. It was an egregious crime because it was a premeditated crime to steal bags of medical marijuana and the victim was struck on her head with a gun causing a large bleeding laceration.
- *Chang-Cruz v. Att’y Gen. of the U.S.*, 659 F. App’x 114 (3d Cir. 2016). The Third Circuit found that selling drugs on school property in violation of N.J. Stat. Ann. § 2C:35-7(a) was not an illicit trafficking in a controlled substance aggravated felony because “distribute or dispense” were means, not elements. It was egregious because the alien sold drugs on school property in NJ twice.
- *Chalup-Higuera v. Mukasey*, 2013 WL 619304 (9th Cir. 2013). Court found third degree AZ burglary not an aggravated felony even though defendant was sentenced to 30 months in prison after a guilty plea.
- While not immigration cases, these are equally applicable to the definition of aggravated felony under the INA:
  - *United States v. Parnell*, 818 F.3d 974 (9th Cir. 2016). Massachusetts Armed Robbery is not an ACCA violent felony.
  - *United States v. Walton*, -- F.3d --, 2018 WL 650979 (9th Cir. Feb. 1, 2018). Alabama first degree (armed) robbery is not an ACCA violent felony.
  - *United States v. Molinar*, -- F.3d --, 2017 WL 7362022 (9th Cir. Feb. 5, 2018). Arizona Armed Robbery is not an ACCA violent felony.
  - *United States v. Vidal*, 504 F.3d 1072 (9th Cir. 2007) (en banc). California car theft statute is not theft offense aggravated felony.
  - *Mathis v. United States*, 136 S. Ct. 2243 (2016). Iowa burglary is not a burglary offense under the ACCA.
  - *Descamps v. United States*, 133 S. Ct. 2276 (2013). CA burglary is not a burglary offense under the ACCA.
- Also attached is a BIA decision explaining that deliberately injuring a child under Texas Statute 22.04 does not constitute an aggravated felony. The alien deliberately injured a child by burning the child’s hand on a stove, but it was not an aggravated felony because the alien could have committed the same crime by deliberately declining to take the child to the doctor once the child was injured. The state statute omits the actus reus because it is hard to prove in child abuse cases.

Dave

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<(b) (6)>; Wold, Theo J. EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>

Subject: Aggravated Felony Language

Hi Brad,

Attached is the aggravated felony language that Gene discussed on our call. It is critical and should not be controversial. We have examples of where the current aggravated felony definition fails to provide a basis to remove very serious criminal aliens, if you need justification for including it.

Dave

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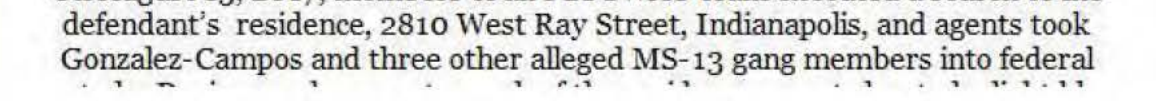
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O'Malley, Devin (OPA)

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**From:** O'Malley, Devin (OPA)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 14, 2018 5:06 PM  
**To:** Hamilton, Gene (OAG); Hahn, Julia A. EOP/WHO; Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO;  
(b)(6) Lindsay Walters White House Email Hoffman, Jonathan  
**Subject:** FW: MS-13 GANG MEMBER SENTENCED IN FEDERAL COURT FOR ILLEGAL GUN POSSESSION

Josh J. Minkler  
United States Attorney  
Southern District of Indiana

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
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## **MS-13 GANG MEMBER SENTENCED IN FEDERAL COURT FOR ILLEGAL GUN POSSESSION**

### ***Illegal alien from El Salvador lived on the Westside of Indianapolis***

INDIANAPOLIS – United States Attorney Josh Minkler today announced the sentencing of an illegal alien and violent gang member found to be in possession of a firearm. Jose Salvador Gonzalez-Campos, age 27, was sentenced to 1 year and 1 day imprisonment by U.S. District Judge Sarah Evans Barker.

“Protecting our communities from ruthless transnational criminal organizations like MS-13 who exploit our immigration laws and terrorize our communities is a top priority of this office and the Department of Justice,” said Minkler.

Gonzalez-Campos was found in the company of other known MS-13 gang members’ associates in the Columbus, Ohio area. On more than one occasion, investigators observed Gonzalez-Campos wearing a light blue backpack. In addition, photographs posted on a Facebook page associated with Gonzalez-Campos showed him wearing a light blue backpack.

On August 15, 2017, members of an FBI SWAT team executed a search of the defendant’s residence, 2810 West Ray Street, Indianapolis, and agents took Gonzalez-Campos and three other alleged MS-13 gang members into federal



custody. During a subsequent search of the residence, agents located a light blue backpack similar to the one Gonzalez-Campos had been seen wearing. In the backpack, agents discovered an El Salvadorian passport with the defendant's name listed on it; a stainless steel Taurus .357 caliber revolver and five rounds of .357 ammunition. In the same room with the backpack, agents found a second passport with Gonzalez-Campos' name and a photograph that depicted the defendant in various poses with family members.

Gonzalez Campos is an illegal alien and cannot legally possess a firearm.

This 18-month investigation was conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI); Immigration Customs Enforcement; the Columbus, Indiana Police Department; and the Franklin County, Indiana, Sheriff's Office.

"Violent criminal street gangs like MS-13 threaten our communities. Today's sentence will not only make our neighborhoods safer, but send a message to other gang members that the FBI and its law enforcement partners will continue to aggressively pursue efforts to disrupt and dismantle organized crime groups such as these," said Robert Middleton, Acting Special Agent in Charge of the FBI's Indianapolis Division.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Barry Glickman, who serves as the Deputy Chief of Gun and Violent Crimes, Gonzalez-Campos will likely be removed to his native country of El Salvador after serving his sentence. Judge Barker also imposed a term of three years supervised release.

In October 2017, United States Attorney Josh J. Minkler announced a Strategic Plan designed to shape and strengthen the District's response to its most significant public safety challenges. This prosecution demonstrates the office's firm commitment to utilize and partner with law enforcement agencies to prosecute illegal immigration cases, to prosecute our most violent criminals and focus local prosecutions on illegal gun possession. See United States Attorney's Office, Southern District of Indiana [Strategic Plan](#) Section 1.8, 2.2 and 2.9.

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**Hamilton, Gene (OAG)**

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**From:** Hamilton, Gene (OAG)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 14, 2018 9:45 PM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA); Cutrona, Danielle (OAG)  
**Cc:** O'Malley, Devin (OPA); Whitaker, Matthew (OAG)  
**Subject:** RE: Senate Bill

I am on an email chain with Stephen Miller, John Kelly, and others. I think (b) (5)

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From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2018 9:44 PM  
To: Cutrona, Danielle (OAG) <dcutrona@jmd.usdoj.gov>  
Cc: Hamilton, Gene (OAG) <ghamilton@jmd.usdoj.gov>; O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Whitaker, Matthew (OAG) <mwhitaker@jmd.usdoj.gov>  
Subject: Re: Senate Bill

We have a directive from wh comms and cabinet comms (b) (5)

(b) (5)

> On Feb 14, 2018, at 9:35 PM, Cutrona, Danielle (OAG) <dcutrona@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

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> (b) (5)

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> Sent from my iPhone

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>> On Feb 14, 2018, at 9:01 PM, Hamilton, Gene (OAG) <ghamilton@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

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>> Hi y'all,

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>> (b) (5)

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>> (b) (5); (b) (5)

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>> I will call the boss to inform him, but (b) (5)

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**Schlapp, Mercedes V. EOP/WHO**

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**From:** Schlapp, Mercedes V. EOP/WHO  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 14, 2018 9:50 PM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Cc:** Hicks, Hope C. EOP/WHO; Shah, Raj S. EOP/WHO; Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO; Rateike, Bradley A. EOP/WHO; Hamilton, Gene (OAG)  
**Subject:** Re: Conflicting instructions

(b) (5)

Sent from my iPhone

> On Feb 14, 2018, at 9:49 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

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> (b) (5)

. Need clarification.



**Hamilton, Gene (OAG)**

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**From:** Hamilton, Gene (OAG)  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 15, 2018 8:31 AM  
**To:** Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO; Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Subject:** RE:

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**From:** Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO [mailto:(b) (6)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 15, 2018 8:31 AM  
**To:** Hamilton, Gene (OAG) <ghamilton@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>  
**Subject:** RE:

(b) (5)

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**From:** Hamilton, Gene (OAG) [mailto:Gene.Hamilton@usdoj.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 15, 2018 8:30 AM  
**To:** Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO (b) (6); Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>  
**Subject:** RE:

(b) (5)

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**From:** Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO [mailto:(b) (6)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 15, 2018 8:28 AM  
**To:** Hamilton, Gene (OAG) <ghamilton@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>  
**Subject:** RE:

Thanks. (b) (5)

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**From:** Hamilton, Gene (OAG) [mailto:Gene.Hamilton@usdoj.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 15, 2018 8:26 AM  
**To:** Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO (b) (6); Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>  
**Subject:** RE:

(b) (5)

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**From:** Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO [[\(b\) \(6\)](mailto:(b) (6))]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 15, 2018 8:25 AM  
**To:** Hamilton, Gene (OAG) <[ghamilton@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:ghamilton@jmd.usdoj.gov)>; Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <[siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov)>  
**Subject:**

Status report on Rounds bill?

**Hamilton, Gene (OAG)**

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**From:** Hamilton, Gene (OAG)  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 15, 2018 12:52 PM  
**To:** Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO; Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Cc:** Short, Marc T. EOP/WHO; Greenwood, Daniel Q. EOP/WHO  
**Subject:** RE:

It was just finalized and I told folks it must go out by 1:30.

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**From:** Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO [mailto:S(b) (6)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 15, 2018 12:22 PM  
**To:** Hamilton, Gene (OAG) <ghamilton@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>  
**Cc:** Short, Marc T. EOP/WHO (b) (6); Greenwood, Daniel Q. EOP/WHO  
<(b) (6)>  
**Subject:** RE:

When is letter going out? (b) (5)

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**From:** Hamilton, Gene (OAG) [mailto:Gene.Hamilton@usdoj.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 15, 2018 8:26 AM

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Hamilton, Gene (OAG)

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**From:** Hamilton, Gene (OAG)  
**Sent:** Monday, February 26, 2018 3:07 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) per NSD (NSD); Hill, John L. (ODAG)  
**Cc:** (b)(6) per NSD (NSD)  
**Subject:** RE: No movement on forms

Sent. Thanks again.

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**From:** (b)(6) per NSD (NSD)  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 15, 2018 1:33 PM  
**To:** Hamilton, Gene (OAG) <ghamilton@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Hill, John L. (ODAG) <jhill@jmd.usdoj.gov>  
**Cc:** (b)(6) per NSD (NSD) (b)(6) per NSD (NSD) >  
**Subject:** RE: No movement on forms

Gene:

John and I have conferred (with input from (b)(6) per NSD) and we propose you send the following:

-----begin draft-----

To: [recipient TBD]

(b) (5)

Gene

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**From:** Hamilton, Gene (OAG)

Sent: Monday, February 12, 2018 9:29 PM

To: (b)(6) per NSD (NSD) (b)(6) per NSD >; Hill, John L. (ODAG) <jhill@jmd.usdoj.gov>

Cc: (b)(6) per NSD (NSD) (b)(6) per NSD >

Subject: RE: No movement on forms

Thanks very much, (b)(6) per NSD. I am slammed over the next few days. Would y'all mind drafting an email and running it by John? After y'all are comfortable, I'll plan to send it to DHS for a status inquiry.

Thank you!

Gene P. Hamilton

Counselor to the Attorney General

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From: (b)(6) per NSD (NSD)

Sent: Monday, February 12, 2018 4:54 PM

To: Hamilton, Gene (OAG) <ghamilton@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Hill, John L. (ODAG) <jhill@jmd.usdoj.gov>

Cc: (b)(6) per NSD (NSD) (b)(6) per NSD >

Subject: No movement on forms

Gene and John:

Today's sub-PCC on social media and forms focused (b)(5). DHS had no meaningful update on the status of the AG questions, other than to acknowledge that they owe us a response. At this point, I recommend you engage at your level.

Thanks,

(b)(6) per NSD

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(b)(6) per NSD

Law & Policy (NSD):Department of Justice

(b)(6) per NSD

**Cytryn, Jen B. EOP/WHO**

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**From:** Cytryn, Jen B. EOP/WHO  
**Sent:** Monday, February 26, 2018 6:56 PM  
**To:** Hamilton, Gene (OAG); Mizelle, Chad R. EOP/WHO; Cissna, Francis  
**Subject:** RE: daca

This will be pushed to 7:10pm.

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**From:** Hamilton, Gene (OAG) [<mailto:Gene.Hamilton@usdoj.gov>]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 26, 2018 5:56 PM  
**To:** Cytryn, Jen B. EOP/WHO (b) (6) >; Mizelle, Chad R. EOP/WHO (b) (6) >; Cissna, Francis <(b)(6) per USCIS >  
**Subject:** RE: daca

Yes.

Gene P. Hamilton  
Counselor to the Attorney General  
U.S. Department of Justice

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**From:** Cytryn, Jen B. EOP/WHO [[\(b\) \(6\)](mailto:(b) (6))]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 26, 2018 5:54 PM  
**To:** Mizelle, Chad R. EOP/WHO (b) (6) >; Hamilton, Gene (OAG) <[ghamilton@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:ghamilton@jmd.usdoj.gov)>; Cissna, Francis (b)(6) per USCIS >  
**Subject:** RE: daca

Does a 7pm call work for everyone?

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**From:** Mizelle, Chad R. EOP/WHO  
**Sent:** Monday, February 26, 2018 5:44 PM  
**To:** Cytryn, Jen B. EOP/WHO (b) (6) >; Hamilton, Gene (OAG) <[Gene.Hamilton@usdoj.gov](mailto:Gene.Hamilton@usdoj.gov)>; Cissna, Francis (b)(6) per USCIS >  
**Subject:** RE: daca

I'm free any time after 7.

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**From:** Cytryn, Jen B. EOP/WHO  
**Sent:** Monday, February 26, 2018 5:44 PM  
**To:** Hamilton, Gene (OAG) <[Gene.Hamilton@usdoj.gov](mailto:Gene.Hamilton@usdoj.gov)>; Mizelle, Chad R. EOP/WHO (b) (6) >; Cissna, Francis (b)(6) per USCIS >  
**Subject:** RE: daca

Stephen has time after 7pm

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**From:** Hamilton, Gene (OAG) [<mailto:Gene.Hamilton@usdoj.gov>]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 26, 2018 5:42 PM  
**To:** Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO (b) (6) >; Mizelle, Chad R. EOP/WHO



<(b) (6)>; Cissna, Francis (b)(6) per USCIS

Cc: Cytryn, Jen B. EOP/WHO (b) (6)

Subject: RE: daca

And Francis' correct email.

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Counselor to the Attorney General

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From: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO [mailto:(b) (6)]

Sent: Monday, February 26, 2018 5:40 PM

To: Hamilton, Gene (OAG) <ghamilton@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Mizelle, Chad R. EOP/WHO

(b) (6)>; Cissna, Francis (b)(6) per USCIS

Cc: Cytryn, Jen B. EOP/WHO (b) (6) >

Subject: RE: daca

Adding Jen

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From: Hamilton, Gene (OAG) [mailto:Gene.Hamilton@usdoj.gov]

Sent: Monday, February 26, 2018 5:40 PM

To: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO (b) (6)>; Mizelle, Chad R. EOP/WHO

(b) (6) Cissna, Francis (b)(6) per USCIS

Subject: RE: daca

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From: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO [mailto:(b) (6)]

Sent: Monday, February 26, 2018 5:39 PM

To: Hamilton, Gene (OAG) <ghamilton@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Mizelle, Chad R. EOP/WHO

(b) (6); Cissna, Francis (b)(6) per USCIS

Subject: daca

Can we do a small call with the just the three of us?

Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO

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**From:** Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 13, 2018 9:50 PM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Cc:** Hahn, Julia A. EOP/WHO; Hamilton, Gene (OAG); Jonathan Hoffman  
**Subject:** Re: Attorney General Sessions Statement on 5th Circuit' SB4 Decision

(b) (5). Thank you.

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On Mar 13, 2018, at 9:33 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <[Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov)> wrote:

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**Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO**

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**From:** Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 17, 2018 5:44 PM  
**To:** Hamilton, Gene (OAG)

(b) (5) .

Sent from my iPhone



Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO

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**From:** Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 18, 2018 4:10 PM  
**To:** Wold, Theo J. EOP/WHO  
**Cc:** Higgins, Casey; Cissna, Francis; Hamilton, Gene (OAG); Wolf, Chad; Swonger, Amy H. EOP/WHO; Burks, Jonathan; Pointer, Katie; (b)(6) Courtney Temple Senate Email gov; Ray.Paul.J@dol.gov; (b)(6) John Abegg Senate Email ; Ritchie, Branden; Husband, Shelley; Lai, Joseph G. EOP/WHO; Canfield, Ryan N. EOP/WHO; Meyer, Joyce Y. EOP/WHO  
**Subject:** Re: Omnibus language

Theo / Francis -- can you send a quick summary of this new language?

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On Mar 18, 2018, at 1:51 PM, Wold, Theo J. EOP/WHO (b) (6) wrote:

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**Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO**

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**From:** Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 27, 2018 9:40 AM  
**To:** Mizelle, Chad R. EOP/WHO; Hamilton, Gene (OAG); Hahn, Julia A. EOP/WHO; Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Subject:** In response to California sanctuary law, Orange County Sheriff makes public inmates' release dates – Orange County Register

<https://www.ocregister.com/2018/03/26/in-response-to-california-sanctuary-law-orange-county-sheriff-makes-public-inmates-release-dates/>

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**McHenry, James (EOIR)**

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**From:** McHenry, James (EOIR)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 27, 2018 12:59 PM  
**To:** Hamilton, Gene (OAG); Wetmore, David H. (ODAG)  
**Subject:** RE: Please Review  
**Attachments:** POTUS Border Brief Attachment A REVISED2 - edits2.docx; POTUS Border Brief EM REVISED2 - edits2.docx; POTUS Border Brief One-Pager - edits2.docx

Some minor edits overlayed.

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**From:** Hamilton, Gene (OAG)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 27, 2018 11:44 AM  
**To:** Wetmore, David H. (ODAG) <[dhwetmore@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:dhwetmore@jmd.usdoj.gov)>; McHenry, James (EOIR) <[James.McHenry@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV](mailto:James.McHenry@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV)>  
**Subject:** RE: Please Review

Thanks! James, would you mind incorporating any additional on top of Dave's for version control?

Thanks,

Gene P. Hamilton  
Counselor to the Attorney General  
U.S. Department of Justice

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**From:** Wetmore, David H. (ODAG)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 27, 2018 11:43 AM  
**To:** Hamilton, Gene (OAG) <[ghamilton@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:ghamilton@jmd.usdoj.gov)>; McHenry, James (EOIR) <[James.McHenry@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV](mailto:James.McHenry@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV)>  
**Cc:** Cutrona, Danielle (OAG) <[dcutrona@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:dcutrona@jmd.usdoj.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Please Review

My edits are attached.

Dave

**DAVID H. WETMORE**  
Senior Counsel  
Office of the Deputy Attorney General  
U.S. Department of Justice  
Office: (202) 514-9340  
Mobile: (b) (6)

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**To:** Wetmore, David H. (ODAG) <[dhwetmore@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:dhwetmore@jmd.usdoj.gov)>; McHenry, James (EOIR) <[James.McHenry@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV](mailto:James.McHenry@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV)>  
**Cc:** Cutrona, Danielle (OAG) <[dcutrona@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:dcutrona@jmd.usdoj.gov)>  
**Subject:** Please Review



Hey Dave and James,

The attached materials are obviously somewhat close-hold. Can y'all take a look at my edits and the original materials and send me any input by 3:00 today? There is also a slide deck that is going to require some edits, which I will send later this AM.

Thanks!

Gene P. Hamilton  
Counselor to the Attorney General  
U.S. Department of Justice

Hahn, Julia A. EOP/WHO

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**From:** Hahn, Julia A. EOP/WHO  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 28, 2018 7:36 AM  
**To:** O'Malley, Devin (OPA)  
**Cc:** Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO; Hamilton, Gene (OAG)  
**Subject:** Re: JUSTICE DEPARTMENT STATEMENT ON ORANGE COUNTY SUPPORT OF CALIFORNIA LAWSUIT: TEST

Thank you

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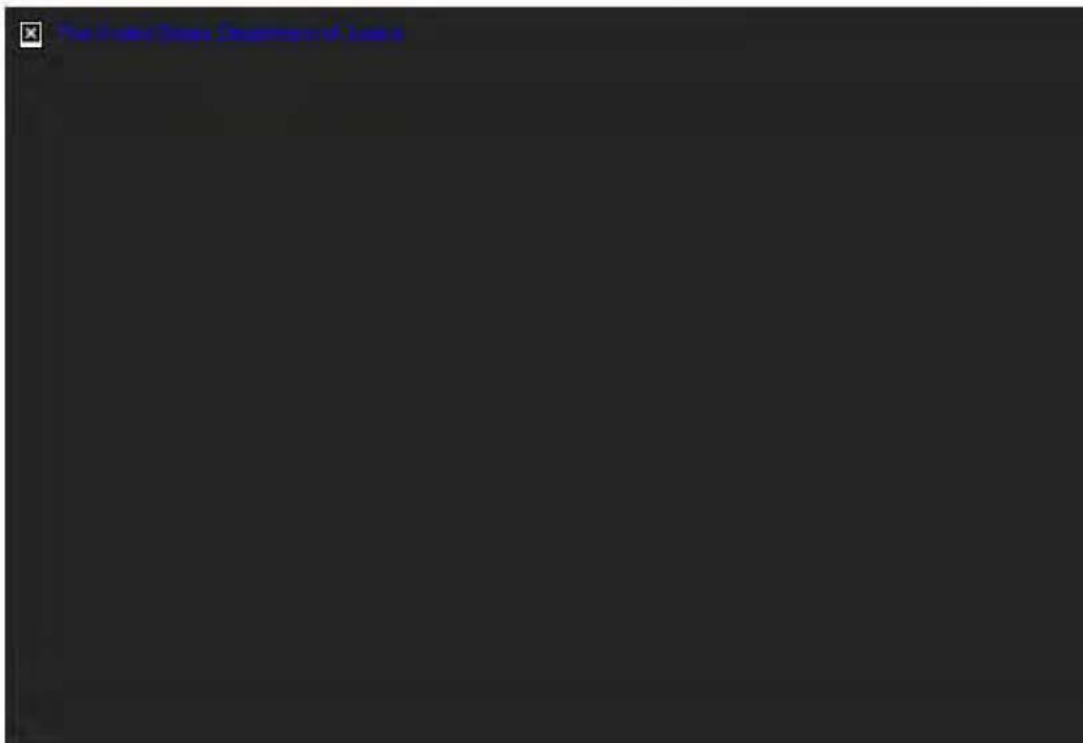
On Mar 28, 2018, at 12:11 AM, O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <[Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov](mailto:Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov)> wrote:

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**To:** <[Devin.Omalley@usdoj.gov](mailto:Devin.Omalley@usdoj.gov)>  
**Subject:** JUSTICE DEPARTMENT STATEMENT ON ORANGE COUNTY SUPPORT OF CALIFORNIA LAWSUIT: TEST



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
MARCH 27, 2018

Background: On March 27, 2018, the Orange County Supervisors passed a [resolution](#) (p. 111 of 275) supporting the Justice Department's lawsuit against the State of California, Governor Jerry Brown, and California Attorney General Xavier Becerra.

Please attribute the following statement to Justice Department spokesman Devin O'Malley:

"The Justice Department welcomes Orange County's decision to support our lawsuit against California's so-called 'sanctuary state' policies. Orange County's residents have experienced firsthand the negative effects of SB 54, which mandates releasing criminal aliens back into their communities instead of into the custody of federal immigration authorities."

[WATCH](#): Orange County Sheriff Sandra Hutchins describes to Tucker Carlson examples of crimes where Orange County was forced to decline detainer requests by ICE.

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**From:** Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 29, 2018 5:48 PM  
**To:** Hahn, Julia A. EOP/WHO  
**Cc:** Hamilton, Gene (OAG)  
**Subject:** Re: U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Headline News - Top 25 Update

Thanks

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On Mar 29, 2018, at 5:44 PM, Hahn, Julia A. EOP/WHO <(b) (6)> wrote:

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On Mar 29, 2018, at 5:39 PM, Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO

(b) (6) wrote:

(b) (5) Julia?!

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**Sent:** Thursday, March 29, 2018 5:36 PM

**To:** Hahn, Julia A. EOP/WHO <(b) (6)> Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>

**Subject:** FW: U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Headline News - Top 25 Update

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From: U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)  
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**Joint Operation nets 24 transnational gang members, 475 total arrests under Operation Matador**

03/29/2018 04:15 PM EDT

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*U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) is the largest investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security.*

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**Sent:** Thursday, March 29, 2018 5:48 PM  
**To:** Hahn, Julia A. EOP/WHO; Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO  
**Subject:** RE: U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Headline News - Top 25 Update

For clarity, this has been an ongoing operation since last May, and earlier updates have gone out. But this is a really telling summary stat.

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**Sent:** Thursday, March 29, 2018 5:44 PM  
**To:** Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO (b) (6)  
**Cc:** Hamilton, Gene (OAG) <ghamilton@jmd.usdoj.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Headline News - Top 25 Update

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## Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Sent:** Monday, April 02, 2018 5:39 PM  
**To:** Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO; Hahn, Julia A. EOP/WHO; Hamilton, Gene (OAG)  
**Subject:** FW: Clips on U.S. v California

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Sarah Isgur Flores  
Director of Public Affairs  
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Trump administration steps up war with California over environmental protections (LA Times) Joseph Tanfani By JOSEPH TANFANI APR 02, 2018 | 1:40 PM | WASHINGTON

Trump administration steps up war with California over environmental protections Chuckwalla Bench, part of a federal wilderness area, is some of the land that could be stripped of protections from new Trump administration policies. (Irfan Khan/Los Angeles Times)

The Trump administration stepped up its offensive Monday on California's environmental laws, suing to reverse a state law that seeks to handcuff the federal government from selling any of the 45.8 million acres of property it controls in the state.

The Justice Department lawsuit, filed in Sacramento, is the latest federal effort to roll back California's strict environmental protections as the Trump administration seeks to open more land in the West for mining, drilling and other interests.

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The Trump administration has challenged California's policies on several fronts. Last month, the Justice Department sued to block three California state laws, saying they were an unconstitutional attempt to thwart enforcement of federal immigration laws.

At issue in the latest lawsuit is a California law that gives a state lands commission the power to block the sale, donation or exchange of federal lands. It was passed in October after Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke announced plans to cut protections for 10 national monuments in the state.

"The Constitution empowers the federal government — not state legislatures — to decide when and how federal lands are sold," Atty. Gen. Jeff Sessions said Monday in a statement announcing the lawsuit.

"California has once again passed an extreme statute found in no other state, to obstruct the federal government," Jesse Panuccio, the acting associate attorney general, told reporters at the Justice Department.

"This is another example of California ignoring federal law and no state legislature can, statute by statute, undermine the rule of law and the U.S. Constitution," he said.

The California law, called the Public Lands Protection Act, attempts to give the state veto power over any sales of federal land - not just parks or wilderness — in the state.

It says the state won't recognize any transaction unless the California State Lands Commission has the right of first refusal over any deal. The state Legislature's own analysis of the bill said it raised "substantial constitutional questions."

The author of the bill, state Sen. Ben Allen (D-Santa Monica), argued that the law didn't actually prevent any sales - just that the state wouldn't recognize the sales as legal unless the Lands Commission approved it.

Justice Department lawyers said that's an effective ban and a distinction without a difference.

According to the Justice Department, the Lands Commission has asserted that authority to intervene in several land deals, including a planned auction of 1.7 acres of U.S. Postal Service property. No one bid on the property, department lawyers said Monday.

The complaint says the state law has thrown a wrench into a development deal in Dublin involving 78 acres of Army land; a proposed development called Admiral's Cove, involving Navy property in Alameda; and a Veterans Affairs plan to rebuild its West Los Angeles campus by leasing land for housing, and to provide an easement for the Purple Line Metro project.

The Justice Department says the law violates the Constitution's supremacy clause, giving federal laws priority over state ones.

The department also says California is ignoring the terms of its admission into the union, citing a provision in the 1850 law that says the state "shall never interfere with the primary disposal of the public lands within its limits."

But California officials and environmental activists vowed to resist.

"Yet again, Donald Trump and his administration are attacking our state and our very way of life," said



Lt. Gov. Gavin Newsom, who also serves on the Lands Commission.

"Safeguarding public lands is in our DNA as Californians - so much so that we have enshrined the principle in our state Constitution. We will use every legal and administrative tool to thwart Trump's plans to auction off California's heritage to the highest bidder," Newsom said.

The California law "is aimed at keeping public lands public, even if the federal government decides to sell them off," said Annie Notthoff, an official at the nonpartisan Natural Resources Defense Council. "More than 75% of Californians recently polled say they oppose Trump's rollback of protections for public lands. This suit is just another tone-deaf greedy grab."

Environmentalists have been seething about an order directing the Bureau of Land Management to rewrite a protection plan for the state's deserts, and California Atty. Gen. Xavier Becerra has filed a number of lawsuits challenging the administration's calls to permit oil drilling off California's coasts, and to refashion Obama administration rules that protect streams and wetlands.

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Justice Dept. sues California again, this time over state law on transfer of federal lands (WaPo) By  
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The Justice Department on Monday again took aim at California, suing over a new law that forces the federal government to give the state's land commission the option to buy federal land before it can be transferred to another owner.

The lawsuit, filed in federal court in the Eastern District of California, alleges the state's law violates the Constitution and should be blocked. The law was meant to preempt the Trump administration from possibly selling land state leaders felt worthy of conservation, such as national parks or monuments, though some officials warned from the start it might face legal challenges.

The case marks the second time the Justice Department in the Trump administration has sued California over laws it calls unconstitutional. Last month, the department alleged in another lawsuit that the state's "sanctuary" laws, which impose policies generally friendly to undocumented immigrants, obstruct enforcement of federal immigration law and harm public safety.

"The Constitution empowers the federal government — not state legislatures — to decide when and how federal lands are sold," Attorney General Jeff Sessions said in a statement. "California was admitted to the Union upon the express condition that it would never interfere with the disposal of federal law. And yet, once again, the California legislature has enacted an extreme state law attempting to frustrate federal policy."

The latest suit is likely to generate less controversy than the first, though it escalates the federal government's conflict with its most populous and perhaps most liberal state. The federal government owns about 46 million acres in California.

In a statement, California Attorney General Xavier Becerra (D) said he was "prepared, as always, to do what it takes to protect our people, our resources, and our values."

"California didn't become our nation's economic engine and the sixth-largest economy in the world by just sitting back. We blaze trails, we innovate, and we engage in smart stewardship of our precious



just sitting back. We blaze trails, we innovate, and we engage in smart stewardship of our precious public lands. Our public lands should not be on the auction block to the highest bidder," he said.

The administration has for months taken an aggressive posture toward California. Sessions announced recently he was reversing Obama-era guidance on charging marijuana cases, making it easier for federal prosecutors to enforce federal laws on the drug even in states, such as California, that have legalized it.

Last month, after the Justice Department filed its lawsuit over the sanctuary policies, Sessions traveled to California and lambasted state leaders, referencing Abraham Lincoln and secession in a fiery speech about immigration enforcement and the power of the federal government.

"There is no nullification. There is no secession," Sessions said. "Federal law is the supreme law of the land. I would invite any doubters to go to Gettysburg, or to the tombstones of John C. Calhoun and Abraham Lincoln. This matter has been settled."

Trump also recently took aim at California Gov. Jerry Brown (D) for pardoning five ex-convicts facing deportation, writing on Twitter, "Is this really what the great people of California want?"

California leaders have bristled at the Justice Department's moves against their state. Brown said the department's lawsuit over the state's sanctuary laws was "basically going to war against the state of California."

Justice Department officials said California's law on federal lands drew their notice when the state's land commission began issuing letters about various, somewhat mundane transfers of federal property around military and veterans affairs facilities. Acting Associate Attorney General Jesse Panuccio said the measure was "extreme," and Justice Department lawyers could find it in no other state.

Trump administration sues California over state law on federal land transfers (POLITICO) The new lawsuit intensifies a legal war between feds and the Golden State.

By JOSH GERSTEIN 04/02/2018 03:25 PM EDT Updated 04/02/2018 03:57 PM EDT

The legal war between the Trump administration and the state of California expanded Monday as the Justice Department sued to block a new state law that limits transfers of federal lands.

The suit, filed in federal court in Sacramento on Monday, contends that the state law is unconstitutional because it interferes with Congress' right to control the sale of federal property.

California's Legislature adopted the law last October at the urging of environmentalists concerned that the Trump administration was readying plans to sell off federal land for real estate development, mining or drilling.

The new suit was filed by the Justice Department less than a month after the federal government sued California over three other state laws widely viewed as enacting "sanctuary" policies aimed at blocking aggressive immigration enforcement by the Trump administration.

That suit grabbed headlines, but lawyers for the state and attorneys for the federal government have been battling in court for months over more than two dozen lawsuits California Attorney General Xavier Becerra has brought on issues ranging from the president's so-called travel ban to rollbacks of birth control coverage under Obamacare to efforts to ban transgender people from serving in the military.



Justice Department officials expressed frustration Monday with the tactics California's legislators and Gov. Jerry Brown have used to register their disagreement with Trump policies.

"California has, once again, passed an extreme statute found in no other state to obstruct the federal government, this time by interfering with the conveyance of federal lands," acting Associate Attorney General Jesse Panuccio told reporters. "This is another example of California ignoring federal law. No state legislature can, statute by statute, undermine the rule of law and the U.S. Constitution."

In a statement, Attorney General Jeff Sessions said California officials are not only ignoring the Constitution, but also the very terms under which California became a state in 1850.

"California was admitted to the Union upon the express condition that it would never interfere with the disposal of federal land," Sessions said. "The Justice Department shouldn't have to spend valuable time and resources to file this suit today, but we have a duty to defend the rightful prerogatives of the U.S. military, the Interior Department and other federal agencies."

A Justice Department official said he and his colleagues aren't singling out California but are responding to an unprecedented series of legal provocations from the state.

"To the extent it looks like we're focusing on California, that is really a product of the extreme nature of the laws California is passing in recent days," said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity. "They are passing laws no other state is passing or has thought to pass and that's because they're unconstitutional."

Justice Department officials said they did not discuss legal concerns about the bill with the state before the suit was filed Monday. They said, however, that state officials are well aware of the legal problems, because the state Legislature's official analysis of the bill issued prior to its passage noted a "strong possibility" that the measure would be found unconstitutional.

Becerra vowed to defend the California law, and he said the state will continue its aggressive legal campaign against Trump policies.

"California didn't become our nation's economic engine and the sixth-largest economy in the world by just sitting back," the California attorney general said in a statement. "Our public lands should not be on the auction block to the highest bidder. We're prepared, as always, to do what it takes to protect our people, our resources, and our values."

The state law, known as Senate Bill 50, requires that the California State Lands Commission have right of first refusal on any land transfer planned by the federal government. Federal officials say the law has already scuttled or bogged down planned transfers of several federal properties to developers, often under plans that were the subject of extensive negotiation with local officials.

U.S. sues California over law trying to curb federal land sales (Reuters) By Sarah N. Lynch, Dan Levine WASHINGTON/SAN FRANCISCO (Reuters) - The U.S. Justice Department sued California over a state law that aims to stop the Trump administration from selling or transferring federal lands to private corporations, hitting the state with yet another legal challenge.

The lawsuit, filed in federal court on Monday in Sacramento, the state capital, comes less than a month after the Justice Department brought a legal action targeting three California laws largely aimed at protecting illegal immigrants from deportation.



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"California has once again passed an extreme statute found in no other state to obstruct the federal government, this time by interfering with the conveyance of federal land," the Justice Department's acting No. 3 official, Jesse Panuccio, told reporters.

California Attorney General Xavier Becerra said in a statement that his office is prepared to protect the state's resources.

"Our public lands should not be on the auction block to the highest bidder," Becerra said.

Governor Jerry Brown accused the Trump administration last month of declaring war on the most populous U.S. state after the Justice Department sued over the California immigration laws. A hearing in that case is set for June.

The latest legal action involves California's Senate Bill 50, which was signed into law in October and gives the state right of first refusal over many federal land conveyances.

If the California State Lands Commission waives its right of first refusal, it issues a compliance certificate. Without this document, the land transfer cannot be legally recorded in a county property office.

The Justice Department in its lawsuit argues that Senate Bill 50 is preempted by federal law.

Reporting by Sarah N. Lynch; Additional reporting by Dan Levine in San Francisco; Editing by Leslie Adler and Steve Orlofsky

Trump administration sues California over federal land sales (FOX) By Samuel Chamberlain | Fox News

The Justice Department has filed a lawsuit against California over a state law giving it the power to override the sale of federal lands, the department announced Monday.

The suit marks the latest battle between President Trump and the nation's most populous state, where Democrats have tried aggressively to thwart the president's agenda.

Under the law, which was passed in September, California has the first right to purchase federal lands or to arrange for a specific buyer. Lawmakers had expressed concerns that the Trump administration would allow more logging, oil drilling or development.

"The Constitution empowers the federal government—not state legislatures—to decide when and how federal lands are sold," Attorney General Jeff Sessions said in a statement. "California was admitted to the Union upon the express condition that it would never interfere with the disposal of federal land. And yet, once again, the California legislature has enacted an extreme state law attempting to frustrate federal policy."

The Justice Department also sued California last month over laws that restrict cooperation with federal immigration authorities.

Lt. Gov. Gavin Newsom, a member of the lands commission, says the Trump is attacking California's way of life.



Fox News' Bill Mears and The Associated Press contributed to this report.

Trump administration sues California again, this time over rights to sell public land (McClatchy) BY KATE IRBY AND STUART LEAVENWORTH WASHINGTON In its latest legal salvo against California, the Department of Justice announced Monday it is filing suit against what it branded an "extreme" state law that tries to give California power to veto sales of federal land to private interests.

The state law, which was signed into law in 2017, gave state officials the right to purchase any federal land in California the U.S. government tries to sell to private ownership. About 50 percent of California is public land.

Justice officials argue the state law is unconstitutional under the supremacy clause, which says when state laws conflict with federal laws the federal law is the ultimate authority and because it discriminates against land sales by the federal government specifically.

Federal law says the Bureau of Land Management can select public land for sale if it meets certain criteria.

"Under our federalism, states have the right to pursue their own policy objectives, but they do not have the right to actively obstruct federal policy, interfere with federal actions, or discriminate against the United States," said Jesse Panuccio, acting associate attorney general.

"California has once again, passed an extreme statute, found in no other state, to obstruct the federal government. This time, by interfering with the conveyance of federal lands," he said.

The litigation marks the second time in a month that McGregor Scott, U.S. attorney for California's eastern district, has helped launch a lawsuit against the state. On March 7, Scott joined Attorney General Jeff Sessions at a California Peace Officers' Association meeting to announce a lawsuit against California's sanctuary policies for undocumented immigrants.

In 2017, California filed 24 lawsuits against the Trump administration. Involved were 17 separate issues, including immigration, environmental protection and the president's proposed U.S.-Mexico border wall.

State officials characterized the latest Justice suit as another "attack" by the Trump administration on Californian's "very way of life."

"Safeguarding public lands is in our DNA as Californians — so much so that we have enshrined the principle in our state constitution," said Lt. Gov. and State Lands Commission Chairman Gavin Newsom, who is also a leading candidate for governor. "We will use every legal and administrative tool to thwart Trump's plans to auction off California's heritage to the highest bidder."

Senior Justice officials were not shy about the targeting of California, saying during a briefing on the issue Monday their action was a "product of the extreme nature of laws that have been passed in California recently."

Panuccio called the state law "another example of California avoiding federal law, and no state legislature can, statute by statute, undermine the rule of law and the U.S. Constitution."



He warned that, "Whether California legislators and the governor like it or not, they must comply with the terms of their admission to the union and their oaths of office to uphold the U.S. Constitution."

The latest Justice litigation helps bolster Trump's standing with GOP lawmakers in Utah, Wyoming, Idaho and other western states who have long complained about excessive federal landholdings in their states. Some of the lawmakers have called for federal legislation that would transfer federal public lands to the state or private ownership.

California passed its own legislation after Rep. Jason Chaffetz, R-Utah, introduced legislation that would have transferred millions of acres of federal land to private or state ownership. He withdrew the bill in February 2017 after public pressure from hunting and fishing groups.

Trump administration officials have said they're opposed to selling federal land to other interests, but senior Justice officials said the state initiative goes beyond selling land within public parks. The federal attorneys argued it could disrupt how the federal government contracts with private actors to build facilities for the military, for example.

The complaint lists three examples of how the federal government planned to sell certain public lands in the state that could be prevented by the California law, including the Department of the Army's plans to sell to a developer about 78 acres of federal property in Alameda County for construction of facilities at Camp Parks, an Army military installation.

Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke, a former congressman from Montana, has repeatedly said he opposes the sale of federal lands. His goal, he said, is to work with the states to open up recreational opportunities on public lands.

"We're not transferring or selling public land," Zinke said in a January interview with conservative radio commentator Josh Tolley. "What we're doing is we're working with the states to open up recreation opportunities. We don't want to be in an adversarial role. And that's been the tension out west, is that the local voice, communities, have been ignored. And that's not right."

David Hayes, a former Interior Department official in the Clinton and Obama administrations, called it "odd" for the Justice Department to go after California on this issue if the Trump administration is not interested in selling federal lands.

"Whatever the motivation, I suspect that Attorney General Xavier Becerra will have something to say about state prerogatives that attach should the feds renege on their promises," said Hayes, who directs the State Energy & Environmental Impact Center, a group that assists attorneys general on environmental litigation.

California officials assert they have the authority to implement the state legislation because they wouldn't be preventing sales of the land. Instead, they would prevent private purchasers from recording deeds to the land unless the state was allowed the opportunity to buy the land first.

Recording a deed is how a purchaser gives public notice of the right to a parcel of land. Without a recorded deed many banks will not lend money to buy or develop the property and a purchaser cannot get title insurance, making a recorded deed much more valuable than an unrecorded deed.

The land recording system is set up under state and not federal law, so California officials argue the state is within its rights to pass laws regarding recorded deeds. A person who does record a deed in



violation of the law could be fined up to \$5,000.

Senior Justice officials argued that saying the federal government could sell land but not record a deed is "a distinction without a difference."

Trump administration sues California over sales of US land (AP) BY JONATHAN J. COOPER Associated Press April 02, 2018 05:13 PM SACRAMENTO, CALIF. -- The U.S. Department of Justice on Wednesday sued California over a law that aims to give the state power to override the sale of federal lands, the latest battle between President Donald Trump and the nation's most populous state.

California lawmakers in September gave the state the first right to purchase federal lands or to arrange for a specific buyer — part of an aggressive effort in the heavily Democratic state to thwart the president's agenda in his first year. They cited concerns that the Trump administration would allow more logging, oil drilling or development on some of the 46 million acres owned by the federal government in California.

The lawsuit comes less than a month after Sessions visited Sacramento to announce he was suing California over laws that restrict cooperation with federal immigration authorities. The state has sparred with the federal government over a wide range of immigration and environmental policies, most recently over vehicle emissions standards and offshore drilling.

The Justice Department's newest lawsuit, filed in federal court in Sacramento, argues that the state has no power to interfere with federal land sales, citing the Constitution and the 1850 act of Congress that admitted California to the union.

"Once again, the California Legislature has enacted an extreme state law attempting to frustrate federal policy," Attorney General Jeff Sessions said in a statement.

The U.S. government says California's law, which took effect Jan. 1, is delaying land sales — even for projects that have been in the works for years — and is depressing their value. The auction of 1.7 acres owned by the U.S. Postal Service was suspended when nobody bid, and a developer looking to purchase property at the now-closed Naval Air Station Alameda has requested a delay, the lawsuit contends.

The lawsuit also cites the sale of Army property east of San Francisco, which the state declined to purchase. The State Lands Commission has requested information about a planned property sale in Santa Barbara County to decide whether to buy first, according to the lawsuit.

"Yet again, Donald Trump and his administration are attacking our state and our very way of life," Lt. Gov. Gavin Newsom, a member of the State Lands Commission and a Democrat running for governor, said in a statement.

California Democrats welcomed the latest fight and vowed to defend the law.

"Our public lands should not be on the auction block to the highest bidder," California Attorney General Xavier Becerra, a Democrat, said in a statement. "We're prepared, as always, to do what it takes to protect our people, our resources and our values."

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We did two releases today on it, every network was here for the briefing, politico did a breaking news alert, and I just forwarded you some of the coverage—(b) (5)

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Yep—that went out earlier today and we did a background briefing with all our reporters in advance.

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Does DOJ have a press release on the actual new lawsuit itself? What is the suit?

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## STATEMENT BY ATTORNEY GENERAL SESSIONS ON TODAY'S NEW LAWSUIT AGAINST THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

WASHINGTON – Attorney General Jeff Sessions issued the following statement on the Department of Justice's new lawsuit against the State of California:

"I regret the need to file yet another lawsuit against the state of California today. The Department of Justice is fighting every day to take illegal guns and drugs off our streets, combat the opioid epidemic and secure our borders from drug traffickers and criminal aliens, and protect our national security from radical Islamic extremists and foreign threats to our cyber security. But once again, we see that too many of our resources are being diverted to deal with meritless and unnecessary lawsuits.

"We are forced to spend our resources to bring these lawsuits against states like California that believe they are above the law and are passing facially unconstitutional laws specifically intended to interfere with the federal government's ability to carry out its legitimate law enforcement duties. And we are forced spend our resources to defend against lawsuits that are patently meritless like one now filed by California claiming that adding back a question on citizenship to the census is unconstitutional after decades of its inclusion. Both of these lawsuits are forcing us to spend precious tax payer dollars and Department resources to litigate issues that most Americans believe are common sense—the executive branch should be able to remove criminal aliens from a jail instead of your neighborhood, the federal government should have an accurate count of who can legally vote in our federal elections, a Department should be able to rescind an unlawful policy



intended to usurp Congress' role in passing immigration laws, or that the President should be able to know who is coming into our country from countries that are terrorist havens.

"The waste is compounded by ideological judging and forum shopping that drags these cases out for months and years. In the meantime, the federal government can be prevented from carrying out its lawful duties by a single district court judge regardless of how many of the other 600 plus district court judges may disagree. The increasing frequency of limitless injunctions is simply unsustainable, and the ever-more extreme nature of these injunctions is only making it more obvious just how unlawful they are. This is not a political or a partisan issue. It is a constitutional issue and a rule of law issue and, more frequently now, a question of how we are allocating our tax payer dollars—to protecting Americans from violent crime and a raging drug epidemic or defending frivolous lawsuits from partisan actors.

"Government-by-litigation isn't what the American people voted for and attempting to thwart an administration's elected agenda through endless, meritless lawsuits is a dangerous precedent."

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Hey David! Not sure if you are the best person to field this request so if not hopefully you can point me in the right direction. I am hoping DOJ can send someone over to the Capitol at 1pm tomorrow to brief myself and my counterparts in the Leader's and Whip's offices regarding the operational impact of *Sessions v. Dimaya*. ICE is coming to brief us, but Stephen Miller tells me that because this arises in removal proceedings handled by EOIR, DOJ is better suited to brief us. Let me know what you think? Thanks!

*Casey Christine Higgins*

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**Subject:** RE: briefing call for few Hill staffers

All-

At the behest of leadership we are pulling down the call and doing the in-person brief at 1 PM tomorrow. David, Chad and ICE Rep can all participate as planned.

Thanks to Joyce, Julia, Cat for assisting with the set-up and coordination of this call and meeting.

Dan

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**From:** Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 19, 2018 5:06 PM  
**To:** Curry, Cat E. EOP/WHO (b) (6) >  
**Cc:** Mizelle, Chad R. EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>; Hahn, Julia A. EOP/WHO (b) (6) v>; Greenwood, Daniel Q. EOP/WHO (b) (6) >; Hamilton, Gene (OAG) <Gene.Hamilton@usdoj.gov>; Wetmore, David H. (ODAG) <David.H.Wetmore@usdoj.gov>; Meyer, Joyce Y. EOP/WHO (b) (6) >; Escalona, Prim F. (OLA) <Prim.F.Escalona@usdoj.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: briefing call for few Hill staffers

We should have some extra lines and just make sure we identify everyone.

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 19, 2018, at 5:03 PM, Curry, Cat E. EOP/WHO <(b) (6)> wrote:

I only have enough lines open for those on the original chain and the 4 house staff. Please let me know if I should add more as people have been added to this email exchange.

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 19, 2018, at 4:56 PM, Mizelle, Chad R. EOP/WHO (b) (6) > wrote:

We are good to go with a 5:30.

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**From:** Hahn, Julia A. EOP/WHO  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 19, 2018 4:52 PM  
**To:** Greenwood, Daniel Q. EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>  
**Cc:** Hamilton, Gene (OAG) <Gene.Hamilton@usdoj.gov>; Mizelle, Chad R. <(b) (6)>

EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>; Curry, Cat E. EOP/WHO  
(b) (6) <(b) (6)>; Wetmore, David H. (ODAG)  
(b) (6) <(b) (6)>; Meyer, Joyce Y. EOP/WHO  
(b) (6) <(b) (6)>; Escalona, Prim F. (OLA)  
<Prim.F.Escalona@usdoj.gov>; Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO  
<(b) (6)>

**Subject:** Re: briefing call for few Hill staffers

Thanks, Dan. Adding Miller here as well just for his situational awareness.

On Apr 19, 2018, at 4:48 PM, Greenwood, Daniel Q. EOP/WHO  
(b) (6) <(b) (6)> wrote:

We are not tracking a request for the 1 PM ICE brief tomorrow.  
Recommend we push forward with this call so we ensure the right  
briefers get this information to Staff as timely as possible. Doing say  
may obviate the need for another in-person brief as well.

Dan

Daniel Q. Greenwood  
Deputy Assistant to the President  
Deputy Director White House Office of Legislative Affairs  
(b) (6) (Office)  
(b) (6) (Cell)  
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**From:** Hamilton, Gene (OAG) <Gene.Hamilton@usdoj.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 19, 2018 3:55 PM  
**To:** Hahn, Julia A. EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>; Mizelle,  
Chad R. EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>  
**Cc:** Greenwood, Daniel Q. EOP/WHO  
<(b) (6)>; Curry, Cat E. EOP/WHO  
(b) (6) <(b) (6)>; Wetmore, David H. (ODAG)  
<David.H.Wetmore@usdoj.gov>; Meyer, Joyce Y. EOP/WHO  
(b) (6) <(b) (6)>; Escalona, Prim F. (OLA)  
<Prim.F.Escalona@usdoj.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: briefing call for few Hill staffers

We've received a separate request from the parties below to instead  
do a 1:00 in-person briefing tomorrow—ICE is apparently going there  
then. I can't make it at 1:00 tomorrow, but if Dave can I think that's a  
good way to proceed.

Gene P. Hamilton  
Counselor to the Attorney General  
U.S. Department of Justice

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**From:** Hahn, Julia A. EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>

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**Sent:** Thursday, April 19, 2018 3:26 PM

**To:** Mizelle, Chad R. EOP/WHO (b) (6)

**Cc:** Greenwood, Daniel Q. EOP/WHO

<(b) (6)>; Curry, Cat E. EOP/WHO

<(b) (6)>; Hamilton, Gene (OAG)

<[gghamilton@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:gghamilton@jmd.usdoj.gov)>; Wetmore, David H. (ODAG)

<[dhwetmore@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:dhwetmore@jmd.usdoj.gov)>; Meyer, Joyce Y. EOP/WHO

(b) (6)>

**Subject:** Re: briefing call for few Hill staffers

They work for Scalise, Ryan, and McCarthy

On Apr 19, 2018, at 2:54 PM, Mizelle, Chad R. EOP/WHO

<(b) (6)> wrote:

Would someone mind circulating the list of in whose office/on which committee these staffers work?

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 19, 2018, at 2:49 PM, Greenwood, Daniel Q.

EOP/WHO <(b) (6)> wrote:

Thanks Cat!

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**From:** Curry, Cat E. EOP/WHO

**Sent:** Thursday, April 19, 2018 2:49 PM

**To:** Hamilton, Gene (OAG)

<[Gene.Hamilton@usdoj.gov](mailto:Gene.Hamilton@usdoj.gov)>; Hahn, Julia

A. EOP/WHO

<(b) (6)>; Greenwood,

Daniel Q. EOP/WHO

<(b) (6)>;

Wetmore, David H. (ODAG)

(b) (6); Mizelle,

Chad R. EOP/WHO

(b) (6)>

**Cc:** Meyer, Joyce Y. EOP/WHO

<(b) (6)>

**Subject:** RE: briefing call for few Hill staffers

Just waiting to receive the dial in. Will circulate a meeting request soon!

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**From:** Hamilton, Gene (OAG)

<[Gene.Hamilton@usdoj.gov](mailto:Gene.Hamilton@usdoj.gov)>

**Sent:** Thursday, April 19, 2018 2:42 PM

**To:** Hahn, Julia A. EOP/WHO

(b) (6)>; Greenwood,

Daniel Q. EOP/WHO

<(b) (6)>;

Wetmore, David H. (ODAG)



<[David.H.Wetmore@usdoj.gov](mailto:David.H.Wetmore@usdoj.gov)>; Mizelle,  
Chad R. EOP/WHO  
<(b) (6)>  
Cc: Curry, Cat E. EOP/WHO  
(b) (6)>; Meyer,  
Joyce Y. EOP/WHO  
(b) (6)>  
Subject: RE: briefing call for few Hill staffers

If someone could just send a calendar invite  
with the relevant information when it's  
ready, that would be much appreciated.

Thanks!

Gene P. Hamilton  
Counselor to the Attorney General  
U.S. Department of Justice

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From: Hahn, Julia A. EOP/WHO  
<(b) (6)>  
Sent: Thursday, April 19, 2018 2:28 PM  
To: Hamilton, Gene (OAG)  
<[ghamilton@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:ghamilton@jmd.usdoj.gov)>; Greenwood,  
Daniel Q. EOP/WHO  
<(b) (6)>;  
Wetmore, David H. (ODAG)  
<[dhwetmore@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:dhwetmore@jmd.usdoj.gov)>; Mizelle,  
Chad R. EOP/WHO  
(b) (6)>  
Cc: Curry, Cat E. EOP/WHO  
(b) (6)>; Meyer,  
Joyce Y. EOP/WHO  
<(b) (6)>  
Subject: RE: briefing call for few Hill staffers

Great, thank you all so much.

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From: Hamilton, Gene (OAG)  
<[Gene.Hamilton@usdoj.gov](mailto:Gene.Hamilton@usdoj.gov)>  
Sent: Thursday, April 19, 2018 2:22 PM  
To: Greenwood, Daniel Q. EOP/WHO  
<(b) (6)>;  
Wetmore, David H. (ODAG)  
<[David.H.Wetmore@usdoj.gov](mailto:David.H.Wetmore@usdoj.gov)>; Mizelle,  
Chad R. EOP/WHO  
(b) (6)>; Hahn,  
Julia A. EOP/WHO  
(b) (6)  
Cc: Curry, Cat E. EOP/WHO  
(b) (6)>; Meyer,  
Joyce Y. EOP/WHO

(b) (6)

Subject: RE: briefing call for few Hill staffers

I can do a 5:30, also.

Gene P. Hamilton  
Counselor to the Attorney General  
U.S. Department of Justice

From: Greenwood, Daniel Q. EOP/WHO

(b) (6) >

Sent: Thursday, April 19, 2018 2:21 PM

To: Wetmore, David H. (ODAG)

<[dhwetmore@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:dhwetmore@jmd.usdoj.gov)>; Mizelle,  
Chad R. EOP/WHO

<(b) (6)>; Hahn,  
Julia A. EOP/WHO

(b) (6) >

Cc: Hamilton, Gene (OAG)

<[ghamilton@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:ghamilton@jmd.usdoj.gov)>; Curry, Cat E.  
EOP/WHO

(b) (6) >; Meyer,  
Joyce Y. EOP/WHO

(b) (6) >

Subject: RE: briefing call for few Hill staffers

+Cat and Joyce

Sounds like we will reach out to the below  
staffers to see if they are available for a  
5:30 PM conference call for 30 minutes.

Cat can you reach out to them and see if  
they can support a conference call at 5:30  
pm? We will want to include everyone  
here on the line.

The Hill staffers are:

Horton, Brett

(b) (6)

Dunham, Will

(b) (6)

Higgins, Casey

(b) (6)

Wieand, Jeff (b) (6)

On Apr 19, 2018, at 1:33 PM, Hahn, Julia A.  
EOP/WHO (b) (6)  
wrote:

Hi all—

I just spoke to Dan (cc'ed here) with WH OLA. A few hill staffers (b) (5)

background briefing from DOJ on the aggravated felony ruling and others like it, as well as the operational impact of these immigration loopholes. Can we set up a conference call for them sometime today with Dave from DOJ leading the call and Chad from WHCO monitoring it?

The Hill staffers are:

Horton, Brett

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Dunham, Will

(b) (6)

Higgins, Casey

(b) (6)

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Wieand, Jeff

(b) (6)



**Wetmore, David H. (ODAG)**

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**From:** Wetmore, David H. (ODAG)  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 24, 2018 11:53 AM  
**To:** McHenry, James (EOIR); Hamilton, Gene (OAG); Lan, Iris (ODAG)  
**Cc:** Terwilliger, Zachary (ODAG); Bolitho, Zachary (ODAG)  
**Subject:** RE: Principals Working Group Materials  
**Attachments:** Draft Talking Points - Overview [ODAG-EOIR Edits].docx

A clean copy of James' edits and my edits is attached for the DAG's review.

Dave

**DAVID H. WETMORE**  
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Mobile: (b) (6)

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**From:** McHenry, James (EOIR)  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 24, 2018 11:40 AM  
**To:** Hamilton, Gene (OAG) <[ghamilton@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:ghamilton@jmd.usdoj.gov)>; Lan, Iris (ODAG) <[irlan@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:irlan@jmd.usdoj.gov)>; Wetmore, David H. (ODAG) <[dhwetmore@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:dhwetmore@jmd.usdoj.gov)>  
**Cc:** Terwilliger, Zachary (ODAG) <[zterwilliger@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:zterwilliger@jmd.usdoj.gov)>; Bolitho, Zachary (ODAG) <[zbolitho@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:zbolitho@jmd.usdoj.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Principals Working Group Materials

A couple of suggested edits in the attached.

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**From:** Hamilton, Gene (OAG)  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 24, 2018 11:13 AM  
**To:** Lan, Iris (ODAG) <[irlan@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:irlan@jmd.usdoj.gov)>; Wetmore, David H. (ODAG) <[dhwetmore@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:dhwetmore@jmd.usdoj.gov)>; McHenry, James (EOIR) <[James.McHenry@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV](mailto:James.McHenry@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV)>  
**Cc:** Terwilliger, Zachary (ODAG) <[zterwilliger@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:zterwilliger@jmd.usdoj.gov)>; Bolitho, Zachary (ODAG) <[zbolitho@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:zbolitho@jmd.usdoj.gov)>  
**Subject:** FW: Principals Working Group Materials  
**Importance:** High

Added Iris

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U.S. Department of Justice

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**From:** Hamilton, Gene (OAG)  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 24, 2018 11:01 AM  
**To:** David H. Wetmore (ODAG) <[dhwetmore@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:dhwetmore@jmd.usdoj.gov)> <[dhwetmore@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:dhwetmore@jmd.usdoj.gov)>; McHenry, James (EOIR) <[James.McHenry@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV](mailto:James.McHenry@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV)>

~~James (cc) / [REDACTED]~~

Cc: Terwilliger, Zachary (ODAG) <[zterwilliger@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:zterwilliger@jmd.usdoj.gov)>; Bolitho, Zachary (ODAG) <[zbolitho@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:zbolitho@jmd.usdoj.gov)> <[zbolitho@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:zbolitho@jmd.usdoj.gov)>

Subject: Principals Working Group Materials

Importance: High

Hey y'all,

Dave, James, please take a look at the "Draft Talking Points – Overview Revised" document, edit as you see fit, and send back to me. (b) (5)

The other documents are things he will need for prep. Once we have y'all's edits on that one document, I think this package is complete.

Thanks!

Gene P. Hamilton  
Counselor to the Attorney General  
U.S. Department of Justice

Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO

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**From:** Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 27, 2018 9:15 PM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Cc:** Hahn, Julia A. EOP/WHO; Waldman, Katie; Hoffman, Jonathan; Wolf, Chad; Marriott, Brian (ACF); Hamilton, Gene (OAG); O'Malley, Devin (OPA)  
**Subject:** Re: White House Statement On The Suffering Inflicted By Washington Democrats' Open Borders Radicalism

Thanks. We are going forward with a Tuesday conference call. DHS is working on a statement as well.

Sent from my iPhone

On May 27, 2018, at 9:12 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <[Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov)> wrote:

# Duplicative records





Hamilton, Gene (OAG)

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**From:** Hamilton, Gene (OAG)  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 27, 2018 9:20 PM  
**To:** Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO  
**Cc:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Subject:** Re: White House Statement On The Suffering Inflicted By Washington Democrats' Open Borders Radicalism

We can make that point in the briefing. Will take to long to get clearances on adding anything else.

(b) (5)

Gene P. Hamilton  
Counselor to the Attorney General  
U.S. Department of Justice

On May 27, 2018, at 9:19 PM, Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO (b) (6) > wrote:

Duplicative records

**Hamilton, Gene (OAG)**

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**From:** Hamilton, Gene (OAG)  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 27, 2018 9:26 PM  
**To:** Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO  
**Cc:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Subject:** Re: White House Statement On The Suffering Inflicted By Washington Democrats' Open Borders Radicalism

Either way, we will definitely make that statement (b) (5).

Gene P. Hamilton  
Counselor to the Attorney General  
U.S. Department of Justice

On May 27, 2018, at 9:24 PM, Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO <(b) (6)> wrote:

(b) (5)  
[Redacted]

Sent from my iPhone

On May 27, 2018, at 9:22 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <[Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov)> wrote:

(b) (5)  
[Redacted]

On May 27, 2018, at 8:19 PM, Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO  
<(b) (6)> wrote:

(b) (5)  
[Redacted]  
[Redacted]?

Sent from my iPhone

On May 27, 2018, at 9:12 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
<[Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov)> wrote:

Here's ours from a Justice official but (b) (5)  
[Redacted]  
[Redacted]  
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[Redacted]  
[Redacted]  
[Redacted]

(b) (5)

On May 27, 2018, at 7:57 PM, Miller, Stephen  
EOP/WHO (b) (6) > wrote:

(b) (5)

Sent from my iPhone

On May 27, 2018, at 8:51 PM, Hahn, Julia  
A. EOP/WHO

(b) (6) > wrote:

Hi all-- please see the below.  
Thank you!


**From:** Cheung, Steven  
EOP/WHO  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 27, 2018  
8:47 PM  
**Subject:** White House  
Statement On The Suffering  
Inflicted By Washington  
Democrats' Open Borders  
Radicalism

Please see the below  
statement attributable to  
Deputy White House Press  
Secretary Hogan Gidley:

(b) (5)

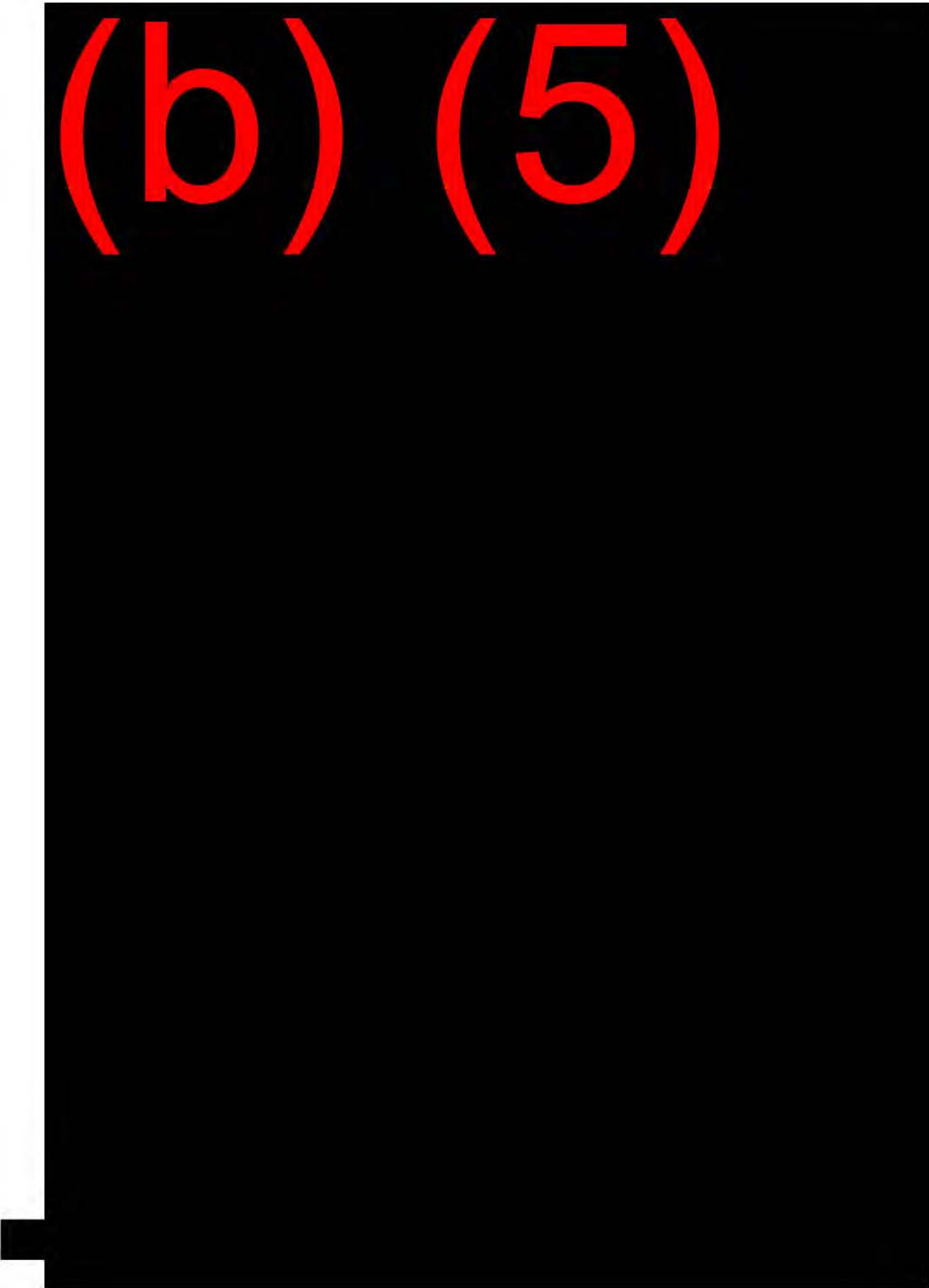


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Hamilton, Gene (OAG)

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**From:** Hamilton, Gene (OAG)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 29, 2018 7:39 AM  
**To:** Julia Hahn (b)(6) Stephen Miller WH email  
**Cc:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA); O'Malley, Devin (OPA)  
**Subject:** Talkers.docx  
**Attachments:** Talkers.docx; ATT00001.txt

These are my very basic talkers for today



Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO

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**From:** Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 29, 2018 9:40 AM  
**To:** Hamilton, Gene (OAG); Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Cc:** O'Malley, Devin (OPA)  
**Subject:** RE: (b) (5) tonight or tomorrow on family separation?

(b) (5)

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**From:** Hamilton, Gene (OAG) <Gene.Hamilton@usdoj.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 29, 2018 9:31 AM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>  
**Cc:** Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO (b) (6); O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: (b) (5) tonight or tomorrow on family separation?

I think that's a great idea

Gene P. Hamilton  
Counselor to the Attorney General  
U.S. Department of Justice

On May 29, 2018, at 9:30 AM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <[siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov)> wrote:

(b) (5)

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Sarah Isgur Flores  
Director of Public Affairs  
202.305.5808

O'Malley, Devin (OPA)

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**From:** O'Malley, Devin (OPA)  
**Sent:** Monday, June 4, 2018 8:03 PM  
**To:** Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO; Hahn, Julia A. EOP/WHO; Hamilton, Gene (OAG); Marriott, Brian (ACF); Stecker, Judy (OS/ASPA); Waldman, Katie; Houlton, Tyler  
**Subject:** FW: FACT CHECK: Senator Jeff Merkley's Facebook and CNN Appearances

Devin M. O'Malley  
Department of Justice  
Office of Public Affairs  
Office: (202) 353-8763  
Cell: (b) (6)

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**From:** USDOJ-Office of Public Affairs <USDOJ-OfficeofPublicAffairs@public.govdelivery.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 4, 2018 8:02 PM  
**To:** O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov>  
**Subject:** FACT CHECK: Senator Jeff Merkley's Facebook and CNN Appearances

 The United States Department of Justice

MONDAY, JUNE 4, 2018

### **FACT CHECK: Senator Jeff Merkley's Facebook and CNN Appearances**

Many of you woke up to media reports of Senator Jeff Merkley's visit to Brownsville, Texas, where the Department of Health & Human Service's (HHS) Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) operates a facility.

Please attribute the following to an administration official:

**In that Facebook Live video, Senator Merkley says, "Why are [unaccompanied minor children in this facility]? Well, they are there because there is this new policy from our Attorney General Jeff Sessions that says when individuals are awaiting adjudication for their application for asylum, they are going to be separated from their children."**

- Congress made it a crime to enter the United States illegally (8 USC 1325), and for years Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has apprehended



and for years Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has apprehended and referred tens of thousands of illegal aliens to the Justice Department, which then prosecutes them—just like other federal crimes.

- On April 6, 2018, the Attorney General [announced](#) a “zero tolerance policy” that directs the United States Attorneys along the Southwest Border to prosecute all instances of illegal entry that are referred to their office by the DHS, to the extent practicable.
- The [memo](#) to United States Attorneys makes no mention of asylum or separating families.
  - Because federal law enforcement officers have no authority to detain children for a crime they have not committed and place them in a criminal detention facility, it is required by law that the minor children are placed into the care and custody of HHS.
- When apprehended by DHS and before the criminal prosecution process begins, family units are given an expedited order of removal, but they **do** have an opportunity to seek asylum.
- After those who break the law are tried and sentenced, DHS, DOJ, and HHS work together to reunify families during the adjudication of their asylum application—although current court orders prevent DHS from being able to detain families for more than a short period of time.

**Throughout the course of his Facebook Live and subsequent CNN interview, Senator Merkley attempts to mislead the American public by saying that all aliens housed in the facility are asylum seekers. For example, Merkley said on CNN this morning, “this is following up on President Trump’s new policy of removing children from their parents when the families are seeking asylum. These are families that have gone through traumatic experiences abroad...”**

- Every year people come to the United States seeking protection because they have suffered persecution or fear that they will suffer persecution due to:
  - Race, Religion, Nationality, Membership in a particular social group, and/or political opinion.
- Not everyone that arrives at a port of entry or that enters the country illegally claims a credible fear. Senator Merkley again attempts to mislead the public about the alien children in the facility he attempted to enter this weekend, but Senator Merkley knows this is not true.
- In fact, Senator Merkley met a man and his child, who had been recently reunified after an illegal entry prosecution, and who **admitted to Senator Merkley that they were not claiming credible fear**. The man also told Senator Merkley that **he did not fear** returning to his native country in Central America.

**Merkley claims, “now they’re being treated in an enormously cruel fashion, a fashion that rips children out of the arms of their parents, sends them off to place unknown while their parents are locked up.”**

- DHS does not have a policy of ripping children out of their parents’ arms. They do have obligations, continued by a long-standing policy of the previous administration, that separation may occur only when DHS is unable to determine the custodial relationship, when they determine that a



child may be at risk with the custodian, or when the custodian is transferred to a criminal detention setting due to criminal charges. That has not changed.

- ICE is committed to connecting family members as quickly as possible after separation so that parents know the location of their children and have regular communication with them in line with ICE policies and detention standards, including [this directive](#). ICE will post new information in all over 72-hour facilities advising detained parents who are trying to locate, and/or communicate with, a child in the custody of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) to call the Detention Reporting and Information Line (DRIL) for assistance. Separated parents who are still in US Marshals Service custody and have not yet been transferred to ICE can also call the DRIL for assistance in locating their minor child. The information provided by these parents to the DRIL operators will be forwarded to ORR for action. ICE and ORR will work together to locate separated children, verify the parent/child relationship, and set up regular communication and removal coordination, if necessary.
- The ORR [Unaccompanied Alien Children's \(UAC\) Program](#) provides a safe and appropriate environment to children and youth who enter the United States without lawful immigration status and without a parent or legal guardian who is available to provide care and physical custody.
- ORR funds residential care providers that provide temporary housing and other services to unaccompanied alien children in ORR custody. These care provider facilities are state licensed and provide children with classroom education, health care, socialization/recreation, vocational training, mental health services, access to legal services, and case management.

**Senator Merkley claimed that “[members of the Trump Administration] do not want Members of Congress or the public to know what’s going on at [the immigration detention centers];” and, “So my team called; they were told it’s the policy not to admit anyone into these centers, and that we would not be allowed to enter them.”**

- Senator Merkley’s office emailed HHS near the close of business hours on Friday, June 1, requesting “to enter and tour the following facilities” in less than 48 hours later, on Sunday afternoon.
  - The facilities listed were in McAllen, Texas and San Diego, California.
- HHS responded explaining it has a process in place that requires the visiting Member of Congress to fill out and submit the proper paperwork two weeks prior to the desired visit. Two weeks is requested to ensure the proper federal government employees are on site to provide the tour, rather than the non-federal, grantee staff.
  - This process has been around since at least 2015 (see: 5.2.1 [here](#)).
- The form submitted on Friday, June 1, by Senator Merkley’s staff did not identify the facility the Senator wanted to visit. It was not until after 7:00 pm that evening that Senator Merkley’s staff demanded access to the Brownsville, Texas ORR facility.
- Senator Merkley’s office was notified that HHS was happy to facilitate a tour, but could not do so with the notice provided. **Just as there is no policy to separate families seeking asylum. Senator Merkley**



**policy to separate families seeking asylum, Senator Merkley wrongly asserts there is a policy to not admit anyone—even Members of Congress—into HHS facilities.**

- It should be noted that DHS was able to accommodate a last minute request from Senator Merkley's staff to tour a DHS facility, and the Senator's staff attempted to enter the facility and record children—in violation of their privacy rights.

**And finally, this claim of “hundreds of children locked up in cages...”**

- Before being transferred to HHS custody, DHS houses unaccompanied minors in short-term facilities.
- These short-term facilities do not employ the use of “cages” to house UACs, but portions of the facility makes use of barriers in order to separate minors of different genders and age groups. This is for the safety and security of all minors in the custody of the United States government.

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**Hamilton, Gene (OAG)**

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**From:** Hamilton, Gene (OAG)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 6, 2018 10:10 AM  
**To:** Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO  
**Cc:** O'Malley, Devin (OPA)  
**Subject:** Re:

Devin does

Gene P. Hamilton  
Counselor to the Attorney General  
U.S. Department of Justice

On Jun 6, 2018, at 10:00 AM, Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO (b) (6) > wrote:

Do you have a copy of the incarcerated alien report you can share? (b) (5)



**O'Malley, Devin (OPA)**

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**From:** O'Malley, Devin (OPA)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 6, 2018 10:41 AM  
**To:** Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO  
**Cc:** Hahn, Julia A. EOP/WHO; Hamilton, Gene (OAG)  
**Subject:** RE: Alien Incarceration Report fy18Q1 FINAL FOR GH APPROVAL.PDF

It's still in draft form. If you have suggestions we can discuss on the call.

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From: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>  
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To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov>  
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Subject: Alien Incarceration Report fy18Q1 FINAL FOR GH APPROVAL.PDF

Here you go

O'Malley, Devin (OPA)

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**From:** O'Malley, Devin (OPA)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 6, 2018 9:26 PM  
**To:** Hamilton, Gene (OAG)  
**Subject:** FW: Do you have press release you're putting out on incarcerated alien report

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**Cc:** O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Do you have press release you're putting out on incarcerated alien report

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On Jun 6, 2018, at 7:00 PM, Hahn, Julia A. EOP/WHO <(b) (6)> wrote:

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**Sent:** Wednesday, June 6, 2018 6:58 PM  
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Final PAG still in the works.

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**O'Malley, Devin (OPA)**

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**From:** O'Malley, Devin (OPA)  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 7, 2018 11:52 AM  
**To:** Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO  
**Cc:** Hamilton, Gene (OAG)  
**Subject:** Re:

One step ahead of you

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On Jun 7, 2018, at 11:51 AM, Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO <(b) (6)> wrote:

I think (b) (5).



Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO

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**From:** Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 7, 2018 5:25 PM  
**To:** Hamilton, Gene (OAG)  
**Cc:** Hahn, Julia A. EOP/WHO  
**Subject:** Re: JUSTICE DEPARTMENT STATEMENT ON MAYOR OF PHILADELPHIA'S CELEBRATION OF SANCTUARY CITY TITLE

Thanks

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Yesterday the Mayor of Philadelphia was filmed dancing and celebrating a victory for criminal aliens in a federal district court case. Please attribute the following statement to Department of Justice spokesman Devin O'Malley:

"Yesterday, the Mayor of the City of Philadelphia [danced in jubilation](#) over a court ruling that will allow him to continue to protect known and suspected criminal aliens in the City's custody. These are individuals who have victimized the residents of the City he has sworn to protect. These are individuals like the violent criminal alien who was arrested in Philadelphia last year for [forcing his girlfriend into a hot oven](#) but was never turned over to immigration authorities. The video is a sad and disturbing reminder that politicians like Mayor Kenney prioritize political gain over the law-abiding residents of their own cities and the safety of the law enforcement officers that try to protect them. The Department of Justice will continue to fight for the rule of law, and for the law abiding citizens of Philadelphia who fear victimization and reject the notion of protecting criminals."

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**Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO**

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**From:** Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO  
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**To:** Hamilton, Gene (OAG)

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Salvi, Mary E. EOP/WHO

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**From:** Salvi, Mary E. EOP/WHO  
**Sent:** Monday, June 11, 2018 7:30 AM  
**To:** Hamilton, Gene (OAG); Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Cc:** Schlapp, Mercedes V. EOP/WHO; Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO; Hahn, Julia A. EOP/WHO; Henning, Alexa A. EOP/WHO; Staff Secretary  
**Subject:** RE: AG EOIR Remarks

ICE and WHCO clear w/o comment/edits.

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**From:** Salvi, Mary E. EOP/WHO  
**Sent:** Monday, June 11, 2018 7:14 AM  
**To:** Hamilton, Gene (OAG) <Gene.Hamilton@usdoj.gov>; Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>  
**Cc:** Schlapp, Mercedes V. EOP/WHO (b) (6); Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO (b) (6); Hahn, Julia A. EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>; Henning, Alexa A. EOP/WHO (b) (6); Staff Secretary (b) (6)  
**Subject:** RE: AG EOIR Remarks

Attached includes edits received from NSC legal.

Will send – by 7:30 AM – any additional, necessary edits we receive.

**From:** Hamilton, Gene (OAG) <Gene.Hamilton@usdoj.gov>  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 10, 2018 9:34 PM  
**To:** Salvi, Mary E. EOP/WHO (b) (6); Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>  
**Cc:** Schlapp, Mercedes V. EOP/WHO (b) (6); Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO (b) (6); Hahn, Julia A. EOP/WHO (b) (6); Henning, Alexa A. EOP/WHO (b) (6); Staff Secretary (b) (6)  
**Subject:** RE: AG EOIR Remarks

In the interests of time, please contact me with any specific feedback.

Thanks!

Gene P. Hamilton  
Counselor to the Attorney General  
U.S. Department of Justice

From: Salvi, Mary E. EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>  
Sent: Sunday, June 10, 2018 8:03 PM  
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>  
Cc: Schlapp, Mercedes V. EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>; Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>; Hahn, Julia A. EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>; Henning, Alexa A. EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>; Staff Secretary <(b) (6)>; Hamilton, Gene (OAG) <ghamilton@jmd.usdoj.gov>  
Subject: Re: AG EOIR Remarks

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On Jun 10, 2018, at 7:43 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <[Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov)> wrote:

Flagging AG speech for tomorrow at 830am. This will announce that we are limiting asylum claims by rejecting those that are individual crimes of violence, which includes domestic violence. (b) (5).

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To: "Rosenstein, Rod (ODAG)" <[rosenstein@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:rosenstein@jmd.usdoj.gov)>, "Engel, Steven A. (OLC)" <[saengel@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:saengel@jmd.usdoj.gov)>, "McHenry, James (EOIR)" <[James.McHenry@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV](mailto:James.McHenry@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV)>, "Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)" <[siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov)>  
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Subject: AG EOIR Remarks

Hi all,

Please see the attached draft for the Attorney General's remarks to the EOIR Legal Training Program tomorrow. Please submit any edits or feedback to me no later than 7:00 a.m. tomorrow morning.

Thanks much!

Best,  
Suzanna R. McKinney  
U.S. Department of Justice  
Office of the Attorney General  
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**O'Malley, Devin (OPA)**

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**From:** O'Malley, Devin (OPA)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 13, 2018 11:11 AM  
**To:** Stafford, Steven (OPA)  
**Cc:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA); Hamilton, Gene (OAG)  
**Subject:** FW:

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**Subject:**

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Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO

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**From:** Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 14, 2018 8:59 AM  
**To:** O'Malley, Devin (OPA)  
**Cc:** Hamilton, Gene (OAG)  
**Subject:** Re: Religious News: Conference of Catholic Bishops suggest "canonical penalties" for those carrying out Trump Admin immigration policies

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On Jun 14, 2018, at 8:56 AM, O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <[Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov](mailto:Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov)> wrote:

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**Date:** June 14, 2018 at 8:27:12 AM EDT  
**To:** "Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO"  
(b) (6) >, "Morgen, Hunter M. EOP/WHO"  
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**Subject:** FW: Religious News: Conference of Catholic Bishops suggest "canonical penalties" for those carrying out Trump Admin immigration policies

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W: (b) (6)

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From: Watts, Brad (Judiciary-Rep) (b) (6)

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Sent: Thursday, June 14, 2018 6:41 AM

To: Watts, Brad (Judiciary-Rep) (b) (6)

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**Subject:** Religious News: Conference of Catholic Bishops suggest "canonical penalties" for those carrying out Trump Admin immigration policies

## Catholic bishops rebuke Trump's asylum changes, suggest 'canonical penalties'

June 13, 2018

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FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (RNS) — The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops opened its spring meeting this week with a stern reproach of the Trump administration's latest immigration policies, with the group's president suggesting the new rules on asylum are a "right to life" issue.

Some bishops followed by urging protests, including "canonical penalties" for those who carry out the administration's new rules.

Within minutes of opening the USCCB's biannual meeting in Fort Lauderdale on Wednesday (June 13), Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, president of the USCCB and archbishop of Galveston-Houston, read aloud a statement deeply critical of Attorney General Jeff Sessions' recent announcement regarding asylum qualifications. "At its core, asylum is an instrument to preserve the right to life," DiNardo said, reading from the statement. "The Attorney General's recent decision elicits deep concern because it potentially strips asylum from many women who lack adequate protection.

"This decision negates decades of precedents that have provided protection to women fleeing domestic violence," DiNardo continued. "We urge courts and policy makers to respect and enhance, not erode, the potential of our asylum system to preserve and protect the right to life."

On Monday, Sessions reversed an immigration appeals court decision granting asylum to a Salvadoran woman who had claimed domestic abuse in her home country. His ruling effectively overturned an Obama administration practice of allowing women with credible claims of domestic abuse or those fleeing gang violence to seek asylum in the United States.

DiNardo also criticized the Trump administration's "zero-tolerance" policy, announced in May, which calls for prosecuting all those who cross the border illegally and separating children immigrating with parents from their families.

"Our government has the discretion in our laws to ensure that young children are not separated from their parents and exposed to irreparable harm and trauma. Families are the foundational element of our society and they must be able to stay together," DiNardo said.

"Separating babies from their mothers is not the answer and is immoral," he added.

When he finished, DiNardo asked bishops to clap if they approved the statement. The room erupted in applause.

During a question-and-answer session about immigration issues later in the day, several bishops suggested bold strategies for countering the policies, including two from states along the U.S.-Mexico border.

Cardinal Joseph Tobin of Newark, N.J., proposed that a group of bishops be sent to the border to inspect the detention facilities where children are kept as a "sign of our pastoral concern and protest against the hardening of the American heart." Bishop Oscar Cantú of Las Cruces, N.M., suggested "public gestures" such as prayer vigils in front of federal courthouses.

Bishop Edward Weisenburger of Tucson, Ariz., made a bolder suggestion, raising the possibility of implementing canonical penalties for Catholics "who are involved in this," referring to children being separated from their families at the border. Canonical penalties can range from denial of sacraments to excommunication, though Weisenburger did not specify what he intended beyond referring to sanctions that already exist for "life issues."

"Canonical penalties are there in place to heal," Weisenburger said. "And therefore, for the salvation of these people's souls, maybe it's time for us to look at canonical penalties."

The immigration policies have triggered widespread outcry from faith leaders across the religious spectrum, including Catholics. Sister Norma Pimentel, executive director of Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley who has been [praised by Pope Francis](#) for her work with migrants, [told USA Today](#) that separating families is "inhumane" and "cruel."

The bishops are meeting in Fort Lauderdale through Thursday.

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O'Malley, Devin (OPA)

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**From:** O'Malley, Devin (OPA)  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 14, 2018 4:13 PM  
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**Cc:** Hamilton, Gene (OAG)  
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**Hahn, Julia A. EOP/WHO**

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**From:** Hahn, Julia A. EOP/WHO  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 14, 2018 6:57 PM  
**To:** O'Malley, Devin (OPA)  
**Cc:** Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO; Hamilton, Gene (OAG)  
**Subject:** RE: Zero tolerance

Thank you

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**From:** O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 14, 2018 6:57 PM  
**To:** Hahn, Julia A. EOP/WHO (b) (6)  
**Cc:** Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO (b) (6); Hamilton, Gene (OAG) <Gene.Hamilton@usdoj.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Zero tolerance

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On Jun 14, 2018, at 5:46 PM, Hahn, Julia A. EOP/WHO <(b) (6)> wrote:

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**From:** Alice Stewart <Alice.Stewart@personal.email>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 14, 2018 5:39 PM  
**To:** Hahn, Julia A. EOP/WHO (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Zero tolerance

Hi Julia-

Sorry to bug you so late. Do you have any talkers on the zero tolerance policy on the border? I'm getting killed for being a Christian and not speaking up against the policies that take kids away from parents.

I'm on at 10 pm tonight again about it.

Thanks!  
Alice

**Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO**

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**From:** Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO  
**Sent:** Friday, June 15, 2018 12:02 AM  
**To:** Hamilton, Gene (OAG)  
**Cc:** O'Malley, Devin (OPA)  
**Subject:** Re: Family Detention

We have been trying

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On Jun 14, 2018, at 11:08 PM, Hamilton, Gene (OAG) <[Gene.Hamilton@usdoj.gov](mailto:Gene.Hamilton@usdoj.gov)> wrote:

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**Cc:** Hamilton, Gene (OAG) <[ghamilton@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:ghamilton@jmd.usdoj.gov)>  
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That would work -- just have Gene quickly check the legislation.

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**Cc:** Hahn, Julia A. EOP/WHO; Hamilton, Gene (OAG)  
**Subject:** Re: Does (b) (5) ?

Julia will follow-up

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**Hahn, Julia A. EOP/WHO**

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**From:** Hahn, Julia A. EOP/WHO  
**Sent:** Friday, June 15, 2018 3:57 PM  
**To:** O'Malley, Devin (OPA)  
**Cc:** Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO; Hamilton, Gene (OAG)  
**Subject:** Re: Does (b) (5) ?

Yes, I will get for you ASAP, after surrogates call

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On Jun 15, 2018, at 3:56 PM, O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <[Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov](mailto:Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov)> wrote:

Hey guys-

I fully understand that there is a lot going on, but this is a priority still—for everyone.

Can I please get a list before people leave tonight?

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**From:** Hahn, Julia A. EOP/WHO  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 16, 2018 3:57 PM  
**To:** O'Malley, Devin (OPA); Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO  
**Cc:** Hamilton, Gene (OAG)  
**Subject:** RE: Does (b) (5) ?  
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**Sent:** Thursday, June 14, 2018 11:11 PM  
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Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO

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**From:** Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 19, 2018 12:54 PM  
**To:** O'Malley, Devin (OPA)  
**Cc:** Hamilton, Gene (OAG)  
**Subject:** Re: Congress

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**From:** Cutrona, Danielle (OAG)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 26, 2018 10:23 AM  
**To:** O'Callaghan, Edward C. (ODAG); Bolitho, Zachary (ODAG); Hamilton, Gene (OAG); McHenry, James (EOIR); Engel, Steven A. (OLC)  
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**To:** "Davis, May M. EOP/WHO" (b) (6)  
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From: Cutrona, Danielle (OAG) <[Danielle.Cutrona@usdoj.gov](mailto:Danielle.Cutrona@usdoj.gov)>

Sent: Tuesday, June 26, 2018 9:59 AM

To: Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO <(b) (6)> Davis, May M.  
EOP/WHO (b) (6)

Subject:

Apologies for asking again but can we get clearance for the director of EOIR  
to attend today's 2:45 meeting? (b) (5). Thanks very much .



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Hahn, Julia A. EOP/WHO

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**From:** Hahn, Julia A. EOP/WHO  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 11, 2018 9:54 AM  
**To:** O'Malley, Devin (OPA); Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO  
**Cc:** Waldman, Katie; Hamilton, Gene (OAG)  
**Subject:** Re: IMMIGRATION FRAUD CASES JUNE 2018

Thank you.

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On Jul 11, 2018, at 9:50 AM, O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <[Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov](mailto:Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov)> wrote:

FYI

Devin M. O'Malley  
Department of Justice  
Office of Public Affairs  
Office: (202) 353-8763  
Cell: (b) (6)

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**Subject:** IMMIGRATION FRAUD CASES JUNE 2018

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## IMMIGRATION FRAUD CASES

JUNE 2018

**June 5- Mexican National Indicted for Immigration Document  
Fraud, Aggravated Identity Theft**

U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Rhode Island

**June 5- Polk County Woman Sentenced For Obtaining U.S. Citizenship By Fraud And False Statements**

U.S. Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Florida

**June 6- Iranian National Sentenced for Asylum Fraud**

U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona

**June 8- Two Dominican Nationals Detained for Possession of Fraudulent Credit Card, ID Document Manufacturing Equipment**

U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Rhode Island

**June 19- Document Fraud Leads to Federal Prison for Illegal Alien**

U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Iowa

**June 19- Fugitive from Federal Court in Nebraska Sentenced to Federal Prison for Document Fraud**

U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Iowa

**June 21- Mozambique National Sentenced for Visa Fraud in East Texas**

U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Texas

**June 22- Two Connecticut Residents Charged with Operating Extensive Immigration Marriage Fraud Scheme**

U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Connecticut

**June 22- Salvadoran National Indicted on Immigration and Voter Fraud Violations in East Texas**

U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Texas

**June 25- Guatemalan National Charged With Making False Statement on Passport Application and with Illegal Reentry**

U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Louisiana

**June 28- Document Fraud Leads to Federal Prison for Illegal Alien**

U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Iowa

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**O'Malley, Devin (OPA)**

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**From:** O'Malley, Devin (OPA)  
**Sent:** Monday, July 16, 2018 2:05 PM  
**To:** Percival, James (OASG)  
**Cc:** Hamilton, Gene (OAG); Wetmore, David H. (ODAG)  
**Subject:** FW: CNN: Federal judge pauses deportations of reunited families

Jimmy- Can you (b) (5) ?

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**From:** Hahn, Julia A. EOP/WHO (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, July 16, 2018 2:00 PM  
**To:** Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO (b) (6); Mizelle, Chad R. EOP/WHO (b) (6); Schlapp, Mercedes V. EOP/WHO (b) (6); O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov>  
**Subject:** Fwd: CNN: Federal judge pauses deportations of reunited families

(b) (5)

#### **Federal judge pauses deportations of reunited families**

CNN

By Tal Kopan and Laura Jarrett

July 16, 2018—Updated 1:25 PM ET

<https://www.cnn.com/2018/07/16/politics/family-separations-border-reunification/index.html>

(CNN) — A federal judge on Monday ordered the US government to temporarily pause deportations of reunited families to allow attorneys time to debate whether he should more permanently extend that order.

San Diego-based US District Court Judge Dana Sabraw addressed the issue at the top of a status hearing in a continuing family separations case filed by the American Civil Liberties Union.

Sabraw ordered the pause to allow for a full written argument on the ACLU's request to pause deportations of parents for a week after reunification.

The ACLU argued that the week would be necessary for parents to have time to fully consider the

decision whether to have their children deported along with them.

The ACLU's filing was made earlier Monday morning, and Sabraw gave the Department of Justice a week to respond.

But in the meantime, he ordered a "stay" of deportations until that issue can be litigated.

Lawyers for the ACLU said their motion was due to "the persistent and increasing rumors – which Defendants have refused to deny – that mass deportations may be carried out imminently and immediately upon reunification." They argue this issue is "directly related to effectuating the Court's ruling that parents make an informed, non-coerced decision if they are going to leave their children behind."

"A one-week stay is a reasonable and appropriate remedy to ensure that the unimaginable trauma these families have suffered does not turn even worse because parents made an uninformed decision about the fate of their child," the ACLU's lawyers added.



Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO

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**From:** Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO  
**Sent:** Monday, July 16, 2018 7:01 PM  
**To:** Hamilton, Gene (OAG)  
**Subject:** Re: BSIC - simplified flow modeling

(b) (5)

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 16, 2018, at 10:58 PM, Hamilton, Gene (OAG) <[Gene.Hamilton@usdoj.gov](mailto:Gene.Hamilton@usdoj.gov)> wrote:

# Duplicative records



**Hamilton, Gene (OAG)**

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**From:** Hamilton, Gene (OAG)  
**Sent:** Monday, July 16, 2018 8:58 PM  
**To:** Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO  
**Subject:** RE: BSIC - simplified flow modeling

(b) (5)

Gene P. Hamilton  
Counselor to the Attorney General  
U.S. Department of Justice

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**From:** Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, July 16, 2018 7:02 PM  
**To:** Hamilton, Gene (OAG) <ghamilton@jmd.usdoj.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: BSIC - simplified flow modeling

Meanwhile, as I predicted, (b) (5)

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On Jul 16, 2018, at 10:58 PM, Hamilton, Gene (OAG) <[Gene.Hamilton@usdoj.gov](mailto:Gene.Hamilton@usdoj.gov)> wrote:

**Duplicative records**

**Hamilton, Gene (OAG)**

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**From:** Hamilton, Gene (OAG)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 17, 2018 2:14 PM  
**To:** Engel, Steven A. (OLC)  
**Subject:** Re: Chief meeting tomorrow am

(b) (5)

Gene P. Hamilton  
Counselor to the Attorney General  
U.S. Department of Justice

On Jul 17, 2018, at 2:06 PM, Engel, Steven A. (OLC) (b) (6) > wrote:

Here's the invite I just received. I assume you have tasked out all the prep materials? Will there be a pre-meet?

Please plan to join the Chief of Staff for a 45-minute update on recent immigration efforts. As Secretary Nielsen is traveling, this will not be a decision-making meeting. Please let us know if you have any questions.

(b) (5)

Steven A. Engel  
Assistant Attorney General



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**Hamilton, Gene (OAG)**

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**From:** Hamilton, Gene (OAG)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 1, 2018 7:21 PM  
**To:** O'Malley, Devin (OPA)  
**Subject:** Fwd: from Nancy Cook, Politico

Gene P. Hamilton  
Counselor to the Attorney General  
U.S. Department of Justice

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Gene P. Hamilton" <(b)(6) Gene Hamilton personal email>  
**Date:** August 1, 2018 at 7:20:39 PM EDT  
**To:** <[gene.hamilton@usdoj.gov](mailto:gene.hamilton@usdoj.gov)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: from Nancy Cook, Politico  
**Reply-To:** <(b)(6) Gene Hamilton personal email>

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**From:** Nancy Cook <[ncook@politico.com](mailto:ncook@politico.com)>  
**Date:** Wed, Aug 1, 2018, 4:16 PM  
**Subject:** from Nancy Cook, Politico  
**To:** (b)(6) Gene Hamilton personal email <(b)(6) Gene Hamilton personal email>

Hi Gene,

I'm a White House reporter at Politico, working on a story about the immigration policies the administration is continuing to pursue despite the blowback on the zero tolerance policy. I understand that you've been working closely with Stephen Miller to come up with these ideas... I've heard about further capping the number of refugees; having ICE visit more work sites; make eligibility requirements for asylum seekers stricter, among other moves.

I'd love to learn more about these ideas and how they fit into the overall goal of cutting down on illegal immigration. Happy to talk on background if you have the time. My cell is (b) (6)

Thanks,

Nancy

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Nancy Cook

White House reporter

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Hahn, Julia A. EOP/WHO

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**From:** Hahn, Julia A. EOP/WHO  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 8, 2018 12:08 PM  
**To:** Hamilton, Gene (OAG); O'Malley, Devin (OPA); Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO  
**Subject:** RE: (b) (5) ?

Got it. Thanks.

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**From:** Hamilton, Gene (OAG) <Gene.Hamilton@usdoj.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 8, 2018 12:07 PM  
**To:** Hahn, Julia A. EOP/WHO (b) (6) >; O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov>; Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** RE: (b) (5)

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Gene P. Hamilton  
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U.S. Department of Justice

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**From:** Hahn, Julia A. EOP/WHO <(b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 8, 2018 12:00 PM  
**To:** Hamilton, Gene (OAG) <ghamilton@jmd.usdoj.gov>; O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO (b) (6)  
**Subject:** (b) (5) ?

**From:** USDOJ-Office of Public Affairs  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 7, 2018 5:51 PM  
**Subject:** DEFENDANT RELEASED FROM LOCAL CUSTODY DESPITE OUTSTANDING ICE DETAINER PLEADS GUILTY TO ILLEGAL REENTRY FOLLOWING PHILADELPHIA CONVICTION FOR RAPE OF CHILD

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2018

**DEFENDANT RELEASED FROM LOCAL CUSTODY DESPITE  
OUTSTANDING ICE DETAINER PLEADS GUILTY TO  
ILLEGAL REENTRY FOLLOWING PHILADELPHIA  
CONVICTION FOR RAPE OF CHILD**

PHILADELPHIA, PA – U.S. Attorney William M. McSwain announced that Juan Ramon Vasquez, a citizen of Honduras, pleaded guilty today to illegal reentry after deportation. In May 2009, the defendant was deported from the United

States. Thereafter, in March 2014, the defendant was found back in the United States by U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Immigration and Customs Enforcement ("ICE") officers. At that time, Vasquez was in the custody of the Philadelphia Department of Prisons.

The City of Philadelphia thereafter chose not to comply with a detainer lodged by ICE for the defendant, who was instead released from custody by the Philadelphia Department of Prisons. After his release, the defendant was rearrested and convicted for rape of a child and unlawful sexual contact with a minor. The defendant is currently serving a sentence of 8 to 20 years in state prison.

The defendant, having now pleaded guilty to the federal charge of illegal reentry after deportation, faces a maximum possible sentence of two years in federal prison. He is scheduled to be sentenced on November 20, 2018, by the Honorable Nitza I. Quiñones Alejandro.

"The facts of this case highlight the danger posed by the City of Philadelphia's decision to disregard ICE detainers and release previously deported aliens from local custody," said U.S. Attorney McSwain. "Those of us in the law enforcement business should be doing everything in our power to protect vulnerable children from predators like Vasquez. Instead, this defendant received a free pass from the City of Philadelphia and its Department of Prisons, headed straight back into our community, and committed a heinous crime he never would have had the chance to commit had the City of Philadelphia complied with the ICE detainer."

The case was investigated by ICE's Enforcement and Removal Operations and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Vineet Gauri.

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From: USDOJ Office of Public Affairs

Subject: ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND ON TODAY'S ILLEGAL REENTRY PROSECUTION IN PHILADELPHIA

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If you are reporting on today's guilty plea for illegal reentry in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, please see the following background:

**June 6, 2018:** [@StevePrest](#): "Needless to say, I think [@janeslusser](#) and [@PhillyMayor](#) are pretty excited about today's ruling affirming Philadelphia as a Sanctuary City."

**August 7, 2018:** [Defendant Released From Local Custody Despite Outstanding ICE Detainer Pleads Guilty to Illegal Reentry Following Philadelphia Conviction for Rape of a Child](#)

**Other examples of ICE detainers not honored by the City of Philadelphia:**

[Holston Doe \(Liberian national\)](#)

- Aggravated assault
- Required to register as a sex offender



Unidentified 52 year old male (Lithuanian national)

- Three DUI convictions

Unidentified 22 year old male (Gambian national)

- Alleged aggravated assault (attempted to force her upper body into a hot oven during a domestic dispute)

Milton Berrera-Lopez (Guatemalan national)

- Convicted of indecent exposure and providing false identification to a law enforcement officer

Marco Arturo Juarez-Ramos (Mexican national)

- DUI conviction

Elvis Velasquez-Roblero (Mexican national)

- Aggravated assault and weapons offense convictions

Fabio Dalloco (Italian national)

- Cocaine delivery and manufacturing convictions

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**From:** Hamilton, Gene (OAG)  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 09, 2018 12:18 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) Stephen Miller White House Email  
**Subject:** ICE executes federal search warrants in Nebraska, Minnesota and Nevada | ICE

<https://www.ice.gov/news/releases/ice-executes-federal-search-warrants-nebraska-minnesota-and-nevada>

## ICE executes federal search warrants in Nebraska, Minnesota and Nevada

[https://www.ice.gov/sites/default/files/styles/newsroom\\_2\\_1/public/images/news/2018/180808neb-1.jpg?itok=-EI2UoFh](https://www.ice.gov/sites/default/files/styles/newsroom_2_1/public/images/news/2018/180808neb-1.jpg?itok=-EI2UoFh)

GRAND ISLAND, Neb. During a multi-state operation led by special agents from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), a series of criminal arrest warrants were executed Wednesday for 17 individuals connected to an alleged criminal conspiracy to exploit illegal alien laborers for profit, fraud, wire fraud and money laundering in Nebraska and Minnesota.

In addition to these arrest warrants, authorities also served search warrants for [worksite hiring violations](#) at agricultural firms in Nebraska and Minnesota, and federal document search warrants at locations throughout Nebraska, in Sleepy Eye, Minnesota; Appleton, Minnesota; and Las Vegas, Nevada. During this investigation, authorities identified employees who were subject to arrest for immigration violations and were unlawfully working at these businesses. These individuals have been illegally residing and working in the United States; they may also have been exploited as part of this alleged criminal conspiracy. During the execution of these search warrants Aug. 8, 133 illegal workers were administratively arrested for immigration violations; some will be issued notices to appear before a federal immigration judge and released from custody; the rest will remain in ICE custody pending immigration court proceedings.

Law enforcement believes the alleged conspirators, 17 individuals located in multiple states, colluded to create an illegal alien workforce in their respective businesses. By doing so, they defrauded the U.S. government and created an unfair advantage over their competition businesses. Additionally, authorities suspect the illegal aliens who were knowingly hired as part of this alleged conspiracy were exploited by the conspirators through force, coercion, or threat of arrest and/or deportation. Specifically, these illegal aliens were allegedly required to cash their paychecks at an illegal remittance business for a fee, have tax money deducted from their pay even though this money was never paid to the government, and were coerced to remain quiet about this criminal activity.

Search warrants were served at the following businesses and locations:

- Christensen Farms with numerous locations in Appleton, Minnesota; Sleepy Eye, Minnesota; and Atkinson, Nebraska;
- Elkhorn River Farms in O'Neill, Nebraska;
- O'Neill Ventures in O'Neill, Nebraska;
- La Herradura Restaurant in O'Neill, Nebraska;
- El Mercadito (grocery store) in O'Neill, Nebraska;
- A private ranch in O'Neill, Nebraska;
- La Herradura Restaurant in Stromsburg, Nebraska;
- GJW LLC with three locations in Ainsworth, Nebraska;
- J.E. Meurets Grain Company in Ainsworth, Nebraska;
- Herd Co Cattle Company in Bartlett, Nebraska; and
- Long Pine (farm) in Royal, Nebraska.

Note: The above list of locations does not include private residences included in the execution of search and arrest warrants.

This enforcement action is part of a 15-month, ongoing HSI investigation based on evidence that these companies allegedly knowingly hired illegal aliens at their facilities, and that many of these aliens are using fraudulent identification belonging to U.S. citizens.

"The job magnet in the United States is primarily what draws illegal aliens across our borders," said Special Agent in Charge Tracy J. Cormier, HSI St. Paul, which oversees Nebraska and Minnesota. "This HSI-led criminal investigation has shown that these targeted businesses were knowingly hiring illegal workers to unlawfully line their own pockets by cheating the workers, cheating the taxpayers, and cheating their business competitors."

The following individuals were listed in the indictment. Those marked with an asterisk (\*) are not yet in custody follow the Aug. 8 criminal arrests.

- Juan Pablo Sanchez Delgado, aka "Pablo,"
- Antonio De Jesus Castro, aka "Tony,"
- Magdalena Castro Benitez, aka "Nena,"
- Alma Hernandez Moreno, aka "Aunt,"
- Anayancy Castro Hernandez, aka "Anay,"
- \*Fabian Castro, aka "Fabi,"
- Suni Sarahi Sanchez Delgado
- \*Osvaldo Sanchez Delgado, aka "Lalo," aka "Lalito,"
- John Christopher Good,
- \*Aracely Heredia Martinez, aka "Donita,"
- Eric Beringer,
- Christopher Thurlow,
- Mayra P. Jimenez Castellon,
- Asiyadeth Jimenez Castellon,
- John Glidden,
- \*Jaime Garcia Cota, aka "David," and
- Lillian Ajin.

This HSI-led enforcement action was coordinated with federal, state and local counterparts including the following agencies: U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Nebraska; ICE Enforcement and Removal Operations; U.S. Customs and Border Protection's (CBP) Border Patrol, CBP Air and Marine Operations; and the following Nebraska law enforcement agencies: Holt County Sheriff's Office, O'Neill Police Department and Nebraska State Patrol.

In the context of any enforcement action, ICE utilizes prosecutorial discretion on cases involving humanitarian concerns, such as health or family considerations. Accordingly, during the enforcement action Wednesday, several individuals were processed and released from custody the same day on humanitarian grounds.

The illegal aliens who remain in ICE custody after being administratively arrested on immigration violations will be transported to a nearby processing facility and placed in removal proceedings. Detained aliens will be held in facilities in Nebraska and Minnesota while awaiting removal proceedings.

A 24-hour toll-free detainee locator hotline is available for family members of those arrested in this operation to field questions about their detention location and status, and the removal process. The hotline operates in English and Spanish; the phone number is [1-888-351-4024](tel:1-888-351-4024).

The allegations contained in federal indictments, complaints and warrants are merely accusations and are not proof of wrongdoing. All defendants are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

HSI is the federal law enforcement agency responsible for upholding the laws established by the 1986 Immigration Reform and Control Act (IRCA), which requires employers to verify the identity and work eligibility of individuals they hire.

These laws help protect jobs for U.S. citizens and other lawful residents, eliminate unfair competitive advantages for companies that unlawfully hire an illegal workforce, and strengthen public safety and national security.

As in this case, unauthorized workers often use stolen identities of legal U.S. workers, which can profoundly damage for years the identity-theft victim's credit, medical records and other aspects of their everyday life.

HSI's worksite enforcement investigators help combat worker exploitation, illegal wages, child labor and other illegal practices. Worksite enforcement investigations often involve additional criminal activity, such as alien smuggling, human trafficking, money laundering, document fraud, worker exploitation and/or substandard wage and working conditions.

In addition to conducting investigations, HSI also uses I-9 audits to create a culture of compliance among employers. [In July, ICE announced a two-phase operation under this effort.](#)

Gene P. Hamilton

Counselor to the Attorney General

U.S. Department of Justice



**Tucker, Rachael (OAG)**

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**From:** Tucker, Rachael (OAG)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 14, 2018 10:50 AM  
**To:** Cutrona, Danielle (OAG); Hamilton, Gene (OAG)  
**Subject:** FW: Census Interrogatory Responses/Certification  
**Attachments:** Final Govt Response to NYIC Plaintiffs' First Set of RFPs and Rogs to Co....pdf

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**From:** Shumate, Brett A. (CIV)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 14, 2018 10:43 AM  
**To:** Tucker, Rachael (OAG) <ratucker@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Murray, Michael (ODAG) <mmurray@jmd.usdoj.gov>; McArthur, Eric (OASG) <emcarthur@jmd.usdoj.gov>  
**Cc:** Readler, Chad A. (CIV) (b) (6)  
**Subject:** Census Interrogatory Responses/Certification

(b)(5) per CIV

Brett A. Shumate  
Deputy Assistant Attorney General

**Gidley, Hogan H. EOP/WHO**

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**From:** Gidley, Hogan H. EOP/WHO  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 19, 2018 7:10 PM  
**To:** O'Malley, Devin (OPA); Hamilton, Gene (OAG)  
**Subject:** FW: Reuters request - SAO processing + Iraqi refugees

Can you get us this information ASAP tomorrow morning please? Working on a reporter's deadline.

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**From:** Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 19, 2018 4:47 PM  
**To:** Gidley, Hogan H. EOP/WHO (b) (6)  
**Subject:** RE: Reuters request - SAO processing + Iraqi refugees

Tomorrow if possible – we also now need to loop in DOJ (Devin + Gene).

Please ask DHS to give total number of Iraqis + Afghans admitted since 9/11 – (b) (5)

(b)(6) per Dept. of State

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**From:** (b)(6) per Dept. of State  
**Sent:** Monday, August 20, 2018 4:10 PM  
**To:** Salvi, Mary E. EOP/WHO; Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO; Whitaker, Matthew (OAG)  
**Subject:** RE: Close Hold - Draft (b) (5)

Thanks. No concerns from State.

(b)(6) per Dept. of State

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(b) (6)  
Executive Assistant to the Secretary  
Office of the Secretary  
U.S. Department of State

Official - SBU  
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**From:** Salvi, Mary E. EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 20, 2018 2:13 PM  
**To:** Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO (b) (6); Matthew.Whitaker@usdoj.gov; (b) (6)  
>  
**Subject:** FW: Close Hold - Draft (b) (5)

Moving for final clearance. Please let me know by 3 PM if you have any concerns, otherwise we will assume clearance.

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**From:** Staff Secretary  
**Sent:** Monday, August 20, 2018 11:38 AM  
**To:** Keller, Catherine B. EOP/WHO (b) (6); Bremberg, Andrew P. EOP/WHO (b) (6); Fuentes, Zach D. EOP/WHO (b) (6); Schlapp, Mercedes V. EOP/WHO (b) (6); Sanders, Sarah H. EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>; Shine, Bill J. EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>; Bolton, John R. EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>; Eisenberg, John A. EOP/NSC (b) (6); Ricardel, Mira R. EOP/WHO (b) (6); Ellis, Michael J. EOP/WHO (b) (6); Wold, Theo J. EOP/WHO (b) (6); Gavoora, Aram A. EOP/WHO (b) (6); (b)(6) per Dept. of State; Matthew.Whitaker@usdoj.gov; Donaldson, Annie M. EOP/WHO (b) (6); Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>  
**Cc:** Staff Secretary <(b) (6)>



Staff Secretary, (b) (6)  
**Subject:** RE: Close Hold - Draft (b) (5)

Friendly reminder to send edits by noon, if any. At which time, we will move for final clearance.

Thanks.

STAFF SEC

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**From:** Keller, Catherine B. EOP/WHO  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 18, 2018 12:17 PM  
**To:** Bremberg, Andrew P. EOP/WHO (b) (6); Fuentes, Zach D. EOP/WHO (b) (6); Schlapp, Mercedes V. EOP/WHO (b) (6); Sanders, Sarah H. EOP/WHO (b) (6); Shine, Bill J. EOP/WHO (b) (6); Bolton, John R. EOP/WHO (b) (6); Eisenberg, John A. EOP/NSC (b) (6); Ricardel, Mira R. EOP/WHO (b) (6); Ellis, Michael J. EOP/WHO (b) (6); Wold, Theo J. EOP/WHO (b) (6); Gavoort, Aram A. EOP/WHO (b) (6); (b) (6) per Dept. of State; [Matthew.Whitaker@usdoj.gov](mailto:Matthew.Whitaker@usdoj.gov); Donaldson, Annie M. EOP/WHO (b) (6); Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO (b) (6)  
**Cc:** Staff Secretary (b) (6)  
**Subject:** Close Hold - Draft (b) (5)

All,

This is close hold due to (b) (5)

Attached is a draft (b) (5)

(b) (5). However, we would like any feedback you may have so that Comms/DPC are able to place it quickly thereafter.

Please let us know if you have any comments or concerns by noon on Monday, August 20.

Thank you,  
Catherine

Catherine Bellah Keller  
Deputy Assistant to the President  
Deputy White House Staff Secretary  
(b) (6) (office)  
(b) (6) (mobile) (calls only)

**Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO**

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**From:** Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO  
**Sent:** Friday, August 24, 2018 1:25 PM  
**To:** O'Malley, Devin (OPA)  
**Cc:** Schlapp, Mercedes V. EOP/WHO; Hahn, Julia A. EOP/WHO; Hamilton, Gene (OAG); Gidley, Hogan H. EOP/WHO  
**Subject:** Re: Heads up

(b) (5)

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 24, 2018, at 1:24 PM, O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <[Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov](mailto:Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov)> wrote:

(b) (5)

I'll share the release when it's final.

Devin M. O'Malley  
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**Wetmore, David H. (ODAG)**

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**From:** Wetmore, David H. (ODAG)  
**Sent:** Monday, September 10, 2018 10:51 AM  
**To:** Hamilton, Gene (OAG)  
**Subject:** FW: (b) (5)

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**From:** Suero, Maya A. (ODAG)  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 9, 2018 4:13 PM  
**To:** Wetmore, David H. (ODAG) <dhwetmore@jmd.usdoj.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: (b) (5)

Good afternoon,

The draft agenda is pasted below:

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From: Wetmore, David H. (ODAG)  
Sent: Friday, September 7, 2018 8:35 PM  
To: Suero, Maya A. (ODAG) <[masuero@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:masuero@jmd.usdoj.gov)>  
Subject: Re: (b) (5)

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Dave

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On Sep 7, 2018, at 8:33 PM, Wetmore, David H. (ODAG) <[dhwetmore@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:dhwetmore@jmd.usdoj.gov)> wrote:

Thanks, Maya.

Dave

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On Sep 7, 2018, at 7:23 PM, Suero, Maya A. (ODAG) <[masuero@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:masuero@jmd.usdoj.gov)> wrote:

Dave,

I'll review the calendar this weekend and see what other options are available.

Best,

Maya Suero  
Special Assistant

Office of the Deputy Attorney General

On Sep 7, 2018, at 6:47 PM, Wetmore, David H. (ODAG)  
<[dhwetmore@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:dhwetmore@jmd.usdoj.gov)> wrote:

Hi Maya,

Steve reports that he has a conflict during the prep session. Any chance we can move this to his window listed below?

Dave

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**From:** "Engel, Steven A. (OLC)"  
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**Date:** September 7, 2018 at 6:19:52 PM EDT  
**To:** "Wetmore, David H. (ODAG)"  
<[dhwetmore@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:dhwetmore@jmd.usdoj.gov)>  
**Subject:** (b) (5)

I have a conflict on Monday from 1:45 pm to 4 pm. And then from 5:30 pm to 7 pm. Can we do the meeting outside that window?

Sent from my iPhone

**Mocarski, Ashley D. EOP/WHO**

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**From:** Mocarski, Ashley D. EOP/WHO  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 25, 2018 10:55 AM  
**To:** Whitaker, Matthew (OAG)  
**Subject:** FW: Invitation to 2018 PITF Meeting  
**Attachments:** 2018 PITF Invitation - DOJ.pdf

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**From:** (b)(6) per Dept. of State  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 25, 2018 10:15 AM  
**To:** Harris, Stacie (USAFLM) 2 <Stacie.Harris@usdoj.gov>; Sheehan, Matthew (ODAG) <Matthew.Sheehan@usdoj.gov>  
**Cc:** Mocarski, Ashley D. EOP/WHO (b)(6); Connor, Cameron M. EOP/WHO (b)(6); Wold, Theo J. EOP/WHO (b)(6); Harnisch, Christopher K. EOP/NSC (b)(6); (b)(6) per Dept. of State  
**Subject:** Invitation to 2018 PITF Meeting

Dear Colleagues,

Please find attached an invitation from Secretary Pompeo to Attorney General Sessions to participate in the October 11 meeting of the President's Interagency Task Force to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons. The meeting will take place at the White House from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

We understand that the letter was delivered to DOJ via courier yesterday. In addition, White House Cabinet Affairs intends to share copies of the invitation at this morning's Chiefs of Staff meeting. If you know Attorney General Sessions is able to attend on October 11, please let us know. As in past years, we anticipate that attendance will be limited to principals plus one. We are working with the White House to confirm details for the meeting and will follow up with you once we know more.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Jennifer Ho (CC'd) or me, respectively.

Thank you,

(b)(6) per Dept. of State

Interagency Officer  
*Office to Monitor & Combat Trafficking in Persons*  
Department of State

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