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Re: DOJ-2017-000738 (OLA)
VRB:DRH:ND

Dear Mr. Greenwald:

This is responds to your Freedom of Information Act request dated October 18, 2016, and received by this Office on November 10, 2016, seeking emails sent to or from Assistant Attorney General Peter Kadzik since January 1, 2015, containing the word "Trump." This response is made on behalf of the Office Legislative Affairs.¹

Please be advised that a search has been conducted in the Office of the Legislative Affairs, and 124 pages of material were located that contain records responsive to your request. I have determined that 121 pages are appropriate for release with excisions made pursuant to Exemptions 5 and 6 of the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5) and (b)(6). Exemption 5 pertains to certain inter- and intra-agency communications protected by the deliberative process privilege. Exemption 6 pertains to information the release of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of third parties.

Because three pages originated with the Executive Office for United States Attorneys (EOUSA), we forwarded this material to EOUSA for processing and direct response to you. Contact information for EOUSA can be found at www.foia.gov.

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¹ Because you directed your request to the FOIA/PA Mail Referral Unit (MRU), Justice Management Division, for appropriate routing, it was not received by this Office until November 10, 2016. The MRU tracking number associated with this request is EMRUFOIA111016-5.

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Sincerely,




Vanessa R. Brinkmann
Senior Counsel

Enclosures

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Cc:
Bcc:
Subject: You're Invited: 12/1 - Panetta, Daniels, and Penny Offer Recommendations to President-elect Trump
Date: Thu Nov 17 2016 11:29:47 EST
Attachments:

Join us 12/1 - Panetta, Daniels, and Penny Offer Recommendations to President-elect Trump

President-elect Donald Trump will be sworn into office facing the highest national debt burden of any new president in history other than President Truman during World War II. He will also face a number of known and unforeseen economic and fiscal challenges over his term, with the first 100 days playing a large part in defining his presidency while offering an opportunity to lay the groundwork for progress.

Please join us on December 1st for an event featuring former Secretary of Defense and White House Chief of Staff Leon Panetta, former Governor and OMB Director Mitch Daniels, and former Congressman Tim Penny, Co-Chairs of the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, as they discuss concrete steps the newly elected President should take early in his administration to lay the foundation for a stronger economy and more sustainable fiscal future.

Date: December 1, 2016
Time: 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm
(Lunch begins at 12:15 pm)

Location: Liaison Capitol Hill Hotel
Metro East/West Ballroom
415 New Jersey Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20001

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Subject: RE: DOJ comment on this from Chaffetz?
Date: Tue Sep 06 2016 11:42:43 EDT
Attachments:

Please refer press calls to OPA.

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From: Phillips, Channing (USADC) [<mailto:Channing.Phillips@usdoj.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, September 06, 2016 11:37 AM
To: Miller, William (USADC)
Cc: Dinan, James (USADC); Kadzik, Peter J (OLA)
Subject: Re: DOJ comment on this from Chaffetz?

OLA will handle the response to the latest letter.

No need for us to comment. OPA may.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 6, 2016, at 11:23 AM, Miller, William (USADC) <WMiller2@usa.doj.gov> wrote:

FYI – We have received several media calls seeking comment on the latest from Congressman Chaffetz’s committee. I am referring all calls to Melanie Newman at OPA, and she and I have been in touch.

From: Carrie Johnson [mailto:CJohnson2@npr.org]
Sent: Tuesday, September 06, 2016 9:12 AM
To: Newman, Melanie (OPA) (JMD); Miller, William (USADC)
Subject: DOJ comment on this from Chaffetz?

Not sure you have anything to say, but need to check in case you do.

Thanks

Carrie

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The Republican chairman of a House committee is asking a federal prosecutor to determine whether Hillary Clinton and others working with her played a role in a massive deletion of her email files by a technology firm overseeing her private computer server

By STEPHEN BRAUN and EILEEN SULLIVAN, Associated Press

Eds: Adds details throughout. With AP Photos.

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Republican chairman of the House committee investigating Hillary Clinton's email practices asked a federal prosecutor Tuesday to determine whether she and others working with her played a role in the deletion of thousands of her emails by a Colorado technology firm overseeing her private computer server in 2015.

The written request by Rep. Jason Chaffetz, R-Utah, and obtained by The Associated Press, is based on recent revelations from the FBI, which decided not to press for criminal charges after its own yearlong investigation.

Clinton and her longtime aide and lawyer, Cheryl Mills, told FBI investigators during questioning that they had no knowledge of the technology company's deletions. Those occurred separately from the email deletions overseen by the former secretary of state's legal team last year before she turned over 33,000 work-related messages to the State Department. The FBI's recently released summaries of its

investigation did not offer any evidence contradicting their statements.

In a separate letter also obtained by the AP, Chaffetz - the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee chairman - warned the Denver-based tech firm, Platte River Networks, that one of its engineers who deleted Clinton's electronic files last year could face federal charges of obstructing evidence for erasing the material. That's because the congressional inquiry into the 2012 attacks in Benghazi, Libya, in which four Americans were killed, had issued a formal order to preserve such records.

The moves by the GOP led-House committee amount to new political complications for Clinton's presidential campaign, which was spared a legal ordeal in July when FBI Director James Comey upbraided Clinton for careless email practices but declined to seek criminal charges after the bureau's investigation.

But the sparse evidence laid out in Chaffetz' letters - highlighting a March 2015 phone discussion between the tech firm and Clinton lawyers that FBI agents were unable to detail - also shows the uphill climb the committee faces in turning up any significant new information beyond what the FBI already learned in its inquiry.

The new requests follow a similar attempt last month by Republican-led committees in the House and Senate to prod new information from the Denver firm as the presidential race between Clinton and Republican candidate Donald Trump enters its critical final months. Despite Comey's insistence that he made the right call in declining to ask for criminal charges in Clinton's handling of her private emails, Trump and GOP allies have urged the appointment of an independent prosecutor - an unlikely prospect so late in the election.

"The bottom line is these documents were destroyed and they were records under subpoena," Chaffetz told the AP in a brief interview. Chaffetz said "Secretary Clinton has fought this every step of the way. The election should not slow down this probe."

Clinton's campaign was not immediately available to respond to requests for comment. The Denver-based firm and its lawyer were similarly not immediately available for their reactions.

Chaffetz's letter to the U.S. attorney for the District of Columbia, Channing Phillips, comes nearly two months after the House committee similarly asked the same prosecutor to determine whether Clinton committed perjury and made false statements in testimony to congressional committees. The new referral, which aims to again involve the FBI, asked the Justice Department to "investigate and determine whether Secretary Clinton or her employees and contractors violated statutes that prohibit destruction of records, obstruction of congressional inquiries and concealment or cover up of evidence material to a congressional investigation."

From: Wade Tyson, Jill C (OLA)
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Subject: Fwd: LAT Ensur Pat Acc story ran today
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Attachments:

Here it is. I think we are ok.

Begin forwarded message:

From: "(b) (6)" (DEA) <(b) (6)@usdoj.gov>
Date: July 28, 2016 at 11:29:10 AM EDT
To: "Wade Tyson, Jill C (OLA)" <jwade@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: LAT Ensur Pat Acc story ran today

Check it.....oh boy...

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Amid opioid epidemic, rules for drug companies are loosened

Joseph Rannazzisi

Joseph Rannazzisi, then deputy assistant administrator of the Drug Enforcement Administration, testifies during a hearing of the Senate Judiciary crime and drugs subcommittee on Sept. 29, 2009. (Haraz N. Ghanbari / Associated Press)

Harriet Ryan and Kim Christensen

When it comes to combating the nation's opioid epidemic, politicians of all stripes say they are fully committed.

President Obama wants to spend a billion dollars on new treatment programs. Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump talk about the ravages of addiction and the need for solutions. And Congress earlier this month passed a package of legislation to prevent overdoses, bolster law enforcement and improve

recovery programs.

But this spring, with little attention and virtually no public opposition, lawmakers approved and the president signed a new law that makes it more difficult for government to take action against a key player in the crisis: the pharmaceutical industry.

The law allows companies accused of failing to report suspicious orders of dangerous drugs to submit a “corrective action plan” to persuade the Drug Enforcement Administration to postpone or abandon proceedings against them. The law also raises the bar for the DEA to temporarily suspend their licenses.

The measure was backed by manufacturers, wholesalers and pharmacy chains, including some targeted by the DEA in recent years for not doing enough to keep drugs from addicts and drug dealers.

Supporters maintain that the law, the Ensuring Patient Access and Effective Drug Enforcement Act of 2016, keeps medication available for legitimate patients and will encourage cooperation between industry and law enforcement.

Critics say it takes pressure off companies to detect and report drugs flowing to the black market. The top DEA official for regulation of pharmaceutical firms left the agency last fall, in part, he said, because of a bitter dispute with members of Congress over his view that the bill was misguided and would worsen the epidemic.

“They are taking the word of industry rather than the government’s expert in diversion control,” said Joseph Rannazzisi, who stepped down in October after nearly a decade as DEA deputy assistant administrator.

A Los Angeles Times investigation published earlier this month revealed that drug maker Purdue Pharma, which has reaped more than \$31 billion from the painkiller OxyContin, collected extensive evidence suggesting illegal trafficking of its drug and, in many cases, did not share the information with law enforcement or cut off the flow of pills.

One drug ring that Purdue monitored was operating for several years in the district of Rep. Judy Chu (D -Monterey Park). Chu co-sponsored the bill in the House. She has received more than \$31,000 in contributions from the pharmaceutical industry, according to the nonpartisan Center for Responsive Politics.

A spokesman said Chu was unavailable for an interview. In a statement, she said she was “deeply concerned about the lack of reporting by Purdue,” but believed the new law “would result in the guidance needed to end the prescription drug epidemic.”

More than 194,000 people have died since 1999 from overdoses involving opioid painkillers, and abuse of the drugs has contributed to a national resurgence in addiction to heroin, another opiate.

The new law does not alter the agency’s ability to pursue criminal charges or civil penalties. But it provides a way for companies to try to avoid the DEA’s administrative penalties, which can include the loss or suspension of a federal license, known as a registration, that allows them to make, sell or dispense controlled substances.

The push for a new law followed action the DEA took in 2012 against a major national wholesaler, Cardinal Health Inc., over millions of painkillers supplied to two CVS pharmacies in Sanford, Fla. Data showed enough pills flowing to the small city for every man, woman and child to have 59 doses, according to court records. One CVS pharmacist described her oxycodone customers as “shady” and told DEA agents she had to set a daily limit on opioid prescriptions to ensure there would be enough for

“real pain patients,” the records stated.

The DEA accused Cardinal and CVS of failing to maintain “effective controls” against diversion as required by the federal Controlled Substances Act. Cardinal was banned from shipping prescription drugs from a Florida facility for two years and CVS paid a \$22-million settlement.

In the wake of the investigation, Cardinal and CVS, along with many others in the industry, began lobbying for the new law, which changes parts of the Controlled Substances Act. It allows companies accused of violations to submit a corrective action plan that addresses the DEA allegations before the DEA decides on any enforcement action. Federal officials must consider the plan in deciding whether to move forward with enforcement action or stop or postpone it.

Under the new law, companies have little incentive to take steps to prevent abuse of their drug — unless and until the DEA accuses them of violating the law, said Carmen Catizone, executive director of the National Assn. of Boards of Pharmacy.

“Our concern at this point is we have 40 people a day dying of opioid abuse,” he said “We think the bill goes way too far.”

D. Linden Barber, a former DEA lawyer who now represents manufacturers and wholesalers, said the law still gives the DEA the option of revoking a company’s license.

“The law doesn’t require the agency to say, OK, I’m walking away. It just says, consider it,” he said.

Another part of the law imposes a higher standard for suspending licenses temporarily while awaiting court approval. Previously, the DEA could shut companies, pharmacies and doctors down if it determined there was an “imminent danger” to the public. The new law defines that danger as a “substantial likelihood of an immediate threat” of death, serious bodily harm or drug abuse.

Former DEA official Rannazzisi said the change offered “total protection” against temporary suspension for manufacturers and wholesalers. It often takes weeks for drugs to get through the supply chain from manufacturer to distributor to pharmacy, making it difficult for the DEA to argue that a failure by those companies to report and reject suspicious orders constituted an immediate threat, he said.

Barber, the industry lawyer, said the change prevented the agency from shutting down companies for problems employees had already identified and fixed, something he said has occurred in the past.

“The fact that someone did something wrong, realized it was wrong, took action to correct it — that doesn’t give the agency the right to come in four to six months later and seek a suspension,” he said.

The bill encountered little resistance in either the House or the Senate, and at hearings on the legislation, some lawmakers criticized the DEA for being overly aggressive with drug companies. At hearings in 2014, Rep. Michael Burgess (R-Texas) accused the DEA of “bullying, aggressive and narrow-minded tactics” and Rep. Tom Marino (R-Pa.) told the head of the DEA to “seek collaboration with legitimate companies that want to do the right thing.”

“Big fines make headlines, but that is all they do: Press releases do not save lives,” Marino said.

One current DEA official who spoke on the condition of anonymity said the agency did not consider the new law necessary, but recognized it had strong political support and did not oppose it publicly.

Behind closed doors, discussions between congressional staffers and Rannazzisi about the proposed law became so heated that Marino and another sponsor of the bill sent a letter to the Justice Department asking for an investigation into what they alleged was an “attempt to intimidate the United States Congress.”

Rannazzisi said he merely was expressing his concerns about the bill's impact.

"I said, 'Well, there's thousands of people dying of opioid overdoses and we're investigating people and this bill is going to provide protection for the people we are investigating,'" he said. "I don't know how they felt that was a threat."

Marino, who has received \$136,000 in campaign contributions from the pharmaceutical industry since 2011, declined to be interviewed. In a statement, he said the law doesn't impede the DEA's enforcement ability.

"Rather, it forces the DEA to focus on bad actors, collaborate for better diversion control results and allows patients — often suffering from cancer — to access medication they need without delay," he said.

Several registrants accused of violating the Controlled Substances Act have already submitted corrective action plans, according to testimony at a June Senate hearing.

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Subject: Re: Floor Update: Tillis objects to vote on nominations; Reid objects to Tillis request to
conference report re: H.R.2577, Milcon-VA; Tillis objects to Reid Zika consent
Date: Thu Jul 14 2016 12:25:10 EDT
Attachments:

Let's discuss.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 14, 2016, at 12:23 PM, O'Brien, Alicia C (OLA) <aobrien@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

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From: O'Brien, Alicia C (OLA)
Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2016 6:15 PM

To: Wade Tyson, Jill C (OLA)

Subject: FW: Floor Update: Tillis objects to vote on nominations; Reid objects to Tillis request to conference report re: H.R.2577, Milcon-VA; Tillis objects to Reid Zika consent

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From: D-ADMINISTRATION [mailto:D-ADMINISTRATION@DEMOCRATIC-MESSAGE-CENTER.SENATE.GOV] On Behalf Of Tinsley, Daniel (Dem-Floor)

Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2016 3:44 PM

To: D-ADMINISTRATION@DEMOCRATIC-MESSAGE-CENTER.SENATE.GOV

Subject: Floor Update: Tillis objects to vote on nominations; Reid objects to Tillis request to conference report re: H.R.2577, Milcon-VA; Tillis objects to Reid Zika consent

Senator Schumer asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to Executive Session to consider the following nominations:

1. Executive Calendar #11 Jeanne E. Davidson – to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade
 2. Executive Calendar #27 Nancy B. Firestone - to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years
 3. Executive Calendar #28 Thomas L. Halkowski - to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years
 4. Executive Calendar #29 Patricia M. McCarthy - to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years
 5. Executive Calendar #30 Jeri Kaylene Somers - to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years
 6. Executive Calendar #31 Armando Omar Bonilla - to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years
 7. Executive Calendar #359 Edward L. Stanton III – to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Tennessee
 8. Executive Calendar #362 Julien Xavier Neals – to be United States District Judge for the District
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of New Jersey

9. Executive Calendar #363 Gary Richard Brown – to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York
10. Executive Calendar #364 Mark A. Young – to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California
11. Executive Calendar #459 Mary S. McElroy – to be United States District Judge for the District of Rhode Island
12. Executive Calendar #460 Susan Paradise Baxter – to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania
13. Executive Calendar #461 Marilyn Jean Horan – to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania
14. Executive Calendar #505 Elizabeth J. Drake – to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade
15. Executive Calendar #508 Clare E. Connors – to be United States District Judge for the District of Hawaii
16. Executive Calendar #569 Ronald G. Russell – to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah
17. Executive Calendar #570 Inga S. Bernstein – to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts
18. Executive Calendar #571 Stephanie A. Gallagher – to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland
19. Executive Calendar #572 Suzanne Mitchell – to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma
20. Executive Calendar #573 Scott L. Palk – to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma;

that the Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations.

Senator Tillis objected.

Senator Warren asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to Executive Session to consider the following nominations:

1. Executive Calendar #359 Edward L. Stanton III – to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Tennessee
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2. Executive Calendar #362 Julien Xavier Neals – to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey
3. Executive Calendar #363 Gary Richard Brown – to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York
4. Executive Calendar #364 Mark A. Young – to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California
5. Executive Calendar #459 Mary S. McElroy – to be United States District Judge for the District of Rhode Island
6. Executive Calendar #460 Susan Paradise Baxter – to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania
7. Executive Calendar #461 Marilyn Jean Horan – to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania
8. Executive Calendar #508 Clare E. Connors – to be United States District Judge for the District of Hawaii
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that the Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations.

Senator Tillis objected.

Senator Hirono asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to Executive Session to consider the following nominations:

1. Executive Calendar #359 Edward L. Stanton III – to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Tennessee
 2. Executive Calendar #362 Julien Xavier Neals – to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey
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3. Executive Calendar #363 Gary Richard Brown – to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York
4. Executive Calendar #364 Mark A. Young – to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California
5. Executive Calendar #459 Mary S. McElroy – to be United States District Judge for the District of Rhode Island
6. Executive Calendar #460 Susan Paradise Baxter – to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania
7. Executive Calendar #461 Marilyn Jean Horan – to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania
8. Executive Calendar #508 Clare E. Connors – to be United States District Judge for the District of Hawaii;

that the Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations.

Senator Tillis objected.

Senator Tillis asked unanimous consent that the Senate take up and pass the conference report to accompany H.R.2577, MilCon-VA Appropriations.

Senator Reid reserved his right to object and asked that the consent be modified so that the Senate take up and pass H.R.5243; that all after the enacting clause be stricken; that the substitute amendment, which is the text of the Blunt-Murray amendment (\$1.1 billion in Zika funding) be agreed to; that there be 1 hour of debate followed by a vote on passage of the bill, as amended.

Senator Tillis objected to Senator Reid's modification.

Senator Reid objected to the original request.

Unofficial Transcript:

MR. SCHUMER: MR. PRESIDENT, I IS RISE THIS AFTERNOON TO TALK

ABOUT THE PACE OF JUDICIAL CONFIRMATIONS WITH MY FRIENDS, THE

SENATORS FROM HAWAII AND THE SENATOR FROM MASSACHUSETTS, WHO

HAVE BEEN REAL LEADERS ON THIS ISSUE. WCIALTION WE HAVE ONLY ONE -- WELL, WE HAVE ONLY ONE MORE DAY OF LEGISLATIVE SESSION BEFORE CONGRESS BREAKS UNTIL SEPTEMBER. IT IS AN APPROPRIATE TIME TO TAKE STOCK OF HOW THE MAJORITY HAS HANDLED THEIR JOB OF SCHEDULING AND CONFIRMING JUDGES. MORE THAN A YEAR INTO THIS

[ram]{15:05:24} (MR. SCHUMER) { NOT AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT }

CONGRESS, THE REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP HAS ALLOWED ONLY 22 JUDGES TO BE CONFIRMED, ONLY 22. IN THE LAST TWO YEARS OF THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION WITH A DEMOCRATIC MAJORITY, THE MIRROR SITUATION OF WHAT WE'RE IN TODAY, 68 -- SO THAT'S 68 VERSUS 22. THE REPUBLICAN MAJORITY IS CONFIRMING JUDGES AT THE SLOWEST RATE IN MORE THAN 60 YEARS, AND THIS HAS REAL CONSEQUENCES ACROSS AMERICA. VACANCIES HAVE RISEN FROM 43 TO 83 SINCE REPUBLICANS

[ram]{15:05:59} (MR. SCHUMER) { NOT AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT }

TOOK OVER THE MAJORITY. 29 HAVE BEEN JUDICIAL EMERGENCIES. I KNOW IN MY CITY OF BUFFALO IN WESTERN NEW YORK WE HAD AN EMERGENCY. WE HAVE ONE OF THE BUSIEST COURTS. AND FOR A WHILE WE HAD NO JUDGES. NOW WE HAVE ONE. AT THIS POINT IN TIME IN THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION, WITH DEMOCRATS IN CONTROL OF THE SENATE, WE HAD REDUCED THE NUMBER TO 39. THAT'S HALF AS MANY VACANCIES AS NOW EXIST. FROM THE DISTRICT COURTS TO THE FEDERAL COURTS OF APPEALS, ALL THE WAY UP TO THE HIGHEST COURT IN THE LAND, THE

[ram]{15:06:35} (MR. SCHUMER) { NOT AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT }

REPUBLICAN MAJORITY HAS BEEN SHOWING THE AMERICAN PEOPLE THAT WHEN IT COMES TO JUDGES, THEY JUST ARE NOT DOING THEIR JOB. THIS IS HARDLY A SENATE THAT'S BACK TO WORK. THE NUTS AND BOLTS OF GOVERNING IS THE PROCESS OF NOMINATIONS, ESPECIALLY FOR THE JUDICIARY. BY THIS MEASURE, THE REPUBLICAN SENATE AND ITS

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE ISN'T BACK TO WORK; IT'S SLEEPING ON THE JOB. ANGZ THERE'S NO -- AND THERE'S NO BETTER EXAMPLE OF IT

[ram]{15:07:07} (MR. SCHUMER) { NOT AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT }

THAN THE IRRESPONSIBLE, PARTISAN BLOCKADE OF PRESIDENT OBAMA'S SUPREME COURT PICK, NOW ITS FIFTH MONTH. MR. PRESIDENT, THE SPEEDY APPLICATION OF JUSTICE, THE RIGHT TO PETITION THE GOVERNMENT FOR A REDRESS OF GR GRIEVANCES, IS A BEDROCK OF AMERICAN VALUES ENSHRINED IN THE CONSTITUTION. AND THIS IS NOT AN ABSTRACT CONCEPT. IT HAS REAL, EVERYDAY CONSEQUENCES FOR AMERICAN LITIGANTS. JUSTICE DELAYED IS JUSTICE DENIED. WITHOUT

[ram]{15:07:41} (MR. SCHUMER) { NOT AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT }

JUDGES ON THE BENCH, JUSTICE DENIED FOR A WOMAN WHO WAS UNJUSTLY FIRED, SUING TO GET BACK HER JOB, SUPPORT HER FAMILY. IT'S DENIED FOR A SMALL BUSINESS OWNERRER SEEKING REDRESS ON A COT SUIT. WHEN CONTRACTS HANG OVER THEM -- WHEN LAWSUITS HANG OVER THEM, IT CAUSES SLEEPLESS NIGHTS. I KNOW MY DAD WAS A SMALL BUSINESSMAN. OUR REPUBLICAN COLLEAGUES ARE A JUST TWIDDLING THEIR NUMBERS. THIS IS DENIED FOR A CRIMINAL

[ram]{15:08:16} (MR. SCHUMER) { NOT AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT }

DEFENDANT WHO DESERVES TO HAVE HIS OR HER CASE HEARD IN A COURTROOM BEFORE AN IMPARTIAL JUDGE AND A JURY OF THEIR PIERS. -- OF THEIR PEERS. THIS MATTERS IN SO MANY OF THE STATES, INCLUDING MY HOME STATE OF NEW YORK. ONE OF THE JUDGES WHO'S BEEN LANGUISHING ON THE CALENDAR IS GARRY BROWN, CURRENTLY SERVING AS A MAGISTRATE JUDGE IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK, NOMINATED FOR A SEAT ON A CROWDED BENCH IN LONG ISLAND, 3 MILLION PEOPLE, MORE THAN ANY OTHER STATE. THAT SEAT HAS BEEN

[ram]{15:08:50} (MR. SCHUMER) { NOT AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT }

VACANT FOR 18 MONTHS, 18 MONTHS. THE SMALL BUSINESS PEOPLE IN LONG ISLAND WHO NEED THESE CASES SETTLED, THE MANY OTHERS WHO ARE WAITING -- AWAITING JUSTICE, THEY ARE IN ANGUISH, AND OUR REPUBLICAN COLLEAGUES JUST SIT THERE. WE KNOW THAT. WE KNOW WHY. THE AMERICAN PEOPLE KNOW WHY, TOO. THEY'RE NOT DOING THEIR JOBS. BROWN -- GARRY BROWN IS EMMEANTLY QUALIFIED FOR THIS SEAT. AS A MAGISTRATE JUDGE HE HEARD A NUMBER OF CASES RELATED TO THE FAIL-OUT FROM SUPER-STORM SANDY. ONLY THROUGH JUDGE

[ram]{15:09:27} (MR. SCHUMER) { NOT AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT }

BROWN'S DILIGENCE AND INTEGRITY WERE DEFICIENCIES IN THE INSURANCE CLAIM PROCESS UNCOVERED, AND HUNDREDS OF HOMEOWNERS BEGAN TO RECOUP THEIR LOSSES. SO WE NEED A JUDGE BROWN. THE PEOPLE OF LONG ISLAND NEED A JUDGE BROWN. ER WITHOUT JUDGES ON THE BENCH, WE'RE DIMINISHING THAT COURT. OUR MAJORITY LEADER LIKES TO TALK ABOUT THE SENATE IS WORKING AGAIN? GIVE MAE A BREAK! -- GIVE ME A BREAK! IF YOU CAN'T EVEN APPOINT JUDGES, HOW CAN YOU SAY THE SENATE IS WORKING?

[ram]{15:10:02} (MR. SCHUMER) { NOT AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT }

THERE'S NO GOOD REASON OTHER THAN THE USUAL POLITICAL GAMES, GAMES THAT DEMOCRATS DID NOT PLAY WHEN WE WERE IN THE SAME POSITION IN THE LAST TWO YEARS OF GEORGE BUSH'S TERM AND WE HAD THE SENATE MAJORITY. WELL, MR. PRESIDENT, WE HAVE ONE DAY LEFT BEFORE WE BREAK, AND YET THIS BODY HAS FAILED TO PASS ADEQUATE LEGISLATION DEALING WITH ZIKA, FAILED TO PASS REAL FUNDING ON THE OPIOID CRISIS. AFTER ANOTHER SENSELESS TRAGEDY IN ORLANDO,

[ram]{15:10:41} (MR. SCHUMER) { NOT AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT }

FAILED TO PASS SENSIBLE GUN SAFETY MEASURES. AND FAILS TO FILL OUR BENCH, WHETHER IT IS THE SUPREME COURT, THE CIRCUIT COURTS,

OR THE DISTRICT COURTS. OUR REPUBLICAN MAJORITY OWES IT TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE TO MAKE SOME PROGRESS ON JUDGES BEFORE MEMBERS RUN FOR THE HILLS. WE SHOULDN'TING ADJOURNING WITH THIS MANY VACANCIES, THIS MANY JUDICIAL EMERGENCIES. IT'S TIME TO CONFIRM THESE UNCONTROVERSIAL NOMINEES. I SAY TO EVERY ONE OF MY

[ram]{15:11:14} (MR. SCHUMER) { NOT AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT }

COLLEAGUES ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE AISLE, PARTICULARLY THE MAJORITY LEADER, IT'S TIME TO DO YOUR JOB. AND SO I ASK UNANIMOUS CONSENT THAT THE SENATE PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO CONSIDER

THE FOLLOWING NOMINATIONS: CALENDARS 11, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31,

[ram]{15:11:48} (MR. SCHUMER) { NOT AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT }

359, 362, 363, 364, 459, 460, 461, 501, 008, 568, 571, 572, 573, 597, 598, AND 600 AND THAT FURTHER THE SENATE PROCEED TO VOTE WITHOUT INTERVENING ACTION OR DEBATE ON THE NOMINATIONS, THAT IF CONFIRMED, THE MOTION TO BE -- TO RECONSIDER BE CONSIDERED MADE AND LAID UPON THE TABLE.

[ram]{15:12:10 NSP} (THE PRESIDING OFFICER) { NOT AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT }

THE PRESIDING OFFICER: IS THERE OBJECTION SNO.

[ram]{15:12:14 NSP} (MR. TILLIS) { NOT AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT }

MR. TILLIS: RESERVING THE RIGHT TO OBJECT -- AND OF COURSE I WILL -- I WANT TO PUT THIS IN PERSPECTIVE AND TALK ABOUT THE THEATRICALS THAT WE SOMETIMES CALL THE DISCUSSION ON THE SENATE FLOOR. YOU KNOW, I THINK THAT WE HAVE A TENDENCY HERE -- MAYBE IT IS BECAUSE WE'RE BUSY, WE'VE GOT A LOT OF OTHER THINGS WE'RE

DOING. BUT WE HAVE A TENDENCY TO HAVE VERY SHORT MEMORIES. WE SHOULD REMEMBER THAT WE CONFIRMED A JUDGE LAST WEEK AND THE PRIOR WEEK. ONE OF THOSE JUDGES WAS A JUDGE PUT FORTH BY SENATORS -- SUPPORTED BY SENATORS IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, BOTH DEMOCRAT SENATORS. AND WE MOVED FORWARD WITH

[ram]{15:12:44} (MR. TILLIS) { NOT AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT }

THE CONFIRMATION. ALSO I WANT TO TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT HISTORY BECAUSE I'M NEW HERE, BUT MY FACTS SEEM TO STAND IN CONTRAST SOMEWHAT TO WHAT'S DISCUSSED ON THIS FLOOR FROM WEEK TO WEEK. WHEN IT COMES TO JUDICIAL NOMINATIONS, THE PRESIDENT HAS BEEN TREATED MUCH MORE FAIRLY, I WOULD SUBMIT, THAN PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH. TO DATE, THE SENATE HAS CONFIRMED 329 OF PRESIDENT OBAMA'S NOMINATIONS, JUDICIAL NOMINATIONS. AT THIS POINT THE, PRESIDENT BUSH HAD ONLY 312 JUDICIAL NOMINATIONS.

[ram]{15:13:20} (MR. TILLIS) { NOT AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT }

THAT'S 329 FOR PRESIDENT OBAMA COMPARED TO 312 FOR THE ENTIRE TERM OF PRESIDENT BUSH. PRESIDENT OBAMA HAS NOW SURPASSED PRESIDENT BUSH IN TERMS OF THE TOTAL JUDICIAL NOMINEES CONFIDENCE FOR THE ENTIRE PRESIDENCY OF GEORGE W. BUSH. DURING HIS ENTIRE PRESIDENCY, THE SENATE ONLY CONFIRMED 326 OF PRESIDENT BUSH'S JUDICIAL NOMINATIONS. AND WE'VE ALREADY CONFIRMED 329. SO I WOULD SUBMIT THAT THAT'S GETTING THE WORK DONE. THAT'S GETTING THE JOB DONE. THAT'S DOING OUR JOB. SO I KNOW THE OTHER SIDE OF THE AISLE DOESN'T LIKE THE FACT THAT

[ram]{15:13:54} (MR. TILLIS) { NOT AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT }

THEY DON'T SET THE FLOOR AGENDA, BUT ANY REASONABLE, OBJECTIVE REVIEW OF THE RECORD DEMONSTRATES THAT PRESIDENT OBAMA HAS BEEN TREATED MORE FAIRLY THAN HIS PREDECESSOR, GEORGE W. BUSH. AND

SO FOR THAT REASON, MR. PRESIDENT, I DO OBJECT.

[ram]{15:14:15 NSP} (THE PRESIDING OFFICER) { NOT AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT }

THE PRESIDING OFFICER: OBJECTION IS HEARD. A SENATOR: MR.

PRESIDENT?

[ram]{15:14:17 NSP} (THE PRESIDING OFFICER) { NOT AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT }

THE PRESIDING OFFICER: THE SENATOR?

MASSACHUSETTS.

[ram]{15:14:21 NSP} (MS. WARREN) { NOT AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT }

MS. WARREN: THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. MR. PRESIDENT, DONALD TRUMP SPENDS YEAR PEDDLING TRUMP UNIVERSITY, A SHAM UNIVERSITY THAT HIS OWN FORMER COLLEAGUES REFER TO AS "ONE BIG FRAUDULENT SCHEME." NOW HE IS BEING SUED FOR FRAUD AND FOR TARGETING THE MOST VULNERABLE PEOPLE HE CAN FIND, LYING TO THEM, TAKING ALL THEIR MONEY AND LEAVING THEM IN DEBT. THE JUDGE PRESIDING OVER TRUMP'S CASE IS GONE DALE LOW CURIEL, A FORMER FEDERAL PROSECUTOR WHO HAS SPENT DECADES QUIETLY SERVING HIS COUNTRY,

[ram]{15:14:51} (MS. WARREN) { NOT AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT }

SOMETIMES AT GREAT RISK TO HIS OWN LIFE. THE REPUBLICAN GOVERNOR WHO FIRST APPOINTED HIM CALLS HIM AN AMERICAN HERO, AND HE WAS

[ram]{ NOT AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT OF THE SENATE PROCEEDINGS.}

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[ram] { NOT AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT OF THE SENATE PROCEEDINGS. }

SUPPORT FROM THE SENATE. LIKE ALL DISTRICT COURT JUDGES, JUDGE CURIEL'S WORK IS NOT POLITICAL. SO HE IS FOLLOWING THE LAW IN THE TRUMP UNIVERSITY CASE. BUT DONALD TRUMP WANTS JUDGE CURIEL TO BEND THE LAW TO SUIT TRUMP'S OWN PERSONAL FINANCIAL INTERESTS AND TRUMP'S VERY, VERY FRAGILE EGO. SO A LITTLE OVER A MONTH AGO, TRUMP BEGINS SAVAGELY ATTACKING THE JUDGE'S

[ram]{15:15:33} (MS. WARREN) { NOT AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT }

INTEGRITY, HIS MEXICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE AT POLITICAL RALLIES. SOME REPUBLICANS IN CONGRESS CLAIM TO BE SHOCKED BY THE ASSAULT ON OUR LEGAL SYSTEM. PAUL RYAN CALLED TRUMP'S ATTACK -- QUOTE -- "THE TEXTBOOK DEFINITION OF A RACIST COMMIE." PLEASE, SPARE ME THE FALSE OUTRAGE. WHERE DO YOU SUPPOSE DONALD TRUMP GOT THE IDEA THAT HE CAN DEMEAN JUDGES WITH IMPUNITY? HE GOT IT FROM REPUBLICANS RIGHT HERE IN CONGRESS. IT IS BAD ENOUGH THAT SENATE REPUBLICANS WON'T EVEN GIVE MERRICK GARLAND

[ram]{15:16:10} (MS. WARREN) { NOT AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT }

THE PRESIDENT'S SUPREME COURT NOMINEE, A HEARING WHILE THE REPUBLICANS' ALLY SPEND BILLIONS OF DOLLARS CONDUCTING A NONSTOP CAMPAIGN OF SLIME AGAINST HIM. BUT THE STORY IS ACTUALLY MUCH BIGGER THAN JUDGE GARLAND. 16 NONCONTROVERSIAL DISTRICT COURT JUDICIAL NOMINEES -- 16 -- ARE WAITING TO TAKE THEIR SEATS ALONGSIDE JUDGE CURIEL ON THE FEDERAL BENCH. THEY

[ram]{15:16:46} (MS. WARREN) { NOT AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT }

HAVE BEEN INVESTIGATED AND VOTED OUT OF COMMITTEE. ABOUT OF HALF HAVE BEEN SITTING FOR MORE THAN A YEAR. BUT IN A FEW DAYS REPUBLICANS WHO CONTROL -- CONTROL THE SENATE ARE PLANNING TO

PACK UP AND SHUT DOWN THIS BODY FOR MOST OF THE REST OF THE YEAR LEAVING EVERY SINGLE ONE OF THESE MEN AND WOMEN TO TWIST IN THE WIND. WHY?

BECAUSE IN SIX MONTHS TRUMP MIGHT BE PRED -- PRESIDENT.

REPUBLICANS WANT TRUMP TO APPOINT THE NEXT GENERATION OF JUDGES. THEY WANT DONALD TRUMP TO TILT THE LAW IN FAVOR OF BIG BUSINESSES AND BILLIONAIRES LIKE TRUMP. THEY JUST WANT DONALD

[ram]{15:17:19} (MS. WARREN) { NOT AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT }

TRUMP TO STOP BEING SO VULGAR AND OBVIOUS ABOUT IT. IT IS RIDICULOUS, IF REPUBLICANS EXPECT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE TO BELIEVE THAT THEY DON'T AGREE WITH TRUMP'S DISGRACEFUL ATTACKS ON AN INDEPENDENT JUDICIARY, THEY SHOULD CONFIRM THESE JUDGES. WE HAVE JUST ONE MESSAGE FOR THE

REPUBLICANS: DO YOUR JOB NOW BEFORE SHUTTING OFF THE LIGHTS AND LEAVING TOWN. AT LEAST CONFIRM THE 13 NONCONTROVERSIAL DISTRICT COURT JUDGES THAT WERE NOMINATED BEFORE 2016. SO, MR.

[ram]{15:17:55} (MS. WARREN) { NOT AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT }

PRESIDENT, I RISE TODAY TO MAKE A REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT THAT THE SENATE PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO CONSIDER

THE FOLLOWING NOMINATIONS: CALENDAR NUMBER 359, 362, 363, 364, 459, 460, 461, # 508, 569, 70, 571, 572 AND 573, THAT THE SENATE PROCEED TO VOTE WITHOUT INTERVENING ACTION OR DEBATE ON THE NOMINATIONS IN THE ORDER LISTED, THAT THE MOTIONS TO RECONSIDER BE CONSIDERED MADE AND LAID UPON THE TABLE WITH NO

[ram]{15:18:30} (MS. WARREN) { NOT AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT }

INTERVENING ACTION OR DEBATE, THAT NO FURTHER MOTIONS BE IN

ORDER TO THE NOMINATIONS, THAT ANY RELATED STATEMENTS BE PRINTED IN THE RECORD, AND THAT THE PRESIDENT BE IMMEDIATE NOTIFIED OF THE SENATE'S ACTION AND THE SENATE THEN RESUME LEGISLATIVE SESSION.

[ram]{15:18:46 NSP} (THE PRESIDING OFFICER) { NOT AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT }

THE PRESIDING OFFICER: IS THERE OBJECTION?

[ram]{15:18:47 NSP} (MR. TILLIS) { NOT AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT }

MR. TILLIS: MR. PRESIDENT?

[ram]{15:18:49 NSP} (THE PRESIDING OFFICER) { NOT AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT }

THE PRESIDING OFFICER: THE SENATOR FROM NORTH CAROLINA.

[ram]{15:18:51 NSP} (MR. TILLIS) { NOT AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT }

MR. TILLIS: RESERVING THE RIGHT TO OBJECT. SOMETIMES WHEN I COME ON THE SENATE FLOOR, I CAN'T HELP BUT THINK THAT PEOPLE ARE WATCHING IN THE GALLERY AND WATCHING ON C-SPAN ARE GOING WHAT'S GOING ON?

I THOUGHT WE WERE WORKING ON FUNDING VETERANS AND COMING UP WITH A SOLUTION TO ZIKA, FUNDING THE D.O.D., MAKING SURE THAT STATES AND LOCALITIES HAVE ADEQUATE RESOURCES TO COMBAT DRUG ADDICTION AND THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC. AND THEN WHAT WE GET ARE THINGS THAT HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH DOING OUR JOBS. I'M DOING

[ram]{15:19:21} (MR. TILLIS) { NOT AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT }

MY JOB TODAY AND OBJECTING TO THESE MEASURES SO THAT WE CAN ACTUALLY GET BACK TO PRESSING MATTERS THAT HOPEFULLY WILL GET PASSED OUT BEFORE WE GO TO THE WORK PERIOD AND RETURN IN

SEPTEMBER. SO, MR. PRESIDENT, FOR THAT REASON, I OBJECT TO THE DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS FROM MASSACHUSETTS MOTION.

[ram]{15:19:38 NSP} (THE PRESIDING OFFICER) { NOT AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT }

THE PRESIDING OFFICER: OBJECTION IS HEARD. MS. WARREN: MR. PRESIDENT?

[ram]{15:19:41 NSP} (THE PRESIDING OFFICER) { NOT AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT }

THE PRESIDING OFFICER: THE SENATOR FROM MASSACHUSETTS.

[ram]{15:19:43 NSP} (MS. WARREN) { NOT AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT }

MS. WARREN: I'M NOT SURE WHAT VERSION OF THE CONSTITUTION YOU'RE READING THAT DOESN'T SAY CONFIRMING JUDGES IS PART OF DOING YOUR JOB IN THE UNITED STATES SENATE. THESE ARE JUDGES THAT HAVE ALL BEEN COMPLETELY VETTED. THEY ARE NONCONTROVERSIAL. THEY HAVE BIPARTISAN SUPPORT. AND THE AMOUNT OF TIME IT WOULD TAKE TO GET THESE JUDGES CONFIRMED IS JUST SIMPLY DON'T OBJECT. LET US GO FORWARD. WE HEAR A LOT OF TALK THESE DAYS FROM REPUBLICANS IN CONGRESS SUDDENLY CARING ABOUT

[ram]{15:20:13} (MS. WARREN) { NOT AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT }

THE RULE OF LAW. TALK IS CHEAP. REAL CASES ARE PILING UP. REAL COURTS ARE STARVED FOR HELP. REAL JUSTICE IS BEING DENIED. AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AREN'T EASILY FOOLED. IF SENATE REPUBLICANS LEAVE TOWN WITHOUT PUTTING A SINGLE ONE OF THESE HIGHLY QUALIFIED, NONCONTROVERSIAL JUDICIAL NOMINEES ON THE BENCH, THEY ARE MAKING IT CLEAR THAT FOR THEM, POLITICS IS EVERYTHING.

[ram]{15:20:45} (MS. WARREN) { NOT AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT }

24/7, THAT POLITICS TRUMPS EVERYTHING, EVEN AN INDEPENDENT

[ram]{15:20:53 NSP} (MR. PRESIDENT, I YIELD BACK. MS. HIRONO) { NOT AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT }

JUDICIARY. MR. PRESIDENT, I YIELD BACK. MS. HIRONO: MR. PRESIDENT?

[ram]{15:20:56 NSP} (THE PRESIDING OFFICER) { NOT AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT }

THE PRESIDING OFFICER: THE SENATOR FROM HAWAII.

[ram]{15:20:59 NSP} (MS. HIRONO) { NOT AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT }

MS. HIRONO: MR. PRESIDENT, I WANT TO THANK SENATORS SCHUMER AND WARREN AND OTHERS FOR THEIR EFFORTS TO GET SOME MOVEMENT ON THESE NEGLECTED JUDICIAL NOMINEES. AND WHEN WE TALK ABOUT THE SENATE DOING ITS JOB, OF COURSE CONFIRMING JUDGES IS A PART OF THE SENATE'S JOB. IN FACT, ONLY THE SENATE CAN DO THAT JOB. 23 OF THE 24 NOMINEES ON THE EXECUTIVE CALENDAR WERE APPROVED BY THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE BY VOICE VOTE, INCLUDING 16 DISTRICT COURT NOMINEES. THIS INCLUDES HAWAII'S OWN CLAIRE CONNORS. LET

[ram]{15:21:29} (MS. HIRONO) { NOT AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT }

ME TELL YOU A LITTLE BIT ABOUT CLAIRE. SHE AND THE -- BEFORE I GET TO THAT, I WANT TO ALSO MENTION SHE AND THE OTHER NOMINEES BEFORE US TODAY WHO WERE UNANIMOUSLY PROVED BY THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE WILL BE KEPT FROM SERVING ON THE FEDERAL BENCH, KEPT FROM DOING THOSE JOBS BECAUSE OF REPUBLICAN INACTION. NOW, I'LL TELL YOU SOMETHING ABOUT CLARE. SHE HAS WIDE-RANGING EXPERIENCE, INCLUDING DISTRICT AND APPELLATE VENUES, CRIMINAL

[ram]{15:22:03} (MS. HIRONO) { NOT AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT }

AND CIVIL ARENAS AND LITIGATION ON ISSUES RANGING FROM TAX LAW TO TOUGH CASES LIKE CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN. I MET WITH CLARE IN HAWAII AND WHEN SHE CAME BEFORE THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE AND SHE IS MORE THAN QUALIFIED TO SERVE ON THE FEDERAL BENCH TODAY. SENATOR GRASSLEY HAS INDICATED THAT REPUBLICANS WILL SHUT DOWN THE NOMINATION PROCESS THIS MONTH, EVEN THOUGH VACANCIES HAVE NEARLY DOUBLED. IF CLARE IS NOT CONFIRMED, THE HAWAII DISTRICT COURT SEAT WILL BE LEFT VACANT FOR A YEAR. HISTORICALLY THE

[ram]{15:22:38} (MS. HIRONO) { NOT AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT }

SENATE HAS HELD CONFIRMATION VOTES ON WIDELY SUPPORTED NOMINEES INTO SEPTEMBER OF A PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION YEAR. THE NOMINEES BEFORE US ALL HAVE BIPARTISAN SUPPORT AND COME FROM

STATES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY: TENNESSEE, NEW JERSEY, NEW YORK, CALIFORNIA, RHODE ISLAND, PENNSYLVANIA, UTAH, AND OF COURSE HAWAII. I URGE MY REPUBLICAN COLLEAGUES TO DO THEIR JOBS. WITH THAT, MR. PRESIDENT, I RISE TODAY TO MAKE A REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT THAT THE SENATE PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO CONSIDER THE

[ram]{15:23:15} (MS. HIRONO) { NOT AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT }

FOLLOWING NOMINATIONS: CALENDAR NUMBERS 359, 362, 363, 364, 439, 459, 460, 461, 508. FURTHER THAT THE SENATE PROCEED TO VOTE WITHOUT INTERVENING ACTION OR DEBATE ON THE NOMINATIONS IN THE ORDER LISTED. THAT THE MOTIONS TO RECONSIDER BE CONSIDERED MADE AND LAID UPON THE TABLE WITH NO INTERVENING ACTION OR DEBATE. THAT NO FURTHER MOTIONS BE IN ORDER TO THE NOMINATIONS. THAT ANY RELATED STATEMENTS BE PRINTED IN THE RECORD AND THAT

THE PRESIDENT BE IMMEDIATELY NOTIFIED OF THE SENATE'S ACTION
AND THE SENATE THEN RESUME LEGISLATIVE SESSION.

[ram]{15:23:59 NSP} (THE PRESIDING OFFICER) { NOT AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT }

THE PRESIDING OFFICER: IS THERE OBJECTION?

[ram]{15:24:00 NSP} (MR. TILLIS) { NOT AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT }

MR. TILLIS: MR. PRESIDENT?

[ram]{15:24:02 NSP} (THE PRESIDING OFFICER) { NOT AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT }

THE PRESIDING OFFICER: THE SENATOR FROM NORTH CAROLINA.

[ram]{15:24:05 NSP} (MR. TILLIS) { NOT AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT }

MR. TILLIS: MR. PRESIDENT, RESERVING THE RIGHT TO OBJECT, I'D
LIKE TO TOUCH BRIEFLY ON WHAT THE DISTINGUISHED SENATOR FROM
HAWAII MENTIONED REGARDING VACANCIES. IF YOU LOOK AT THE
AVERAGE VACANCIES OVER THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS, IT'S ACTUALLY A
SLIGHTLY HIGHER RATE THAN WHAT WE'RE FINDING OURSELVES IN RIGHT
NOW. IT'S A NATURAL PART OF THE PROCESS WHEN JUDGES MOVE UP TO
SENIOR STATUS, WE FILL IN THE VACANCIES. THIS GOES UP AND DOWN.
THIS IS NOT A CRISIS. IT'S NO DIFFERENT THAN A SITUATION THE
SENATE HAS DEALT WITH LONG BEFORE I GOT HERE. SO AGAIN, MR.

[ram]{15:24:35} (MR. TILLIS) { NOT AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT }

PRESIDENT, SO THAT WE CAN DISPENSE WITH THESE MATTERS AND MOVE
BACK ON TO BILLS THAT WE HAVE BEFORE US THAT CAN FUND THE V.A.,
THAT CAN ADDRESS THE ZIKA CRISIS, THAT CAN DO THINGS THAT WE
NEED TO GET DONE BEFORE WE GET OUT OF TOWN, I OBJECT.

[ram]{15:24:52 NSP} (THE PRESIDING OFFICER) { NOT AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT }

THE PRESIDING OFFICER: OBJECTION IS HEARD. MR. TILLIS: MR. PRESIDENT?

[ram]{15:24:54 NSP} (THE PRESIDING OFFICER) { NOT AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT }

THE PRESIDING OFFICER: THE SENATOR FROM NORTH CAROLINA.

[ram]{15:24:57 NSP} (MR. TILLIS) { NOT AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT }

MR. TILLIS: MR. PRESIDENT, I WANT TO GET BACK ON DOING MY JOB. IN NORTH CAROLINA, I PROMISED THE PEOPLE OF NORTH CAROLINA THAT I WAS GOING TO HELP FUND THE V.A. THAT'S WHY I'M PROUD TO BE A MEMBER OF THE VETERANS' AFFAIRS COMMITTEE. I TOLD THE SOLDIERS DOWN AT FORT BRAGG AND CAMP LEJEUNE ACROSS THIS NATION WE WERE GOING TO WORK TO FUND THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. WHAT I'D LIKE TO DO IS SEE IF WE CAN GET BACK TO THESE MATTERS THAT ARE NECESSARY, IMPORTANT, THAT WILL SAVE LIVES. THEY WILL EQUIP OUR MEN AND WOMEN TO TAKE THE FIGHT WHEREVER IT MAY GO. BUT TODAY I WANT TO TALK SPECIFICALLY ABOUT THE MILCON V.A. AND ZIKA BILL

[ram]{15:25:27} (MR. TILLIS) { NOT AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT }

THAT'S BEFORE US. IT'S A CONFERENCE REPORT. FOR THOSE WHO ARE NOT FAMILIAR WITH CONFERENCE REPORTS, THEY ARE UNAMENDABLE. WE NEED A UP-OR-DOWN VOTE AND WE NEED TO SEND IT TO THE PRESIDENT'S DESK. THAT'S WHAT LIES BEFORE US. THAT'S A BILL WE CAN PASS THIS YEAR, FUNDING THAT THE DEMOCRATIC CONFERENCE IN LARGE NUMBERS SUPPORTED AT \$1.1 BILLION WHEN IT WENT TO THE HOUSE. WHAT IS THAT FUNDING GOING TO DO? IT'S GOING TO FUND MOSQUITO PROGRAMS, REMEDIATION PROGRAMS TO

MAKE SURE THAT WE DON'T HAVE AN EPIDEMIC THAT'S SPREAD THROUGH MOSQUITO BITES. RIGHT NOW THEY ARE ALL TRAVEL RELATED BUT WE'RE

[ram]{15:26:00} (MR. TILLIS) { NOT AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT }

AFRAID OF THAT THREAT, PARTICULARLY AS MOSQUITO SEASON GETS IN FULL, FULL-FLEDGED OPERATIONS ACROSS THE NATION. IT'S BEEN GOING ON IN NORTH CAROLINA AND THE SOUTH FOR SEVERAL MONTHS. WE WANT TO GIVE LOCAL -- I SHOULDN'T SAY LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT -- HEALTH PROFESSIONALS, THE C.D.C. THE RESOURCES THEY NEED TO FIGHT THE VIRUS. THE C.D.C. PROMISES WE CAN GET ONE IN A MATTER OF 18 MONTHS. WE WANT TO MAKE SURE WE DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO EDUCATE PEOPLE ABOUT THE POTENTIAL DANGERS OF THIS DISEASE. THAT'S WHAT APPROVING THIS CONFERENCE REPORT WILL DO. SO, MR.

[ram]{15:26:34} (MR. TILLIS) { NOT AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT }

PRESIDENT, I ASK UNANIMOUS CONSENT THAT THE SENATE PROCEED TO CONSIDERATION OF THE CONFERENCE REPORT TO ACCOMPANY HOUSE RESOLUTION 2577, THE CONFERENCE REPORT BE AGREED TO WITH NO INTERVENING ACTION OR DEBATE.

[ram]{15:26:47 NSP} (THE PRESIDING OFFICER) { NOT AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT }

THE PRESIDING OFFICER: IS THERE OBJECTION?

[ram]{15:26:47 NSP} (MR. REID) { NOT AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT }

MR. REID: MR. PRESIDENT?

[ram]{15:26:50 NSP} (THE PRESIDING OFFICER) { NOT AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT }

THE PRESIDING OFFICER: THE DEMOCRATIC LEADER.

[ram]{15:26:58 NSP} (MR. REID) { NOT AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT }

MR. REID: I RESERVE THE RIGHT TO OBJECT. I WILL SAY A FEW WORDS. I SAY TO MY FRIEND, THE JUNIOR SENATOR FROM NORTH CAROLINA, THAT IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE EVER HEARD ANYONE SAY THAT THE PROBLEM WITH THE JUDGES IS JUST ONE OF THOSE THINGS. LET'S NOT WORRY ABOUT IT. IT HAPPENS ALL THE TIME. BUT THAT'S NOT TRUE. WE HAVE AROUND AMERICA TODAY A LOT -- A NUMBER OF EXTREMELY IMPORTANT JUDICIAL EMERGENCIES, MEANING WE HAVE ALL

[ram]{15:27:32} (MR. REID) { NOT AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT }

THESE JUDICIAL DISTRICTS WHERE THERE'S NOT ENOUGH JUDGES TO DO THE WORK JUSTICE DELAYED IS JUSTICE DENIED. AND HAVING PRACTICED LAW QUITE A FEW YEARS, IT'S VERY HARD TO GO TO A COURT AND WE'RE TOLD WE'RE SORRY BUT THE JUDGE IS DOING ALL CIVIL CASES TODAY. HE HAS NO TIME FOR A CRIMINAL CASE. OR VICE VERSA. I APPRECIATE HIS SUCCINCTNESS SAYING IT IS NO BIG DEAL, DON'T WORRY ABOUT THE JUDGES. WE ARE WORRIED ABOUT THE JUDGES. IT IS VERY DIFFICULT. SO LET'S MOVE UP TO THE SUBJECT HE

[ram]{15:28:04} (MR. REID) { NOT AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT }

BROUGHT UP, THE SECOND SUBJECT. JUDGES, NO BIG DEAL. I THINK THAT'S A TREMENDOUSLY BIG DEAL AND SO DO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. ONCE AGAIN THE SENATOR FROM NORTH CAROLINA SEEKS ONCE AGAIN TO PASS THE VERY PARTISAN MILITARY CONSTRUCTION-V.A. ZIKA BILL. YES, HE SAID FOR THOSE NOT FAMILIAR WITH CONFERENCE REPORTS, I'M FAMILIAR WITH LOTS OF THEM, MR. PRESIDENT. BEEN THROUGH LOTS OF CONFERENCE REPORTS. I UNDERSTAND THE RULES. BUT I ALSO

[ram]{15:28:38} (MR. REID) { NOT AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT }

UNDERSTAND THAT WE AS A BODY CAN DO ANYTHING WE WANT TO DO. THAT'S THE WAY THIS SENATE OPERATES. WE HAVE THE ABILITY TO CHANGE THE RULES IN A MATTER OF MINUTES AND MOVE ON TO CHANGE

WHAT'S BEFORE THIS BODY. AND WE KNOW THAT THE REASON THAT THE REPUBLICAN LEADER CANNOT MOVE FORWARD ON A ZIKA FUNDING BILL THAT'S REASONABLE IS BECAUSE THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IS UNREASONABLE. WE PASSED OUT OF THIS BODY A VERY GOOD BILL. IT

[ram]{15:29:14} (MR. REID) { NOT AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT }

WASN'T WHAT I WANTED. I WANTED \$1.9 BILLION AT THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL. AND THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH SAID THEY NEED \$1.9 BILLION. BUT I SAID OKAY, \$1.1 BILLION WILL HELP A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT. IT'S EMERGENCY SPENDING; NO OFFSETS. AND SO WE AGREED AND SENT IT TO THE HOUSE. 89 SENATORS VOTED. THE DEMOCRATS VOTED FOR IT AND THE VAST MAJORITY OF REPUBLICANS VOTED FOR IT. AND THAT WAS GOOD. IT WASN'T PERFECT, BUT IT WAS

[ram]{15:29:46} (MR. REID) { NOT AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT }

GOOD. SO WHAT DID THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DO? THEY FILLED THIS REPORT, THIS CONFERENCE REPORT. THEY IGNORED WHAT WE HAD DONE HERE IN THE SENATE, AND THEY DECIDED THEY WERE GOING TO STICK SOME OF THEIR FAVORITE POISON PILLS ON THIS LEGISLATION.

[ram]{ NOT AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT OF THE SENATE PROCEEDINGS.}

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HE'S FINDING THAT SPEAKER BOEHNER COULDN'T DO MUCH BETTER THAN HE'S DONE. THAT'S WHY BOEHNER LEFT. HE COULDN'T HANDLE IT, BECAUSE AS BOEHNER USED TO CALL THEM, THE CRAZIES TAKE OVER THAT CAUCUS. THEY HAVE A RULE IN THE HOUSE, MR. PRESIDENT --

THE PRESIDING OFFICER SERVED IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. ALL THE TIME HE WAS THERE, THEY HAD A RULE -- IT WASN'T WHEN I WAS THERE, THERE WAS NO SUCH RULE. BUT THE RULE THEY HAVE NOW IS CALLED THE HASTERT RULE. BY THE WAY, OF COURSE, HASTE IS IN

[ram]{15:30:39} (MR. REID) { NOT AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT }

PRISON, SO THEY SHOULD AT LEAST CHANGE THE NAME OF THAT. THE HASTERT RULE SAYS THAT WE'RE ONLY GOING TO PASS A BILL IF WE CAN GET THE MAJORITY TO VOTE FOR IT. SO TO GET ANYTHING DONE IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, YOU HAVE TO HAVE A MAJORITY OF THE REPUBLICANS SUPPORT A BILL. IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW THE DEMOCRATS FEEL. THEY DON'T BASICALLY GET TO VOTE ON ANYTHING. SO WHAT THEY DID IN AN EFFORT TO GET SOMETHING BACK HERE, THE SPEAKER HAS TOLD LOTS OF PEOPLE, I CAN'T PASS ANYTHING DEALING WITH ZIKA UNLESS WE DO SOMETHING ABOUT PLANNED PARENTHOOD. THAT'S WHAT HE'S TOLD EVERYBODY. AND IT'S OBVIOUS FROM WHAT

[ram]{15:31:10} (MR. REID) { NOT AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT }

THEY SENT US. SO THIS \$1.1 BILLION, NO OFFSETS CAME BACK TO US AS A -- I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO CALL IT. THEY ARE NOT TWO OF THE SAME VEHICLES. IT RESTRICTS FUNDING FOR BIRTH CONTROL PROVIDED BY PLANNED PARENTHOOD. THERE IS AN OBSESSION BY THE HOUSE REPUBLICANS AND I'M SORRY TO SAY THE OBSESSION OVER HERE IS FAIRLY WELL FIXED ALSO, THAT THEY WANT TO DO WHATEVER THEY CAN TO DRAMATICALLY AFFECT PLANNED PARENTHOOD. THAT'S WHAT THIS IS

[ram]{15:31:48} (MR. REID) { NOT AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT }

ABOUT. IF YOU'RE A WOMAN IN AMERICA TODAY, YOU ARE WORRIED ABOUT ZIKA, I THINK YOU SHOULD BE CONCERNED ABOUT BIRTH CONTROL, AND WOMEN ALL OVER AMERICA ARE, AND SOME WOMAN CAN'T GO TO THE BOUTIQUE PHYSICIAN AND GET A PRESCRIPTION. THEY NEED

TO GO TO PLANNED PARENTHOOD WHERE MILLIONS OF WOMEN ARE TAKEN CARE OF FOR THEIR HEALTH NEEDS. BUT NOT UNDER REPUBLICAN GUIDANCE, NO. SO WE GOT AS PART OF THIS CONFERENCE REPORT BACK THAT FUNDING FOR PLANNED PARENTHOOD WOULD BE RESTRICTED, BIRTH CONTROL. AND JUST TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY COVER ALL THEIR POISON

[ram]{15:32:23} (MR. REID) { NOT AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT }

PILL AREAS, WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING TO WHACK THE ENVIRONMENT. LET'S CHANGE THE CLEAN WATER ACT. THAT'S WHAT THEY DID. WE HEAR ALL THESE GREAT SPEECHES ABOUT WE WANT TO DO SOMETHING WITH VETERANS. \$500 MILLION WAS TAKEN OUT OF VETERANS TO HELP PAY FOR ZIKA FUNDING, \$500 MILLION. WHAT WAS THAT VETERANS MONEY TO BE USED FOR?

PROCESSING CLAIMS. THERE'S A TREMENDOUS BACKLOG. BUT THAT'S

[ram]{15:33:02} (MR. REID) { NOT AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT }

THERE. EBOLA FUNDING, TWO YEARS AGO, AMERICA WAS UP IN ARMS OVER EBOLA. THE EPIDEMIC HAS DIED DOWN, BUT IT HAS NOT GONE. THERE ARE STILL POCKETS OF REAL PROBLEMS IN AFRICA. ANY ONE DAY THEY COULD BURGEON INTO SOMETHING LIKE THEY WERE TWO YEARS AGO. THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH, CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL WANT TO KEEP SOME MONEY THERE SO WE CAN TAKE CARE OF THIS EPIDEMIC, BUT NO, THEY WHACK \$700 MILLION OFF OF THAT. EVERYONE KNOWS THE MONEY THEY TOOK FROM OBAMACARE. I COULD RAISE A POINT

[ram]{15:33:38} (MR. REID) { NOT AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT }

OF ORDER RIGHT NOW AND IT WOULD FALL. I CAN'T DO THAT. THAT'S WRONG. THEY HAVE HAD 67 VOTES IN THE HOUSE TO DEFUND OBAMACARE. NONE OF THEM HAVE PASSED, BUT THEY HAVE HAD FUN TRYING. BUT IT JUST IN A FINAL EFFORT TO KIND OF STICK THEIR FINGER IN OUR EYE, THEY HAVE SAID WELL, HERE'S WHAT WE'RE GOING TO PUT ON THIS GREAT BILL. WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE IN MILITARY

CEMETERIES, LET'S FLY THE CONFEDERATE FLAG. YOU CAN'T MAKE UP STUFF LIKE THIS. THIS IS WHAT THEY DID. SO WE HAVE REPEATEDLY

[ram]{15:34:11} (MR. REID) { NOT AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT }

REACHED OUT TO REPUBLICANS TO TRY TO COMPROMISE AND REACH A SOLUTION TO THE THREAT OF ZIKA. OF COURSE, IF WE WORKED TOGETHER, WE HAVE A CHANCE TO PREVENT BABIES BEING BORN WITH THESE TERRIBLE BIRTH DEFECTS. THE PRESIDING OFFICER IS A PHYSICIAN. I WASN'T ABLE TO WATCH ALL OF THE SPEECH LAST EVENING, BUT I WATCHED PART OF IT. A PICTURE OF A LITTLE BABY THERE AND HE WAS EXPLAINING WHAT ZIKA WAS ALL ABOUT. WE HAVE REACHED OUT TO REPUBLICANS WHO HAVE TRIED TO -- TO TRY TO WORK SOMETHING OUT. WE CAN WORK TOGETHER EVEN NOW IN THE -- WE CAN

[ram]{15:34:47} (MR. REID) { NOT AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT }

SEE JUST RIGHT OVER THE HORIZON THE REPUBLICAN CONVENTION IS STARTING ON MONDAY, BUT WE CAN STILL DO IT BEFORE THEN. WE NEED TO WORK SOMETHING OUT. WE WANT TO DO THAT. I'VE TRIED. BUT I KNOW, I KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE HOUSE. THEY CAN'T PASS ANYTHING ON THEIR OWN UNLESS THEY PUT THIS KIND OF STUFF IN. ALL THEY WOULD HAVE TO DO ON THE BILL THAT PASSED THE SENATE WITH 89 VOTES, IF THE SPEAKER WOULD ALLOW A VOTE IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, IT WOULD PASS OVERWHELMINGLY. DEMOCRATS

[ram]{15:35:18} (MR. REID) { NOT AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT }

WITH RARE EXCEPTION WOULD VOTE FOR IT. GET 98%, 99% OF THE DEMOCRATIC VOTE AND A FEW REPUBLICANS TO VOTE FOR IT. IT WOULD PASS OVERWHELMINGLY. THAT'S WHAT SHOULD HAPPEN. BUT I UNDERSTAND THE SPEAKER IS CONSTRAINED BY, HE HASN'T GONE THIS FAR, AT LEAST PUBLICLY. BOEHNER DID PUBLICLY. SAID HE HAD TO DEAL WITH HIS CRAZIES. SPEAKER RYAN IS DEALING WITH THE SAME

CRAZIES. SO I ASK CONSENT TO PASS THE SAME ZIKA LEGISLATION

[ram]{15:35:53} (MR. REID) { NOT AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT }

THAT PASSED THIS BODY WITH 89 VOTES. SO I SAID IF THE SPEAKER WOULD ALLOW A VOTE ON IT, IT WOULD PASS. SO I WOULD ASK IF THE SENATOR FROM NORTH CAROLINA WOULD AMEND HIS REQUEST TO THIS. I ASK UNANIMOUS CONSENT THAT THE SENATE PROCEED TO H.R. 5243, THAT ALL BUT THE ENACTING CLAUSE BE STRICKEN WITH THE SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT, WHICH THE TEXT OF THE BLUNT-MURRAY AGREEMENT, WHICH IS AN AMENDMENT TO PROVIDE \$1.1 BILLION IN FUNDING FOR ZIKA, THAT BE AGREED TO. THAT THERE BE UP TO ONE

[ram]{15:36:27} (MR. REID) { NOT AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT }

HOUR OF DEBATE EQUALLY DIVIDED BETWEEN THE TWO LEADERS OR THEIR DESIGNEES. THAT UPON THE USE OR YIELDING BACK OF THAT TIME, THE BILL AS AMENDED BE READ A THIRD TIME AND THE SENATE VOTE ON PASSAGE OF THE BILL AS AMENDED, WITH NO INTERVENING ACTION OR DEBATE. AND FINALLY, MR. PRESIDENT, I WOULD ASK EVERYONE TO BE REMIND ED WE'VE HAD EMERGENCIES ALL OVER AMERICA. THE PRESIDING OFFICER -- I'M SORRY TO KEEP REFERRING TO YOU, BUT IT'S THE SUBJECT AT HAND. WHEN YOU HAVE THE DEVASTATION -- YOU HAD THE

[ram]{15:36:57} (MR. REID) { NOT AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT }

DEVASTATION WITH THAT TERRIBLE HURRICANE, WE WERE THERE. WE WERE THERE THE NEXT DAY. WE WERE THERE THE NEXT WEEK, THE NEXT MONTH, THE NEXT YEAR, DOING WHAT WE COULD TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY FUNDING FOR THE DELEAGUERED STATE OF LOUISIANA. WE DID IT BECAUSE IT WAS THE RIGHT THING TO DO. IT WAS AN EMERGENCY. IT WAS UNPAID FOR. THERE WERE NO OFFSETS. WE'VE DONE IT WITH THE EARTHQUAKE IN CALIFORNIA. WE'VE DONE IT WITH THE MAN MADE FIRE IN TEXAS. WE DO IT. THAT'S WHAT WE DO. THAT'S WHAT EMERGENCIES

ARE ALL ABOUT. SO I ASK THAT MY CONSENT AGREEMENT THAT I'VE

[ram]{15:37:32 NSP} (A SENATOR) { NOT AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT }

OUTLINED BE APPROVED. A SENATOR: MR. PRESIDENT?

[ram]{15:37:40 NSP} (THE PRESIDING OFFICER) { NOT AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT }

THE PRESIDING OFFICER: WILL THE SENATOR FROM NORTH CAROLINA SO
MODIFY HIS PROPOSAL?

WILL THE SENATOR FROM NORTH CAROLINA SO MODIFY?

[ram]{15:37:45 NSP} (MR. TILLIS) { NOT AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT }

MR. TILLIS: NO.

[ram]{15:37:47 NSP} (MR. REID) { NOT AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT }

MR. REID: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. PRESIDENT. I GUESS THE SHAKE
OF THE HEAD TAKES CARE OF IT.

[ram]{15:37:55 NSP} (MR. TILLIS) { NOT AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT }

MR. TILLIS: MR. PRESIDENT, RESERVING THE RIGHT TO OBJECT.

[ram]{15:37:55 NSP} (MR. REID) { NOT AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT }

MR. REID: I'M SORRY.

[ram]{15:38:00 NSP} (MR. TILLIS) { NOT AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT }

MR. TILLIS: MR. PRESIDENT, I JUST WANT TO BE VERY BRIEF, BUT
SOMETIMES WHEN I HEAR THESE DEBATES, AND THEY ARE FAR RANGING,
THEY ARE GETTING OFF THE MAIN SUBJECT. THE MOTION THAT'S BEFORE

US WOULD BASICALLY UNWIND A CAREFULLY CRAFTED COMPROMISE THAT COULD COME CRASHING DOWN IF WE DON'T MOVE FORWARD WITH THIS DEAL. WHAT THE MINORITY LEADER HAS SUGGESTED TAKES US BACK FOR A PROCESS THAT COULD TAKE DAYS OR WEEKS. WE CAN'T AFFORD DAYS OR WEEKS. WE NEED TO GET THIS DONE NOW. THE MOTION THAT WE SHOULD BE CONSIDERING THAT THE GENTLEMAN FROM NEVADA OBJECTED TO IS THE ONE THAT WOULD GET THIS TO THE PRESIDENT'S DESK. THIS

[ram]{15:38:31} (MR. TILLIS) { NOT AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT }

ONE ADDS TIME, COMPLEXITY AND MOST LIKELY IS GOING TO SUFFER THE SAME FATE IN THE HOUSE, SO FOR THAT REASON, I OBJECT.

[ram]{15:38:41 NSP} (THE PRESIDING OFFICER) { NOT AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT }

THE PRESIDING OFFICER: OBJECTION IS HEARD TO THE MODIFICATION. THE OBJECTION TO THE ORIGINAL REQUEST?

[ram]{15:38:44 NSP} (MR. REID) { NOT AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT }

MR. REID: I OBJECT TO HIS REQUEST.

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I'm not commenting but flagging this for the group.

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Subject: Harry Reid letter

Hi Marc

Anything you can say in response to Harry Reid's claim that the FBI has and should disclose knowledge of "explosive information" about ties between Trump's campaign and Russia?

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WOLF BLITZER: Our justice correspondent Pamela Brown is with me with the latest. Pamela, more dramatic developments and potentially embarrassing developments as well.

PAMELA BROWN: That's right. We were all surprised by this, by the FBI's document release today from its 2001 investigation into President Clinton's pardons and his foundation and it came out of nowhere and had a lot of people scratching their heads today. The timing just days after Director Comey notified congress about the renewed Clinton e-mail investigation is only fanning the flames and the Clinton campaign was quick to pounce. Tonight the FBI under increasing scrutiny after releasing heavily redacted documents from its 2001 investigation into President Clinton's pardon of Mark Rich, a donor to his presidential library foundation. The timing, seven days before the election and on the heels of the FBI Director's controversial letter to congress, invited more criticism of the bureau. Clinton spokesman Brian Fallon tweeting, "Absent a FOIA litigation deadline, this is odd. Will FBI be posting docs on Trump's housing discrimination in the '70s?" A case settled years ago. The Twitter account for

the FBI Records Management Division, which it calls the vault, has been dormant for a year. Until this weekend, when a tweet was posted pointing to documents relating to Donald Trump's father. An FBI official insisted to CNN today's release was not political and that freedom of information act requests are automatically posted to the account when they're ready for the public to view and when there's public interest. The official says not posting the documents would have been a change in standard procedure. Today Comey appeared at a memorial service in Washington alongside Attorney General Loretta Lynch. CNN has learned the two talked on Monday for the first time since Comey went against the department's recommendation not to inform congress of e-mails found on Anthony Weiner's laptop. Comey is a Republican who has donated in the past to GOP candidates like Mitt Romney and John McCain but has not made contributions since he was appointed FBI Director by President Obama. But tonight sources say he's feeling the heat from both sides of the aisle, including Republican Senate Judiciary Chair Chuck Grassley, for not releasing more information about the newly discovered e-mails from Clinton's top aide Huma Abedin. Sources tell CNN Comey won't update the public until the investigation is complete.

JEFF CRAMER: We are not going to get through that process until next Tuesday. That's something that's going to take weeks, possibly months, depending if there's a large number of e-mails and various agencies that they then have to talk to.

BROWN: Tonight democrats say there's a double standard. Speaking publicly about the Clinton server investigation before there's clarity but not about investigations connected to the Trump campaign. Those around them and connections to Russia. Sources tell CNN multiple FBI investigations into allegations of connections between Russia and the Trump campaign have yielded little so far, including into his former campaign manager's alleged ties to pro-Putin forces in Ukraine and Trump supporter Roger Stone's possible role in the Clinton campaign chairman's hacked e-mails released by WikiLeaks. This is what stone recently told NBC.

ROGER STONE: I have a back channel communications with WikiLeaks, but they certainly don't clear or tell me in advance what they're going to do.

BROWN: The Clinton campaign is crying foul amid reports Comey argued against publicly naming Russia to hacks of the Clinton campaign so close to the election.

ROBBY MOOK: They don't say a thing when it comes to Donald Trump and investigations against him yet when it comes to Hillary Clinton for some reason they are more than happy to talk.

BROWN: And to be clear, our law enforcement sources say Director Comey wasn't hesitant to name Russia because of the election but rather ongoing investigations with the country and questions about whether Russia was the culprit in the hacks. Meantime, the Clinton campaign says the FBI still hasn't reached out to Huma Abedin but she would be happy to cooperate if they ever want to talk. Typically, Wolf, as we know, the FBI interviews subjects at the end of an investigation.

BLITZER: Typically. thanks very much for that. Pamela Brown reporting. All of this as the Clinton campaign working furiously in both battleground states as well as traditionally blue states.

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I also saw the following on twitter. I'm going to check in with their public affairs office to see if there is any validity.

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Consider where we are now: FBI says it may give a *real-time update* on what's in the emails- a fast timeline that appears Election-related

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Also, Marc Rich is trending on twitter.

On Nov 1, 2016, at 5:15 PM, Lewis, Kevin S. (OPA) <kslewis@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

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Reporters are confused about the timing of this release and if it is tied to any new litigation. OPA is

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Need to discuss this when you have a minute. Running to a meeting.

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Subject: New docs from Clinton Foundation

Hey Kevin,

This is Ben Kamisar, a campaign reporter with The Hill. Wanted to inquire about the docs released from the 2001 investigation into the pardon of Mark Rich, posted yesterday.

Could you explain why they were posted yesterday of all days? Closed in 2005 so while I'm sure there are rules about how long to wait, I'd imagine they didn't expire yesterday.

Thanks,

Ben

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Hi all,

We wanted to share with you the transcript of the President's remarks on the transition from the Rose Garden today, which may be useful to point to in responding to incoming – see below.

We understand that many of you may be receiving more specific or technical transition-related inquiries. Josh Earnest made some high-level comments at today's press briefing that also may be useful to point to. We will follow up with the transcript. We appreciate you continuing to flag any incoming for Brandi Hoffine (Brandi_S_Hoffine@who.eop.gov) and me.

Thank you.

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STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT

Rose Garden

12:20 P.M. EST

THE PRESIDENT: Good afternoon, everybody. Yesterday, before votes were tallied, I shot a video that some of you may have seen in which I said to the American people: Regardless of which side you

were on in the election, regardless of whether your candidate won or lost, the sun would come up in the morning.

And that is one bit of prognosticating that actually came true. The sun is up. And I know everybody had a long night. I did, as well. I had a chance to talk to President-elect Trump last night -- about 3:30 in the morning, I think it was -- to congratulate him on winning the election. And I had a chance to invite him to come to the White House tomorrow to talk about making sure that there is a successful transition between our presidencies.

Now, it is no secret that the President-elect and I have some pretty significant differences. But remember, eight years ago, President Bush and I had some pretty significant differences. But President Bush's team could not have been more professional or more gracious in making sure we had a smooth transition so that we could hit the ground running. And one thing you realize quickly in this job is that the presidency, and the vice presidency, is bigger than any of us.

So I have instructed my team to follow the example that President Bush's team set eight years ago, and work as hard as we can to make sure that this is a successful transition for the President-elect -- because we are now all rooting for his success in uniting and leading the country. The peaceful transition of power is one of the hallmarks of our democracy. And over the next few months, we are going to show that to the world.

I also had a chance last night to speak with Secretary Clinton, and I just had a chance to hear her remarks. I could not be prouder of her. She has lived an extraordinary life of public service. She was a great First Lady. She was an outstanding senator for the state of New York. And she could not have been a better Secretary of State. I'm proud of her. A lot of Americans look up to her. Her candidacy and nomination was historic and sends a message to our daughters all across the country that they can achieve at the highest levels of politics. And I am absolutely confident that she and President Clinton will continue to do great work for people here in the United States and all around the world.

Now, everybody is sad when their side loses an election. But the day after, we have to remember that we're actually all on one team. This is an intramural scrimmage. We're not Democrats first. We're not Republicans first. We are Americans first. We're patriots first. We all want what's best for this country. That's what I heard in Mr. Trump's remarks last night. That's what I heard when I spoke to him directly. And I was heartened by that. That's what the country needs -- a sense of unity; a sense of inclusion; a respect for our institutions, our way of life, rule of law; and a respect for each other. I hope that he maintains that spirit throughout this transition, and I certainly hope that's how his presidency has a chance to begin.

I also told my team today to keep their heads up, because the remarkable work that they have done day in, day out -- often without a lot of fanfare, often without a lot of attention -- work in agencies, work in obscure areas of policy that make government run better and make it more responsive, and make it more efficient, and make it more service-friendly so that it's actually helping more people -- that remarkable work has left the next President with a stronger, better country than the one that existed eight years ago.

So win or lose in this election, that was always our mission. That was our mission from day one. And everyone on my team should be extraordinarily proud of everything that they have done, and so should all the Americans that I've had a chance to meet all across this country who do the hard work of building on that progress every single day. Teachers in schools, doctors in the ER clinic, small businesses putting their all into starting something up, making sure they're treating their employees well. All the important work that's done by moms and dads and families and congregations in every state. The work of perfecting this union.

So this was a long and hard-fought campaign. A lot of our fellow Americans are exultant today. A lot of Americans are less so. But that's the nature of campaigns. That's the nature of democracy. It is hard, and sometimes contentious and noisy, and it's not always inspiring.

But to the young people who got into politics for the first time, and may be disappointed by the results, I just want you to know, you have to stay encouraged. Don't get cynical. Don't ever think you can't make a difference. As Secretary Clinton said this morning, fighting for what is right is worth it.

Sometimes you lose an argument. Sometimes you lose an election. The path that this country has taken has never been a straight line. We zig and zag, and sometimes we move in ways that some people think is forward and others think is moving back. And that's okay. I've lost elections before. Joe hasn't. (Laughter.) But you know.

(The Vice President blesses himself.) (Laughter.)

So I've been sort of --

THE VICE PRESIDENT: Remember, you beat me badly. (Laughter.)

THE PRESIDENT: That's the way politics works sometimes. We try really hard to persuade people that we're right. And then people vote. And then if we lose, we learn from our mistakes, we do some reflection, we lick our wounds, we brush ourselves off, we get back in the arena. We go at it. We try even harder the next time.

The point, though, is, is that we all go forward, with a presumption of good faith in our fellow citizens -- because that presumption of good faith is essential to a vibrant and functioning democracy. That's how this country has moved forward for 240 years. It's how we've pushed boundaries and promoted freedom around the world. That's how we've expanded the rights of our founding to reach all of our citizens. It's how we have come this far.

And that's why I'm confident that this incredible journey that we're on as Americans will go on. And I am looking forward to doing everything that I can to make sure that the next President is successful in that. I have said before, I think of this job as being a relay runner -- you take the baton, you run your best race, and hopefully, by the time you hand it off you're a little further ahead, you've made a little progress. And I can say that we've done that, and I want to make sure that handoff is well-executed, because ultimately we're all on the same team.

All right? Thank you very much, everybody. (Applause.)

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Hi all,

As we head into the final days before the election, you may see an uptick in transition-related press inquiries. As a reminder, please continue flagging any such incoming for Brandi Hoffine (Brandi_S_Hoffine@who.eop.gov) and me.

Also, included below are the topline points that we shared last month, which you can use to field high-level transition-related questions that may come up at public events and in interviews.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch with any questions.

Thank you.

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* For further information on the transition, I would refer you to the White House and the Office of Management and Budget.

From: Buckingham, Shannon S. EOP/OMB
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Subject: RE: Friday 9/16: WH Call on Transition

Hi all,

Thanks so much for joining today's call on transition. Below, please find the topline points that Brandi referenced during the call. We hope you'll find them useful for fielding high-level transition-related questions that may come up at public events and in interviews. As mentioned, we appreciate you continuing to flag incoming for us.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch with any questions.

Best,

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Hi all,

We will host a call for agency communicators TOMORROW, Friday, 9/16 at 2:30PM to discuss the Administration's transition planning process and to provide updated guidance on handling transition-related incoming. Every agency should have a representative on this call. A calendar invite will follow with the dial in information.

Also, we understand that Politico has contacted a number of agencies to request the transition-related agency succession plans that agencies are required to complete by today. Thanks to those who have flagged such incoming. If you have received a request and haven't yet flagged it for us, please email Brandi Hoffine (Brandi_S_Hoffine@who.eop.gov) and Shannon Buckingham (sbuckingham@omb.eop.gov) and please hold on responding.

Best,

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Peter,

My Republican friends are now facing a "nation-first" vs. "party-first" dilemma. Would Trump truly be a "deal maker" president, or is he too big a threat to our national security?

Whether you're lifelong a GOP member or a true-blue Dem, I offer a third presidential choice in Medium today. Gov. Mitt Romney would be the most credible and qualified candidate this election season.

I invite you to consider my piece, and let me know what you think.

Best,

Gary Shapiro
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P.S. This is the first of what will be semi-regular messages from me about columns I think you may have an interest in reading and sharing. Feel free to email me or tweet at @GaryShapiro with your feedback.

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Only in Washington would powerful people pay lawyers up to \$1,000 an hour to comb through every aspect of their lives in search of potential career killers.

More than a dozen people who expect — or simply hope — to be tapped by Hillary Clinton or Donald Trump have already reached out to top D.C. lawyers for help in sifting through their finances and business dealings in anticipation of being nominated to a top post in the next administration, POLITICO has learned.

"More and more, people who are effective nominees are coming to see the wisdom of retaining people to help them," said one D.C. lawyer. "I talk to a lot of people who are interested in serving, and I tell them all they should get private counsel."

This need for private professional help — before an election is even over and the confirmation process has begun — has spawned a small yet influential cottage industry within big D.C. law firms of professional vetters, who can charge anywhere from hundreds of dollars to as much as \$1,000 per hour to sort through a potential nominee's convoluted finances, tax returns or even old arrest records. Total costs for this advance scrubbing, or "pre-vetting," depend on the complexity of a potential nominee's past.

"Fifty- or one hundred thousand dollars, I've certainly seen bills like that for a pre-vet," said James Joseph, a tax law specialist at Arnold & Porter who has helped Democratic campaigns and administrations vet candidates for decades. "Sometimes they can be more expensive than that."

"I always like to encourage them to think of it early," said Joseph, who also helps individuals prepare for the process. By "early," he added, he doesn't mean six weeks, or even six months before a potential nomination, but ideally, a few years ahead "to clean things up and make sure that we know what's missing — or we know what we would want to find if we were on the other side."

Nomination killers can include working for major companies or sitting on boards that ran afoul of federal agencies or regulations; multiple bankruptcies or signs of financial trouble; or anyone unwilling to lay their personal lives on the table for Congress to examine.

"Those kinds of things would be deal-killers," says Richard Painter, a former White House associate counsel under George W. Bush. "A candidate has to be willing to testify about personal affairs." And some Senate committees, such as Foreign Relations and Finance, historically have been much tougher on nominees than others.

While the election is still three weeks away and the winner probably won't formally reveal his or her Cabinet picks for weeks, the early behind-the-scenes prep work is a reflection of the high hurdles facing a nominee. Anything from back taxes to shady business dealings to perceived conflicts of interest to a failure to pay taxes for household help can sink a nomination. And thanks to a hyper-partisan Congress, the next president's critics are certain to pounce on even the smallest impropriety.

"If you had a housekeeper for three weeks in 1992, and you didn't know if they had a green card or not, that could be an issue," said one person who has helped prep Democratic nominees.

President Bill Clinton's first pick for attorney general in 1993, Zoë Baird, was sunk for that very reason, withdrawing her nomination after it came to light that she and her husband paid their nanny, an undocumented immigrant, under the table.

Potential appointees are basically ordering up opposition research on themselves to catch problems like tax calculation errors or financial disclosure omissions early, when they can be fixed quietly.

It's harder to deal with more significant personal issues, but if an aspiring public servant wants to proceed, the advice is usually to find a way to air the dirty laundry yourself, on your own terms — so it's old news by the time the nomination and confirmation hearings come around.

Potential nominees have to complete a national security background check questionnaire that runs more than 100 pages, a detailed financial disclosure form for the Office of Government Ethics, dozens

of questions from the Senate committee overseeing the nomination (some committees require nominees to submit federal and state income tax returns for the last three years), a waiver allowing the IRS to send tax information to the transition, and a detailed questionnaire from the transition team itself. The Obama 2008 transition team's questionnaire, for instance, asked potential appointees about everything from past marijuana use in college to embarrassing Facebook pics.

"You're reconstructing your entire life," one lawyer said.

"It's massive — the amount of paperwork you have to fill out, the amount of work that goes into preparing," another D.C. lawyer who represents potential nominees told POLITICO. "By the time you're hearing their names in the press, they've likely been working on it for weeks, if not months."

Only a handful of D.C. firms specialize in helping nominees navigate the process. They include Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom; Steptoe & Johnson; Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld; Wiley Rein; Jones Day; Arnold & Porter; and Covington & Burling.

As potential nominees huddle with private lawyers to prepare for the confirmation gantlet, the campaigns are simultaneously working with their own lawyers to vet the nominees.

People who worked on Barack Obama's 2008 transition said conversations about Cabinet nominations were kept quiet before the election. But lawyers working with the transition nonetheless did initial vetting, including researching potential nominees' public statements, before Election Day. All told, roughly 30 volunteer lawyers, in addition to top transition team staff, helped to vet potential nominees, according to an organization chart from the Obama-Biden transition.

Democrats suspect that the Clinton transition — which is being overseen by John Podesta, who led Obama's transition effort — is taking the same approach.

The law firm Perkins Coie is expected to play a key role in helping the Clinton team vet nominees. Marc Elias, chair of the firm's political law practice, is the campaign's general counsel. Several other outside lawyers are expected to work with the transition team to assist with vetting, many on a volunteer basis.

For young law associates and partners, many of whom take leaves of absence to help the transition teams with vetting, it's a chance build up political law practices — not to mention to position themselves for jobs in the White House Counsel's Office.

Trump's transition team has for weeks been working with top campaign officials in New York to develop short lists of nominees, people familiar with the effort said. Trump's campaign is expected to rely on Don McGahn, a lawyer at Jones Day who is also a lawyer for the campaign, for vetting help. Also playing a role is Arthur Culvahouse, a lawyer at the firm O'Melveny, who helped vet Trump's vice presidential candidates.

But outside of the campaigns' formal transition operations, other firms are considering helping prospective nominees. Based on his experience vetting Obama's second-term cabinet appointments, Doug Graham, managing director of Investigative Group International, said he regards helping people make sure their documents are complete as a public service meant to get them confirmed quicker so the new government can get up and running.

Graham said it took almost 20 lawyers just to get through Obama's second-term appointments, and he estimated it will take two or three times that for a new president. That's partly because there's so much more data to sort through — and not just social media postings.

"If I was putting together a methodology today to look at Democrats coming into the new administration, I'm not just looking to see if they're a lobbyist or have any civil or criminal court cases," said Graham. "I'm going to have to add to that searches of stolen content, like WikiLeaks."

Potential appointees who may have had dealings with Democratic National Committee operatives, or Podesta for that matter, can expect to have their names searched for red flags in the hacked email collections. Tax returns will be checked against the Panama Papers.

Once nominees are announced, the transition teams usually assigns them "sherpas," who help them build relationships with lawmakers on relevant Senate committees.

"It helps for candidates to understand how the committee operates. Every committee has a different personality. Some committees are more partisan; some are less partisan," said Linda Gustitus, a former Senate aide who was a sherpa for former Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano.

Each committee also has its own questionnaire, and some are tougher than others. Sen. Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa), chairman of the Judiciary Committee, is known to be especially interested in a candidate's possible drug use, while the Senate Finance Committee — with its jurisdiction over trade, taxes and health care — will be particularly adroit at digging into tax returns and nominees who may lead agencies like Treasury or HHS.

Nominees are also advised to take stock of who their friends are. A DOJ candidate who has the support of the Fraternal Order of Police, for example, is less likely to be held up for a minor issue than someone less connected.

But these days, what a nominee may need most is something money can't buy: a thick skin.

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Btw, nothing on the FEC's site or OpenSecrets.com for SQY. For LC, one 2012 contribution to POTUS (\$2,500) + one in 2010 to Michael Bennet (\$250).

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From: Kadzik, Peter J (OLA)
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To: Newman, Melanie (OPA)
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Subject: Re: Relationship between Attorney General and former Secretary Clinton

That is a novel view that has never been
adopted anywhere that I am aware of.

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On Feb 8, 2016, at 11:23 AM, Newman, Melanie (OPA) <mnewman@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

The suggestion is that contributions to democrats, generally, is a conflict.

On Feb 8, 2016, at 2:18 PM, Kadzik, Peter J (OLA) <pkadzik@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

What a conflict!

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On Feb 8, 2016, at 11:05 AM, Newman, Melanie (OPA) <mnewman@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

The reporter just emailed – he's doing a follow-up story. DeSantis is piling on.

I'm doing a brief followup to the story about pressure on the AG for a special prosecutor (which went up this morning, btw), and wanted to let you weigh in.

Some critics of the administration today pointed to the donations the AG has given to Democrats in the past (\$10,700, per OpenSecrets) claiming that it's an indication that she may be impartial in overseeing an investigation into the potential Democratic nominee.

I know you've said this is a matter being handled by career attorneys at DOJ, but wanted to let you weigh in. Are the AG's past political contributions irrelevant?

I'm trying to file by COB, if possible, and I apologize because I know that's not a whole lot of time

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Yes. We saw it earlier. We have draft response to

DeSantis that is like what we say here but

we can expand if desired. Alicia will circulate

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On Feb 8, 2016, at 10:54 AM, Newman, Melanie (OPA) <mnewman@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

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Loretta Lynch is on the edge of the spotlight, about to be dragged to the center.

If the FBI finds sufficient evidence to launch a criminal investigation into Hillary Clinton or one of her top aides for mishandling classified information, Lynch's Justice Department will have to decide whether to press ahead.

Even if no evidence of wrongdoing is found, Clinton's many critics are unlikely to take the word of an appointee of President Obama's and will doubt that justice has been served.

Already, top Republicans are calling for a special prosecutor to be brought in and evaluate the situation.

No. 2 Senate Republican John Cornyn (Texas) took to the floor of the Senate last week to call for a special counsel to be appointed "because of the conflict of interest by asking Attorney General Lynch to investigate and perhaps even prosecute somebody in the Obama administration."

Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa) agrees that Lynch ought to consider a special counsel, a representative said, to reassure the country that decisions are made "without regard to any political considerations."

The Justice Department, however, has so far declined the request.

"This matter is being reviewed by career attorneys and investigators and does not meet the criteria for the appointment of a special prosecutor," department spokeswoman Melanie Newman said in a statement.

Federal officials are currently investigating the security of Clinton's bespoke email arrangement and whether classified information may have been mishandled.

Critics of Clinton have called for indictments to be handed down following revelations that more than 1,500 classified emails — including 22 classified at the highest level — were found on her personal server. None of the messages were marked as classified, and accounts differ as to whether they should have been classified at the time they were sent.

During a Democratic presidential debate last week, Clinton insisted that she was "100 percent confident" that the FBI's review will not evolve into a criminal matter.

Instead, she and other Democrats have decried the criticism about the emails as simple political gamesmanship designed to drag down her presidential campaign.

"I think the American people will know it's an absurdity, and I have absolutely no concerns about it whatsoever," said Clinton.

Lynch's critics are unconvinced that the attorney general can be a neutral arbiter.

"I think they probably won't indict her, because the attorney general is from New York, who I believe is a friend of Hillary Clinton," Donald Trump, a leading Republican presidential candidate, said on Fox News' s "Fox and Friends" in October.

Skeptics of Lynch have also pointed to an October interview in which President Obama appeared to dismiss concerns about Clinton's private server.

"I can tell you that this is not a situation in which America's national security was endangered," Obama said on CBS's "60 Minutes."

"It might appear that he's trying to influence the conduct of the investigation," Cornyn said on the Senate floor this week. "That's a real problem."

No close ties

Lynch and Clinton never had much of a personal relationship, former colleagues told The Hill in recent days.

"I'm not aware of any relationship with Hillary Clinton," said Steven Edwards, who worked alongside Lynch for nearly a decade at the law firm Hogan Lovells (the firm was previously called Hogan & Hartson when Lynch joined it in 2001).

Lynch was appointed to be the U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of New York in 1999 by President Bill Clinton, Hillary's husband.

However, she was personally recommended for the position by Sen. Charles Schumer (D-N.Y.), and one government official said Clinton himself had a relatively minor role in the selection process.

For a period of months, she also worked as the district's top prosecutor while Hillary Clinton was serving as the junior senator from New York, until Lynch left for private practice in 2001.

Lynch would return to become the U.S. attorney in 2010, before she was tapped to be the nation's top law enforcement official last year.

But unlike some U.S. attorneys — such as former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani or Preet Bharara, the current U.S. attorney for the Southern District of New York — Lynch never appeared to glad-hand with politicians, former colleagues say.

“I worked with her very closely and you know, I’ve got lots of partners who, when we chitchat, talk about their involvement in political campaigns or their lunches with people in Washington,” said Dennis Tracey, a partner at Hogan Lovells who worked with Lynch. “But she never did.”

“If Rudy is at one end of the spectrum, Loretta is at the other one, in terms of being political,” echoed Edwards, who is now at Quinn Emanuel. “She is a very, very cautious person and doesn’t operate that way.”

Lynch’s own future

Lingering in the background is the prospect that Lynch’s decision may affect her own future.

Lynch was confirmed by the Senate last year after a five-month delay largely unrelated to her own qualifications. That left the nation’s top lawyer with just a year and a half in office, during Obama’s lame duck period in which policy efforts are likely to stall.

If Clinton becomes the next president, however, Lynch may be asked to stay on, at least for a short time. As such, she may have a little bit of skin in the game.

“That Hillary Clinton could be the Democrat nominee and potential next president represents an extraordinary circumstance that commends the appointment of a special counsel,” said Rep. Ron DeSantis (R-Fla.), the head of the House Oversight subcommittee on national security, in a statement to The Hill. “For a Democrat-appointed attorney general such as Lynch, this is obviously something that distinguishes the Clinton investigation from other cases.”

Along with 43 other Republicans, DeSantis wrote a letter to the Justice Department last year asking for a special counsel to be appointed so that the investigation can be conducted “impartially.”

Former colleagues of Lynch rejected the notion that she would be biased in the Clinton probe.

“I cannot imagine allowing any personal relationship to affect her work. It’s just not the way she is,” said Tracey.

Special prosecutor

So far, the Justice Department has declined congressional requests to appoint a special prosecutor to oversee the Clinton issue.

In a letter to DeSantis in November, assistant attorney general Peter Kadzik said that the law allowing for a special counsel “has rarely been used.”

“Any investigation related to this referral [into Clinton’s server] will be conducted by law enforcement professionals and career attorneys in accordance with established department policies and procedures designed to ensure the integrity of all ongoing investigations,” Kadzik wrote.

The FBI has refused to share details about its investigation. So far, however, the bureau does not appear to be conducting a criminal probe, and officials have said it is not directly targeting Clinton.

Multiple lawyers watching the case have suggested that Clinton’s top aides may be in more trouble than she is.

As one former senior Justice Department official noted, there are many options for the government to

take apart from either nothing or an indictment against Clinton.

"It could play out with people agreeing to plead to ... a misdemeanor charge, people agreeing to leave office or withdraw in return for a pardon," the former official said.

"I think ultimately, one of those events is going to happen," the former official added.

"It's not going to be forgotten about."

On Feb 5, 2016, at 12:32 PM, Newman, Melanie (OPA) <mnewman@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

FYI, on the below from the Hill. I discussed this with Peter earlier this week and we came up with the following suggested response: (b)(5)

Sharon – let me know if you have questions or concerns.

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Subject: Re: Relationship between Attorney General and former Secretary Clinton

Hey Melanie

Just wanted to let you know my deadline was pushed back until COB today on this, if you wanted to weigh in.

Also, I think the story is becoming more about the calls for a special prosecutor to handle the Clinton issue, and concern about bias on the AG's part. I know you have so far declined to appoint a special counsel for this issue.

Is there any reason that people should be reassured that there's no conflict of interest or bias, as some prominent Republicans have claimed?

On Wed, Feb 3, 2016 at 1:08 PM, Newman, Melanie (OPA) <Melanie.Newman@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Julian,

I just tried to reach you by phone. I am at my desk if you would like to give me a call. I'd like to better understand your story. Thanks.

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To: Newman, Melanie (OPA)

Subject: Relationship between Attorney General and former Secretary Clinton

Hi Melanie

I'm writing a story about the Attorney General's relationship with Hillary Clinton, to the extent there is one, and wanted to give you guys the chance to weigh in.

Does the Attorney General have any sort of personal relationship with Clinton, dating back to either their time in New York or former President Clinton's appointment of her to US attorney in 1999?

Does she consider former Secretary Clinton to be a friend?

My deadline is COB tomorrow. Anything you'd be able to offer would be great

Thanks!

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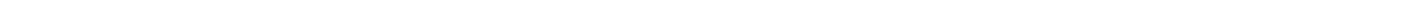
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Morning Mix

Despite Trump's threat to cut federal funding, mayors pledge to protect undocumented immigrants

By Jasper Scherer November 15 at 4:53 AM

Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel, center, speaks at a news conference Monday in Chicago. (Teresa Crawford/AP)

On Wednesday, more than 11 million undocumented immigrants woke up to the news that Donald Trump, the presidential nominee who promised to deport millions of “criminal aliens” on his first day in office, had been elected president. Facing a suddenly uncertain future, many reacted with alarm and fear.

In the days since Trump’s victory, mayors from major cities across the country, including New York, Chicago and San Francisco, have eased concerns by vowing not to coordinate with federal law enforcement to deport undocumented residents. The flood of announcements sets the stage for a major battle with Trump, who has said he will cut all federal funding to “sanctuary cities” immediately after his Jan. 20 inauguration.

On Monday, Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel (D) became the latest big-city leader to follow the trend, announcing at a news conference that Chicago would continue to bar government workers and police officers from asking residents about their immigration status. According to the Chicago Tribune, the bar has been in place since 1985.

“To all those who are, after Tuesday’s election, very nervous and filled with anxiety as we’ve spoken to, you are safe in Chicago, you are secure in Chicago, and you are supported in Chicago,” Emanuel said. “Chicago will always be a sanctuary city.”

Emanuel’s announcement follows a similar pledge Friday from New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio (D). When asked what he would tell concerned Muslim residents, de Blasio said, “We have your back.”

“I want everyone in New York City to know that we are standing by our values and we will fight to protect our values,” he said, according to DNAinfo.

After the mayor’s claim that he would commit to working with the Trump administration, de Blasio said his team called Trump to schedule a phone conversation to discuss the issue.

[‘I don’t feel safe’: Undocumented immigrants fear what Trump will do as president]

In Los Angeles, Police Chief Charlie Beck announced that he plans to preserve the LAPD’s independence from federal immigration policies, a rule that dates to 1979, when Los Angeles became the country’s first sanctuary city. Los Angeles County is home to more than 1 million of the roughly 11 million immigrants in the United States illegally, the Los Angeles Times reported.

Critics of sanctuary cities have drawn on incidents such as the death of Kate Steinle, a 32-year-old woman killed by Mexican immigrant Juan Francisco Lopez-Sanchez on a San Francisco pier in July 2015.

Steinle’s parents sued former San Francisco sheriff Ross Mirkarimi in May, claiming that he should not have released Lopez-Sanchez from jail in April 2015, according to the San Francisco Chronicle. Mirkarimi’s office declined to prosecute Lopez-Sanchez on a decades-old marijuana charge, freeing him under the city’s sanctuary policy.

On Monday, San Francisco Mayor Ed Lee (D) said San Francisco will remain a sanctuary city despite Trump’s threats to cut funding. San Francisco receives about \$480 million from the federal government and an additional \$900 million from the state, most of which is pass-through federal money, the Chronicle reported.

Other major cities have also announced their intent to oppose Trump’s deportation policy, including Minneapolis. Mayor Betsy Hodges said in a statement Saturday that she could continue to “stand by and fight for immigrants” in Minneapolis, claiming that doing otherwise would compromise the city’s safety.

“If police officers were to do the work of ICE [U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement] it would harm our ability to keep people safe and solve crimes,” Hodges’s statement said. “Witnesses and victims of crimes won’t come forward if they think our police officers will question or detain them about their immigration status.”

Federal funding accounted for 3 percent of the city’s 2015 budget, according to the Minneapolis newspaper City Pages.

[‘A stab to my people’: They became citizens to vote against Trump. But it wasn’t enough.]

Some mayors have taken a less confident tone when asked how they planned to handle the loss of funding if Trump goes through with his promise. Seattle Mayor Ed Murray (D), who promised to maintain his city’s sanctuary status on Wednesday, said that he was “very concerned” about receiving funding from the Trump administration, according to the Seattle Times.

During his pledge Thursday to protect undocumented immigrants, Philadelphia Mayor Jim Kenney (D) cited the Fourth Amendment, saying that it protects being “held against your will without a warrant.” But he declined to address what would happen if Trump withheld federal funding, per Philly.com.

“We’ll cross that bridge when we come to it, and we’ll see how it goes, and we’ll try to figure something out,” Kenney said.

Critics have taken to social media to label the establishment of sanctuary cities as “sedition,” while others have decried the policy over the loss of family members to violence. Los Angeles resident Jamiel Shaw Sr. told CBS LA that his son was killed by a member of the 18th Street Gang who was in the United States illegally. Shaw has spoken at a Trump rally and appeared in one of his ads.

Shawn Moran, vice president of the National Border Patrol Council, told Fox & Friends that sanctuary cities incentivize lawbreaking. He cited the “millions of people that are already in our cities that are committing crimes and killing American citizens, whether it be through domestic violence, drunk driving, things like that.”

“Many Americans, thousands of them, have been killed by illegal aliens,” Moran said.

Trump made the same claim at an Oct. 27 rally in Springfield, Ohio, but PolitiFact noted there is a lack of data to back up the claim one way or another.

[Fact Checker: Trump’s claim that 2 million or 3 million criminal aliens are ‘here illegally’]

Since his victory Nov. 8, the president-elect has begun to offer a clearer picture of what his immigration policies might entail. In a “60 Minutes” interview Sunday, Trump said he planned to deport 2 million to 3 million undocumented immigrants with “criminal records,” echoing Republican National Committee Chairman Reince Priebus’s statement on MSNBC’s “Morning Joe” on Wednesday that Trump only plans to deport “people who have committed crimes.”

The number of such immigrants living in the United States is approximately 820,000, according to FiveThirtyEight, well under the range Trump gave in his interview.

Priebus, who has since been named Trump’s chief of staff, left the door open to further policy beyond deporting undocumented immigrants with criminal records.

“Only until all of that is taken care of will we look at what we are going to do next,” he said.

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To: Goldberg, Daniel L. (OLA)
Cc: Apelbaum, Perry; Graupensperger, Joe; Reddick-Smith, Shadawn
Subject: Letter to the Attorney General

Mr. Goldberg,

Attached please find a letter from our members to Attorney General Lynch. The letter concerns a \$25,000 transfer from the Donald J. Trump Foundation to a Florida Attorney General Pam Bondi, and allegations of criminal misconduct stemming from that activity.

Thank you,

Aaron Hiller

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U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on the Judiciary
Washington, DC 20515-6216
One Hundred Fourteenth Congress

September 13, 2016

The Honorable Loretta Lynch
Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Attorney General Lynch:

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¹ See, e.g., Jeff Horowitz et al., *Florida AG asked Trump for donation before nixing fraud case*, ASSOCIATED PRESS, June 6, 2016.

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- 18 U.S.C. § 201(b) – pertaining to unlawful bribery schemes.
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For all the foregoing reasons, we respectfully ask that you examine these allegations.

Thank you for your prompt consideration of this matter.

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⁶ Peter Nicholas, *Donald Trump Walks Back His Past Praise of Hillary Clinton*, WALL ST. JOURNAL, July 29, 2015.

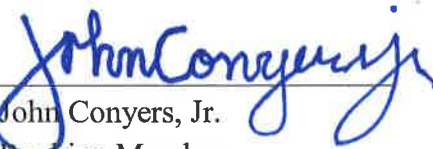
⁷ David A. Fahrenthold and Rosalind S. Helderman, *Trump bragged that his money bought off politicians. Just not this time.*, WASH. POST, Sept. 7, 2016.

⁸ TAMPA BAY TIMES, Sept. 8, 2016.

⁹ FLORIDA SUN SENTINEL, Sept. 8, 2016.

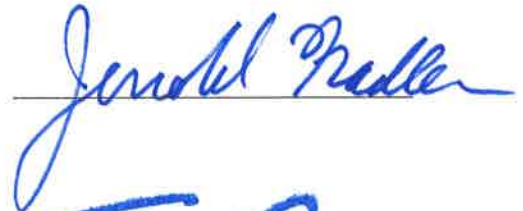
¹⁰ WASH. POST, Sept. 8, 2016.

Sincerely,


John Conyers, Jr.
Ranking Member
House Committee on the Judiciary



























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cc: Robert Goodlatte, Chairman, House Committee on the Judiciary

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Yes

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From: Carr, Peter (OPA)
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Cc: Newman, Melanie (OPA); Lacy, Erica (JMD)
Subject: FW: HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE DEMOCRATS CALL ON DOJ TO INVESTIGATE
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We are getting multiple inquiries about this letter to the AG. Can we say that (b) (5)

Thx,

Peter

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Any response? THANKS Carrie

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HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE DEMOCRATS CALL ON DOJ TO INVESTIGATE TRUMP FOUNDATION DONATIONS TO FLORIDA AG PAM BONDI

Washington, DC – U.S. House Judiciary Committee Ranking Member John Conyers, Jr. (D-MI) today led a letter signed by every Democratic member of the U.S. House Judiciary Committee requesting that U.S. Department of Justice Attorney General Loretta Lynch investigate allegations of bribery and other criminal misconduct concerning the \$25,000 donation from the Donald J. Trump Foundation to Florida Attorney General Pam Bondi.

In their letter, the Members wrote, "...It has been reported that Florida Attorney General Pam Bondi personally solicited a political contribution from Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump while her office deliberated joining an investigation of fraud at Trump University...After receiving these funds, Mrs. Bondi declined to further investigate Mr. Trump's business interests. This fact pattern indicates that these payments may have influenced Mrs. Bondi's official decision not to participate in litigation against Mr. Trump. A number of criminal statutes would appear to be implicated by this course of conduct..."

Ranking Member Conyers was joined on the letter by every Democratic member of the U.S. House Judiciary Committee, including: Representatives Jerrold Nadler (D-NY), Zoe Lofgren (D-CA), Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX), Steve Cohen (D-TN), Hank Johnson (D-GA), Pedro Pierluisi (D-Res.Comm.- PR), Judy Chu (D-CA), Ted Deutch (D-FL), Luis Gutierrez (D-IL), Karen Bass (D-CA), Cedric Richmond (D-LA), Susan DelBene (D-WA), Hakeem Jeffries (D-NY), David Cicilline (D-RI), and Scott Peters (D-CA).

Full text of the letter to the Department of Justice is available here and below:

The Honorable Loretta Lynch

Attorney General

U.S. Department of Justice

950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

Washington, DC 20530

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Sincerely,

cc: Robert Goodlatte, Chairman, House Committee on the Judiciary

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[2] Id.

[3] Id.

[4] Michael Van Sickler, Trump Contribution to Bondi re-election draws more scrutiny to her fundraising, Tampa Bay Times, Oct. 17, 2013.

[5] Michael Auslen, Tracing the controversy of Trump's \$25,000 donation to Pam Bondi, Tampa Bay Times, Sept. 7, 2016.

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Wow. Again.

On Jan 25, 2016, at 3:26 PM, Goldberg, Daniel L. (OLA) <dgoldberg@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

Wow. He really must not like Ted Cruz.

On Jan 25, 2016, at 3:25 PM, Kadzik, Peter J (OLA) <pkadzik@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

GRASSLEY INTRODUCES TRUMP RALLY, by POLITICO's Anna Palmer: "Sen. Chuck Grassley gave a rousing introduction speech at a Donald Trump rally, but he didn't go so far as to endorse the 2016 Republican candidate. 'We have an opportunity once again to make America great again,' Grassley said, echoing Trump's campaign slogan. 'I'm excited to be invited to be here. I'm excited as I see so many large crowd at various events around Iowa,' Grassley said." <http://politi.co/1PdMZNP>

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Dear Peter,

It has been a busy and exciting campaign season for the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, and amidst the noise we have tried to keep some focus on the pressing fiscal issues facing the country. In September alone, our work has been cited by the media, lawmakers, and both presidential campaigns. Some of the highlights:

Our updated report, Promises and Price Tags: A Preliminary Update, has generated significant media coverage across the country, including in The Washington Post, Wall Street Journal, Associated Press, Los Angeles Times, CNN Money, Huffington Post, The Hill, The Fiscal Times, Bloomberg, The Economist, CBS News, CBS's Face the Nation, MSNBC's Morning Joe, CNN, CNN International, Nightly Business Report, and many other media outlets.

Last week we hosted a discussion with Trump economic adviser Stephen Moore and Clinton economic adviser Gene Sperling on what the candidates would do as president to boost economic growth and fix our long-term fiscal challenges. We had a record turnout and the event's hashtag was a trending Twitter topic that afternoon (true, I don't know what that means, but I'm sure it's good).

When Donald Trump released his new tax plan a few weeks ago, we were the media's go-to source for instant reaction and analysis, with segments on MSNBC's Andrea Mitchell, CNN's Wolf Blitzer, NBC Nightly News, and CNBC. Our analysis was also featured in The Atlantic, The Wall Street Journal, CBS, NPR, Reuters, and USA Today, to name just a few. The same was true when Clinton proposed new revenues to pay for her proposals. Our analysis was featured in The Wall Street Journal, Reuters, The Los Angeles Times, Money Magazine, and other outlets.

We're also influencing the campaign conversation in other ways. Prior to the first debate last week, our co-chairs released statements urging moderators to ask the candidates about the national debt. In addition to our impact on the campaign trail, we're also influencing the discussion on Capitol Hill. On September 8, three of our board members – Mitch Daniels, Judd Gregg, and Alice Rivlin – testified before the Joint Economic Committee on our growing national debt and why Congress must act.

There are many more things I could list but I just wanted to share a snapshot of what we've been doing in the last few weeks. On behalf of everyone here at the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,
Maya MacGuineas

President, Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget

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I'm surprised the Trump Network has time for a little story like this.

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From: Thompson, Karl (OLC)
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Don't worry – we're fine. And I for one would encourage you to keep sharing when things like that come along – you have to have the stories to tell.

From: Newman, Melanie (OPA)
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Just received a request from CNN as well. They are calling this a "constitutional standoff" between the Department and the IG. I've tried to talk them down from sensationalizing this.

From: Thompson, Karl (OLC)
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Opinion now available on OLC website.

From: Pierce, Emily (OPA)
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To: Uriarte, Carlos (ODAG)
Cc: Thompson, Karl (OLC); Prober, Raphael (ODAG); Newman, Melanie (OPA); Kadzik, Peter J (OLA); O'Brien, Alicia C (OLA)
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Just got inquiry from HuffPo so provided it to them.

From: Uriarte, Carlos (ODAG)
Sent: Thursday, July 23, 2015 2:35 PM
To: Pierce, Emily (OPA)
Cc: Thompson, Karl (OLC); Prober, Raphael (ODAG); Newman, Melanie (OPA); Kadzik, Peter J (OLA); O'Brien, Alicia C (OLA)
Subject: Re: Final stmt and Bckground on IG access opinion

Thank you, Emily.

Please let us know if/when you provide this to press.

Carlos Felipe Uriarte

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On Jul 23, 2015, at 2:20 PM, "Pierce, Emily (OPA)" <epierce@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

Statement: "Today the Office of Legal Counsel issued an opinion concluding that the Department may disclose to the Inspector General certain sensitive law enforcement information, such as confidential grand jury information, that is subject to stringent statutory disclosure limitations. Under OLC's opinion, the Inspector General may receive even this sensitive information in connection with his responsibility to oversee the Department's conduct of its criminal law enforcement programs and operations and its foreign counterintelligence investigations.

The Department has long held the position that the Inspector General should have access to all the information it needs to perform its essential oversight function. Consistent with this view, Department leadership has implemented procedures to ensure that the Inspector General receives sensitive law enforcement information in a timely manner. Additionally, the Department is committed to working with Congress and the Inspector General on legislation to address any gaps in the law that may hamper the Inspector General's ability to access such information in a timely manner."

BACKGROUND:

The Office of Legal Counsel's opinion addresses whether the Department of Justice has the legal authority to disclose the contents of intercepted communications, grand jury materials, and consumer credit information to its Office of the Inspector General (OIG). The opinion analyzes three statutes that govern disclosure of such protected legal information: the Federal Wiretap Act, rules that generally prohibit government attorneys from disclosing grand jury information, and the Fair Credit Reporting Act's general prohibition on FBI disclosures of consumer credit information obtained pursuant to a National Security Letter.

In drafting its opinion, OLC had to reconcile two different, and potentially conflicting, sets of statutory commands: the three statutes mentioned above, which heavily restrict the disclosure of protected information; and another statute—the Inspector General Act of 1978—that grants each inspector general in the federal government a right to obtain access to "all records" of the agency within his or her jurisdiction.

The opinion concludes that the Federal Wiretap Act, grand jury disclosure rules, and the Fair Credit

Reporting Act do permit the Department to disclose covered information to OIG in connection with many—but not all—of OIG’s investigations and reviews. These three statutes permit disclosure in connection with most OIG reviews in which intercepted communications, grand jury information, and consumer credit information obtained pursuant to NSLs are likely to be relevant, such as IG reviews concerning the conduct of criminal law enforcement programs and operations, or IG reviews that concern the approval or conduct of foreign counterintelligence investigations.

The laws do not, however, permit Department officials to share covered information in all circumstances. For example, Department officials cannot share information in connection with IG audits or reviews that have no connection, or only an attenuated connection, with the conduct of criminal law enforcement programs and operations or with the approval or conduct of foreign counterintelligence investigations. These statutes thus prohibit Department officials from, for example, disclosing covered information to OIG in connection with routine administrative and financial audits, or non-criminal investigations of the Department’s activities unrelated to the conduct of criminal law enforcement programs and operations.

The opinion also concludes that the Inspector General Act does not override the limits on disclosure contained in the Federal Wiretap Act, grand jury disclosure rules, and the Fair Credit Reporting Act. The Inspector General Act does not refer to those statutes or the information they protect, and its broad, general language does not contain a sufficiently clear statement that Congress intended to override the statutes’ carefully crafted limitations. Moreover, the legislative history of the Inspector General Act affirmatively indicates that Congress expected an inspector general’s right of access to be subject to statutory limits on disclosure. The opinion also concludes that a rider attached to the Department’s Fiscal Year 2015 appropriation does not alter this conclusion, in light of the strong presumption that appropriations riders do not amend substantive law.

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While speaking at an administrative professionals course in New Orleans a few weeks back, I had a participant ask me how I thought a Donald Trump win would impact on the lives and role of administrative professionals.

I answered that it's hard to say because all we really have to go on is the many promises made by the presidential candidates, which history has shown often slide to the back burner when he, or she, moves into 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue. But given that caveat, and now having given it some thought, I believe there are three areas where, the realization of the candidates promises could impact on the lives of administrative professionals:

The Economy

Donald Trump's tax plan calls for a reduction in the corporate income tax rate, bringing it down to 15% from the current 35%. He also says he will reduce the current seven tax brackets to three with the highest top rate becoming 33% eliminating the Obama Care surcharge. Hillary Clinton has not announced any changes to the corporate income tax and has proposed a tax increase on the wealthy.

Assuming that Trump's tax changes made it through Congress, I think there is little doubt these changes would have a significant positive effect on the American economy. The reduction in the corporate income tax rate would spur growth in the economy as companies hire and invest at new levels. It would also reverse the current trend of companies moving their operations to countries where the tax rate is significantly lower than the United States.

Most economists agree that Trump's tax plan would clearly increase disposable income and give a boost to the economy. There is also however significant skepticism as to whether these changes would be revenue neutral as Trump suggests; that is, they would likely have a deleterious effect on the national debt.

Notwithstanding, if Trump's proposals become law, I think it would positively impact lives and careers of many administrative professionals. Besides enjoying an increase in disposable income, corporate expansion would see hiring at rates we have not seen since 2008. Senior administrative professionals would be ideally positioned to break through the glass ceiling and see increased supervisory responsibilities, most importantly, the highly skilled administrative professional would be more in demand and the law of supply and demand would impact salaries in a positive way.

Keep in mind however that much of the growth in responsibility witnessed by many administrative professionals over the past two decades, resulted from the decimation of the ranks of middle management during that time. This in many ways made administrative professionals the new middle management. A buoyant economy may well halt or reverse this trend.

Women's Issues

The second factor we need to look at is the candidates' pledges with regard to what is referred to as women's rights. How steadfast is their commitment to pay equality and other gender issues? Notwithstanding the kinder, gentler Donald Trump of late, much has been made of his controversial comments about women. There is much evidence that he holds something of a "Mad Men's" view of the world. Describing women as "fat pigs" and rating them on a 1-10 scale; his devaluation of Ted Cruz's wife because she, in his view, is less physically attractive than his wife, a former Slovenian model. He has called breastfeeding women "disgusting," told columnist Gail Collins she had the "face of a dog," and we all remember his comment that Fox News host Megan Kelly had "blood coming out of wherever!"

I think this is in sharp contrast to Hillary Clinton who must be credited with trying to improve the lives of women, particularly poor women. Hillary, a strong supporter of the Equal Rights Amendment, was lead sponsor of the Paycheck Fairness Act in 2005, 2007, and 2009, and also supported legislation to provide women with paid sick leave. Hillary Clinton has been a life-long fighter for women's reproductive rights, including access to abortion, vigorously supported the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in Roe v Wade. She also repeatedly fought Republican efforts to defund Planned Parenthood.

Entitlements

Donald Trump has announced a couple of new entitlements or social programs that would benefit many administrative professionals. Six weeks of paid maternity leave and, perhaps more importantly, the deduction of child care expenses from your income taxes. Child care is a major expense for many admin pros and being able to deduct some or all of these expenses would be very beneficial.

Hillary has not made the same commitments; however, she has had a history of helping women. While in the Senate, she joined with Senator John Thune to extend childcare benefits for the children of parents who died while serving in the military. During her husband's administration she campaigned for the initiative to dedicate \$1 billion to after-school programs across the country. As First Lady of Arkansas, Hillary helped establish the HIPYPY (Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters) program to promote early childhood education, which now operates in 21 states and the District of Columbia. There you have it.

As I see it, on the economy, a Trump win would likely benefit administrative professionals. With regard to women's issues on the other hand, Hillary is more likely to move things along more rapidly. And, with regard to entitlements - it's a toss-up.

While this type of speculation may be interesting, there are however many issues beyond these three that will influence who we will actually choose to lead us - temperament, trade, foreign policy, and the environment just to mention a few. So as always, all we can do is pick our poison and hope for the best.

I am firmly of the opinion that your success is less dependant on who is in the White House than how proactive you are in expanding your own skill set, learning how to deal with different and sometimes difficult people and dealing with the stress inherent in your chosen profession. These things will have a greater impact of your career and your future.

In that regard, let me wish you all the best.

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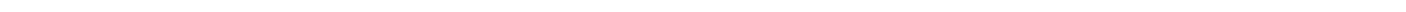
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Peter,

Thank you for your interest in Monday's Bloomberg Government Debate Tailgate.

No matter the outcome in November, Bloomberg Government will continue to track all the moving pieces. Follow along by registering for tomorrow's webinar, Navigating the Presidential Transition: Priorities for the Trump and Clinton Transition Teams or downloading the Presidential Transition Checklist.

We look forward to seeing you at future events.

Regards,
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October 1, 2015

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FLEOA RESPONDS TO SENTENCING REFORM AND CORRECTIONS ACT OF 2015

(Washington, DC) – Today, the National President of the Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association (FLEOA), Jon Adler, released the following statement in response to the Senate's introduction of the Sentencing Reform and Corrections Act of 2015:

“On behalf of the Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association, I respect the bipartisan effort and the compromises reached in this bill but I remain concerned that the bill underestimates the impact of drugs and violence on victims by playing with the definition of what is considered a “serious” offense. However, we do recognize the need to compromise on issues, and we respect both parties for working towards a sensible solution to the underlying problems. While this bill does not embrace the entire position put forth by FLEOA, it is a far more reasonable option than the fatally flawed SAFE Justice Act in the House.

Concerning the Sentencing Reform and Corrections Act of 2015, we appreciate efforts to ensure violent offenders remain incarcerated for an appropriate period. We do not oppose provisions that call for constructive prison programs that may lead to a sentence reduction for certain prisoners with non-violent pasts. However, we do not consider any drug dealer as non-violent because of the poison that they peddle indiscriminately to others. Because the poison that they deal kills people every day, all drug dealers are committing “serious” crimes whether they are armed, physically violent or not.

Decreasing mandatory minimum sentences for drug dealers are an incentive for them to continue their peddling of death, given the potential earnings. Minimum wage jobs will not successfully lure away released drug dealers from their trade if they know they are facing lower mandatory minimum sentences. In addition, FLEOA maintains that the prison population problem is not the result of fictitious low-level, non-violent drug offenders. FBI Director James Comey stated before the House Judiciary

Committee that, under his watch, no low-level drug offender has ever been arrested or prosecuted in the federal system. We support Director Comey's conclusion.

The federal criminal justice system works best when incentives for cooperation are used on the front end, to assist in the dismantling of drug trafficking organizations. We should continue to trust the judgment of our prosecutors. Congress should evaluate other options to an escalating prison population, such as the cost of remote monitoring and home confinement for non-violent offenders, and work-release programs. White collar offenders should be scrubbing toilets in homeless shelters instead of playing ping pong in country club facilities on the taxpayer's expense.

FLEOA commends Senators Sessions and Cornyn for their unwavering support and leadership on this issue during its consideration before the Judiciary Committee.”

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The Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association (>www.fleoa.org<) is the largest nonprofit, nonpartisan professional association that exclusively represents over 28,000 active and retired federal law enforcement officers from over 65 Agencies.

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Subject: Weekly Check-In re: Criminal Justice Legislation

When: Friday, October 02, 2015 10:30 AM-11:00 AM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).

Where: EEOB 197; 202-395-6392 // 285 3458#

Shifting this week's discussion to Friday at 10:30am.

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Please note this meeting will now take place in EEOB 197.

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Hi Melanie,

I want to give you a heads up that your legislative staff should be receiving the attached letter shortly. It is signed by every democratic member of the committee.

Shadawn Reddick-Smith | Communications Director

House Judiciary Committee – Democratic Staff

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Benghazi Investigation Now
Longer Than 9/11 Commission

After 19 Months and \$5.5 Million Dollars,
Republicans Pass Major Milestone with Partisan Politics

WASHINGTON— Today marks the 609th day since the authorization of the Select Committee on Benghazi, surpassing the length of time the 9/11 Commission took to investigate the terrorist attacks that killed nearly 3,000 people on September 11, 2001.

The Benghazi Select Committee is one of the longest, least productive, and most partisan investigations in Congressional history, including the investigations of Hurricane Katrina, the attack on Pearl Harbor, the assassination of President Kennedy, Iran-Contra, and Watergate.

“The Select Committee’s investigation of the Benghazi attacks has been widely condemned as hyper-partisan and ineffective, and it stands in stark contrast to the bipartisan investigation and report issued by the 9/11 Commission,” said Ranking Member Elijah Cummings. “Instead of following the bipartisan model set by the 9/11 Commission, which brought our entire nation together after we were attacked by terrorists, Republicans created a highly partisan Select Committee with an unlimited budget to attack their political opponents. Republicans continue to drag out this political charade closer to the 2016 presidential election, and the American taxpayers continue to pay the price.”

Background:

This is the 9th investigation into the 2012 attacks in Benghazi. The Select Committee has faced widespread criticism of its partisan efforts, including even from conservative Republicans.

For example, conservative radio host Erick Erickson called the Committee's marathon 11-hour hearing with former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton "a political spectacle" and a "waste of time."

Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump said the Benghazi hearings "were a total disaster for Republicans."

Former GOP Congressman Joe Scarborough stated that "these sort of panels always seem to fall flat on their face." Scarborough called the hearing with Secretary Clinton "a very bad day for Trey Gowdy and the Republicans," cited the "millions and millions of dollars of investigations," and concluded that "most Americans would say, if that's all you've got, it's just not worth it."

And conservative commentator Ann Coulter said the investigation has been a "big fat flop."

The Republican investigation of Benghazi stands in stark contrast to the work of the bipartisan 9/11 Commission, which was widely-praised for its effectiveness, productivity, and impartiality:

WORK COMPLETED

Comparison:

9/11 Commission

Benghazi

Days of Hearings:

19

4

Witnesses Interviewed:

More than 1,000

62

Witnesses Testified:

160

7

Recommendations Issued:

41

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PARTISANSHIP

Comparison:

9/11 Commission

Benghazi

Committee Structure:

Equal Number of Democrats and Republicans, and Joint Staff

7 Republicans and 5 Democrats and Separate Staff

Unilateral Subpoena Authority
Without Consent or Vote:

No

Yes

Bipartisan Subpoenas Issued:

13

0

Partisan Subpoenas Issued:

0

11

Report:

Bipartisan and Unanimous 567-Paged Final Report

No Final Report Issued

PRODUCTIVITY

Comparison:

9/11 Commission

Benghazi

Termination Date:

Yes, by Law

No Limit

Budget Constraints:

Yes, by Law

No Limit

Repetition:

“The purposes of the Commission are to ... build upon the investigations of other entities, and avoid unnecessary duplication.”

Chairman Gowdy: “We may actually wind up answering some of the questions more than once.”

Report:

“Ten Commissioners—five Republicans and five Democrats chosen by our elected leaders from our nation’s capital at a time of great partisan division—have come together to present this report without dissent.”

Partisan interim report issued without even consulting Democrats.

VIEW OF PUBLIC

Comparison:

9/11 Commission

Benghazi

Public Perception:

Pew Research poll released on July 20, 2004, found that by more than two-to-one (61%- 24%), Americans approve of the job being done by the commission. It also found “no partisan divide in this view - as many Republicans (62%) as Democrats (61%) approve of the commission’s performance to date.”

CNN/ORC poll released on October 22, 2015, found 72% of all Americans say they see the Benghazi committee as mostly using its investigative mission for political gain. Forty-nine percent of Republicans said the committee is trying to score political points.

CONCLUSION

Comparison:

9/11 Commission

Benghazi

Conclusion:

Bipartisan, unanimous, and credible 567-page report issued after 19 months.

After 19 months, no final report, and no end in sight. Committee considered highly partisan and lacking credibility.

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What I've found so far:

In 2012, the FBI offered a \$1 million reward for information on four suspects wanted for the murder: Lionel Portillo-Meza and Ivan Soto-Barraza, who have since been apprehended and convicted, as well as Jesus Rosario Favela-Astorga and Heraclio Osorio-Arellanes. A fifth suspect, Manuel Osorio-Arellanes, was already in custody at the time and has also since been convicted. The two other suspects are still at large.

Osorio-Arellanes was wounded in the battle with border patrol agents and arrested that night. In February 2014, he was convicted and sentenced to thirty years in prison.

Portillo-Meza and Soto-Barraza were convicted in October 2015 of multiple counts, including murder, conspiracy to interfere with commerce by robbery, attempted interference of commerce by robbery, assault on a federal officer, and carrying a firearm during a crime of violence. In December 2015, they were sentenced to life in prison without possibility of parole for the murder charge. On four counts of assault on the other Border Patrol agents, the two men received 20 years on each count to run concurrently, and an additional 10 years was added on for each man on the enhancement charge of using a firearm in the commission of a crime of violence.

Terry's brother and sisters have been fairly vocal, but I couldn't find any public statements from his mother or anything about the DOJ not responding to her letters. The most recent news about the case was a Brietbart article about the Terry family's support for Trump from May and an op-ed in the Hill written by two unrelated contributors on September 2, speculating that Terry might have stumbled upon a "larger, international gun-running operation."

I also found that we had received a letter from Mr. and Mrs. Terry on November 8, 2011, passed along

by their daughter, and the AG responded directly on November 9, 2011. I've attached both of those letters. As far as I can tell, that's the only correspondence we've had with them.

Let me know if you want any additional information on any of this or anything else.

From: Kadzik, Peter J (OLA)
Sent: Tuesday, September 20, 2016 11:32 AM
To: Lichtenstein, Alexandra R. (OLA)
Cc: O'Brien, Alicia C (OLA)
Subject: FW: Agent Brian Terry Letters

Let's discuss these letters and status.

See: <http://www.azcentral.com/story/news/local/arizona/2015/10/01/guilty-verdict-border-patrol-agent-brian-terry-killing-trial/73144850/>

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From: Werner, Sharon (OAG)
Sent: Tuesday, September 20, 2016 11:30 AM
To: Kadzik, Peter J (OLA)
Subject: FW: Agent Brian Terry Letters

From: Newman, Melanie (OPA)
Sent: Friday, September 16, 2016 2:36 PM
To: Werner, Sharon (OAG)
Subject: Fwd: Agent Brian Terry Letters

Melanie R. Newman

Director, Office of Public Affairs

U.S. Department of Justice

Direct: (b) (6)

Cell: (b) (6)

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA)" <whornbuckle@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Date: September 16, 2016 at 2:33:29 PM EDT
To: "Newman, Melanie (OPA)" <mnewman@jmd.usdoj.gov>, "Lewis, Kevin S. (OPA)" <kslewis@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Agent Brian Terry Letters

Here are the letters

From: Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA)
Sent: Friday, September 16, 2016 2:31 PM
To: Newman, Melanie (OPA); Lewis, Kevin S. (OPA)
Subject: FW: Agent Brian Terry Letters

Can we check whether there was ever a response prepared to these letters from the Brian Terry family? Apparently, the USA sent them directly to Sharon a year ago, and now we can't find . Last week, the Hannity show was following up with Laura to ask about this and implying that the family is being ignored. If you want me to follow up with Sharon directly let me know.

From: Thornton, Kelly (USACAS) [mailto:Kelly.Thornton@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Friday, September 16, 2016 2:15 PM
To: Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA)
Subject: FW: Agent Brian Terry Letters

Here is the email from Sharon Werner acknowledging receipt of the letter.

Please let me know how you would like us to respond. We don't want to ignore the family.

Thanks so much,

Kelly Thornton

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From: Werner, Sharon (OAG) [mailto:Sharon.Werner@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Monday, September 28, 2015 2:06 PM
To: Duffy, Laura (USACAS)
Subject: RE: Agent Brian Terry Letters

Thanks, Laura. I'll discuss with folks here and let you know.

From: Duffy, Laura (USACAS) [mailto:Laura.Duffy@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Monday, September 28, 2015 5:02 PM
To: Werner, Sharon (OAG)
Subject: FW: Agent Brian Terry Letters

Sharon – Attached you will find the two letters that Brian Terry's (b) (6), provided me to pass to the Attorney General last week. If the AG would be interested in placing a call to the family once the trial concludes, I am happy to work with you in setting that up. Be well – Laura

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