

## **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION DIVISION 1155 DEFENSE PENTAGON WASHINGTON, DC 20301-1155

Ref: 23-F-0711 July 3, 2025

Mr. John Greenewald, Jr. The Black Vault, Inc. 27305 W. Live Oak Rd., Suite #1203 Castaic, CA 91384

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

This is the final response to your April 13, 2023 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, a copy of which is enclosed for your convenience. The Office of the Secretary of Defense/Joint Staff (OSD/JS) FOIA office received your request on April 13, 2023, and assigned it FOIA case number 23-F-0711. We ask that you use this number when referring to your request.

The Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence & Security (OUSD(I&S)), a component of OSD, conducted a search of their records systems and located 50 pages determined to be responsive to your request. The Initial Denial Authority for the All-domain Anomaly Resolution Office (AARO) has determined that portions of the 50 responsive pages are exempt from release pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(5) and (b)(6) as described below:

(b)(5), which pertains to inter- and intra- agency memoranda which are deliberative in nature; this exemption is appropriate for internal documents which are part of the decision making process, and contain subjective evaluations, opinions and recommendations; and

(b)(6), information which, if disclosed, would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of individuals.

Please note that we have considered the foreseeable harm standard when reviewing records and applying exemptions under the FOIA in the processing of this request. In this instance, fees for processing your request were below the threshold for requiring payment. Please note that fees may be assessed on future requests.

If you have any questions or concerns about the foregoing or about the processing of your request, please do not hesitate to contact the Action Officer assigned to your request, Samuel Giovannucci, at 571-372-6692 or samuel.t.giovannucci.ctr@mail.mil. Additionally, if you have concerns about service received by our office, please contact a member of our Leadership Team at 571-372-0498 or Toll Free at 866-574-4970.

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Telephone: 202-741-5770

Fax: 202-741-5769

Toll-free: 1-877-684-6448

You have the right to appeal to the appellate authority, Mr. Michael Kremlacek, Acting Principal Deputy to the Secretary of Defense for Privacy, Civil Liberties, and Transparency (PCLT), Office of the Secretary of Defense, at: 4800 Mark Center Drive, ATTN: PCLFD, FOIA Appeals, Mailbox #24, Alexandria, VA 22350-1700. Your appeal must be postmarked within 90 calendar days of the date of this response. Alternatively, you may email your appeal to osd foia-appeal@mail.mil. If you use email, please include the words "FOIA Appeal" in the subject of the email. Please also reference FOIA case number 23-F-0711 in any appeal correspondence.

We appreciate your patience in the processing of your request. As stated previously, please contact the Action Officer assigned to your request, Samuel Giovannucci, and reference FOIA case number 23-F-0711, if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Adam Johnson

Pamela Andrews

Chief, FOIA

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From:	(b)(6) Tuesday, December 13, 2022 12:28 PM
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Sean -	
Sounds good, thank you.	
if it is easier to chat of	over the phone I am available between 1:30pm and 4pm at (b)(6)
Best,	
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On Tue. Dec 13, 2022 at 12:(b)(6)	20 PM Kirkpatrick. Sean M HOE OSD OUSD INTEL & SEC (USA) wrote:
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(b)(6) (b)(5) details now.	(b)(6) contact you about the
After reviewing the time fra	me and the need for urgency. I'm going to go ahead with my original plan to use We are the end of the calendar year.

V/R
Sean
Dr. Sean M. Kirkpatrick
Director
All-domain Anomaly Resolution Office
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Sent:	Friday, October 21, 2022 1:48 PM
To:	Kirkpatrick, Sean M HQE OSD OUSD INTEL & SEC (USA)
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Sean,	
Thank you, much app	preciated. Great catching up this past week. Have a great weekend!
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On Fri, Oct 21, 2022	at 9:26 AM Kirkpatrick, Sean M HOE OSD OUSD INTEL & SEC (USA) wrote:
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Thanks, Looking at (b)(5) (5)	the articles, it appears that, as of July, they have (b)(5)
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Sean	
From: (b)(6)	October 19, 2022 6:47 PM
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Hi Sean -

As promised, here is some background on the NASA program we touched on today:

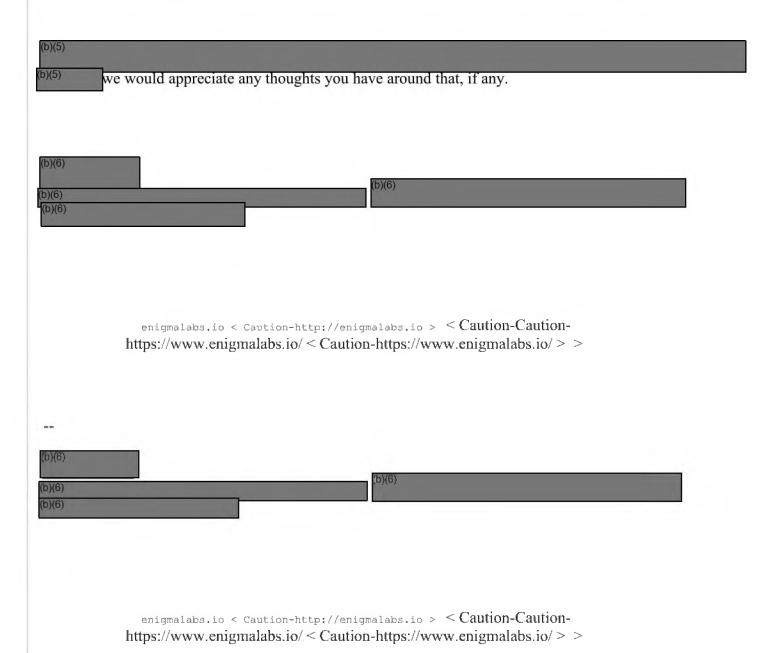
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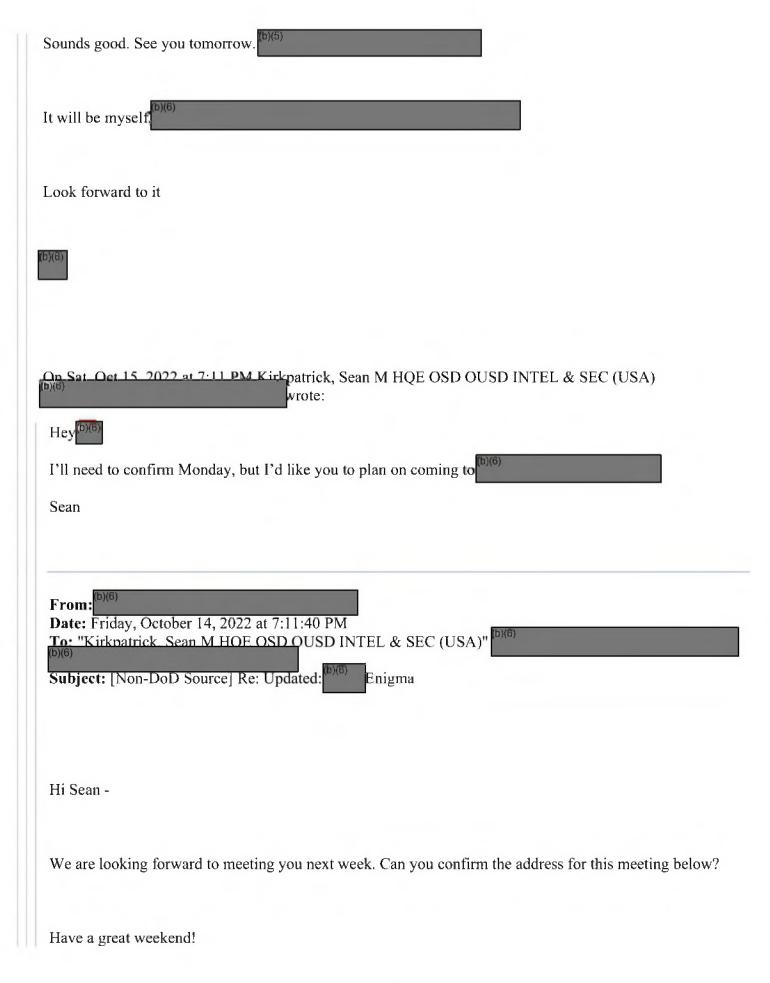
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Sent: To:	Tuesday, October 18, 2022 12:41 PM Kirkpatrick. Sean M HQE OSD OUSD INTEL & SEC (USA)
Cc:	(b)(6) (b)(5)
Subject:	Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Updated:
Hi Sean - we arrived a little	early, in the lobby
On Mon. Oct 17, 2022 at 2: (b)(6)  We will accommodate, just	9 PM Kirkpatrick, Sean M HQE OSD OUSD INTEL & SEC (USA) wrote: be flexible.
See if you can make it 10-1	5 min early.
From: (b)(6)  Date: Monday, October 17  To: "Kirkpatrick Sean M I (b)(6)  Subject: Re: [Non-DoD So	HOF OSD OUSD INTEL & SEC (USA)" (5)(5)
Great. Question - (b)(6)	
On Mon. Oct 17, 2022 at 1: (b)(6)	12 PM Kirkpatrick, Sean M HQE OSD OUSD INTEL & SEC (USA) wrote:
We'll meet vou in the lobb	ov to bring you up. (b)(6)
See you then.	
From: (b)(6) Sent: Monday, October 17	7. 2022 1:02 PM
To: Kirknatrick Sean M I	HOE OSD OUSD INTEL & SEC (USA) (D)(G)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD S	ource] Re: Updated: (b)(6)



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On Sun Oct 2, 2022 at 11:48 AM Kirkpatrick, Sean M HQE OSD OUSD INTEL & SEC (USA) wrote:

When: October 18, 2022 at 1:00:00 PM EDT Where: (b)(6)

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Sent:

Friday, October 7, 2022 1:45 PM

To:

Kirkpatrick, Sean M HQE OSD OUSD INTEL & SEC (USA)

Subject:

[Non-DoD Source] White paper + WOSB

Hi Sean -

Two quick follow ups:





From: Sent: To: Cc: Subject:	Tuesday, September 27, 2022 2:29 PM  Kirkpatrick Sean M HOF OSD OUSD INTEL & SEC (USA)  (b)(6)  Re: [Non-DoD Source] Follow up from our meeting
Subject.	ite. [Noti 202 Source] Follow up from our meeting
Great - let's do 6pm	EST Thursday. We are in NYC so it will be virtual.
It would be great to	meet in person soon though - I'll be in DC and VA, Oct 19 20th.
Talk soon,	
On Tue, Sep 27, 202	22 at 2:24 PM Kirkpatrick, Sean M HQE OSD OUSD INTEL & SEC (USA) wrote:
Let's do 6. I will be	e returning from a meeting at Bolling. Is this a virtual call, or am I meeting up someplace?
From: (b)(6)	
To: Kirknatrick, Se	ean M HOE OSD OUSD INTEL & SEC (USA) (D) (D) (D) (D) (D) (D) (D) (D) (D) (D
	-DoD Source] Follow up from our meeting
Subject: Re. [Non-	DoD Source] Follow up from our meeting
Sure - would 5 or 6	opm EST on Thursday 29th work?
On Sat. Sep 24, 20 (b)(6)	22 at 5:10 PM Kirkpatrick, Sean M HQE OSD OUSD INTEL & SEC (USA) wrote:
Hello,	
The 29th, Thursda	y, has some availability at the end of the day.

Sean

From: (b)(6)  Date: Tuesday, September 20, 2022 at 4:58:07 PM  To: "Kirkpatrick, Sean M HOE OSD OUSD INTEL & SEC (USA)" (b)(6)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Follow up from our meeting
Hi Sean -
We can show you our PII redaction pipeline that we've built for other partners - is there a good time next week, Wednesday or Thursday?
Best
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On Wed, Sep 7, 2022 at 2:11 PM (b)(6) wrote:
Hi Sean -
Great, I'm available next week. (b)(6) is OOO but (can join and we can talk through the PII requirements and show you how some of our redaction pipeline works for that.
We'd also love to get a better handle on what features you need, if we can get into more details that would be helpful
Weds - Friday fairly flexible if there's a good time?
Thanks

## On Tue, Sep 6, 2022 at 9:57 PM Kirkpatrick, Sean M HQE OSD OUSD INTEL & SEC (USA) wrote: It looks like I have some time next week. Are you available? I've just returned from a trip to Let me know when you're available to meet and discuss more fully. From: (b)(6) Date: Thursday, August 25, 2022 at T1:16:05 AM To: "Kirkpatrick, Sean M HOE OSD OUSD INTEL & SEC (USA)" Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Follow up from our meeting Good morning -Thanks for your note Sean. Happily, we have been working on exactly this. (b)(5) We would love to do a demo of that capability - week of Sept 12th onwards I will be able to join, if there's a good time?

Best

On Thu. Aug 25, 2022 at 7:52 AM Kirkpatrick, Sean M HQE OSD OUSD INTEL & SEC (USA) wrote:

Good morning,

I've been in negotiations with my bosses on this. In order to ensure proper oversight and address legal concerns, I need to request if you could provide me a detail on how your processing and application removes and protects any PII from people submitting data. Would you be willing to provide that?

V/R

Sean

From: (b)(6)

Sent: Thursday, July 28, 2022 11:19 AM

To: Kirkpatrick, Sean M HOE USSPACECOM J2 (USA)

Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Follow up from our meeting

Hi Sean -

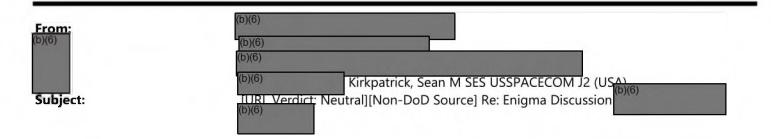
Understood. Fingers crossed on getting the PPP ball rolling and then we can start to demonstrate value. Let us know if you need anything else from us. Good luck on the Hill and talk soon,

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On Wed. Jul 27. 2022 at 9:25 PM Kirkpatrick, Sean M HQE USSPACECOM J2 (USA) wrote:

Evening (b)(6)	
Thanks for the no	te Sorry for the late reply but I'm just out of work (b)(5)
I'll let you know	if I survive tomorrow-I've already been pulled down to the Hill everyday this week.
I have been broac	ching the subject of public private partnerships with the Hill and they are very receptive
Talk with you aft	er tomorrow.
Sean	
From: (b)(6)	
<b>Date:</b> Wednesday <b>To:</b> "Kirknatrick	y, July 27, 2022 at 12:13:59 PM Sean M HOE USSPACECOM J2 (USA)"  (b)(6)
	oD Source] Follow up from our meeting
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III Scan,	
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Regards,	
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From:	(b)(6)
Sent: To: Subject:	Monday, September 26, 2022 12:03 PM Kirkpatrick, Sean M HQE OSD OUSD INTEL & SEC (USA) Re: [Non-DoD Source] Dinner Nov 16th in DC
Certainly no press,	small group.
For sure you can pa	y your own way for dinner.
L will gather the list (b)(6) other DC confirmed	of attendees for you, confirming. From our team it will be myself and will gather the
Best (b)(6)	
Hi, I appreciate the inv	2 at 3:47 PM Kirkpatrick, Sean M HQE OSD OUSD INTEL & SEC (USA) wrote:  vite and would be interested in attending. In order for me to go, I would need to know who is media coverage of the event would occur, and I'd have to pay my own way.
To: "Kirkpatrick, Sean	ember 23, 2022 at 4:53:23 PM Sean M HQE OSD OLISD INTEL & SEC (USA)"  M CIV DIA (US)"  D Source] Dinner Nov 16th in DC
Hi Sean -	
I'm in Washington	for a [b)(5) are putting on in November.
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Perfect - confirmed and looking forward to speaking then.



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Good afternoon, everyone. Here is the link for the discussion on Wednesday morning. Please let me know if you have issues or concers.

Topic: Enigma Discussion

Time: Jul 20, 2022 08:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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The 20th would be great, thank you
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My apologies for not circling back to you sooner, I'm going to suggest the morning of 20 July (~0800 – 0900 ET), or afternoon on 21 July (preferably after 1500 ET), (b)(6)
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Completely understand.
please let us know what works best on your end - perhaps the back half of that week?
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On Fri. Jul 8, 2022 at 6:54 AM Kirkpatrick, Sean M SES USSPACECOM J2 (USA)  (b)(6)
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Probably not. I'll have my hands full of administrative challenges. (b)(6) cc'd, can set us up later in

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On Wed, Jul 6, 2022 at 4:16 PM Kirkpatrick, Sean M SES USSPACECOM J2 (USA)
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Thanks. I'd like to have the follow up meeting the week I'm back (week of the 18 <sup>th</sup> ).
Thanks,
Dr.K
From: (b)(6)
To: Kirkpatrick, Sean M SES USSPACECOM J2 (USA) (b)(6)

Great! Would the 18th itself work for you? We are fairly flexible excluding 9-10am and 1-2pm ET.

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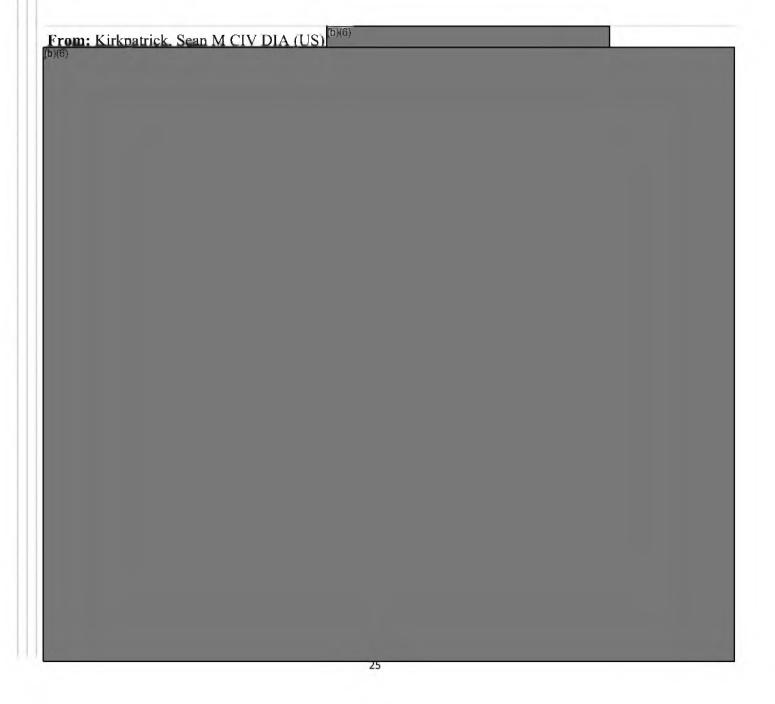
Happy belated 4th! Thank you for the update - more than happy to touch base after you've had a chance to discuss.
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All the best,
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On Mon. Jul 4. 2022 at 9:23 AM Kirkpatrick. Sean M SES USSPACECOM J2 (USA)
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Thanks for the notes and observations. That tracks with my other sources.

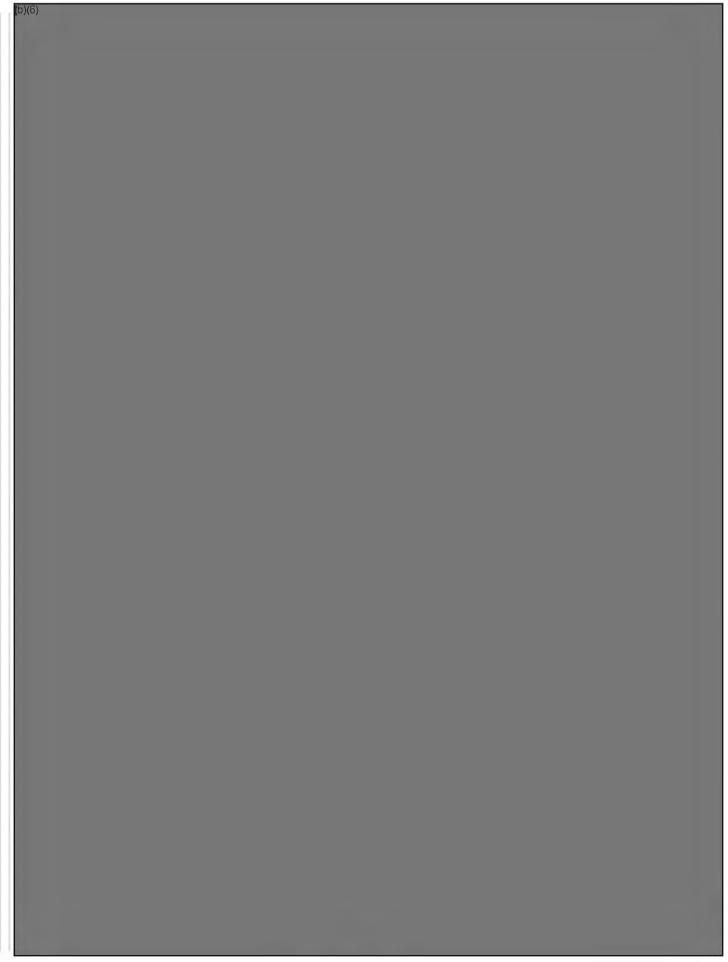
I'm having a sit down with my boss this week to go over my plans forward for the office. I intend to discuss, at least briefly, the concept we discussed from a public crowd sourcing perspective. After that, I'd like to have a follow up meeting pending that discussion's outcome.

I'd be interested in hearing about progress nonetheless, and discuss a strategy for circling back to (b)(6)

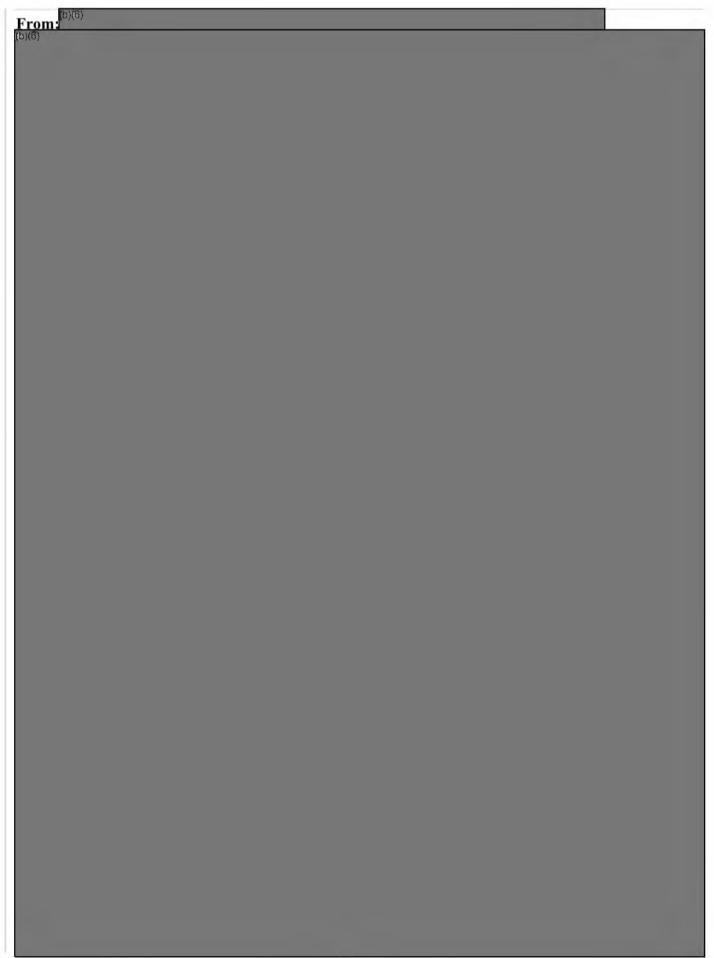
Thanks, and Happy 4th.

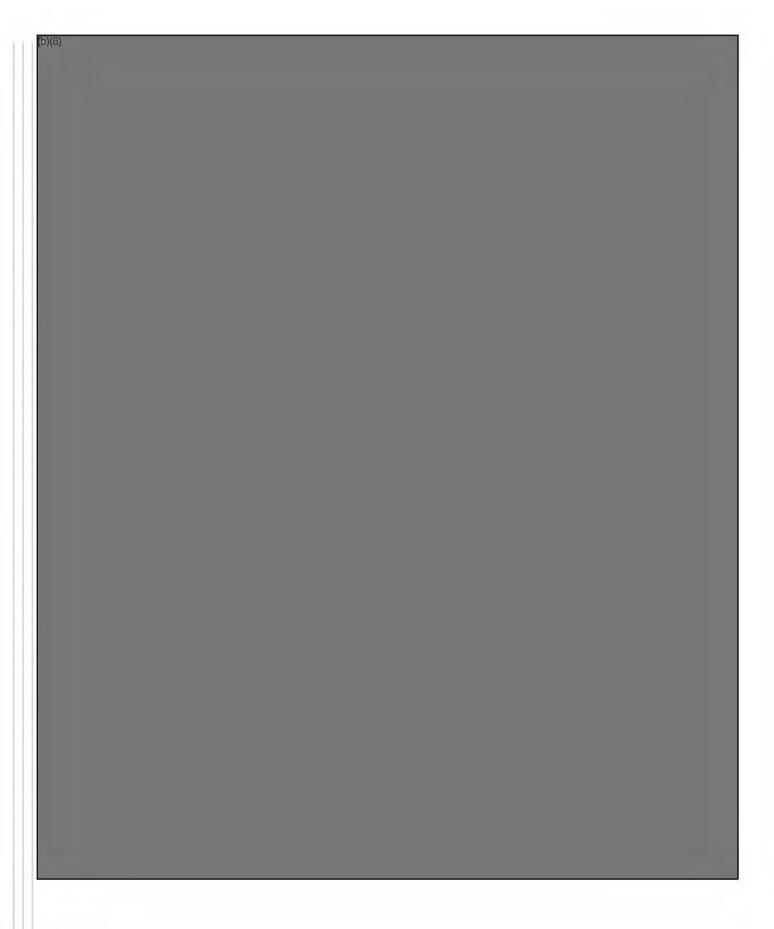
Sean





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Thanks for the feedback. I'm copying my new email address as I don't get this much any longer and it wil likely go away in a week or two.
I'll digest this when I return to DC next week and get back to you.
Thanks
Dr.K



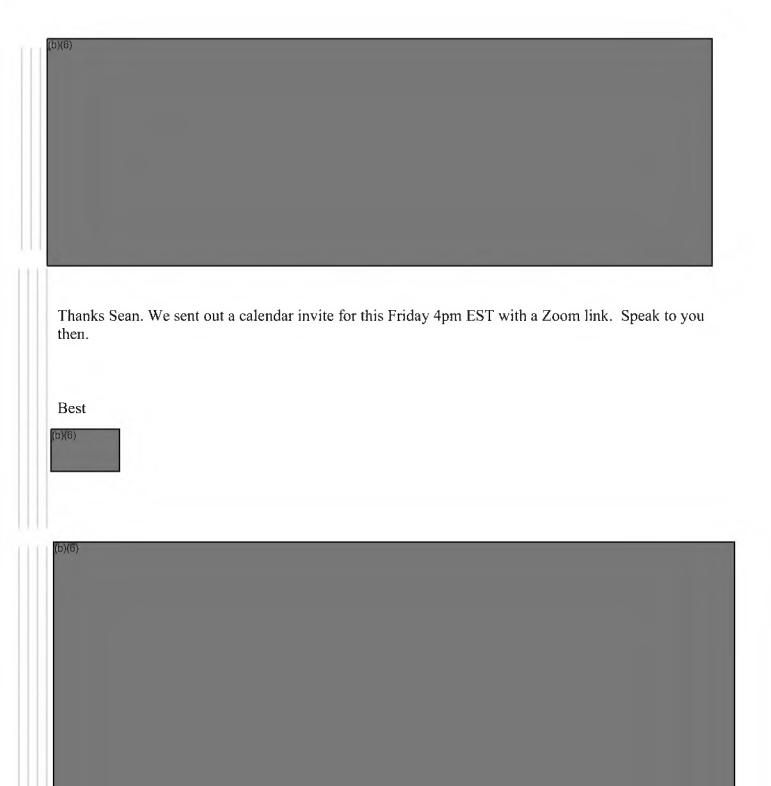


Dr. K -

Great meeting you in Huntsville! (b)(6)	(b)(5)
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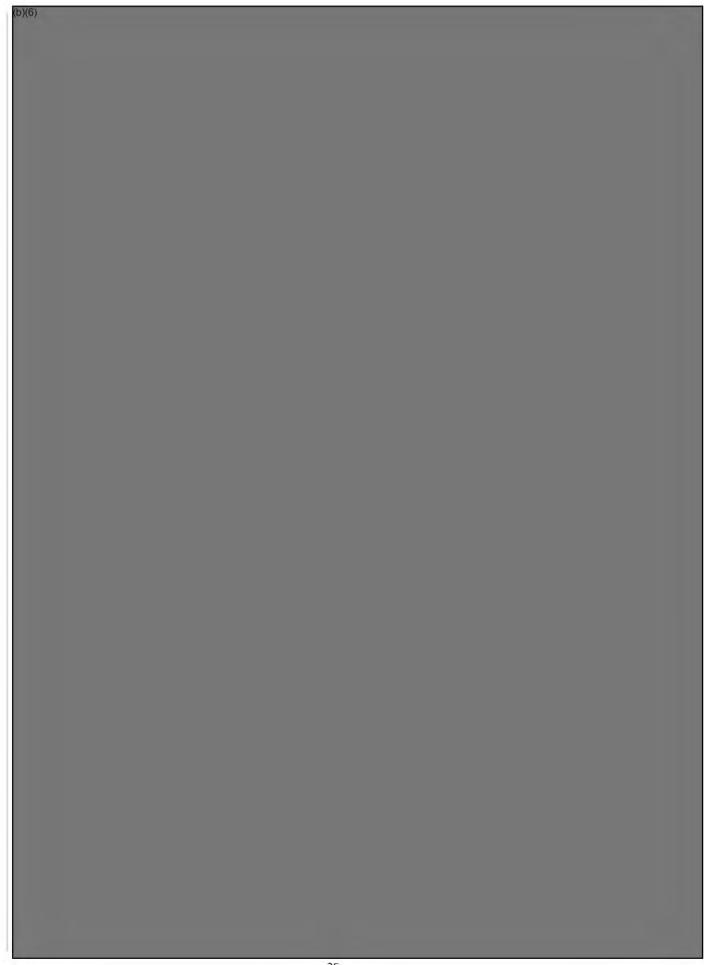
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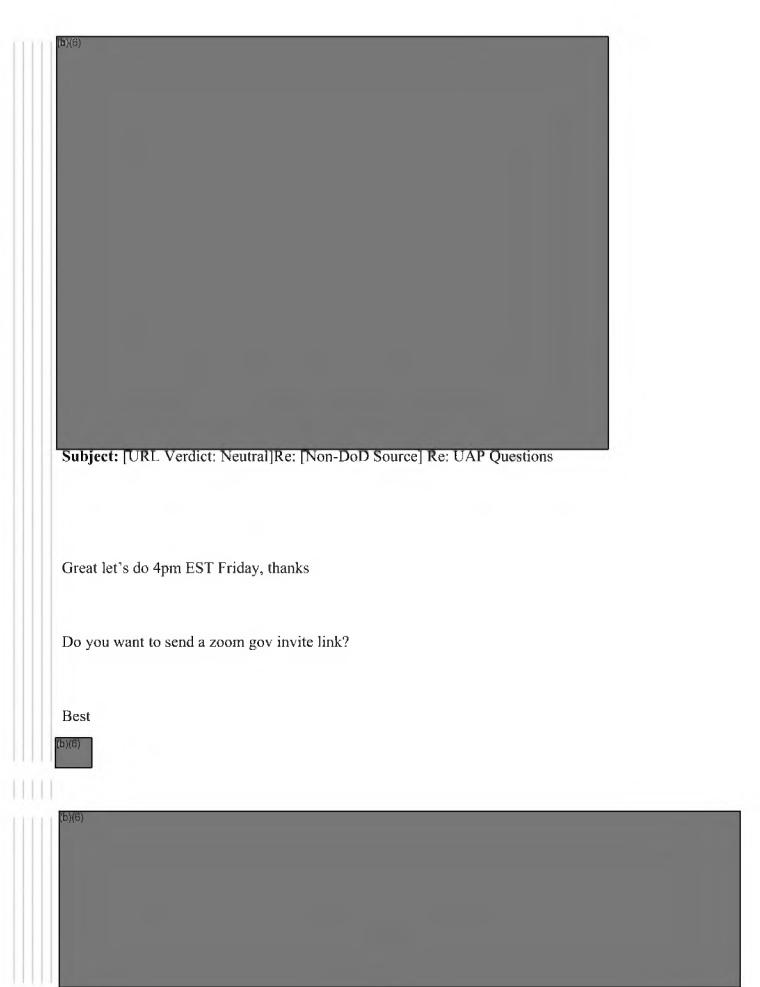
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Best,

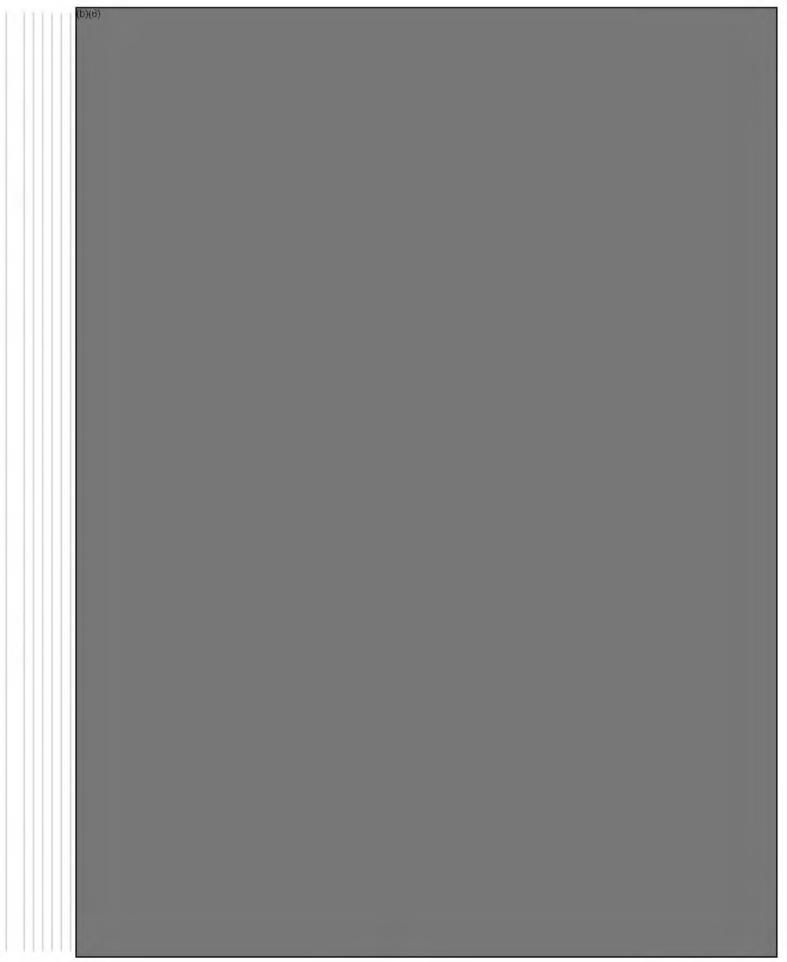
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	wrote:
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	Given that we are just standing up, we suffer from a lack of support staff.
	(hVG)
	Currently, on Friday, (b)(6)  That would put us at the end of the day, around 1600 FST or later
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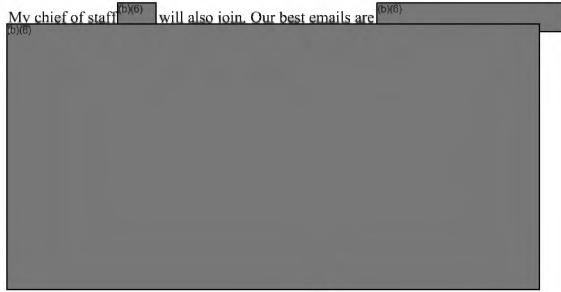




Hi (b)(6)

Sounds good. Let us know what time works best for you Friday EST.

Would you prefer a phone call or a zoom where we can show you our product?



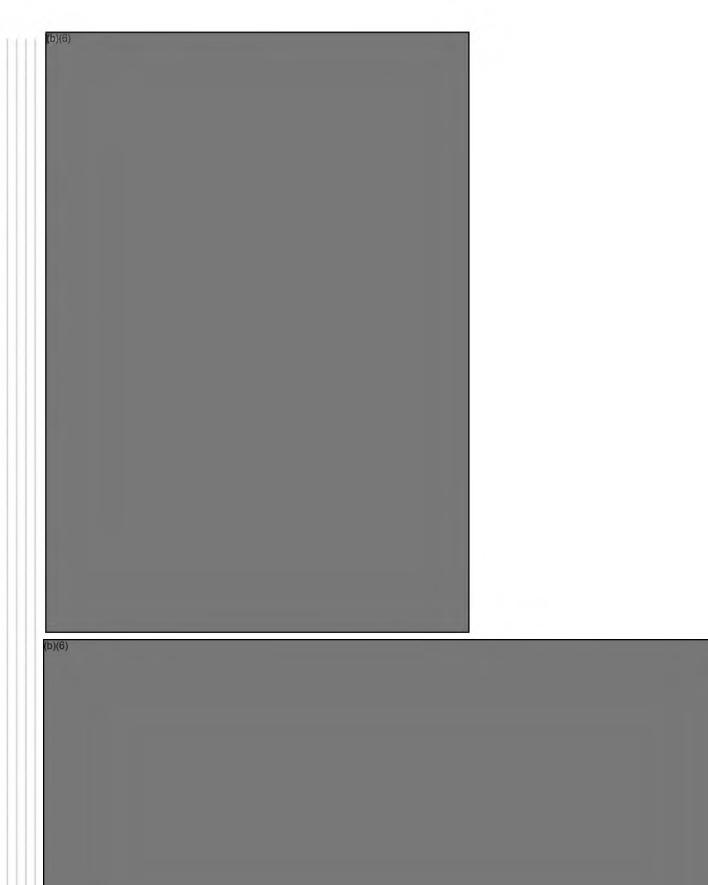


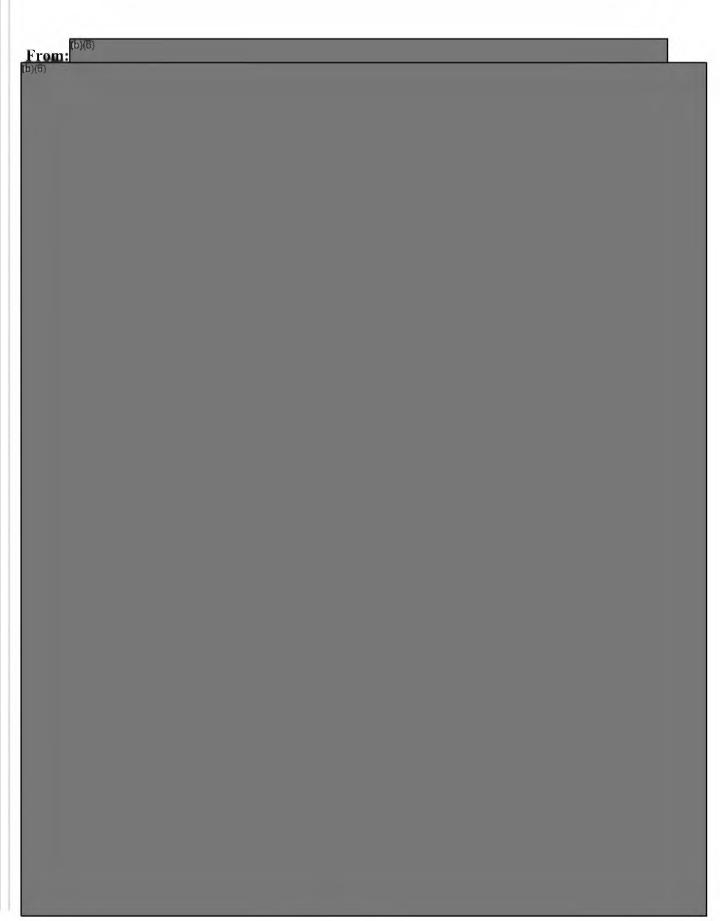
Look forward to it





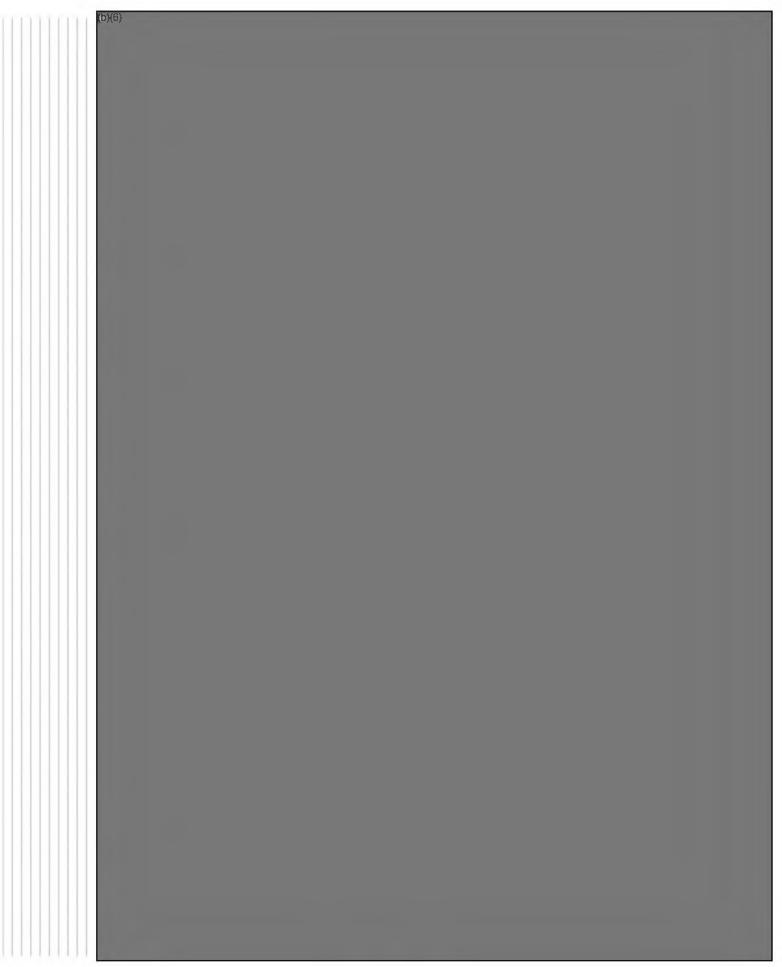
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It will be Dr. Sean Kirkpatrick and I from our side. Would your team be available to discuss tomorrow or Friday? We have some flexibility in our calendars, so let us know what would work.
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