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Washington, D.C. 20535

April 17, 2025

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FOIPA Request No.: 1373722-001
Appeal No.: DOJ-AP-2018-005588
Subject: Emails Sent to and/or From Andrew G. McCabe

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

The FBI has completed its review of records subject to the Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA) that are responsive to your request. The enclosed documents were reviewed under the FOIPA, Title 5, United States Code, Section 552/552a. Below you will find check boxes under the appropriate statute headings which indicate the types of exemptions asserted to protect information which is exempt from disclosure. The appropriate exemptions are noted on the enclosed pages next to redacted information. In addition, a deleted page information sheet was inserted to indicate where pages were withheld entirely and identify which exemptions were applied. The checked exemption boxes used to withhold information are further explained in the enclosed Explanation of Exemptions.

Section 552

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382 pages were reviewed and 303 pages are being released.

Please see the paragraphs below for relevant information specific to your request as well as the enclosed FBI FOIPA Addendum for standard responses applicable to all requests.

As a result of your administrative appeal to the Office of Information Policy (OIP), Department of Justice (DOJ), material was located responsive to your request. Enclosed is a processed copy of the documents.

This is the **second interim release** of information responsive to your FOIPA request. This material is being provided to you at no charge. Duplicate copies of the same document were not processed.

The enclosed material includes consult responses by the following Other Government Agencies [OGAs]: Office of Special Counsel (OSC).

Documents were located which originated with, or contained information concerning, Other Government Agencies [OGAs]. We are consulting with the other agencies and are awaiting their response. The FBI will correspond with you regarding the documents when the consultation is completed.

Please refer to the enclosed FBI FOIPA Addendum for additional standard responses applicable to your request. **"Part 1"** of the Addendum includes standard responses that apply to all requests. **"Part 2"** includes additional standard responses that apply to all requests for records about yourself or any third-party individuals. **"Part 3"** includes general information about FBI records that you may find useful. Also enclosed is our Explanation of Exemptions.

Additional information about the FOIPA can be found at www.fbi.gov/foia. Should you have questions regarding your request, please feel free to contact foipaquestions@fbi.gov. Please reference the FOIPA Request number listed above in all correspondence concerning your request.

If you are not satisfied with the FBI's determination in response to this request, you may proceed under any or all of the following options:

- You may seek dispute resolution services through the FBI directly by emailing our FOIA Public Liaison at foipaquestions@fbi.gov. The subject heading should clearly state "Dispute Resolution Services." Please also cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so it may be easily identified.
- You may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS), who serves as the federal FOIA Ombudsman. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.
- You may file an administrative appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, 441 G Street, NW, 6th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20530, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIA STAR portal by creating an account following the instructions on OIP's website: <https://www.justice.gov/oip/submit-and-track-request-or-appeal>. **Pursuant to 28 C.F.R. § 16.8(a), your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within ninety (90) days of the date of this response to your request.** If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." Please reference the FOIPA Request Number listed above in your correspondence so it may be easily identified. If possible, please provide a copy of your original request and this response letter with your appeal.

Note: Utilizing the FBI's dispute resolution services or requesting mediation through OGIS does not toll the ninety (90) day limit to file a timely appeal with OIP.

Sincerely,



Michael G. Seidel
Section Chief
Record/Information Dissemination Section
Information Management Division

Enclosures

FBI FOIPA Addendum

As referenced in our letter responding to your Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request, the FBI FOIPA Addendum provides information applicable to your request. Part 1 of the Addendum includes standard responses that apply to all requests. Part 2 includes standard responses that apply to requests for records about individuals to the extent your request seeks the listed information. Part 3 includes general information about FBI records, searches, and programs.

Part 1: The standard responses below apply to all requests:

- (i) **5 U.S.C. § 552(c).** Congress excluded three categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIPA [5 U.S.C. § 552(c)]. FBI responses are limited to those records subject to the requirements of the FOIPA. Additional information about the FBI and the FOIPA can be found on the www.fbi.gov/foia website.
- (ii) **Intelligence Records.** To the extent your request seeks records of intelligence sources, methods, or activities, the FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of records pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(1), (b)(3), and as applicable to requests for records about individuals, PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(1), (b)(3), and (j)(2)]. The mere acknowledgment of the existence or nonexistence of such records is itself a classified fact protected by FOIA exemption (b)(1) and/or would reveal intelligence sources, methods, or activities protected by exemption (b)(3) [50 USC § 3024(i)(1)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that any such records do or do not exist.

Part 2: The standard responses below apply to all requests for records on individuals:

- (i) **Requests for Records about any Individual—Watch Lists.** The FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of any individual's name on a watch list pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(7)(E) and PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(7)(E), (j)(2)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that watch list records do or do not exist.
- (ii) **Requests for Records about any Individual—Witness Security Program Records.** The FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of records which could identify any participant in the Witness Security Program pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(3) and PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(3), 18 U.S.C. 3521, and (j)(2)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that such records do or do not exist.
- (iii) **Requests for Confidential Informant Records.** The FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of confidential informant records pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(7)(D), (b)(7)(E), and (b)(7)(F) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552 (b)(7)(D), (b)(7)(E), and (b)(7)(F)] and Privacy Act exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. § 552a (j)(2)]. The mere acknowledgment of the existence or nonexistence of such records would reveal confidential informant identities and information, expose law enforcement techniques, and endanger the life or physical safety of individuals. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that such records do or do not exist.

Part 3: General Information:

- (i) **Record Searches and Standard Search Policy.** The Record/Information Dissemination Section (RIDS) searches for reasonably described records by searching systems, such as the Central Records System (CRS), or locations where responsive records would reasonably be found. The CRS is an extensive system of records consisting of applicant, investigative, intelligence, personnel, administrative, and general files compiled by the FBI per its law enforcement, intelligence, and administrative functions. The CRS spans the entire FBI organization, comprising records of FBI Headquarters, FBI Field Offices, and FBI Legal Attaché Offices (Legats) worldwide; Electronic Surveillance (ELSUR) records are included in the CRS. The standard search policy is a search for main entity records in the CRS. Unless specifically requested, a standard search does not include a search for reference entity records or administrative records of previous FOIPA requests.
 - a. *Main Entity Records* – created for individuals or non-individuals who are the subjects or the focus of an investigation
 - b. *Reference Entity Records*- created for individuals or non-individuals who are associated with a case but are not known subjects or the focus of an investigation
- (ii) **FBI Records.** Founded in 1908, the FBI carries out a dual law enforcement and national security mission. As part of this dual mission, the FBI creates and maintains records on various subjects; however, the FBI does not maintain records on every person, subject, or entity.
- (iii) **Foreseeable Harm Standard.** As amended in 2016, the Freedom of Information Act provides that a federal agency may withhold responsive records only if: (1) the agency reasonably foresees that disclosure would harm an interest protected by one of the nine exemptions that FOIA enumerates, or (2) disclosure is prohibited by law (5 United States Code, Section 552(a)(8)(A)(i)). The FBI considers this foreseeable harm standard in the processing of its requests.
- (iv) **Requests for Criminal History Records or Rap Sheets.** The Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Division provides Identity History Summary Checks – often referred to as a criminal history record or rap sheet. These criminal history records are not the same as material in an investigative "FBI file." An Identity History Summary Check is a listing of information taken from fingerprint cards and documents submitted to the FBI in connection with arrests, federal employment, naturalization, or military service. For a fee, individuals can request a copy of their Identity History Summary Check. Forms and directions can be accessed at www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/identity-history-summary-checks. Additionally, requests can be submitted electronically at www.edo.cjis.gov. For additional information, please contact CJIS directly at (304) 625-5590.

EXPLANATION OF EXEMPTIONS

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552

- (b)(1) (A) specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (B) are in fact properly classified to such Executive order;
- (b)(2) related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency;
- (b)(3) specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than section 552b of this title), provided that such statute (A) requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on issue, or (B) establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld;
- (b)(4) trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential;
- (b)(5) inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency;
- (b)(6) personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;
- (b)(7) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information (A) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, (B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, (C) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, (D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of confidential source, including a State, local, or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of record or information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source, (E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law, or (F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual;
- (b)(8) contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions; or
- (b)(9) geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552a

- (d)(5) information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action proceeding;
- (j)(2) material reporting investigative efforts pertaining to the enforcement of criminal law including efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or apprehend criminals;
- (k)(1) information which is currently and properly classified pursuant to an Executive order in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy, for example, information involving intelligence sources or methods;
- (k)(2) investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes, other than criminal, which did not result in loss of a right, benefit or privilege under Federal programs, or which would identify a source who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(3) material maintained in connection with providing protective services to the President of the United States or any other individual pursuant to the authority of Title 18, United States Code, Section 3056;
- (k)(4) required by statute to be maintained and used solely as statistical records;
- (k)(5) investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment or for access to classified information, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(6) testing or examination material used to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in Federal Government service the release of which would compromise the testing or examination process;
- (k)(7) material used to determine potential for promotion in the armed services, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished the material pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence.

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McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)

From: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Tuesday, May 2, 2017 6:36 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Baker Award Dinner Honoring Bob Mueller

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Would you like to go to this? I think it would be nice to support Director Muller. And I have a new tux.

Andrew G. McCabe
Deputy Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
[REDACTED]

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From: Skule, Joshua (DI) (FBI)
Sent: Tuesday, May 02, 2017 6:22 PM
To: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED]
Cc: Sowers, Troy A. (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED]
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Joshua Skule
Executive Assistant Director
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To: Skule, Joshua (DI) (FBI) [REDACTED]
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Attendees will include prominent members of the intelligence and national security communities, past and present, other senior executive branch and legislative officials, representatives from local communities, and leading industry executives. There are already quite a few members of the FBI registered to attend and it would make it a truly special evening for Bob and his family and friends if you and Director Comey were able to join us in honoring Bob.

To RSVP for you and your guest or to have any questions addressed, your staff can email [redacted] or call INSA at (703) 224-4672.

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I hope you will be able to join INSA for this important and uplifting night. Again, thank you for your service to our Nation and for your support of INSA.

Very Respectfully,

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Subject: RE: Baker Award Dinner Honoring Bob Mueller

I'll check it out.

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Date: 5/2/17 6:34 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Skule, Joshua (DI) (FBI)" [redacted] "Sowers, Troy A. (DO) (FBI)"
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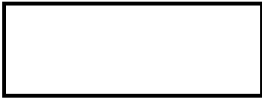
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Subject: William Oliver Baker Award Dinner (honoring Robert Mueller) (Black Tie)
Location: Omni Shoreham Hotel, 2500 Calvert St NW, Washington, DC 20008
Start: Friday, June 9, 2017 6:00 PM
End: Friday, June 9, 2017 8:00 PM
Recurrence: (none)
Meeting Status: Accepted
Organizer: [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Required Attendees: [redacted] (SECD) (FBI); McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)
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RSVP'd on 5/3 for Andy and [redacted] to attend

Hi [redacted]

Thank you! Your request has been processed!

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

From: [redacted] (DO) (FBI) [mailto:[redacted]]
Sent: Wednesday, May 03, 2017 10:34 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: William Oliver Baker Award Dinner on 6/9

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This e-mail is to advise that Andrew McCabe [redacted] will attend this awards dinner. Please advise if you need any additional information. Thanks, [redacted]

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Andrew G. McCabe
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From: Skule, Joshua (DI) (FBI)

Sent: Tuesday, May 02, 2017 6:22 PM

To: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED]

Cc: Sowers, Troy A. (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED]

Subject: FW: Baker Award Dinner Honoring Bob Mueller

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Joshua Skule

Executive Assistant Director

Intelligence Branch

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Sent: Tuesday, May 02, 2017 5:09 PM

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Josh,

This note to Andy bounced back. Can I ask you the favor of bringing it to his attention. It would be great if Director Comey and Andy could join us in honoring former Director Mueller. I hope you and your guest can join us as well.

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, May 02, 2017 5:02 PM

To: [REDACTED]

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Subject: Baker Award Dinner Honoring Bob Mueller

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Andy,

I hope you are well. Thank you for your continuing service to our Nation, the Intelligence Community and the FBI. On behalf of INSA [REDACTED] and I would like to invite you [REDACTED] to the 33rd annual William Oliver Baker Award Dinner. This black-tie event will be held on Friday, June 9th at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, DC., beginning with a Welcome Reception at 6:00 PM, followed by a Board Reception at 7:00 PM, and the formal program and dinner commencing at 8:00 PM.

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As you may know the William Oliver Baker Award annually recognizes individuals for exceptional achievements and sustained contributions or single achievements of extraordinary merit. This year's Baker recipient is the Honorable Robert S. Mueller III, the former director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation who led the FBI's transformation into a threat-based, intelligence-led national security organization. I hope you will be able to attend to help us celebrate and honor Bob Mueller for all he has done to make our country safer.

Attendees will include prominent members of the intelligence and national security communities, past and present, other senior executive branch and legislative officials, representatives from local communities, and leading industry executives. There are already quite a few members of the FBI registered to attend and it would make it a truly special evening for Bob and his family and friends if you and Director Comey were able to join us in honoring Bob.

To RSVP for you and your guest or to have any questions addressed, your staff can email or call INSA at (703) 224-4672.

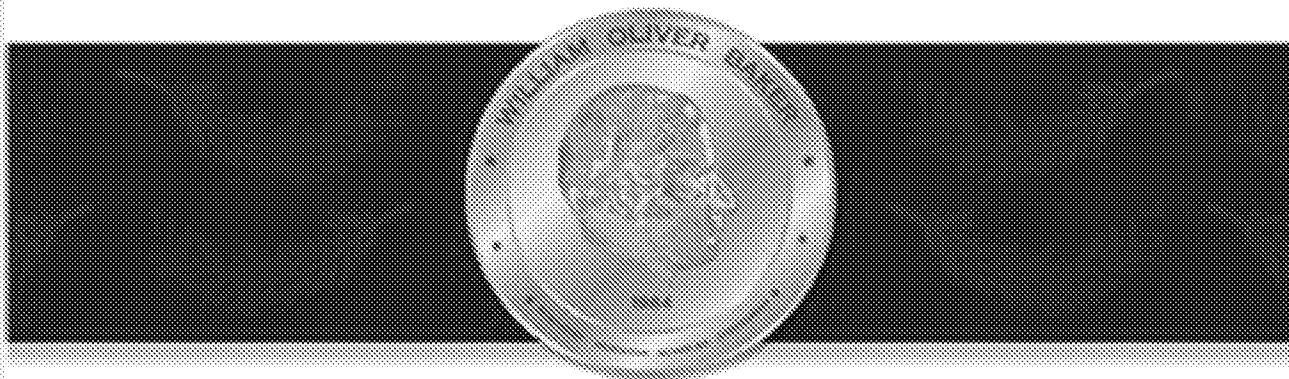
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I hope you will be able to join INSA for this important and uplifting night. Again, thank you for your service to our Nation and for your support of INSA.

Very Respectfully,

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From: [REDACTED]
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To: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)
Subject: Registration Confirmed - 33rd William Oliver Baker Award Dinner

Dear Andrew:

Your registration has been confirmed. Please save this email for future reference.

Event: 33rd William Oliver Baker Award Dinner

Attending: Andrew McCabe

Number in Party: 2

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Date: June 9, 2017

Event Location: Omni Shoreham Hotel
2500 Calvert St. NW
Washington, DC 20008

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We look forward to seeing you there.

Sincerely,

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To: Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI)
Subject: Fwd: RE:

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Andrew G. McCabe
Deputy Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
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Date: 5/3/17 1:05 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI)" [redacted]
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Good afternoon Andy. I appreciate your taking my call [redacted]
[redacted] and having a hard time figuring out who is where in the FBI
these days [redacted]

To follow up on our call, I wanted to send an invite to Director Comey to speak at our Annual NFL Security Conference in Washington, DC. I have his cell number but don't want to use it for something like this.

The Annual Conference is a big deal for us as we bring in over 300 local Police Chiefs, Team Security Representatives, NFL Security Representatives, Stadium Security Directors, NFL Football Operations & Event staff, as well as some FBI folks that work with us throughout the season. As you know, I am new to the NFL [redacted]

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[redacted] In my opinion Director Comey is one of the best speakers I have ever heard and he can clearly set the tone for our week long meeting. He can talk as long or as short as he would like, and I will move anything we have on the agenda to get him in at a time that is convenient for him. The details are below.

The Renaissance Washington, DC Downtown
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Washington, DC 20001

We can accommodate him any time after 2:00 on Wednesday May 17, 2017. The conference ends at 5:30 but we are holding a large reception that night between 7:00 PM and 9:00 PM – we could accommodate him there is that is better for him – and we will even feed him while he is there. The large group will be with us through mid-day on Friday so if there is another day that works better I will make whatever adjustments needed.

Again, I really appreciate your getting this to the right person for me. Take care and have a safe trip home.

[redacted]

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[redacted] Office
[redacted] Cell

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From: The IACP
Sent: Thursday, May 4, 2017 7:26 AM
To: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)
Subject: IACP's The Lead: Two Chicago Officers Shot In "Targeted" Attack

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Greetings Andrew McCabe
Thursday, May 4, 2017

POLICING & POLICY

Minnesota Police Cite 1,000 Motorists During Distracted Driving Crackdown.

The [Minneapolis Star Tribune](#) (5/3, Harlow) reports "teens reading text messages," motorists "shopping for cars," and "drivers making picks for their fantasy sports teams" were among the "behaviors law enforcement witnessed as they cited more than 1,000 motorists for texting and illegally using their phones while driving during a two-week distracted driving crackdown in April." Law enforcement "says the number of tickets issued for distracted driving doesn't tell the whole story because motorists are getting more adept at keeping their phones out of view making it harder for police to make a stop." Minnesota law makes it illegal for "drivers to read, compose or send texts and e-mails, and go online while the vehicle is in motion or a part of traffic," including when the vehicle is stopped at a stop sign, stoplight, or in traffic.

Denver Police Plan Increased Patrols For Cinco De Mayo Celebrations.

The [Denver Post](#) (5/3) reports the Denver Police Department is planning to increase patrols for Cinco de Mayo celebrations starting Friday and continuing through the weekend. Commander Mark Fleecs is quoted as saying, "We're trying to get the message out that public safety is foremost important. ... We expect cruising and traffic to build up on Federal [Boulevard] starting in the late afternoon on Friday and throughout the weekend." He "said police primarily plan to maintain traffic flow on Federal Boulevard to ensure public safety all three nights." Police will also enforce a midnight curfew for juveniles.

CRIME & DRUGS

British Police Alarmed By Rise In Knife Violence.

The [New York Times](#) (5/3, Yeginsu) reports the trend of "young men arming themselves with knives has become an enormous concern for the Metropolitan Police, Britain's largest police force, which last month reported a 24 percent increase in knife crimes over the last year, bringing knife-related offenses to a five-year high." The Times says police are especially worried about the "increase in people carrying the so-called zombie knives and machetes inspired by horror films that can be bought for less than \$10 on the internet." Such knives were outlawed in Britain last year, but can be purchased online from a "thriving black market."

Law Enforcement Issues Warning About "Gray Death" Opioid.

In an article with several news items, [NBC News](#) (5/2) reports law enforcement in the Southeast recently issued a warning about a new synthetic opioid causing fatal overdoses called "gray death." The drug has the "appearance of concrete mixing powder," and is a "drug cocktail [that] combines heroin, fentanyl, and u-47700." The drug has been linked to "at least four overdose deaths in Georgia and Alabama, according to a law enforcement document obtained by NBC News."

Italian Police Dismantle Neo-Nazi Group.

The [Independent \(UK\)](#) (5/3, Mortimer) reports, "Italian police have dismantled a neo-Nazi group which targeted refugees and charities which were helping them in a series of arson attacks." Police arrested six people on "suspicion of carrying out nighttime raids targeting migrants over the last two years." During the raids, police "discovered instructions for creating explosives, knives and other bladed weapons in a caravan belonging to the group when during the raid earlier this week." Police "say the extremists used a WhatsApp messaging group to attract new recruits to their organisation and boasted about acts of violence against migrants which have so far gone unreported."



The IACP 2017 Technology Conference will be held May 22-24, 2017 in St. Louis, MO. The conference will feature three plenary sessions with topics that embody the event's theme, "Smart Communities = Safe Communities." The one of the featured plenary session, entitled "Police Information—Systems, Metrics, Transparency, and Privacy," will highlight the importance of data and how they can be used and shared while considering privacy and related issues.

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OFFICER SAFETY & WELLNESS

Two Chicago Officers Shot In "Targeted" Attack.

[Fox News](#) (5/3) reports two Chicago Police Officers were shot on Tuesday night in a "targeted" attack on the city's South Side. The officers were wearing civilian clothes at the time, but had vests with police badges on them, according to police spokesman Antony Guglielmi. Both officers are expected to recover. The [Chicago Tribune](#) (5/3, Sobol) reports Chicago police questioned three people in custody and "were searching for others" in connection with the shooting. Police said the officers were shot with a "high-powered weapon." The officers were "following up an earlier investigation, when two vehicles pulled up to them, according to police." The occupants began "firing shots indiscriminately in the direction of the officers," according to a police statement. Police Superintendent Eddie Johnson said, "It's just another example of how dangerous this job is. ... And I think people take it for granted that when police officers come to work every day, they put their lives on the line every single day they get in their car."

In separate coverage, the [Chicago Tribune](#) (5/3, Sobol) reports the officers were shot in an "area where gangs have been increasingly using military-style weapons, Chicago police said Wednesday." Police "said this was the only area of the city where rifles styled after AR-15s and AK-47s were regularly used, a menacing new development in the gang fights."

TECHNOLOGY

Comey: FBI Has Been Unable To Access "Nearly Half" Of Devices Due To Encryption.

Natasha Lomas of [TechCrunch](#) (5/3) says that during his testimony before the Senate Judiciary Committee on Wednesday, Director Comey "hinted at growing consensus between technology companies and intelligence agencies over the controversial issue of how to access encrypted data." According to Lomas, Comey "supported what appears to be a fresh push by Senator Dianne Feinstein to introduce legislation to enable courts to order access to encrypted devices." Lomas notes that in his written statement to the committee, Comey said the FBI "had been unable to access the contents of more than 3,000 mobile devices in the first half of the fiscal year. ... even though there was the legal authority to do so," which he said "represented 'nearly half' of all the mobile devices it had attempted to access in that time frame." The [Guardian \(UK\)](#) (5/3, Borger) reports that Comey also "mounted a strong defence of section 702 of the Fisa Amendments Act of 2008, which allows the NSA to use the Prism program to collect internet communications."

Judge Rules Reality TV Star Must Unlock iPhone In Sex Video Extortion Case. The [Miami Herald](#) (5/3, Ovalle) reports that a Miami judge on Wednesday ruled that reality TV actress Hencha Voigt, along with a man charged as being her accomplice, must provide the passwords to their phones in "an extortion case involving sex videos." The Herald says this is the "latest in the ongoing struggles of the courts across the country to decide how much access law-enforcement can have to smartphones, tablets and hard drives, many of them locked with sophisticated encryption."

NATIONAL SECURITY

NCTC Director: Homegrown Terrorists Are Bigger Threat To US Than ISIS Fighters.

The [Washington Times](#) (5/3, Kelly, Muñoz) reports that at a counterterrorism symposium hosted by the Center for a New American Security on Wednesday, Nick Rasmussen, head of the National Counterterrorism Center, said "the threat from self-radicalized, homegrown terrorists has eclipsed the potential threat of foreign fighters coming to the U.S. to carry out attacks." Rasmussen is quoted as saying: "We've seen a dramatic increase in the pool of potential HVEs [homegrown violent extremists]." Rasmussen said the FBI "is in some stage of investigating at least 1,000 potential HVEs across all 50 states." The Times says Rasmussen also "downplayed recent alarming reports that foreign fighters tied to Islamic State and other extremist groups will be returning from the battlefields of Iraq and Syria to wage jihad in their home countries."

TSA Issues Warning About "Ramming Attacks" By Terrorists Using Vehicles.

[NBC News](#) (5/3) details a report "obtained exclusively by NBC News" from the TSA that warns truck owners and truck rental agencies about the increasing amount of "ramming attacks" performed by terrorists using vehicles as weapons. TSA called on truck owners and rental agencies to be "vigilant" about the growing threat. The report "warns owners, operators and rental agencies to protect their vehicles from theft," and warned that commercial vehicles "present an especially attractive mechanism for vehicle ramming." TSA warned that the most vulnerable location includes those where "large numbers of people congregate, including parades and other celebratory gatherings, sporting events, entertainment venues, or shopping centers." The report also "notes that in the past three years, at least 173 people have been killed and more than 700 wounded in 17 ramming attacks around the world."

ALSO IN THE NEWS

Florida To Consider Exempting Law Enforcement From Three-Day Waiting Period To Buy Guns.

The [Tampa Bay \(FL\) Times](#) (5/3) reports the Florida House "agreed Wednesday morning to send a constitutional amendment to voters in 2018 that would exempt law enforcement officers from Florida's mandatory three-day waiting period for purchasing handguns." Florida's "1.7 million concealed weapons permit-holders do not have to wait for a handgun, so the measure would add law enforcement to that exemption." House Democrats said the amendments would "recognize the hours of training and practice that police officers must do to become proficient with their firearm," and these "officers should be given the same rights that concealed weapons permit-holders are given, as these officers are trained how to properly use a firearm."

LAW ENFORCEMENT AT WORK

Kansas Police Officer Saves Drowning Four-Year-Old With Autism.

The [New York Daily News](#) (5/3, Lisi) reports Topeka Police Department Officer Aaron Bulmer saved a four-year-old with autism from drowning Sunday morning. Bulmer "happened to be driving by a pond when he saw a small child drop into the water," and the entire incident was recorded on his bodycam. Bulmer was "called to investigate an armed robbery when he first noticed the 4-year-old wandering around the park alone Sunday morning." Bulmer said, "I believe that God put me into that situation. ... He allowed me to be in the right place at the right time." The boy "was reunited with one of his parents who had been in the area searching for the child before an ambulance arrived to take him to the hospital."

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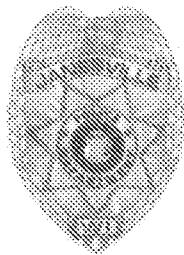
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Subject: Letter
Attachments: [Untitled].pdf

All,

The attached document is being disseminated to you at the request of Director Comey.

Thank you,

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April 26, 2017

Director James Comey
FBI Headquarters
935 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20535-0001

Dear Director Comey:

I'm sure you are aware of the recent threat to the community of Janesville and our nation by suspect Joseph Jakubowski. Jakubowski burglarized a gun store, obtained a cache of weapons and ammunition including a fully automatic weapon, purchased body armor, promptly burned his car and disappeared. We soon learned of his manifesto that was mailed to President Trump that explained his anti-government and anti-religious ideology. Jakubowski videotaped the mailing of the manifesto and spoke of "time for revolution" and "game on". Jakubowski's friends speculated that his plan may involve a school.

The safety concerns in our community were readily apparent and palpable.

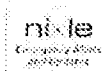
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We believed this incident had all of the indicators of a mass casualty event. The good news was that while we did not know Jakubowski's intended target, we had the opportunity to interrupt the plan and take him into custody.

The assistance from the FBI was significant, rapid and impressive. Under the direction of Milwaukee Special Agent in Charge Justin Tolomeo our community was supported by FBI agents, surveillance teams, hostage negotiators, aerial support, SWAT, hostage rescue team, behavioral science specialists, crime analysts, crisis management experts and all related supervision. Personnel and assets arrived from Washington, DC, Quantico, VA, New York, NY and from throughout the Midwest. Most of the FBI Madison Resident Agency and the FBI Milwaukee Field Office responded to Janesville. SAC Tolomeo recognized the urgency of this event and promptly assured that all anticipated resources were assigned.

Madison Supervisory Special Agent [REDACTED] promptly took charge in what started out to be a chaotic command post. SSA [REDACTED] prioritized leads, made assignments and

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coordinated personnel that were rapidly appearing at the command post. In the coming days and shifts, Madison Special Agents [redacted] assisted SSA [redacted] with the operations of the Command Post. All of these agents worked twelve to sixteen hours per day.

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Madison Special Agent [redacted] promptly reviewed the 168 page manifesto that was written by Jakubowski. Based upon her analysis, SA [redacted] provided a two page synopsis of the manifesto that proved to be beneficial for both talking points for media releases and to inform our community of the nature of the threat.

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I believe that organizations tend to run efficiently for two reasons, processes and relationships. At one point, the command post had neither. Washington DC Crisis Management Coordinator Agent [redacted] arrived at the command post and started to assess our processes. After assessment, SA [redacted] offered process ideas that would work, taking into consideration the current status of the command post. From these process changes, relationships developed and a more effective investigation occurred.

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Upon the arrival of HRT, Supervisory Special Agent [redacted] met with me and offered to meet with our SWAT officers to discuss tactics and equipment. Our SWAT officers quickly accepted the kind offer and met with SSA [redacted] and other HRT members. The HRT set up operations in a workout area of a Rock County office building. What SSA [redacted] does not know is that I happened to observe their departure. What I saw was a number of the HRT members mopping the floor of the workout area, leaving the room cleaner than when they arrived. I believe this speaks prominently of HRT's respect for others.

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One Milwaukee and two Chicago FBI SWAT teams assisted local SWAT resources. Under the guidance of Milwaukee Special Agent [redacted] and Chicago Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] these SWAT teams stood ready for service for nine days during all hours of the day.

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Having the FBI's mobile command post from Washington DC available for this incident was noteworthy. Supervisory Special Agent [redacted] was in charge of the mobile command post and was always welcoming to local dignitaries and offered tours of the mobile command post. SSA [redacted] could have easily suggested that the mobile command post was off limits to non-sworn or non FBI staff, but he did not. His welcoming nature was notable.

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This investigation ended as well as we had hoped; No citizens were hurt, no officers were injured and Jakubowski was apprehended without incident. Although Jakubowski was apprehended within ten days, SAC Tolomeo had plans developed for the next two weeks or for a tragic event. All personnel and assets were in place.

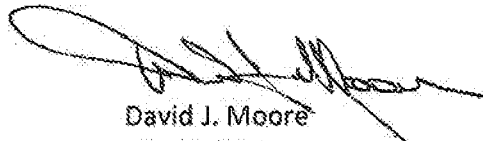
FBI Director Comey
April 26, 2017
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I write to you representing a community that deeply appreciates the support of the FBI. The level of thanks and support our citizens have shared with us is nothing short of astounding. Anyone I speak with I share the story of what the FBI offered this investigation.

In the midst of this investigation, I urged our officers to pause and take in the moment. For many law enforcement officers these types of investigations are a once in a career experience. I suggested that the officers should learn, build relationships and appreciate the experience. I did the same and what I found was an FBI presence in Wisconsin that is knowledgeable, helpful and competent. But what impressed me the most was the patience of SAC Tolomeo and SSA [REDACTED]. These two professionals navigated the treacherous issues of legal jurisdiction, multi-agency interests, varying investigative perspectives and differing personalities with poise and respect.

Director Comey, I want to offer my sincere appreciation and thanks for the assistance of the FBI and the successful resolution of the Joseph Jakubowski incident. You can truly be proud of your Wisconsin FBI team.

Sincerely,



David J. Moore
Chief of Police

cc: SAC Justin Tolomeo
SSA [REDACTED]

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Sent: Friday, May 5, 2017 5:37 AM
To: Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI)
Cc: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)
Subject: Re: RE:

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Chief-

My apologies for the delayed response from our office - we were working through some tricky scheduling with police week and an international trip. Unfortunately the Director is not available on the 17th, but there may be some windows on the 18th and 19th that might work if you are amenable. 4pm on the 18th looks the best. Would the event be closed press?

Thanks,

Jim

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To follow up on our call, I wanted to send an invite to Director Comey to speak at our Annual NFL Security Conference in Washington, DC. I have his cell number but don't want to use it for something like this.

The Annual Conference is a big deal for us as we bring in over 300 local Police Chiefs, Team Security Representatives, NFL Security Representatives, Stadium Security Directors, NFL Football Operations & Event staff, as well as some FBI folks that work with us throughout the season. As you know, I am new to the NFL [redacted]
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[redacted] In my opinion Director Comey is one of the best speakers I have ever heard and he can clearly set the tone for our week long meeting. He can talk as long or as short as he would like, and I will move anything we have on the agenda to get him in at a time that is convenient for him. The details are below.

The Renaissance Washington, DC Downtown
999 9th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20001

We can accommodate him any time after 2:00 on Wednesday May 17, 2017. The conference ends at 5:30 but we are holding a large reception that night

between 7:00 PM and 9:00 PM – we could accommodate him there is that is better for him – and we will even feed him while he is there. The large group will be with us through mid-day on Friday so if there is another day that works better I will make whatever adjustments needed.

Again, I really appreciate your getting this to the right person for me. Take care and have a safe trip home.



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From: The IACP
Sent: Friday, May 5, 2017 7:31 AM
To: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)
Subject: IACP's The Lead: Departments Make Pivot Towards Community Policing

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Greetings Andrew McCabe
Friday, May 5, 2017

POLICING & POLICY

Departments Make Pivot Towards Community Policing.

Government Technology (5/4) reports on the pivot many departments are making towards community policing, where officers make an effort to patrol the same areas, engage in town hall meetings, and interact with the community. Government Technology defines community policing as “building lines of communications between citizens and cops” in order to build trust. The Bureau of Justice Statistics “reports about 70 percent of local police departments include community policing in their mission statement.” IACP “hails community policing in glowing terms.” The association said, “No single factor has been more crucial to reducing crime levels than the partnership between law enforcement agencies and the communities they serve. In order for law enforcement to be truly effective, police agencies cannot operate alone; they must have the active support and assistance of citizens and communities.” Government Technology also highlights other community policing initiatives such as citizen police academies, and “coffee with the cops.”

Former Chicago Officers Push To Better Arm Department.

The AP (5/4, Babwin) reports the recent shooting of two Chicago police officers by high-powered rifles was a “chilling reminder of something Chicago police have long said: They are outgunned by the city’s gangs.” Four former police officers, who are now aldermen, are “pushing to get as many officers trained in using high-powered long guns as quickly as possible to protect themselves from gang members who are favoring these weapons more and more.” The aldermen “say Chicago officers are now allowed to carry semi-automatic long guns if they are trained and certified, but there aren’t enough instructors.” Their plan would “authorize money to hire retired Chicago police officers or retired federal agents who are certified to give the necessary training.”

Minneapolis Police To Increase Patrols During Summer Months.

The Minneapolis Star Tribune (5/4) reports, “Minneapolis police are stepping up patrols in high-crime areas citywide, while asking the community’s help to tame the crime spike that usually accompanies warmer weather.” Part of their strategy will be the continuation of the Joint Enforcement Teams initiative, which is an “ongoing partnership between the department, the Hennepin County Sheriff’s Office, the State Patrol, and Metro Transit police, to patrol crime-heavy areas on the city’s North Side.” Officers will also be assigned to special units called Crime Response Teams, that will be dispatched to address “livability crimes,” such as “public drunkenness and loitering.”

COMMUNITY

Pulse Nightclub To Be Converted Into Memorial, Museum.

The AP (5/4, Schneider) reports the Pulse nightclub, which was the “site of the worst mass shooting in modern US history,”

will be converted into a "memorial and museum to comfort the bereaved now and educate future generations about the importance of tolerance, the club's owner said Thursday." Club owner Barbara Poma "said the design and content of the memorial will be decided by survivors of the massacre, family members of those killed, first responders, and the doctors and nurses who treated the victims, as well as the greater Orlando community."



New model policy on excited delirium is now available to IACP Members. These updated documents provide chief executives with guidance and direction in the handling of individuals who appear to be in a state of excited delirium (ExDS).

To access the documents, please click [here](#).

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CRIME & DRUGS

Police Capture Escaped Maryland Prisoner.

[ABC News](#) (5/4) reports police captured escaped convict David Watson on Wednesday, which "end[ed] five-day manhunt that involved the U.S. Marshals Service and at least six other law enforcement teams, police said." Watson, who was "convicted of the attempted murder of a Delaware police officer," was found "hiding in a small drainage pipe in a wooded area of Jessup, Maryland," near where he escaped from custody, according to the Howard County Police Department. Watson's arrest "ended an intense search that, at one point, utilized bloodhounds, K-9 units, and helicopters with heat-seeking technology."

Australian Police Train Using "Graphic" Simulation Of Terrorist Attack.

The [Daily Mail](#) (5/4) reports police in Australia recently completed a terror attack training, called Exercise Jarvis, which role-played a situation where an "extremist had taken control of a train shortly before impact." The scene "was so realistic" and "gruesome" that some "emergency services personnel were...shaken." The Daily Mail says, "Hundreds of police from across Queensland were involved in preparing for a scenario that could occur." The exercise "tested many scenarios" and was used primarily "to improve communications and co-ordination."

US Opioid Crisis At "Epidemic Proportions."

The [AFP](#) (5/4) reports, "Many US communities are facing an epidemic of opioid and heroin abuse that is straining resources from police, to jails, to emergency medical personnel and treatment centers." The AFP cites facts from the CDC, DEA, and other sources to show that opioid overdoses "killed more than 33,000 people in the United States in 2015," 80% of people "addicted to heroin started by using prescription drugs," the death rate from synthetic opioids "surged 72 percent in 2015," and sales of prescription opioids have "quadrupled" since 1999.

Cyberbullying Bill Advances In Texas Legislature.

The [Dallas Morning News](#) (5/3, Pruner) reports that on Wednesday the Texas Senate unanimously approved legislation to "criminalize cyberbullying and extend the reach of parents and schools to prevent the harassment." The measure "makes cyberbullying a misdemeanor and gives school districts the ability to intervene in cyberbullying cases. It also allows courts to issue subpoenas to reveal anonymous cyberbullies and permits victims to sue in civil court if parents of the cyberbully had the opportunity to intervene but did not."

ALSO IN THE NEWS

El Salvador Proposes Measures To Track US Deportees.

Reuters (5/3) reports El Salvador "proposed new measures on Wednesday to track criminal deportees from the United States as part of a bid to keep violent street gangs known as 'Maras' from expanding." Salvadoran Vice President Oscar Ortiz "said the government wants to create a database of criminal deportees overseen by police to make sure they do not join gangs after returning."

LAW ENFORCEMENT AT WORK

Police Save Georgia Teenager Livestreaming Suicide Attempt On Facebook.

CBS News (5/4) reports Bibb County, Georgia Sheriff's Office deputies saved a Georgia teenager who "took pills, placed a bag over her head and tried to livestream her suicide on Facebook Live." Viewers called 911 and three patrol cars were dispatched to the teen's home on Tuesday night. Sgt. Linda Howard "tells CBS affiliate WMAZ-TV that deputies received multiple calls reporting the broadcast, and that Facebook also reached out to the sheriff's office to get help for her." The New York Post (5/3) reports the teen was saved by the "quick-thinking" of the officers. Deputies "said they were unable to determine her address from Facebook, but contacted the local school district to track down the teen." Sheriff David Davis is quoted as saying, "It's a good thing that the people watching this called it in. ... Those people did the right thing."

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Thanks [redacted]

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[REDACTED] Thanks.

Gregory A. Brower
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Thanks, Beth. I think Pete said [REDACTED]

Thanks,
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See attached draft letter based on Jim R's email below [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I'm happy to take the pen if there are additional edits / comments. Thanks,

Beth Beers

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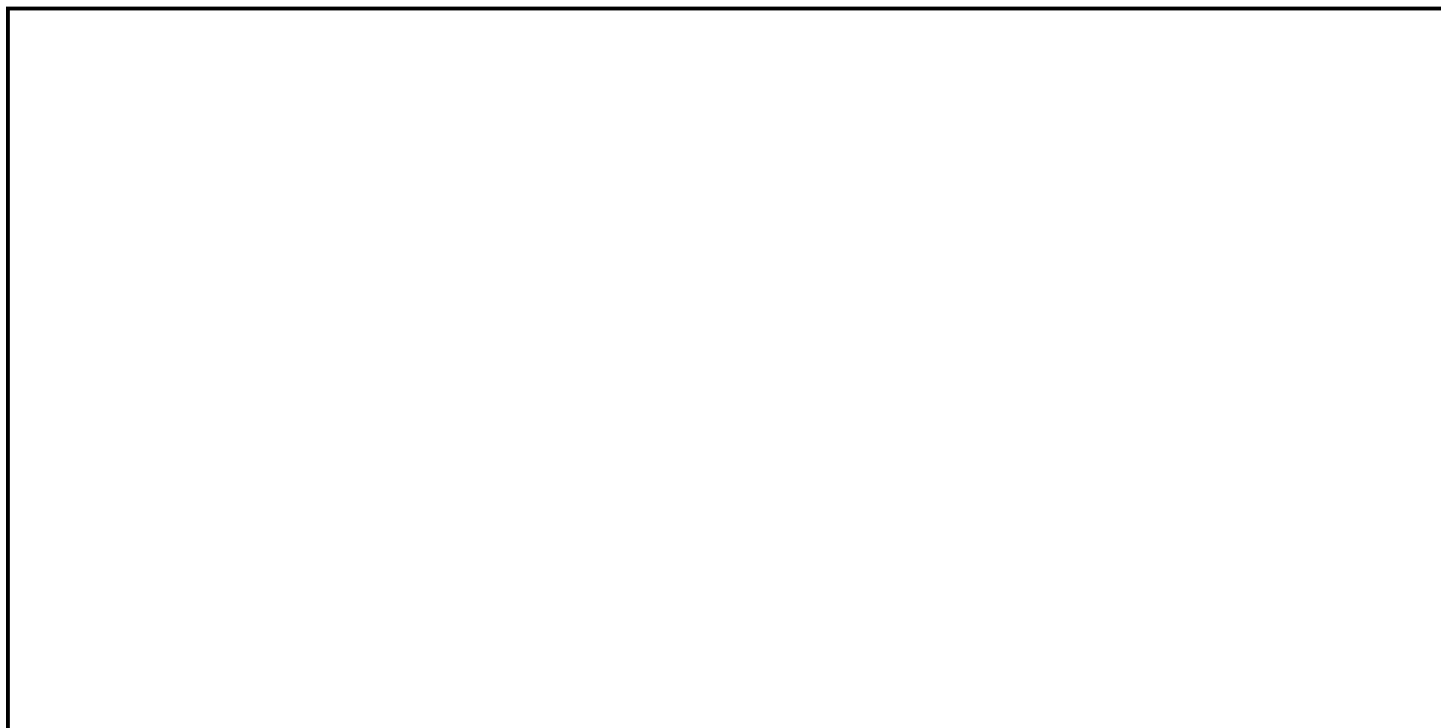
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Apologies in advance for the caps. Below is a draft that has been reviewed by the Director. Please let me

know your thoughts. I'm going to be out of pocket until approximately noon today in a meeting so please discuss amongst the group as necessary.

Thanks,
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Comey's Testimony on Huma Abedin Forwarding Emails Was Inaccurate

The FBI hasn't decided how to correct the director's false claim that she forwarded thousands of Clinton emails to the laptop computer of her husband, former Congressman Anthony Weiner.

by Peter Elkind, special to ProPublica, May 8, 2017, 10:39 p.m.

 FBI Director James Comey testifies before the Senate Judiciary Committee on May 3, 2017. (Jim Watson/AFP/Getty Images)

FBI director James Comey generated national headlines last week with his dramatic testimony to the Senate Judiciary Committee, explaining his “incredibly painful” decision to go public about the Hillary Clinton emails found on Anthony Weiner’s laptop.

Perhaps Comey’s most surprising revelation was that Huma Abedin — Weiner’s wife and a top Clinton deputy — had made “a regular practice” of forwarding “hundreds and thousands” of Clinton messages to her husband, “some of which contain classified information.” Comey testified that Abedin had done this so that the disgraced former congressman could print them out for her boss. (Weiner’s laptop was seized after he came under criminal investigation for sex crimes, following a media report about his online relationship with a teenager.)

The New York Post plastered its story on the front page with a photo of an underwear-clad Weiner and the headline: “HARD COPY: Huma sent Weiner classified Hillary emails to print out.” The Daily News went with a similar front-page screamer: “HUMA ERROR: Sent classified emails to sext maniac Weiner.”

The problem: Much of what Comey said about this was inaccurate. Now the FBI is trying to figure out what to do about it.

FBI officials have privately acknowledged that Comey misstated what Abedin did and what the FBI investigators found. On Monday, the FBI was said to be preparing to correct the record by sending a letter to Congress later this week. But that plan now appears on hold, with the bureau undecided about what to do.

ProPublica is reporting a story on the FBI’s handling of the Clinton emails and raised questions with government officials last week about possible inaccuracies in Comey’s

statements about Abedin.

It could not be learned how the mistake occurred. The FBI and Abedin declined ProPublica's requests for comment on the director's misstatements.

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Please pause briefly. I want to look at one issue. Thanks

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by Peter Elkind, special to ProPublica, May 8, 2017, 10:39 p.m.

 FBI Director James Comey testifies before the Senate Judiciary Committee on May 3, 2017. (Jim Watson/AFP/Getty Images)

FBI director James Comey generated national headlines last week with his dramatic testimony to the Senate Judiciary Committee, explaining his “incredibly painful” decision to go public about the Hillary Clinton emails found on Anthony Weiner’s laptop.

Perhaps Comey’s most surprising revelation was that Huma Abedin — Weiner’s wife and a top Clinton deputy — had made “a regular practice” of forwarding “hundreds and thousands” of Clinton messages to her husband, “some of which contain classified information.” Comey testified that Abedin had done this so that the disgraced former congressman could print them out for her boss. (Weiner’s laptop was seized after he came under criminal investigation for sex crimes, following a media report about his online relationship with a teenager.)

The New York Post plastered its story on the front page with a photo of an underwear-clad Weiner and the headline: “HARD COPY: Huma sent Weiner classified Hillary emails to print out.” The Daily News went with a similar front-page screamer: “HUMA ERROR: Sent

classified emails to sext maniac Weiner.”

The problem: Much of what Comey said about this was inaccurate. Now the FBI is trying to figure out what to do about it.

FBI officials have privately acknowledged that Comey misstated what Abedin did and what the FBI investigators found. On Monday, the FBI was said to be preparing to correct the record by sending a letter to Congress later this week. But that plan now appears on hold, with the bureau undecided about what to do.

ProPublica is reporting a story on the FBI’s handling of the Clinton emails and raised questions with government officials last week about possible inaccuracies in Comey’s statements about Abedin.

It could not be learned how the mistake occurred. The FBI and Abedin declined ProPublica’s requests for comment on the director’s misstatements.

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Otherwise looks good.

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Date: 5/9/17 7:00 AM (GMT-05:00)

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[REDACTED] (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED] "Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI)" [REDACTED]

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No but I talked to Pete and he answered [redacted] would look at the issue

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Should Jim Baker's change be made?

Gregory A. Brower
Assistant Director
FBI Congressional Affairs
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Thanks!

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Edit to last sentence [REDACTED]

Andrew G. McCabe
Deputy Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
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From: Beers, Elizabeth R. (DO) (FBI)

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FBI Office of Congressional Affairs

From: Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)
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Here's the update, clean. Beth, please use this (same is in attachment) .

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From: Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Tuesday, May 09, 2017 12:38 PM
To: Brower, Gregory (OGC) (FBI) [REDACTED] Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI)
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The DD would like discuss this in a meeting at 1pm to discuss this letter. Standby for invite.

From: Brower, Gregory (OGC) (FBI)
Sent: Tuesday, May 09, 2017 12:29 PM
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[redacted] Thanks.

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Sent: Tuesday, May 09, 2017 12:12 PM
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Thanks, Beth. I think Pete said [REDACTED]

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See attached draft letter based on Jim R's email below [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I'm happy to take the pen if there are additional edits / comments. Thanks,

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Sent: Tuesday, May 09, 2017 8:56 AM

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Apologies in advance for the caps. Below is a draft that has been reviewed by the Director. Please let me know your thoughts. I'm going to be out of pocket until approximately noon today in a meeting so please discuss amongst the group as necessary.

Thanks,
Jim

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Ok. W will sign and send in 5 mins to no further edits.

Gregory A. Brower
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This is final. DOJ cleared. Lisa is reviewing in a meeting now with the DD.

Pen is back with OCA. It would probably be good for everyone to put one more set of eyes on this as a failsafe.

Thanks for all of the work to get this out.

Jim

From: Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI)
Sent: Tuesday, May 09, 2017 3:48 PM
To: Brower, Gregory (OGC) (FBI); [REDACTED] Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI); [REDACTED] McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI); [REDACTED] Beers, Elizabeth R. (DO) (FBI); [REDACTED] Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI); [REDACTED] Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI); [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI); [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI); [REDACTED] Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI); [REDACTED] (OGC) (FBI); [REDACTED] Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI); [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI); [REDACTED]
Cc: Priestap, E. W. (CD) (FBI); [REDACTED] (OGC) (FBI); [REDACTED] Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI); [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI); [REDACTED]

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No but I talked to Pete and he answered [REDACTED] would look at the issue

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Date: 5/9/17 3:33 PM (GMT-05:00)

To: "Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED] "Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI)"

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Should Jim Baker's change be made?

Gregory A. Brower
Assistant Director
FBI Congressional Affairs
(Direct) [REDACTED]
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From: Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI)

Sent: Tuesday, May 09, 2017 3:24 PM

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This version contains edits from DOJ but does not make the change from Jim Baker below. Please review by NLT 3:45p.

Thanks!

From: Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI)

Sent: Tuesday, May 09, 2017 2:49 PM

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Date: 5/9/17 2:35 PM (GMT-05:00)
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Andrew G. McCabe
Deputy Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
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From: Beers, Elizabeth R. (DO) (FBI)

Sent: Tuesday, May 09, 2017 2:00 PM

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Beth Beers
FBI Office of Congressional Affairs
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From: Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)

Sent: Tuesday, May 09, 2017 1:34 PM

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[redacted] Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI) [redacted] Beers, Elizabeth R. (DO) (FBI)
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Cc: Priestap, E. W. (CD) (FBI) [redacted] (OGC) (FBI) [redacted] Moffa,
Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI) [redacted] (DO) (FBI) [redacted]
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Here's the update, clean. Beth, please use this (same is in attachment) .

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From: Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI)

Sent: Tuesday, May 09, 2017 12:38 PM

To: Brower, Gregory (OGC) (FBI) [REDACTED]; Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI)

[REDACTED] Beers, Elizabeth R. (DO) (FBI)

[REDACTED] Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)

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Cc: Priestap, E. W. (CD) (FBI)

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Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI)

[REDACTED] (DO) (FBI)

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The DD would like discuss this in a meeting at 1pm to discuss this letter. Standby for invite.

From: Brower, Gregory (OGC) (FBI)

Sent: Tuesday, May 09, 2017 12:29 PM

To: Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI) [REDACTED] Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED]

Beers, Elizabeth R. (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED]; Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI) [REDACTED]

Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (DO) (FBI)

[REDACTED] Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)

Cc: Priestap, E. W. (CD) (FBI)

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[REDACTED] Moffa,

Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI)

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[REDACTED] Thanks.

Gregory A. Brower
Assistant Director
FBI Congressional Affairs
(Direct) [REDACTED]
(Mobile) [REDACTED]

From: Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI)

Sent: Tuesday, May 09, 2017 12:12 PM

To: Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI) [redacted] Beers, Elizabeth R. (DO) (FBI)
[redacted] Brower, Gregory (OGC) (FBI) [redacted] Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)
[redacted] Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI) [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
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Cc: Priestap, E. W. (CD) (FBI) [redacted] (OGC) (FBI) [redacted]; Moffa,
Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI) [redacted]
Subject: RE: DRAFT ltr re testimony

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Date: 5/9/17 12:00 PM (GMT-05:00)
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[redacted] "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted] "Baker, James A.
(OGC) (FBI)" [redacted] "Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI)" [redacted]
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Thanks, Beth. I think Pete said [redacted]
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Thanks,
Jim

From: Beers, Elizabeth R. (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Tuesday, May 09, 2017 11:53 AM
To: Brower, Gregory (OGC) (FBI) [redacted] Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI) [redacted]
Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI) [redacted] Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI) [redacted]
[redacted] (DO) (FBI) [redacted] (DO) (FBI) [redacted] Page,
Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI) [redacted] Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI) [redacted]
Cc: Priestap, E. W. (CD) (FBI) [redacted] (OGC) (FBI) [redacted] Moffa,
Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI) [redacted]
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See attached draft letter based on Jim R's email below [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I'm happy to take the pen if there are additional edits / comments. Thanks,

Beth Bours

FBI Office of Congressional Affairs

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From: Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI)

Sent: Tuesday, May 09, 2017 8:56 AM

To: Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI) [REDACTED] Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI) [REDACTED]

Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED]

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Gregory (OGC) (FBI) [REDACTED]

Cc: Priestap, E. W. (CD) (FBI) [REDACTED] (OGC) (FBI) [REDACTED] Moffa,

Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI) [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Comey's Testimony on Huma Abedin Forwarding Emails Was Inaccurate - ProPublica

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Apologies in advance for the caps. Below is a draft that has been reviewed by the Director. Please let me know your thoughts. I'm going to be out of pocket until approximately noon today in a meeting so please discuss amongst the group as necessary.

Thanks,

Jim

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From: Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)

Sent: Tuesday, May 09, 2017 7:31 AM

To: Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI) [REDACTED] Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI)

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Cc: Priestap, E. W. (CD) (FBI) [redacted] (OGC) (FBI) [redacted] Moffa,
Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI) [redacted]
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Date: 5/9/17 7:27 AM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted] "Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI)"
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"Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)" [redacted] "Brower, Gregory (OGC) (FBI)"
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[redacted] "Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted] "Page, Lisa C.
(OGC) (FBI)" [redacted]
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Thanks.

Where are we with sending out the supplemental letter?

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From: "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]
Date: 5/9/17 7:00 AM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI)" [redacted] (DO) (FBI)"
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(OGC) (FBI)" [redacted]
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From: "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]
Date: 5/9/17 6:34 AM (GMT-05:00)

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To: "Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI)" [redacted] (DO) (FBI)"

[redacted] (DO) (FBI)" [redacted]

Cc: "Priestap, E. W. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted] (OGC) (FBI)"

[redacted] "Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted] "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)" [redacted]

Subject: Fwd: Comey's Testimony on Huma Abedin Forwarding Emails Was Inaccurate - ProPublica

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<https://www.propublica.org/article/comeys-testimony-on-huma-abedin-forwarding-emails-was-inaccurate>

Comey's Testimony on Huma Abedin Forwarding Emails Was Inaccurate

The FBI hasn't decided how to correct the director's false claim that she forwarded thousands of Clinton emails to the laptop computer of her husband, former Congressman Anthony Weiner.

by Peter Elkind, special to ProPublica, May 8, 2017, 10:39 p.m.

[redacted] FBI Director James Comey testifies before the Senate Judiciary Committee on May 3, 2017. (Jim Watson/AFP/Getty Images)

FBI director James Comey generated national headlines last week with his dramatic testimony to the Senate Judiciary Committee, explaining his "incredibly painful" decision to go public about the Hillary Clinton emails found on Anthony Weiner's laptop.

Perhaps Comey's most surprising revelation was that Huma Abedin — Weiner's wife and a top Clinton deputy — had made "a regular practice" of forwarding "hundreds and thousands" of Clinton messages to her husband, "some of which contain classified information." Comey testified that Abedin had done this so that the disgraced former congressman could print them out for her boss. (Weiner's laptop was seized after he came under criminal investigation for sex crimes, following a media report about his online

relationship with a teenager.)

The New York Post plastered its story on the front page with a photo of an underwear-clad Weiner and the headline: “HARD COPY: Huma sent Weiner classified Hillary emails to print out.” The Daily News went with a similar front-page screamer: “HUMA ERROR: Sent classified emails to sext maniac Weiner.”

The problem: Much of what Comey said about this was inaccurate. Now the FBI is trying to figure out what to do about it.

FBI officials have privately acknowledged that Comey misstated what Abedin did and what the FBI investigators found. On Monday, the FBI was said to be preparing to correct the record by sending a letter to Congress later this week. But that plan now appears on hold, with the bureau undecided about what to do.

ProPublica is reporting a story on the FBI’s handling of the Clinton emails and raised questions with government officials last week about possible inaccuracies in Comey’s statements about Abedin.

It could not be learned how the mistake occurred. The FBI and Abedin declined ProPublica’s requests for comment on the director’s misstatements.

How We’re Learning To Do Journalism Differently in the Age of Trump



Here are four ideas we’ve used to guide our Trump administration coverage.

Brower, Gregory (OGC) (FBI)

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Thanks Jim.

Formatting, printing, and signing.

Will email to Chair and Ranking staff ASAP. I will simultaneously call key staffers to let them know its coming and that OPA will be referring media calls to them.

Gregory A. Brower
Assistant Director
FBI Congressional Affairs
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To: "Brower, Gregory (OGC) (FBI)" [REDACTED] "Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI)"

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FBI Office of Congressional Affairs

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Gregory A. Brower
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From: Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI)

Sent: Tuesday, May 09, 2017 3:52 PM

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Subject: RE: DRAFT ltr re testimony

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Should Jim Baker's change be made?

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Assistant Director
FBI Congressional Affairs
(Direct) [redacted]
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From: Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Tuesday, May 09, 2017 3:24 PM
To: Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI) [redacted] McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI) [redacted]
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This version contains edits from DOJ but does not make the change from Jim Baker below. Please review by NLT 3:45p.

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Date: 5/9/17 2:35 PM (GMT-05:00)

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Andrew G. McCabe
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
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From: Beers, Elizabeth R. (DO) (FBI)

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Beth Beers
FBI Office of Congressional Affairs
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From: Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)

Sent: Tuesday, May 09, 2017 1:34 PM

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Here's the update, clean. Beth, please use this (same is in attachment) .



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Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI) [redacted] (DO) (FBI) [redacted]

Subject: RE: DRAFT ltr re testimony

The DD would like discuss this in a meeting at 1pm to discuss this letter. Standby for invite.

From: Brower, Gregory (OGC) (FBI)

Sent: Tuesday, May 09, 2017 12:29 PM

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Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI) [redacted]

Subject: RE: DRAFT ltr re testimony

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[redacted] Thanks.

Gregory A. Brower
Assistant Director
FBI Congressional Affairs

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From: Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI)

Sent: Tuesday, May 09, 2017 12:12 PM

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Thanks, Beth. I think Pete said

Thanks,
Jim

From: Beers, Elizabeth R. (DO) (FBI)

Sent: Tuesday, May 09, 2017 11:53 AM

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Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI) [redacted]
Subject: DRAFT ltr re testimony

See attached draft letter based on Jim R's email below [redacted]
[redacted] I'm happy to take the pen if there are additional edits / comments. Thanks,

Rich Beers
FBI Office of Congressional Affairs

From: Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Tuesday, May 09, 2017 8:56 AM
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Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI) [redacted]
Subject: RE: Comey's Testimony on Huma Abedin Forwarding Emails Was Inaccurate - ProPublica

Apologies in advance for the caps. Below is a draft that has been reviewed by the Director. Please let me know your thoughts. I'm going to be out of pocket until approximately noon today in a meeting so please discuss amongst the group as necessary.

Thanks,
Jim

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Subject: RE: Comey's Testimony on Huma Abedin Forwarding Emails Was Inaccurate - ProPublica

Thanks.

Where are we with sending out the supplemental letter?

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From: "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [REDACTED]

Date: 5/9/17 7:00 AM (GMT-05:00)

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Comey's Testimony on Huma Abedin Forwarding Emails Was Inaccurate

The FBI hasn't decided how to correct the director's false claim that she forwarded thousands of Clinton emails to the laptop computer of her husband, former Congressman Anthony Weiner.

by Peter Elkind, special to ProPublica, May 8, 2017, 10:39 p.m.

[REDACTED] FBI Director James Comey testifies before the Senate Judiciary Committee on May 3, 2017. (Jim Watson/AFP/Getty Images)

FBI director James Comey generated national headlines last week with his dramatic testimony to the Senate Judiciary Committee, explaining his "incredibly painful" decision to go public about the Hillary Clinton emails found on Anthony Weiner's laptop.

Perhaps Comey's most surprising revelation was that Huma Abedin — Weiner's wife and a top Clinton deputy — had made "a regular practice" of forwarding "hundreds and thousands" of Clinton messages to her husband, "some of which contain classified

information.” Comey testified that Abedin had done this so that the disgraced former congressman could print them out for her boss. (Weiner’s laptop was seized after he came under criminal investigation for sex crimes, following a media report about his online relationship with a teenager.)

The New York Post plastered its story on the front page with a photo of an underwear-clad Weiner and the headline: “HARD COPY: Huma sent Weiner classified Hillary emails to print out.” The Daily News went with a similar front-page screamer: “HUMA ERROR: Sent classified emails to sext maniac Weiner.”

The problem: Much of what Comey said about this was inaccurate. Now the FBI is trying to figure out what to do about it.

FBI officials have privately acknowledged that Comey misstated what Abedin did and what the FBI investigators found. On Monday, the FBI was said to be preparing to correct the record by sending a letter to Congress later this week. But that plan now appears on hold, with the bureau undecided about what to do.

ProPublica is reporting a story on the FBI’s handling of the Clinton emails and raised questions with government officials last week about possible inaccuracies in Comey’s statements about Abedin.

It could not be learned how the mistake occurred. The FBI and Abedin declined ProPublica’s requests for comment on the director’s misstatements.

How We’re Learning To Do Journalism Differently in the Age of Trump



Here are four ideas we’ve used to guide our Trump administration coverage.

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From: governing_body@theiacp.simplelists.com
Sent: Tuesday, May 9, 2017 6:40 PM
To: Talucci, Vince
Subject: Dismissal of FBI Director Comey

IACP Board of Directors –

In consultation with President De Lucca, we tweeted out the below regarding the dismissal of FBI Director Comey.

We will keep you posted as we learn more – and it will certainly be a discussion item this weekend.

Thanks-
Vince



The IACP (@TheIACP)

5/9/17, 6:22 PM

While disappointed w/ [@FBI](#) Dir Comey's dismissal, we thank him for his service and unyielding commitment to global law enforcement.

Vincent Talucci

Executive Director/Chief Executive Officer

International Association of Chiefs of Police

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From: The IACP
Sent: Wednesday, May 10, 2017 7:41 AM
To: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)
Subject: IACP's The Lead: Florida Police Video Offers Tips On Finding Missing Children With Autism

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Greetings Andrew McCabe
Wednesday, May 10, 2017

POLICING & POLICY

Florida Police Video Offers Tips On Finding Missing Children With Autism.

The [South Florida Sun Sentinel](#) (5/9) reports Palm Beach County, Florida school police have “produced a new video offering tips on how to find missing children who are autistic,” which will soon be available to officers across the country. Experts on autism “say police need to understand these kids’ habits, often including a love of enclosed spaces and ability to conquer complicated obstacles.” Families with children that have autism can sign their children up at a Special Needs Registry at the police department in Jupiter, Florida, so officers “know the best ways to interact with the child and how to contact family members.” The Sun Sentinel mentions that the video “was officially launched last month at the International Association of Chiefs of Police conference in Phoenix.”

London Police Consider New Tactics For Dealing With Moped Gangs.

The [Guardian \(UK\)](#) (5/9, Dodd) reports police in London are “battling a surge in young thieves using mopeds to swipe phones from their victims [and] are considering tougher tactics as they claimed one gang carried out 30 robberies in an hour.” One police chief “told the Guardian that chasing suspects could be considered, with more covert officers and cars ready to snatch or chase alleged offenders.” Police “believe the growth in the thefts could be driven by an increase in the value of spare mobile phone parts, or criminals getting better at bypassing the security of stolen phones.”

NYPD Emergency Unit Trains To Handle High-Rise Rescues.

The [AP](#) (5/9, Long) reports on the NYPD’s 400-officer Emergency Services Unit, which “specializes in dangerous, often high-rise rescues.” The AP says the fire department is also trained to handle high-rise rescues, but the “NYPD unit is brought in on cases in which people are resisting help, suicidal or otherwise mentally unstable.”

CRIME & DRUGS

Designer Drug “Acryl Fentanyl” Causing Surge In Deaths.

[NBC News](#) (5/8, Siemaszko) reports on a new designer drug called Acryl fentanyl, which “looks like heroin or regular fentanyl” and comes in powder form. The drug, which is “laced with heroin or cocaine,” has already been blamed for the deaths of 44 people in Chicago through April 8 of this year. NBC News says the Acryl fentanyl is “more dangerous [because it] is that it is more resistant to the overdose antidote naloxone.” Acryl fentanyl has also “not yet been declared a controlled substance by the federal Drug Enforcement Agency,” which makes it available for purchase online, according to DEA spokesman Melvin Patterson. Patterson also explained that the drug is “clandestinely manufactured” and shipped to the US.

Sessions Expected To Toughen Rules For Prosecuting Drug Crimes.

In what the [New York Times](#) (5/9, Ruiz) says “would be a major rollback of Obama-era policies,” Attorney General Sessions “is expected to soon toughen rules on prosecuting drug crimes, according to people familiar with internal deliberations.”

The [Washington Post](#) (5/9, Horwitz) reports that Attorney General Sessions “is reviewing policy changes set in place by the Obama administration that eliminated harsh punishments for low-level drug crimes and could direct federal prosecutors to again charge drug offenders with crimes carrying the most severe penalties, according to U.S. officials.” The Post adds that if adopted, the changes “would overturn a memo by then-Attorney General Eric H. Holder Jr. that instructed prosecutors to avoid charging low-level defendants with drug offenses that would trigger severe mandatory minimum sentences.”

The [AP](#) (5/9, Gurman, Tucker) reports that the guidance “is taking shape in the form of a memo that ultimately will be shared with the nation’s federal prosecutors, but the timeframe for release is unclear,” and that “drafts of the memo have been circulating for weeks and have undergone revisions, so the final language is not yet certain.” One version “would encourage prosecutors to charge people with the most serious, provable offenses – something more likely to trigger mandatory minimum sentences.”



The IACP thanks former FBI Director James Comey for his partnership, service, and dedication to the law enforcement profession. We appreciate his leadership and commitment to law enforcement during his time in office. We look forward to continuing our work with the Bureau and Acting Director Andrew G. McCabe on the many issues confronting the profession such as going dark, terrorism prevention, use of force data collection, violence against the police, and NIBRS.

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National Police Week Begins In DC With Memorial For Five Local Officers Killed In Line Of Duty.

The [Washington Times](#) (5/8, McDermott) reports, “Officials from around the D.C. region gathered Monday at Metropolitan Police Headquarters in Northwest to commemorate five local police officers who died in the line of duty last year and to kick off events for National Police Week.” According to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, “143 police officers died in the line of duty across the country in 2016 – the highest figure since 2011, when 178 officers died.” So far, 44 officers have died in the line of duty nationwide this year, according to the Officer Down Memorial Page.

TECHNOLOGY

Texas Law Enforcement Gets Access To DHS Biometric Database Through Pilot Program.

[Texas Public Radio](#) (5/9, Flahive) reports Texas is now the “first and only state to get access to a massive Department of Homeland Security biometric database through a pilot program.” Director of the Identity Operations Division Patrick Nemeth “says that from November to April, DPS has sent 200 crime scene prints resulting in two potential matches, one in an ongoing

capital murder case.”

Facebook Taking Action To Prevent Online Suicides.

The AP (5/8, Martin) reports, “The alarming video of a Georgia teenager livestreaming her own suicide attempt stayed up long enough on Facebook Live for sheriff’s deputies to find and save her – a repeat phenomenon that has prompted mental health experts and Facebook’s CEO to further investigate how they can use social media as a possible platform to help save lives.” In April, Facebook kept up another possible suicide video, in order for law enforcement to “use that live video to communicate with that person and help save their life,” according to CEO Mark Zuckerberg. Facebook is “testing how computers can quickly identify posts where it’s likely someone is expressing thoughts of suicide, and provide resources to the person even if someone on Facebook has not reported it yet.” Zuckerberg also “announced that Facebook will hire 3,000 more people to review videos of crimes and suicides.”

ALSO IN THE NEWS

DHS: Number Of Illegal Border Crossings Continued To Fall In April.

USA Today (5/9, Johnson) reports the Department of Homeland Security on Tuesday released figures that show the number of “illegal crossings” on the US Southern border “declined for a sixth consecutive month in April” to 15,780, which is a decrease of “nearly 1,000” from March. The AP (5/9) reports DHS “reported border patrol arrests fell to 11,129 in April, compared with 12,196 in March,” which is the “lowest level in more than 17 years.” CNN (5/9, Kopan) reports April’s figures are the “third straight month that apprehensions hit historic lows.” CNN adds, “Prior to the Trump administration, the lowest monthly total going back to 2000 was in December 2011, when 18,983 apprehensions were recorded at the southern border.” AFP (5/9) reports DHS spokesman David Lapan “credited tougher surveillance and enforcement by the US Customs and Border Protection agency, but said they anticipate a possible uptick in coming months after the winter.”

LAW ENFORCEMENT AT WORK

Officers Take Prom Pictures With Daughter Of Fallen Officer.

USA Today (5/9) reports Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department Officer Rod Bradway was killed in the line of duty on Sept. 20, 2013, and daughter Sierra Bradway wanted to take “quintessential prom photos with her family,” so she visited his gravesite. IMPD was contacted and showed up at the gravesite to support Sierra. Before the prom, Sierra posed with IMPD Chief Bryan Roach, along with a picture of her father, for a photo. In other photos, Sierra is “surrounded by dozens of police officers and sheriff’s deputies.” USA Today adds that IMPD then sent her off to her prom, with one reminder to her date, “Have her home by 11 p.m.!”

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Will, Candice M. (DO) (FBI)

From: Will, Candice M. (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Wednesday, May 10, 2017 4:54 PM
To: Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI); Quinn, Richard P. (DO) (FBI)
Cc: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)
Subject: CNN inquiry

Mike/Rich-

I received the email below on Tue evening, shortly after Director Comey's firing, from [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] I did not respond. [REDACTED] two CNN interviews OPA asked me to
participate in, one with [REDACTED] the other with [REDACTED]

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

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, May 09, 2017 6:22 PM
To: Will, Candice M. (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED]
Subject: Checking in

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Hi Candice -

Hope all is well. I was trying to find your number for a quick question on background. Would you have a minute?

Best,

[REDACTED]

Quinn, Richard P. (DO) (FBI)

From: Quinn, Richard P. (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Wednesday, May 10, 2017 5:31 PM
To: Will, Candice M. (DO) (FBI); Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI)
Cc: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)
Subject: RE: CNN inquiry

Copy that Candice thanks for the heads up.

Richard P. Quinn
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Media/Investigative Publicity

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----- Original message -----

From: "Will, Candice M. (DO) (FBI)" [redacted]
Date: 5/10/17 4:53 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI)" [redacted] "Quinn, Richard P. (DO) (FBI)"
[redacted]
Cc: "McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)" [redacted]
Subject: CNN inquiry

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Best,

[redacted]

From: Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)
Sent: Wednesday, May 10, 2017 9:02 PM
To: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI); Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI); [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI) b6 b7C
Subject: Fwd: Comey Farewell Letter
Attachments: JBC Farewell.pdf

You've likely seen...

----- Original message -----

From: "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [REDACTED]
Date: 05/10/2017 8:53 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)" [REDACTED]
Subject: Fwd: Comey Farewell Letter

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From: [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED]
Date: 5/10/17 7:29 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED]
Subject: Farewell Letter

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Friends:

Former Director Comey asked this evening that I share the attached note in reply to those who have reached out inquiring about him.

Thanks for all the words of support for such an inspirational leader.

Respectfully,

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To all:

I have long believed that a President can fire an FBI Director for any reason, or for no reason at all. I'm not going to spend time on the decision or the way it was executed. I hope you won't either. It is done, and I will be fine, although I will miss you and the mission deeply.

I have said to you before that, in times of turbulence, the American people should see the FBI as a rock of competence, honesty, and independence. What makes leaving the FBI hard is the nature and quality of its people, who together make it that rock for America.

It is very hard to leave a group of people who are committed only to doing the right thing. My hope is that you will continue to live our values and the mission of protecting the American people and upholding the Constitution. If you do that, you too will be sad when you leave, and the American people will be safer.

Working with you has been one of the great joys of my life. Thank you for that gift.

Jim Comey

McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)

From: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Wednesday, May 10, 2017 10:04 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Message

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Thanks.

Andrew G. McCabe
Deputy Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Work [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Date: 5/10/17 9:30 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED]
Subject: Message

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Boss, Director Comey's Farewell Message.

V/R,

[REDACTED]

McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)

From: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2017 7:15 PM
To: Thornton, Richard T. (MP) (FBI)
Subject: RE: My thoughts

Thanks very much Rick. I'm glad to know the message is getting out and is being received as intended. These are tough times for us so we really have to try to keep them close. Our people deserve to be represented truthfully and honestly. It was my privilege to do it.

Thanks for the note.

Andrew G. McCabe
Deputy Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Work [REDACTED]

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From: "Thornton, Richard T. (MP) (FBI)" [REDACTED]
Date: 5/11/17 2:33 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED]
Subject: My thoughts

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Boss,

For what it's worth, I think you've struck the right balance internally in dealing with this situation. Your words at the Wednesday Svtc emphasizing focusing on the mission and in particular not creating any vulnerabilities for the bureau was important.

Also, thank you for clarifying the record on the hill regarding the level of support Director Comey's had internally. [REDACTED]

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Given the climate, it took real courage to speak as clearly and directly as you did. I appreciate what you're doing for all of us during this difficult period.

Rick

Richard T. Thornton
Special Agent in Charge
FBI Minneapolis (Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota)

[REDACTED] Office
[REDACTED] Mobile

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McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)

From: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2017 7:17 PM
To: [REDACTED] (NY) (FBI)
Subject: RE: Hang in there!

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Thanks [REDACTED] He deserved better, and our folks deserve to be represented clearly and honestly. It was my honor to do that.

Andrew G. McCabe
Deputy Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Work [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED] (NY) (FBI)" [REDACTED]
Date: 5/11/17 4:41 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Hang in there!

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Loved your description of how we all feel about Director Comey. He deserved better.

Great job under pressure!

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----- Original message -----

From: "McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED]
Date: 05/10/2017 10:24 AM (GMT-05:00)
To: [REDACTED] (NY) (FBI)" [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Hang in there!

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Thanks [REDACTED] I really appreciate the good thoughts.

The work must get done, [REDACTED] We carry on.

Andrew G. McCabe
Deputy Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] (NY) (FBI)

Sent: Wednesday, May 10, 2017 9:29 AM

To: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED]

Subject: Hang in there!

Just wanted to drop you a note of encouragement.

[REDACTED]

My best to you and your family.

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McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)

From: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2017 7:58 PM
To: [REDACTED] (CTD) (FBI)
Subject: RE: Thanks

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Thanks [REDACTED] Long day but well worth it. Just glad I got the opportunity to stand up for our folks.

Andrew G. McCabe
Deputy Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Work [REDACTED]

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----- Original message -----

From: [REDACTED] (CTD) (FBI)" [REDACTED]
Date: 5/11/17 7:33 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED]
Subject: Thanks

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Boss,

Great job today; that couldn't have been easy. The troops have your back; thanks for having ours and for accurately portraying how I believe the majority of us feel about Director Comey.

Good luck and keep the faith.

All the best,

[REDACTED]

A/Assistant Section Chief

[REDACTED]

Desk:

Cell:

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McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)

From: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Friday, May 12, 2017 7:51 PM
To: [REDACTED] (NY) (FBI)
Subject: RE: Thank you

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Thanks very much [REDACTED] I was just lucky to have the chance to speak up for our folks. They deserve it.

Thanks very much for reaching out. I hope you are doing well.

Andrew G. McCabe
Deputy Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Work [REDACTED]

----- Original message -----

From: [REDACTED] (NY) (FBI)" [REDACTED]
Date: 5/12/17 7:41 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED]
Subject: Thank you

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Thank you for sticking up for us yesterday - those who constitute the broad support for Jim Comey and our institution as a whole. The positive impact of your words, and need for them, cannot be overstated. Good luck in the days to come and we're pulling for you.

McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)

From: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Friday, May 12, 2017 7:58 PM
To: Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI); Bowdich, David L. (DO) (FBI)
Subject: RE: Thank You and Stay Strong

Great message.

Andrew G. McCabe
Deputy Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Work [REDACTED]

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----- Original message -----

From: "Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED]
Date: 5/12/17 7:51 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED] "Bowdich, David L. (DO) (FBI)"
[REDACTED]
Subject: Fwd: Thank You and Stay Strong

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From: "Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED]
Date: 5/12/17 7:42 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI)"
[REDACTED] (DO) (OGA) [REDACTED]
(DO) (FBI) [REDACTED] (SECD) (FBI)" [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED] (SECD) (FBI)"
[REDACTED] (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI)"
[REDACTED] (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED]
Subject: Thank You and Stay Strong

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Friends-

At the end of what I think has been the most turbulent week of any of our professional lives, I wanted to thank you for the support you have shown for Director Comey, Acting Director McCabe, the FBI family, and each other. I'm very honored to be associated with each of you and your teams. I think we showed this

week the true heart of our office and I could not be more proud. Director Comey is doing as well as can be expected, still laughing as much as possible. The weeks ahead will be tough, but I know that we will continue to rally around the Acting Director and support him to the best of our abilities. If you need ANYTHING this weekend, including just someone to talk to, please call me.

Best,
Jim

McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)

From: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Friday, May 12, 2017 10:07 PM
To: Ennis, George J. (NY) (FBI)
Subject: RE: Regards

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Thanks so much for reaching out. I was lucky to get the chance to speak for our folks. They deserve to be heard. And Director Comey deserves to be respected for the bond he has with this organization.

Great to hear from you and thanks for the kind thoughts. [REDACTED]

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Be well.

Andrew G. McCabe
Deputy Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Work [REDACTED]

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From: "Ennis, George J. (NY) (FBI)" [REDACTED]
Date: 5/12/17 8:06 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED]
Subject: Regards

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Andrew,

Forgive the direct contact. For what it is worth, I think you did a phenomenal job yesterday. On behalf of everyone I know in this outfit, thank you! I'm proud to know you and to have shared a two great mentors: Ray Kerr and James Comey. I'm not a religious man, but I am praying you get the nod. I won't bother you again, but best regards from the NYO! Godspeed.

GE

LESTER MCNULTY

From: LESTER MCNULTY
Sent: Saturday, May 13, 2017 7:33 PM
To: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)
Subject: Re: Your recent testimony

Keep your situational awareness keen and duck when necessary.

From: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 13, 2017 7:30:03 PM
To: LESTER MCNULTY
Subject: RE: Your recent testimony

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Great to hear [REDACTED] is well.

Thanks so much for reaching out. It is great to hear from you and also that [REDACTED] is doing well.

It's been a tough week for our organization. I am just fortunate to have had the chance to speak for our folks.

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Best,

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Andrew G. McCabe
Deputy Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Work [REDACTED]

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----- Original message -----

From: LESTER MCNULTY <LES_MCN@msn.com>
Date: 5/13/17 7:25 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED]
Subject: Your recent testimony

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Andy,

Absolutely no need for you to respond to this e mail because I realize how impossibly busy you have become. I just wanted to express that I am proud to have worked with you over the past twenty years and to call you a friend.

Your testimony was brilliant. Especially...the "rookie mistake" comment/ice breaker.

I am so disheartened (as are many retired agents that I know) that Jim Comey was so disgracefully treated by this Administration. It is an complete injustice to an exceptionally moral and talented Director. Even [REDACTED] who is an

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inveterate fan of this administration said that the way in which Jim Comey was dismissed was disrespectful.

FYI, I have received e mails from reporters at CNN, the NY Times, AP and The Guardian asking for information about "Russian" Organized Crime. It has been about seven years since any of these requests have landed at my door. So I know where these guys are headed and as I last told [redacted] when he wanted to refer the AP guy on...I am not interested. I just want to evaporate into the background as a fat grandpa.

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Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI)

From: Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Sunday, May 14, 2017 4:02 PM
To: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI); Brower, Gregory (OGC) (FBI); [REDACTED] (DO)
Subject: RE: Comey contact

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----- Original message -----

From: "McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED]
Date: 5/14/17 3:52 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Brower, Gregory (OGC) (FBI)" [REDACTED] "Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI)"
[REDACTED] (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Comey contact

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Jim R, we will all leave this up to you.

Andrew G. McCabe
Deputy Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Work [REDACTED]

----- Original message -----

From: "Brower, Gregory (OGC) (FBI)" [REDACTED]
Date: 5/14/17 3:50 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI)"
[REDACTED]
Cc: "McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED]
Subject: Fwd: Comey contact

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----- Original message -----

From: [REDACTED]
Date: 5/14/17 9:34 AM (GMT-08:00)
To: "Brower, Gregory (OGC) (FBI)" [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI)"
[REDACTED]
Cc: "Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI)"
[REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Comey contact

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I just spoke to senator graham. He wanted me to give y'all his cell phone number for Mr comey to call [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

My number is [REDACTED] if you need anything.

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Thanks again.

[REDACTED]

----- Original message -----

From: [REDACTED]
Date: 5/14/17 11:18 AM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Brower, Gregory (OGC) (FBI)" [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI)"
[REDACTED]
Cc: "Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI)"
[REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Comey contact

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Thanks a lot Greg. Trying to get you the best number but things are moving a little slow this mothers day. If you have a number for Mr comey you can share, I will give it to the staff with the senator. If you can't share, I also understand that.

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From: "Brower, Gregory (OGC) (FBI)" [REDACTED]
Date: 5/14/17 9:45 AM (GMT-05:00)
To: [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI)"
[REDACTED]
Cc: "Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI)"
[REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Comey contact

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We will pass this along to Mr. Comey. What number should he call to reach the Senator?

Greg

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From:

Date: 5/13/17 10:51 AM (GMT-08:00)

To: "Brower, Gregory (OGC) (FBI)"

(DO) (FBI)"

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Subject: Comey contact

Hi [redacted] and Greg. Do y'all have a contact for director comey you can share? Senator Graham would like to speak to him.

Thanks much. Hope you guys are surviving.

McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)

From: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2017 12:31 PM
To: Sowers, Troy A. (DO) (FBI)
Subject: FW: RE: RE:

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Andrew G. McCabe
Deputy Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, May 05, 2017 7:38 AM
To: Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED]
Cc: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: RE: RE:

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That is great. She can work with me directly. My cell phone (listed below) or email is the best way to reach me.

Have a great weekend.

[REDACTED]
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On May 5, 2017, at 7:14 AM, Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED] wrote:

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Great. I'm going to ask SSA [REDACTED] from our shop to get in touch with you (they handle all of the logistics). If there is another POC you'd rather have them work with on those details, just let me know.

Jim

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, May 05, 2017 5:37 AM
To: Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED]
Cc: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: RE:

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That would be fine. We would be honored to have him at his convenience. As you would imagine, I have a lot of nervous owners, players and police officers when it comes to keeping our stadiums and players safe on game day. This is especially true this year with four games in London and one in Mexico.

Feel free to contact me directly on my cell below.

[redacted]
National Football League
[redacted]

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On May 4, 2017, at 10:12 PM, Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI) [redacted] wrote:

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Chief-

My apologies for the delayed response from our office - we were working through some tricky scheduling with police week and an international trip. Unfortunately the Director is not available on the 17th, but there may be some windows on the 18th and 19th that might work if you are amenable. 4pm on the 18th looks the best. Would the event be closed press?

Thanks,

Jim

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 3, 2017 1:05 PM
To: Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI)
Cc: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)
Subject: Re: RE:

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Good afternoon Jim. I am finalizing our NFL security conference here in DC the week of May 15th. I was wondering if the Director had an opportunity to consider making a few remarks to our law enforcement partners on May 17th?

I am happy to speak by phone if you need additional information.

On Apr 4, 2017, at 2:16 PM, McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI) [redacted] wrote:

Thanks [redacted] for the kind note. I will pass this along to Jim Rybicki, the Directors chief of staff, and we will get it into the scheduling process asap.

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Great to hear from you.

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From: [REDACTED]
Date: 4/4/17 10:12 PM (GMT+04:00)
To: "McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED]
Subject:

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Good afternoon Andy. I appreciate your taking my call [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] and having a hard
time figuring out who is where in the FBI these days. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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To follow up on our call, I wanted to send an invite to Director
Comey to speak at our Annual NFL Security Conference in
Washington, DC. I have his cell number but don't want to use it for
something like this.

The Annual Conference is a big deal for us as we bring in over
300 local Police Chiefs, Team Security Representatives, NFL
Security Representatives, Stadium Security Directors, NFL
Football Operations & Event staff, as well as some FBI folks that
work with us throughout the season. As you know, I am new to the
NFL [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] In my opinion
Director Comey is one of the best speakers I have ever heard and
he can clearly set the tone for our week long meeting. He can talk
as long or as short as he would like, and I will move anything we
have on the agenda to get him in at a time that is convenient for
him. The details are below.

The Renaissance Washington, DC Downtown
999 9th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20001

We can accommodate him any time after 2:00 on Wednesday
May 17, 2017. The conference ends at 5:30 but we are holding a
large reception that night between 7:00 PM and 9:00 PM – we
could accommodate him there is that is better for him – and we
will even feed him while he is there. The large group will be with
us through mid-day on Friday so if there is another day that works
better I will make whatever adjustments needed.

Again, I really appreciate your getting this to the right person for
me. Take care and have a safe trip home.



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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2017 7:05 AM
To: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)
Subject: RE: An American Patriot!

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Andrew,

I thought I should make very clear that I absolutely do not agree with the firing of James Comey. He is an outstanding leader and a true patriot. [REDACTED] though I hoped he would serve his entire term and he repeatedly stated before many different audiences. Keeping the FBI focused is as critical a job as you could possibly have today and you are the right guy to do it. Stay Strong!

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One Verizon Way
Basking Ridge, NJ

O [REDACTED]

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From: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI) [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2017 7:20 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: [E] RE: An American Patriot!

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[REDACTED]

Thanks so much for the kind words and support. Our folks are reeling right now so my highest priority is making sure we stay on mission and moving forward. I was fortunate to have the opportunity to speak on their behalf.

Thanks again for reaching out. We won't let you down.

Andrew G. McCabe
Deputy Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Work [REDACTED]

----- Original message -----

From [REDACTED]

Date: 5/15/17 4:04 PM (GMT-05:00)

To: "McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED]

Subject: An American Patriot!

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Hi Andrew,

Just thought I'd send you a quick note of support. I saw your testimony before Congress and you are one of my new heroes. While what has happened to Jim Comey doesn't truly shock me, it does sadden and anger me. This is a sad situation both for the FBI and the American people. However, it is also a time in which the FBI cannot roll over and play dead...and neither have I thought for a second that would happen. Stay strong and keep leading the troops in these extraordinarily challenging times. The American people are counting on you and the FBI.

Best Regards,

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Verizon Corporate Security
Department

One Verizon Way
Basking Ridge, NJ

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Ghattas, Carl (CTD) (FBI)

From: Ghattas, Carl (CTD) (FBI)
Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2017 10:22 PM
To: Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI); McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI); Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI); Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI); Ghattas, Carl (CTD) (FBI)
Subject: RE: Gang of 8

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From: "Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI)" [redacted] b7E
Date: 5/16/17 10:19 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)" [redacted] "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)" [redacted]
"Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI)" [redacted] "Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI)" [redacted]
"Ghattas, Carl (CTD) (FBI)" [redacted]
Subject: RE: Gang of 8

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From: "McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)" [redacted] b7E
Date: 5/16/17 10:03 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)" [redacted] "Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI)" [redacted]
"McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)" [redacted] "Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI)" [redacted]
"Ghattas, Carl (CTD) (FBI)" [redacted]
Subject: RE: Gang of 8

I like it.

Andrew G. McCabe
Deputy Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
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From: "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)" [REDACTED]

Date: 5/16/17 10:01 PM (GMT-05:00)

To: "Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED]

"McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED]

"Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI)" [REDACTED]

Ghattas, Carl (CTD) (FBI) [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Gang of 8

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From: Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI)

Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2017 9:19 PM

To: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED]

Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI) [REDACTED]

Baker, James A.

(OGC) (FBI) [REDACTED]

Ghattas, Carl (CTD) (FBI) [REDACTED]

Subject: Gang of 8

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Per OCA, the gang of 8 is asking for general topic. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)

From: Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)
Sent: Wednesday, May 17, 2017 12:58 PM
To: Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI); McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)
Cc: Bowdich, David L. (DO) (FBI); Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI)
Subject: RE: 170517 Letter to Former FBI Director James Comey from Chairman Burr and Vice Chairman Warner re Russian Interference

Can you include the attachment, if appropriate?

From: Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Wednesday, May 17, 2017 12:51 PM
To: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED]
Cc: Bowdich, David L. (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED] Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI) [REDACTED] Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI) [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: 170517 Letter to Former FBI Director James Comey from Chairman Burr and Vice Chairman Warner re Russian Interference

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Provided to Director Comey via e-mail.

From: Beers, Elizabeth R. (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Wednesday, May 17, 2017 12:43 PM
To: Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED]
Cc: Brower, Gregory (OGC) (FBI) [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: 170517 Letter to Former FBI Director James Comey from Chairman Burr and Vice Chairman Warner re Russian Interference

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Jim -- see attached from SSCI Leadership to Director Comey. We've been advising Committees to send any requests directed to Director Comey to FBI and we would facilitate transmittal to him. Please let me know if that works or if you'd like us to adopt another approach. Thanks,

Beth Beers
FBI Office of Congressional Affairs
[REDACTED]

From: Moran, David L. (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Wednesday, May 17, 2017 12:13 PM
To: Beers, Elizabeth R. (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED]
Subject: Fwd: 170517 Letter to Former FBI Director James Comey from Chairman Burr and Vice Chairman Warner re Russian Interference

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From: "Wolfe, J (Intelligence)" [redacted]

Date: 05/17/2017 12:09 PM (GMT-05:00)

To: "Brower, Gregory (OGC) (FBI)" [redacted] (DO) (FBI)"

[redacted]

Cc: [redacted] (Intelligence)" [redacted] (Intelligence)"

[redacted] "Wolfe, J (Intelligence)" [redacted]

Subject: 170517 Letter to Former FBI Director James Comey from Chairman Burr and Vice Chairman Warner re Russian Interference

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Mr. Brower – Attached is a letter to Former FBI Director James Comey from Chairman Richard Burr and Vice Chairman Mark dated May 17, 2017, concerning Russian Interference.

Please confirm receipt of this message and provide the attached letter to Former FBI Director Comey.

Sincerely,

James A. Wolfe
Director of Security
U.S. Senate
Select Committee on Intelligence
Hart Senate Office Building, [redacted]
Washington, DC 20510

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Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI)

From: Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Wednesday, May 17, 2017 3:09 PM
To: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI); Bowdich, David L. (DO) (FBI); McNamara, Nancy (INSD) (FBI); Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI)
Subject: FW: Letter to Mr. Comey
Attachments: 30714_1.pdf

From: Macklin, Jay (USAEO) [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Wednesday, May 17, 2017 3:07 PM
To: Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED]
Cc: Shea, Carol (USAEO) [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Letter to Mr. Comey

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Jim,
I trust you have a way of ensuring the attached gets to former Director Comey. Can you please send us confirmation when he receives it? Thanks very much.
Jay

From: Hamrick, Erica [mailto:[REDACTED]@osc.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, May 17, 2017 2:54 PM
To: Macklin, Jay (USAEO) [REDACTED] Shea, Carol (USAEO) [REDACTED]
Subject: Letter to Mr. Comey

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Jay and Carol,

Attached is the letter to Mr. Comey. Thank you in advance for ensuring that he receives it.

Erica

Erica S. Hamrick
Deputy Chief, Hatch Act Unit
U.S. Office of Special Counsel
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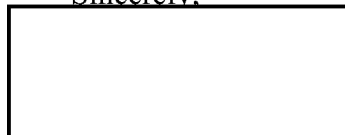
The Honorable James Comey
c/o Jay Macklin
General Counsel
Executive Office for U.S. Attorneys
U.S. Department of Justice
600 E Street, N.W., Suite 5100
Washington, DC 20530

Re: OSC File No. HA-17-0515

Dear Mr. Comey:

As you know, the U.S. Office of Special Counsel (OSC) has been investigating allegations that you violated the Hatch Act when you made public statements and other communications about the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) investigation into former Secretary Hillary Clinton's use of a personal email server. However, you are no longer employed as Director of the FBI. Accordingly, in conformance with OSC's policy not to continue investigations once an employee leaves federal service, OSC will close its file in this matter without further action. Please note that should you again be employed in the executive branch of the federal government, OSC may reopen the matter.

Sincerely,



Erica S. Hamrick
Deputy Chief
Hatch Act Unit

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From: Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)
Sent: Thursday, May 18, 2017 7:23 PM
To: Beers, Elizabeth R. (DO) (FBI); Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI); Brower, Gregory (OGC) (FBI)
Cc: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI); Bowdich, David L. (DO) (FBI); Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI) [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI)
Subject: RE: Director Comey

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I spoke to the A/Director about this tonight. There are really two issues at play: [REDACTED]

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From: Beers, Elizabeth R. (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Thursday, May 18, 2017 6:05 PM
To: Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED] Brower, Gregory (OGC) (FBI) [REDACTED]
Cc: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED] Bowdich, David L. (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED]
Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI) [REDACTED] Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI) [REDACTED]
(DO) (FBI) [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Director Comey

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I spoke with [REDACTED] yesterday concerning the document requests. Her view was that DOJ OLA would want to be involved in conversations related to possible privilege issues. My expectation is either [REDACTED] [REDACTED] would facilitate a conversation within DOJ. We're happy to pass along the # to Chairman Burr.

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Beth Beers
FBI Office of Congressional Affairs
[REDACTED]

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From: Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Thursday, May 18, 2017 4:53 PM
To: Brower, Gregory (OGC) (FBI) [REDACTED] Beers, Elizabeth R. (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED]
Cc: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED] Bowdich, David L. (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED]
Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI) [REDACTED] Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI) [REDACTED]
(DO) (FBI) [REDACTED]
Subject: Director Comey

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Greg and Beth: Director Comey asked if you could please give his personal cell to Chairman Burr, explaining that Sen Warner has it and he wants this to be bipartisan in all respects. I will call you with that number.

Director Comey also wants to know with whom he should coordinate with at FBI/DOJ with respect to potentially testifying before Congress so that he can respect any governmental privileges, etc.

Thanks,
Jim

Beers, Elizabeth R. (DO) (FBI)

From: Beers, Elizabeth R. (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Friday, May 19, 2017 4:20 PM
To: Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI); McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI); Bowdich, David L. (DO) (FBI); Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI); Brower, Gregory (OGC) (FBI); Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)
Subject: RE: Future testimony

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Beth Beers
FBI Office of Congressional Affairs

[Redacted]

From: Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Friday, May 19, 2017 4:11 PM
To: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI) [Redacted] Bowdich, David L. (DO) (FBI) [Redacted] Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI) [Redacted] Brower, Gregory (OGC) (FBI) [Redacted] Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI) [Redacted] Beers, Elizabeth R. (DO) (FBI) [Redacted]
Subject: FW: Future testimony

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Please see a DRAFT response to [Redacted]

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Thanks,
Jim

[Redacted]

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Thanks,
Jim

From: [Redacted] [mailto:[Redacted]]
Sent: Friday, May 19, 2017 3:02 PM

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To: Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED]

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Subject: Re: Future testimony

Yes and yes

On Fri, May 19, 2017 at 2:10 PM Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED] wrote:

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Thanks,
Jim

From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]]

Sent: Friday, May 19, 2017 11:49 AM

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To: Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Future testimony

Jim:

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Many thanks.

Jim

On Thu, May 18, 2017 at 6:36 PM [REDACTED] wrote:

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Jim:

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Thanks for your assistance.

Jim

McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)

From: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Friday, May 19, 2017 5:31 PM
To: Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI); McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI); Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI)
Cc: Bowdich, David L. (DO) (FBI)
Subject: RE: Please investigate

Assuming this qualifies, then yes please handle as described.

Andrew G. McCabe
Deputy Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Work [REDACTED]

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From: "Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED]
Date: 5/19/17 4:15 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED] "Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI)" [REDACTED]
Cc: "Bowdich, David L. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Please investigate

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Thanks,

Jim

From: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)

Sent: Friday, May 19, 2017 1:05 PM

To: Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI) [REDACTED] Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED]

Cc: Bowdich, David L. (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED]

Subject: FW: Please investigate

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Jims:

Please review and let me know how the D typically handled these.

Thanks

Andrew G. McCabe

Deputy Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, May 19, 2017 10:23 AM
To: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED]
Subject: Please investigate

Thanks for your time.

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McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)

From: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Monday, May 22, 2017 7:28 PM
To: Brower, Gregory (OGC) (FBI); McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)
Cc: Bowdich, David L. (DO) (FBI); Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI)
Subject: Re: SSCI

I discussed with Burr last week and said I would honor D Comey's pledge to brief full staff.

Andrew G. McCabe
Deputy Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Work [REDACTED]

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From: "Brower, Gregory (OGC) (FBI)" [REDACTED]
Date: 5/22/17 5:46 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED]
Cc: "Bowdich, David L. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED] "Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED]
Subject: SSCI

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You may recall that Director Comey recently briefed HPSCI on a matter that he had not briefed to SSCI. As a result, he then offered to Burr and Warner that he would brief SSCI on the matter. Staff is now asking for a date. Let's discuss. Thank you.

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Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI)

From: Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Monday, May 22, 2017 8:40 PM
To: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI); Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI)
Subject: Re: Message

Copy - will do.

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From: "McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED]
Date: 5/22/17 8:27 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED]
Subject: Message

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Jim

I forgot to ask you today if you could pull some of D Comey's old Memorial day messages so I could read them to get a sense of what I should be thinking about.

Just wanted to put that on your radar before I forgot.

Thanks

Andrew G. McCabe
Deputy Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Work [REDACTED]

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Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI)

From: Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 8:36 AM
To: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)
Subject: RE: Message

Forwarded to you: [REDACTED]
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From: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Monday, May 22, 2017 8:28 PM
To: Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED]
Subject: Message

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Jim

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Thanks

Andrew G. McCabe
Deputy Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Work [REDACTED]

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Brower, Gregory (OGC) (FBI)

From: Brower, Gregory (OGC) (FBI)
Sent: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 4:47 PM
To: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)
Cc: Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI); Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI); [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI)
Subject: SSCI

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Gregory A. Brower
Assistant Director
FBI Congressional Affairs
(Direct) [REDACTED]
(Mobile) [REDACTED]

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[redacted] (WF) (FBI)

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From: [redacted] (WF) (FBI)
Sent: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 9:59 PM
To: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)
Subject: RE: Thanks

Sir,
Thank you for the email. I appreciate the time you took in light of how extraordinarily busy you must be.

[redacted] firing of Director Comey. We sat in the office and watched your testimony on Capitol Hill and agreed with every statement. Political sentiments aside, Director Comey was well liked and respected by every agent I know.

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My [redacted] colleagues and our Supervisor [redacted] send their regards and best wishes. If there is ever anything that I and the rest of the [redacted] don't hesitate to reach out. We have your back.

Respectfully,

[redacted]

SA [redacted]
FBI Washington Field Office

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[redacted] mobile
[redacted] office

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----- Original message -----

From: "McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)" [redacted]
Date: 05/22/2017 8:24 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: [redacted] (WF) (FBI)" [redacted]
Subject: Thanks

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[redacted]
Thanks very much for the kind words [redacted] I really appreciate the expressions of support, especially those that are shared with [redacted]
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Please pass my regards to the rest of the [redacted] and tell them I am thinking of them.

One FBI.

AM

Andrew G. McCabe

Deputy Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Work

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Brower, Gregory (OGC) (FBI)

From: Brower, Gregory (OGC) (FBI)
Sent: Wednesday, May 24, 2017 9:00 AM
To: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI); Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI)
Subject: RE: SSCI

Thanks. Working on 1pm tomorrow. Should schedule brief prep.

Gregory A. Brower
Assistant Director
FBI Congressional Affairs
(Direct) [REDACTED]
(Mobile) [REDACTED]

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From: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 9:19 PM

To: Brower, Gregory (OGC) (FBI) [REDACTED] Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: SSCI

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Sounds good. Happy to do it soonest. Work with Jim to figure schedule.

Andrew G. McCabe
Deputy Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Work [REDACTED]

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----- Original message -----

From: "Brower, Gregory (OGC) (FBI)" [REDACTED]
Date: 5/23/17 4:46 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED]
Cc: "Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI)" [REDACTED] "Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI)"
[REDACTED] (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED]
Subject: SSCI

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Gregory A. Brower
Assistant Director
FBI Congressional Affairs
(Direct) [REDACTED]
(Mobile) [REDACTED]

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Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI)

From: Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Wednesday, May 24, 2017 9:35 AM
To: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)
Subject:

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McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)

From: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Wednesday, May 24, 2017 11:53 AM
To: Sleeper, Kerry L. (DO) (FBI)
Subject: RE: Ltr to Comey

Great letter. Thanks for sending.

From: Sleeper, Kerry L. (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 8:05 PM
To: Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED] McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED] Bowdich,
David L. (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED] Skule, Joshua (DI) (FBI) [REDACTED]
Subject: Fwd: Ltr to Comey

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Thought you would enjoy reading this.

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----- Original message -----

From: [REDACTED]
Date: 5/23/17 7:54 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Sleeper, Kerry L. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Ltr to Comey

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Just checking to see if you answer e-mail after 5 (I knew you would).

Thank you as well for being a good partner with the Sheriffs.

[REDACTED]

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

From: Sleeper, Kerry L. (DO) (FBI) [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 7:35 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Ltr to Comey

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----- Original message -----

From: [REDACTED]
Date: 5/23/17 7:19 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Sleeper, Kerry L. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED]

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Subject: Ltr to Comey

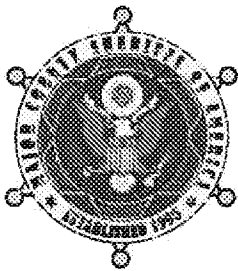
Kerry,

Here is a 'boot leg' copy of a letter we have mailed to Director Comey for your personal information. We certainly don't want it out until he receives it.

Regards,



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May 12, 2017

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Washington, DC 20535

Dear Mr. Comey,

On behalf of the Executive Board of the Major County Sheriffs of America (MCSA) and our member sheriffs, we want to sincerely thank you for your service, leadership, and commitment to our nation and the mission of public safety.

In a time of heightened anti-cop sentiment, technological barriers to access, use of force challenges, and an increased domestic threat environment, words cannot express our gratitude for your candid and steadfast commitment to our profession. While many of these issues have not been fully addressed, you deserve great credit for the progress that has been made, and we are confident you have left an organization that will carry on the work you began.

You created a sense of true partnership with the Major County Sheriffs. We appreciate your sincerity in seeking our input on critical issues, addressing our members' concerns, and making yourself and the FBI readily available. Without fail, you thoughtfully articulated the challenges our profession faces and you never ceased to defend and bolster the men and women in law enforcement.

As you embark on your next chapter, please continue to keep in contact. We wish you well and again thank you for being an honest friend and true partner.

Sincerely,

Sandra Hutchens
Sheriff-Coroner, Orange County (CA)
President, Major County Sheriffs of America

Brower, Gregory (OGC) (FBI)

From: Brower, Gregory (OGC) (FBI)
Sent: Friday, May 26, 2017 1:49 PM
To: Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI); [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI); Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI);
[REDACTED] (OGC) (FBI)
Cc: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI); Bowdich, David L. (DO) (FBI); Beers, Elizabeth R. (DO) (FBI)
Subject: [REDACTED]

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Thank you.

Greg

Gregory A. Brower
Assistant Director
FBI Congressional Affairs
(Direct) [REDACTED]
(Mobile) [REDACTED]

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Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI)

From: Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Friday, May 26, 2017 2:10 PM
To: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI); Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI)
Subject: Contact with Director Comey

Per our earlier conversations, I reached out by phone to Director Comey to relay the message from Aaron Zebley of the Office of Special Counsel [REDACTED]

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Thanks,
Jim

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Greg Brower

From: Greg Brower
Sent: Sunday, May 28, 2017 10:55 AM
To: Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI); McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI); Bowdich, David L. (DO) (FBI); Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI); Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI)
Subject: Graham: Comey should be held accountable for acting on bad intel | TheHill

Not sure it needs to interrupt the holiday weekend, but I recommend that we discuss whether and how to respond to this.

<http://thehill.com/homenews/sunday-talk-shows/335459-graham-comey-should-be-held-accountable-for-acting-on-bad-intel>

Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI)

From: Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI)
Sent: Tuesday, May 30, 2017 8:02 AM
To: Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI); McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)
Cc: Bowdich, David L. (DO) (FBI)
Subject: RE [REDACTED]

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Ok. Let's discuss. Thanks.

From: Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Tuesday, May 30, 2017 7:35 AM
To: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED] Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI) [REDACTED]
Cc: Bowdich, David L. (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED]

Director/Jim: As discussed on Friday, we have a request from Director Comey for access to certain records. [REDACTED]

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Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI)

From: Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Tuesday, May 30, 2017 10:47 AM
To: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI); Bowdich, David L. (DO) (FBI); Ghattas, Carl (CTD) (FBI)
Subject: FW: Request for Document Review

From: Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Tuesday, May 30, 2017 10:13 AM

To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED] Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI) [REDACTED]
Subject: Request for Document Review

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At the request of the Special Counsel's Office, the FBI contacted Director Comey on May 26 to notify him that their office does not object to his testifying before Congress prior to any potential interview by the attorneys and/or agents working on matters being reviewed by the Special Counsel. Director Comey had been holding pending direction from the Special Counsel's Office. Director Comey indicated that he intends to testify before the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence as they have requested. To prepare for his testimony, Director Comey [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Please advise what coordination needs to be done with respect to his notification of intent to testify and his request to review these documents. The FBI will take no further steps until we hear back from you. Note that Director Comey is represented by legal counsel and we can pass along that information to you.

Thanks,
Jim Rybicki

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Brower, Gregory (OGC) (FBI)

From: Brower, Gregory (OGC) (FBI)
Sent: Tuesday, May 30, 2017 6:01 PM
To: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI); Bowdich, David L. (DO) (FBI); Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI); Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI)
Subject: SSCI request

Chairman Burr has asked whether FBI will approve former Director Comey reading of "memos" in SSCI hearing.

Gregory A. Brower
Assistant Director
FBI Congressional Affairs
(Direct) [REDACTED]
(Mobile) [REDACTED]

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[redacted] (IR) (FBI)

From: [redacted] (IR) (FBI)
Sent: [redacted] 12:45 PM
To: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)
Subject: RE: My Retirement Wishes for You

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Thank you, Andy. All my best!

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----- Original message -----

From: "McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)" [redacted]
Date: [redacted] 12:32 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: [redacted] (IR) (FBI)" [redacted]
Subject: RE: My Retirement Wishes for You

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Thanks so much for reaching out. [redacted]
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It's been my honor to represent our folks during this time. I agree with your feelings about Director Comey and will pass them along.

Best of luck to you and please stay in touch.

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From: [redacted] (IR) (FBI)
Sent: [redacted] 11:57 AM
To: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI) [redacted]
Subject: My Retirement Wishes for You

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Dear Sir,

[redacted] and felt I would be remiss if I didn't write to tell you "Thank You" for helping us navigate through a difficult time. I know I'm being rather bold reaching out to you directly, but hey, maybe that's what happens [redacted]

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Your strong, humble and heartfelt testimony on the Hill moved many of us who watched it. And if it is

appropriate, please tell Director Comey that [REDACTED] me...thinks he was and is an inspiration and a breath of fresh air.

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Stay strong and be safe. I'll be rooting for everyone from the other side.

Cheers,

[REDACTED]

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Greg Brower

From: Greg Brower
Sent: Friday, June 2, 2017 8:04 AM
To: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)
Subject: Did Comey's Testimony About Political Pressure Contradict His Memo About Trump? : NPR

Finally, a story actually goes back to the transcript-- no contradiction.

<http://www.npr.org/2017/06/02/531116018/did-james-comey-lie-about-interference-in-the-russia-investigation>

Greg Brower

From: Greg Brower
Sent: Friday, June 2, 2017 9:15 AM
To: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)
Subject: James Comey & President Trump – Obstruction of Justice Didn't Happen | National Review

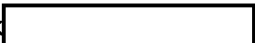
<http://www.nationalreview.com/article/448209/james-comey-president-trump-obstruction-justice-didnt-happen>

McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)




From: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Sunday, June 4, 2017 5:28 PM
To: Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI); Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI)
Subject: Fwd: Comey op-ed




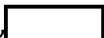
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Andrew G. McCabe
Deputy Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Work 

----- Original message -----

From:  
Date: 6/4/17 5:21 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)" 
Subject: Comey op-ed

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Hi sir, hope you had a good weekend. Just wanted to give you a quick heads up on something. After receiving countless inquiries from across the field and HQ re: whether Bureau folks are going to foot-stomp the very kind words you said about our former boss on the Hill, I penned the below letter which the WashPost may (or may not) run sometime this week. I've received the necessary Pre-Publication/OIC/OPA approvals so no worry there, but obviously I didn't want you to be blindsided either. With a dearth of reporting out there regarding his positive impact on the Bu, and with my time here wrapping up soon, I thought it important to show some small measure of support to our since departed leader, while refraining from discussing anything sensitive or operational. Thanks very much and look forward to seeing you and  on tomorrow's run. Best, 

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Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI)

From: Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Sunday, June 4, 2017 5:52 PM
To: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI); Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI)
Subject: Fwd: Op-ed

This was my reaction earlier. Happy to discuss.

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From: J Rybicki [redacted]
Date: Sun, Jun 4, 2017 at 1:55 PM
Subject: Re: Op-ed
To: [redacted]

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Hey [redacted]

Hope you are having a great weekend. Thanks for the opportunity to review. I've given this a lot of thought. As his colleague and friend of nearly 15 years I absolutely love it. It really does capture him and the sentiment of those in the Bu. Very well done and a story that deserves to be well known. As chief of staff, though, I really can't support it going out for public consumption from a current member of the Director's staff. [redacted]

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Let me know if you want to chat. I'm around all day and tomorrow.

Thanks!
Jim

On Sat, Jun 3, 2017 at 2:33 PM [redacted] wrote:

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McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)

From: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Sunday, June 4, 2017 6:52 PM
To: [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI)
Subject: Fwd: Comey op-ed

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FYI only.

Andrew G. McCabe
Deputy Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Work [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Date: 6/4/17 6:29 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Comey op-ed

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Sir, great insight/feedback, as expected. Appreciate your taking the time to review. Definitely looking forward to chatting more tomorrow and to the six-mile slog that awaits us.

Thx again,

[REDACTED]

On Jun 4, 2017, at 6:08 PM, McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED] wrote:

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[REDACTED]

It is beautifully written. And it could only have been written by someone with your unique ability to communicate, as well as your unique access. [REDACTED]

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I am happy to discuss further with you any time and would like to hear if you agree or see it differently.

Get lots of rest and hydration for our run tomorrow. I'm counting on you carrying me through.

AM

Andrew G. McCabe
Deputy Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Work [REDACTED]

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----- Original message -----

From [REDACTED]
Date: 6/4/17 5:21 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED]
Subject: Comey op-ed

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Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI)

From: Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI)
Sent: Sunday, June 4, 2017 7:16 PM
To: Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI); McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI); Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI)
Subject: Re: Op-ed

Sorry for the delayed response. I did not know about it.

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I think Andy's email captures the idea.

----- Original message -----

From: "Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED]
Date: 6/4/17 5:51 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED] "Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI)" [REDACTED]
Subject: Fwd: Op-ed

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Date: Sun, Jun 4, 2017 at 1:55 PM
Subject: Re: Op-ed

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To: [REDACTED]

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Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI)

From: Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI)
Sent: Sunday, June 4, 2017 7:21 PM
To: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI); [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Comey op-ed

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Hi [REDACTED] Just to add to Andy's email, I am concerned that this may need to be cleared with the Office of Special Counsel as well. Happy to discuss tomorrow.

Thanks.

----- Original message -----

From: "McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED]
Date: 6/4/17 6:08 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Comey op-ed

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[REDACTED]

It is beautifully written. And it could only have been written by someone with your unique ability to communicate, as well as your unique access. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Andrew G. McCabe
Deputy Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Work [REDACTED]

----- Original message -----

From [REDACTED]

Date: 6/4/17 5:21 PM (GMT-05:00)

To: "McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED]

Subject: Comey op-ed

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Hi sir, hope you had a good weekend. Just wanted to give you a quick heads up on something. After receiving countless inquiries from across the field and HQ re: whether Bureau folks are going to foot-stomp the very kind words you said about our former boss on the Hill, I penned the below letter which the WashPost may (or may not) run sometime this week. I've received the necessary Pre-Publication/OIC/OPA approvals so no worry there, but obviously I didn't want you to be blindsided either. With a dearth of reporting out there regarding his positive impact on the Bu, and with my time here wrapping up soon, I thought it important to show some small measure of support to our since departed leader, while refraining from discussing anything sensitive or operational. Thanks very much and look forward to seeing you and [REDACTED] on tomorrow's run. Best, [REDACTED]

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Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)

From: Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)
Sent: Monday, June 5, 2017 8:21 PM
To: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)
Subject: RE: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Ha. Hope you're right.

From: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Monday, June 05, 2017 8:20 PM
To: Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI) [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: [REDACTED]

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Holy cow [REDACTED]

Andrew G. McCabe
Deputy Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Work [REDACTED]

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----- Original message -----

From: "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)" [REDACTED]
Date: 6/5/17 7:16 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED]
Subject: Fwd: [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Date: 6/5/17 5:46 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

Ghattas, Carl (CTD) (FBI)

From: Ghattas, Carl (CTD) (FBI)
Sent: Tuesday, June 6, 2017 8:21 PM
To: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)
Cc: Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI); Brower, Gregory (OGC) (FBI)
Subject: Fwd: The Washington Post: Top intelligence official told associates Trump asked him if he could intervene with Comey to get FBI to back off Flynn

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----- Original message -----

From: [REDACTED] (CTD) (FBI)" [REDACTED]
Date: 6/6/17 8:12 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Ghattas, Carl (CTD) (FBI)" [REDACTED] (OGC) (FBI)" [REDACTED]
Cc: "Loeffert, Gary A. (DL) (FBI)" [REDACTED] (CTD) (FBI)" [REDACTED]
Subject: The Washington Post: Top intelligence official told associates Trump asked him if he could intervene with Comey to get FBI to back off Flynn

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Top intelligence official told associates Trump asked him if he could intervene with Comey to get FBI to back off Flynn

The interaction with the director of national intelligence, who testifies Wednesday, indicates Trump wanted help getting the bureau to back off its focus on Michael Flynn.

https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/top-intelligence-official-told-associates-trump-asked-him-if-he-could-intervene-with-comey-to-get-fbi-to-back-off-flynn/2017/06/06/cc879f14-4ace-11e7-9669-250d0b15f83b_story.html

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From: GB
Sent: Tuesday, June 6, 2017 10:50 PM
To: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI); Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI)
Subject: Fwd:

The issue of your May 11 testimony has come up a couple of times on the news shows tonight. The relevant excerpt appears below. You will see that the question was about the dismissal of Director Comey and the impact IT had on any investigations.

Begin forwarded message:

From: GB [REDACTED]
Date: June 6, 2017 at 9:40:46 PM EDT
To: Gregory Brower [REDACTED]

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RUBIO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. McCabe, can you without going into the specific of any individual investigation, I think the American people want to know, has the dismissal of Mr. Comey in any way impeded, interrupted, stopped or negatively impacted any of the work, any investigation, or any ongoing projects at the Federal Bureau of Investigations?

MCCABE: As you know, Senator, the work of the men and women of the FBI continues despite any changes in circumstance, any decisions. So there has been no effort to impede our investigation today. Quite simply put sir, you cannot stop the men and women of the FBI from doing the right thing, protecting the American people, and upholding the Constitution.

[REDACTED] (DO) (FBI)

From: [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Wednesday, June 7, 2017 2:42 PM
To: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI); [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI)
Subject: Comey statement
Attachments: Comey statement.pdf

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FYI, former Director Comey's opening statement is attached -- was posted on SSCI website today

Statement for the Record
Senate Select Committee on Intelligence

James B. Comey

June 8, 2017

Chairman Burr, Ranking Member Warner, Members of the Committee. Thank you for inviting me to appear before you today. I was asked to testify today to describe for you my interactions with President-Elect and President Trump on subjects that I understand are of interest to you. I have not included every detail from my conversations with the President, but, to the best of my recollection, I have tried to include information that may be relevant to the Committee.

January 6 Briefing

I first met then-President-Elect Trump on Friday, January 6 in a conference room at Trump Tower in New York. I was there with other Intelligence Community (IC) leaders to brief him and his new national security team on the findings of an IC assessment concerning Russian efforts to interfere in the election. At the conclusion of that briefing, I remained alone with the President-Elect to brief him on some personally sensitive aspects of the information assembled during the assessment.

The IC leadership thought it important, for a variety of reasons, to alert the incoming President to the existence of this material, even though it was salacious and unverified. Among those reasons were: (1) we knew the media was about to publicly report the material and we believed the IC should not keep knowledge of the material and its imminent release from the President-Elect; and (2) to the extent there was some effort to compromise an incoming President, we could blunt any such effort with a defensive briefing.

The Director of National Intelligence asked that I personally do this portion of the briefing because I was staying in my position and because the material implicated the FBI's counter-intelligence responsibilities. We also agreed I would do it alone to minimize potential embarrassment to the President-Elect. Although we agreed it made sense for me to do the briefing, the FBI's leadership and I were concerned that the briefing might create a situation where a new President came into office uncertain about whether the FBI was conducting a counter-intelligence investigation of his personal conduct.

It is important to understand that FBI counter-intelligence investigations are different than the more-commonly known criminal investigative work. The Bureau's goal in a counter-intelligence investigation is to understand the technical and human methods that hostile foreign powers are using to influence the United States or to steal our secrets. The FBI uses that understanding to disrupt those efforts. Sometimes disruption takes the form of alerting a person who is targeted for recruitment or influence by the foreign power. Sometimes it involves hardening a computer system that is being attacked. Sometimes it involves "turning" the recruited person into a double-agent, or publicly calling out the behavior with sanctions or expulsions of embassy-based intelligence officers. On occasion, criminal prosecution is used to disrupt intelligence activities.

Because the nature of the hostile foreign nation is well known, counter-intelligence investigations tend to be centered on individuals the FBI suspects to be witting or unwitting agents of that foreign power. When the FBI develops reason to believe an American has been targeted for recruitment by a foreign power or is covertly acting as an agent of the foreign power, the FBI will "open an investigation" on that American and use legal authorities to try to learn more about the nature of any relationship with the foreign power so it can be disrupted.

In that context, prior to the January 6 meeting, I discussed with the FBI's leadership team whether I should be prepared to assure President-Elect Trump that we were not investigating him personally. That was true; we did not have an open counter-intelligence case on him. We agreed I should do so if circumstances warranted. During our one-on-one meeting at Trump Tower, based on President-Elect Trump's reaction to the briefing and without him directly asking the question, I offered that assurance.

I felt compelled to document my first conversation with the President-Elect in a memo. To ensure accuracy, I began to type it on a laptop in an FBI vehicle outside Trump Tower the moment I walked out of the meeting. Creating written records immediately after one-on-one conversations with Mr. Trump was my practice from that point forward. This had not been my practice in the past. I spoke alone with President Obama twice in person (and never on the phone) – once in 2015 to discuss law enforcement policy issues and a second time, briefly, for him to say goodbye in late 2016. In neither of those circumstances did I memorialize the discussions. I can recall nine one-on-one conversations with President Trump in four months – three in person and six on the phone.

January 27 Dinner

The President and I had dinner on Friday, January 27 at 6:30 pm in the Green Room at the White House. He had called me at lunchtime that day and

invited me to dinner that night, saying he was going to invite my whole family, but decided to have just me this time, with the whole family coming the next time. It was unclear from the conversation who else would be at the dinner, although I assumed there would be others.

It turned out to be just the two of us, seated at a small oval table in the center of the Green Room. Two Navy stewards waited on us, only entering the room to serve food and drinks.

The President began by asking me whether I wanted to stay on as FBI Director, which I found strange because he had already told me twice in earlier conversations that he hoped I would stay, and I had assured him that I intended to. He said that lots of people wanted my job and, given the abuse I had taken during the previous year, he would understand if I wanted to walk away.

My instincts told me that the one-on-one setting, and the pretense that this was our first discussion about my position, meant the dinner was, at least in part, an effort to have me ask for my job and create some sort of patronage relationship. That concerned me greatly, given the FBI's traditionally independent status in the executive branch.

I replied that I loved my work and intended to stay and serve out my ten-year term as Director. And then, because the set-up made me uneasy, I added that I was not "reliable" in the way politicians use that word, but he could always count on me to tell him the truth. I added that I was not on anybody's side politically and could not be counted on in the traditional political sense, a stance I said was in his best interest as the President.

A few moments later, the President said, "I need loyalty, I expect loyalty." I didn't move, speak, or change my facial expression in any way during the awkward silence that followed. We simply looked at each other in silence. The conversation then moved on, but he returned to the subject near the end of our dinner.

At one point, I explained why it was so important that the FBI and the Department of Justice be independent of the White House. I said it was a paradox: Throughout history, some Presidents have decided that because "problems" come from Justice, they should try to hold the Department close. But blurring those boundaries ultimately makes the problems worse by undermining public trust in the institutions and their work.

Near the end of our dinner, the President returned to the subject of my job, saying he was very glad I wanted to stay, adding that he had heard great things

about me from Jim Mattis, Jeff Sessions, and many others. He then said, “I need loyalty.” I replied, “You will always get honesty from me.” He paused and then said, “That’s what I want, honest loyalty.” I paused, and then said, “You will get that from me.” As I wrote in the memo I created immediately after the dinner, it is possible we understood the phrase “honest loyalty” differently, but I decided it wouldn’t be productive to push it further. The term – honest loyalty – had helped end a very awkward conversation and my explanations had made clear what he should expect.

During the dinner, the President returned to the salacious material I had briefed him about on January 6, and, as he had done previously, expressed his disgust for the allegations and strongly denied them. He said he was considering ordering me to investigate the alleged incident to prove it didn’t happen. I replied that he should give that careful thought because it might create a narrative that we were investigating him personally, which we weren’t, and because it was very difficult to prove a negative. He said he would think about it and asked me to think about it.

As was my practice for conversations with President Trump, I wrote a detailed memo about the dinner immediately afterwards and shared it with the senior leadership team of the FBI.

February 14 Oval Office Meeting

On February 14, I went to the Oval Office for a scheduled counter-terrorism briefing of the President. He sat behind the desk and a group of us sat in a semi-circle of about six chairs facing him on the other side of the desk. The Vice President, Deputy Director of the CIA, Director of the National Counter-Terrorism Center, Secretary of Homeland Security, the Attorney General, and I were in the semi-circle of chairs. I was directly facing the President, sitting between the Deputy CIA Director and the Director of NCTC. There were quite a few others in the room, sitting behind us on couches and chairs.

The President signaled the end of the briefing by thanking the group and telling them all that he wanted to speak to me alone. I stayed in my chair. As the participants started to leave the Oval Office, the Attorney General lingered by my chair, but the President thanked him and said he wanted to speak only with me. The last person to leave was Jared Kushner, who also stood by my chair and exchanged pleasantries with me. The President then excused him, saying he wanted to speak with me.

When the door by the grandfather clock closed, and we were alone, the President began by saying, “I want to talk about Mike Flynn.” Flynn had resigned

the previous day. The President began by saying Flynn hadn't done anything wrong in speaking with the Russians, but he had to let him go because he had misled the Vice President. He added that he had other concerns about Flynn, which he did not then specify.

The President then made a long series of comments about the problem with leaks of classified information – a concern I shared and still share. After he had spoken for a few minutes about leaks, Reince Priebus leaned in through the door by the grandfather clock and I could see a group of people waiting behind him. The President waved at him to close the door, saying he would be done shortly. The door closed.

The President then returned to the topic of Mike Flynn, saying, "He is a good guy and has been through a lot." He repeated that Flynn hadn't done anything wrong on his calls with the Russians, but had misled the Vice President. He then said, "I hope you can see your way clear to letting this go, to letting Flynn go. He is a good guy. I hope you can let this go." I replied only that "he is a good guy." (In fact, I had a positive experience dealing with Mike Flynn when he was a colleague as Director of the Defense Intelligence Agency at the beginning of my term at FBI.) I did not say I would "let this go."

The President returned briefly to the problem of leaks. I then got up and left out the door by the grandfather clock, making my way through the large group of people waiting there, including Mr. Priebus and the Vice President.

I immediately prepared an unclassified memo of the conversation about Flynn and discussed the matter with FBI senior leadership. I had understood the President to be requesting that we drop any investigation of Flynn in connection with false statements about his conversations with the Russian ambassador in December. I did not understand the President to be talking about the broader investigation into Russia or possible links to his campaign. I could be wrong, but I took him to be focusing on what had just happened with Flynn's departure and the controversy around his account of his phone calls. Regardless, it was very concerning, given the FBI's role as an independent investigative agency.

The FBI leadership team agreed with me that it was important not to infect the investigative team with the President's request, which we did not intend to abide. We also concluded that, given that it was a one-on-one conversation, there was nothing available to corroborate my account. We concluded it made little sense to report it to Attorney General Sessions, who we expected would likely recuse himself from involvement in Russia-related investigations. (He did so two weeks later.) The Deputy Attorney General's role was then filled in an acting capacity by a United States Attorney, who would also not be long in the role.

After discussing the matter, we decided to keep it very closely held, resolving to figure out what to do with it down the road as our investigation progressed. The investigation moved ahead at full speed, with none of the investigative team members – or the Department of Justice lawyers supporting them – aware of the President’s request.

Shortly afterwards, I spoke with Attorney General Sessions in person to pass along the President’s concerns about leaks. I took the opportunity to implore the Attorney General to prevent any future direct communication between the President and me. I told the AG that what had just happened – him being asked to leave while the FBI Director, who reports to the AG, remained behind – was inappropriate and should never happen. He did not reply. For the reasons discussed above, I did not mention that the President broached the FBI’s potential investigation of General Flynn.

March 30 Phone Call

On the morning of March 30, the President called me at the FBI. He described the Russia investigation as “a cloud” that was impairing his ability to act on behalf of the country. He said he had nothing to do with Russia, had not been involved with hookers in Russia, and had always assumed he was being recorded when in Russia. He asked what we could do to “lift the cloud.” I responded that we were investigating the matter as quickly as we could, and that there would be great benefit, if we didn’t find anything, to our having done the work well. He agreed, but then re-emphasized the problems this was causing him.

Then the President asked why there had been a congressional hearing about Russia the previous week – at which I had, as the Department of Justice directed, confirmed the investigation into possible coordination between Russia and the Trump campaign. I explained the demands from the leadership of both parties in Congress for more information, and that Senator Grassley had even held up the confirmation of the Deputy Attorney General until we briefed him in detail on the investigation. I explained that we had briefed the leadership of Congress on exactly which individuals we were investigating and that we had told those Congressional leaders that we were not personally investigating President Trump. I reminded him I had previously told him that. He repeatedly told me, “We need to get that fact out.” (I did not tell the President that the FBI and the Department of Justice had been reluctant to make public statements that we did not have an open case on President Trump for a number of reasons, most importantly because it would create a duty to correct, should that change.)

The President went on to say that if there were some “satellite” associates of his who did something wrong, it would be good to find that out, but that he

hadn't done anything wrong and hoped I would find a way to get it out that we weren't investigating him.

In an abrupt shift, he turned the conversation to FBI Deputy Director Andrew McCabe, saying he hadn't brought up "the McCabe thing" because I had said McCabe was honorable, although McAuliffe was close to the Clintons and had given him (I think he meant Deputy Director McCabe's wife) campaign money. Although I didn't understand why the President was bringing this up, I repeated that Mr. McCabe was an honorable person.

He finished by stressing "the cloud" that was interfering with his ability to make deals for the country and said he hoped I could find a way to get out that he wasn't being investigated. I told him I would see what we could do, and that we would do our investigative work well and as quickly as we could.

Immediately after that conversation, I called Acting Deputy Attorney General Dana Boente (AG Sessions had by then recused himself on all Russia-related matters), to report the substance of the call from the President, and said I would await his guidance. I did not hear back from him before the President called me again two weeks later.

April 11 Phone Call

On the morning of April 11, the President called me and asked what I had done about his request that I "get out" that he is not personally under investigation. I replied that I had passed his request to the Acting Deputy Attorney General, but I had not heard back. He replied that "the cloud" was getting in the way of his ability to do his job. He said that perhaps he would have his people reach out to the Acting Deputy Attorney General. I said that was the way his request should be handled. I said the White House Counsel should contact the leadership of DOJ to make the request, which was the traditional channel.

He said he would do that and added, "Because I have been very loyal to you, very loyal; we had that thing you know." I did not reply or ask him what he meant by "that thing." I said only that the way to handle it was to have the White House Counsel call the Acting Deputy Attorney General. He said that was what he would do and the call ended.

That was the last time I spoke with President Trump.

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Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)

From: Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)
Sent: Wednesday, June 7, 2017 3:44 PM
To: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)
Attachments: Comey Statement - SSCI.PDF

I'm sure someone has already sent this to you, but if not, here it is. Reference to you on p. 7

Brower, Gregory (OGC) (FBI)

From: Brower, Gregory (OGC) (FBI)
Sent: Friday, June 9, 2017 4:07 PM
To: Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI)
Cc: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI); Bowdich, David L. (DO) (FBI)
Subject: FW: Letter for Former Director Comey
Attachments: KMC & RM ltr to Dir. Comey re Production of Docs re POTUS--9 June 17.pdf

FYI, please see attached.

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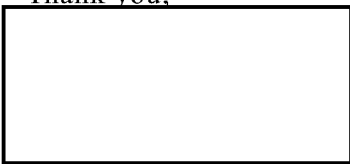
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Sent: Friday, June 09, 2017 3:56 PM
To: Brower, Gregory (OGC) (FBI) [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Letter for Former Director Comey

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Good afternoon,

Attached please find a letter from Representative Conaway and Ranking Member Schiff for Former Director Comey.

Thank you,



United States House of Representatives
Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence
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Washington, DC 20515
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June 9, 2017

VIA ELECTRONIC AND U.S. MAIL

The Hon. James Comey
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Assistant Director, Office of Congressional Affairs
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Washington, D.C. 20535

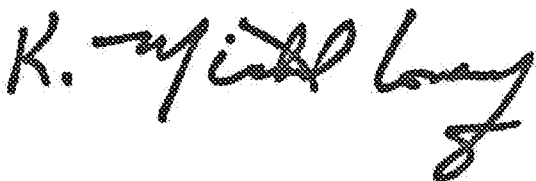
Dear Mr. Comey:

As part of the Committee's bipartisan investigation into Russian active measures directed against the 2016 U.S. elections and related issues, the Committee requests that you preserve and produce to the Committee copies of any notes, memoranda, or other documents in your possession memorializing or discussing conversations between you and President Donald J. Trump.

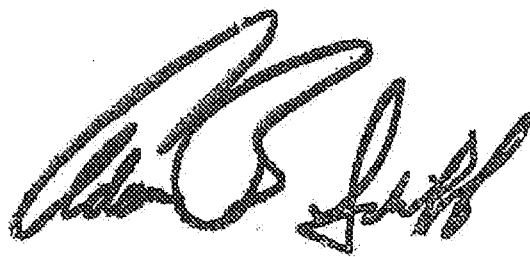
We would appreciate your fulfillment of this request by no later than the close of business on June 23, 2017.

Should you have any questions about the request, please contact the Committee at (202) 225-4121.

Sincerely,



K. Michael Conaway
Member of Congress



Adam Schiff
Ranking Member

Brower, Gregory (OGC) (FBI)

From: Brower, Gregory (OGC) (FBI)
Sent: Friday, June 9, 2017 4:21 PM
To: Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI)
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Subject: RE: Letter for Former Director Comey

Thank you.

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From: Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Friday, June 09, 2017 4:11 PM
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Cc: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED] Bowdich, David L. (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED]
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Forwarded to Director Comey. Thanks!

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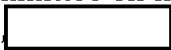
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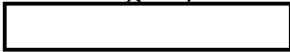
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To: Brower, Gregory (OGC) (FBI); Bowdich, David L. (DO) (FBI)
Cc: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI); Priestap, E. W. (CD) (FBI)
Subject: RE: Department of Justice Issues Statement on Testimony of Former FBI Director James Comey

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Thursday, June 8, 2017

Department of Justice Issues Statement on Testimony of Former FBI Director James Comey

In response to testimony given today by former FBI Director James Comey, Department of Justice Spokesman Ian Prior issued the following statement:

- Shortly after being sworn in, Attorney General Sessions began consulting with career Department of Justice ethics officials to determine whether he should recuse himself from any existing or future investigations of any matters related in any way to the campaigns for President of the United States.

Those discussions were centered upon 28 CFR 45.2, which provides that a Department of Justice attorney should not participate in investigations that may involve entities or individuals with whom the attorney has a political or personal relationship. That regulation goes on to define “political relationship” as:

“[A] close identification with an elected official, a candidate (whether or not successful) for elective, public office, a political party, or a campaign organization, arising from service as a principal adviser thereto or a principal official thereof ***”

Given Attorney General Sessions' participation in President Trump's campaign, it was for that reason, and that reason alone, the Attorney General made the decision on March 2, 2017 to recuse himself from any existing or future investigations of any matters related in any way to the campaigns for President of the United States.

- In his testimony, Mr. Comey stated that he was “not *** aware of” “any kind of memorandum issued from the Attorney General or the Department of Justice to the FBI outlining the parameters of [the Attorney General's] recusal.” However, on March 2, 2017, the Attorney General's Chief of Staff sent the attached email specifically informing Mr. Comey and other relevant Department officials of the recusal and its parameters, and advising that each of them instruct their staff “not to brief the Attorney General *** about, or otherwise involve the Attorney General *** in, any such matters described.”

- During his testimony, Mr. Comey confirmed that he did not inform the Attorney General of his concerns about the substance of any one-on-one conversation he had with the President. Mr. Comey said, following a morning threat briefing, that he wanted to ensure he and his FBI staff were following proper

communications protocol with the White House. The Attorney General was not silent; he responded to this comment by saying that the FBI and Department of Justice needed to be careful about following appropriate policies regarding contacts with the White House.

- Despite previous inaccurate media reports, Mr. Comey did not say that he ever asked anyone at the Department of Justice for more resources related to this investigation.

- In conclusion, it is important to note that after his initial meeting with career ethics officials regarding recusal (and including the period prior to his formal recusal on March 2, 2017), the Attorney General has not been briefed on or participated in any investigation within the scope of his recusal.

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From: Brower, Gregory (OGC) (FBI)

Sent: Friday, June 09, 2017 9:00 AM

To: Ghattas, Carl (CTD) (FBI) [REDACTED] Bowdich, David L. (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED]

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Cc: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED]

Subject: Department of Justice Issues Statement on Testimony of Former FBI Director James Comey

<https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/departments-justice-issues-statement-testimony-former-fbi-director-james-comey>

McNamara, Nancy (INSD) (FBI)

From: McNamara, Nancy (INSD) (FBI)
Sent: Friday, June 9, 2017 7:06 PM
To: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI); Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI); McNamara, Nancy (INSD) (FBI)
Cc: Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI); Bowdich, David L. (DO) (FBI)
Subject: Re: [REDACTED]
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From: "McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED]
Date: 6/9/17 6:02 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI)" [REDACTED] "McNamara, Nancy (INSD) (FBI)"
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Cc: "Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED] "Bowdich, David L. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED]
Subject: Fwd: [REDACTED]
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Jim and Nancy

Forwarding for appropriate action.

Andrew G. McCabe
Deputy Director
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From: [REDACTED]
Date: 6/9/17 5:22 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED]
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McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)

From: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 8:06 AM
To: Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI)
Subject: Fwd: Hang in there.

[redacted] wants to send a note to JCB. Should I kick him an email address or tell him to email mail it to the office?

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Andrew G. McCabe
Deputy Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
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From: [redacted]
Date: 6/19/17 4:29 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)" [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Hang in there.

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I had held off on asking, since I figured I would see you sometime soon, but that doesn't seem to be happening. And since there are [redacted]

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In any case, I wanted to send Director Comey a short personal note of thanks for the support and friendship he has shown to me and to NCTC over the years, and more importantly, for his service to all of us as Americans. I would welcome your advice on best way to do that – e-mail or note/card sent to his home address. Whatever you would think is easiest.

I've copied my home e-mail address on the CC line as well.

Thanks, Andy.

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From: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI) [mailto:[redacted]]
Sent: Wednesday, May 10, 2017 10:27 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Hang in there.

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Thanks brother.

Andrew G. McCabe
Deputy Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

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From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]]

Sent: Wednesday, May 10, 2017 10:08 AM

To: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED]

Subject: Hang in there.

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I know your life has become even more insane than it already was, so don't take the time to respond. But I just wanted to say "hang in there". Your friends and admirers -- to include me -- are thinking about you.

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Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI)

From: Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 5:26 PM
To: Kelley, Patrick W. (DO) (FBI); [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI); Sowers, Troy A. (DO) (FBI);
[REDACTED] (DO) (FBI)
Cc: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI); Bowdich, David L. (DO) (FBI); Bruno, Catherine S. (OGC) (FBI)
Subject: RE: [REDACTED]

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Hi Pat-

For Director Comey, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Thanks,
Jim

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From: Kelley, Patrick W. (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 5:15 PM
To: Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI); [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI); [REDACTED]
Sowers, Troy A. (DO) (FBI); [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI); [REDACTED]
Cc: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI); [REDACTED] Bowdich, David L. (DO) (FBI); [REDACTED]
Bruno, Catherine S. (OGC) (FBI); [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED]

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Acting Director McCabe asked me to act as the FBI POC for AUSA [REDACTED] who is leading a DOJ investigation into a "leak" involving the New York Times. AUSA [REDACTED]
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[REDACTED] Please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks for your cooperation.

Patrick W. Kelley
Assistant Director
Office of Integrity and Compliance, FBI
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[redacted] (DO) (FBI)

From: [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 5:30 PM
To: Kelley, Patrick W. (DO) (FBI); Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI); [redacted] (DO) (FBI); Sowers, Troy A. (DO) (FBI) [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Cc: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI); Bowdich, David L. (DO) (FBI); Bruno, Catherine S. (OGC) (FBI)
Subject: Re: [redacted]

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Hi Pat, I will gather McCabe's information for you from October 2016. Thanks [redacted]

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From: "Kelley, Patrick W. (DO) (FBI)" [redacted]
Date: 6/20/17 5:14 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI)" [redacted] (DO) (FBI); [redacted]
"Sowers, Troy A. (DO) (FBI)" [redacted] (DO) (FBI); [redacted]
Cc: "McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)" [redacted] "Bowdich, David L. (DO) (FBI)"
[redacted] "Bruno, Catherine S. (OGC) (FBI)" [redacted]
Subject: [redacted]

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Patrick W. Kelley
Assistant Director
Office of Integrity and Compliance, FBI

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Kelley, Patrick W. (DO) (FBI)

From: Kelley, Patrick W. (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 5:49 PM
To: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)
Subject: RE: [REDACTED]

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Thanks Boss. I will so inform AUSA [REDACTED] since that may save you a few questions.

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[REDACTED] (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED]
Cc: Bowdich, David L. (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED] Bruno, Catherine S. (OGC) (FBI) [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: [REDACTED]

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From: Kelley, Patrick W. (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 5:15 PM

To: Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED]
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Subject: [REDACTED]

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Acting Director McCabe asked me to act as the FBI POC for AUSA [REDACTED] who is leading a DOJ investigation into a "leak" involving the New York Times. AUSA [REDACTED]

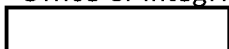
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[REDACTED] Please let me know if you have

any questions. Thanks for your cooperation.

Patrick W. Kelley
Assistant Director
Office of Integrity and Compliance, FBI



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From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, June 21, 2017 5:32 PM
To: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)
Subject: In-Q-Tel

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Andy,

I wanted to start by saying thank you for handling such a challenging time and transition with so much integrity. I was with a group of Bureau folks at IQT's CEO Summit when we heard your May 11th testimony to the SSCI – everyone cheered.

I heard you speak this morning at the Thomson Reuters conference and your message resonated with what we have been trying to accomplish with the IQT-FBI relationship. You mentioned focusing on the goals that FBI leadership has already determined need to be achieved which included partnering with private sector to drive creativity and ingenuity in new research and development avenues as well as the strategic objective to use technology better, faster and in more efficient ways.

IQT can help the FBI address these two critical objectives –by identifying cutting edge technology that can support both the operational and enterprise mission and, more importantly, by helping to establish a culture and process to foster start-up focused innovation and implementation of creative mission and business solutions.

Director Comey's speaker notes for the CEO Summit called out the FBI's renewed effort to partner with IQT at the enterprise level. He was also scheduled to meet with our CEO to discuss who would be assigned to make recommendations about what that relationship should look like.

I know [redacted] reached out to suggest we get together to discuss the way forward. Is there someone I can work with to get this on the calendar?

Thanks!

[redacted]
In-Q-Tel
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Office: [redacted]
Mobile: [redacted]
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Brower, Gregory (OGC) (FBI)

From: Brower, Gregory (OGC) (FBI)
Sent: Monday, June 26, 2017 5:57 PM
To: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI); Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI); Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI)
Cc: Beers, Elizabeth R. (DO) (FBI)
Subject: Letter from SSCI Chair/Ranking re Comey Memos
Attachments: 170626 Letter to Andrew McCabe from Chairman Burr and Vice Chairman Warner re Committee's Letters of May 17 and June 2 2017 (002).pdf

[redacted] (TP) (FBI)

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From: [redacted] (TP) (FBI)
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 7:04 PM
To: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)
Subject: Re: Good luck

Sir...I cannot begin to tell you how thankful I am for this message! [redacted]

[redacted] Please know that I truly believe the FBI is one giant family and that I could not be more proud and honored to work for YOU (and formerly Director Comey). Thank you for the kind words [redacted] it is easy when you have great people. Again..I was honored to be [redacted] THANK YOU for believing in me and allowing me to do it! I will do my best to keep everyone posted [redacted]

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[redacted] Thank you again sir for your thoughts and prayers. Most of all...Thank you for your incredible leadership....it truly makes all the difference! [redacted]

----- Original message -----

From: "McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)" [redacted]
Date: 6/27/17 6:42 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: [redacted] (TP) (FBI)" [redacted]
Subject: Good luck

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[redacted]
I had a conversation with [redacted] today and he mentioned [redacted]
[redacted] have since had the opportunity to see the email you sent to your folks about it. [redacted]

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I remember [redacted] talking with Director Comey about how impressed we were with you. Your email shows the same sort of clear headed, transparent and all business approach in this tough time that you showed so clearly [redacted] You are a strong, thoughtful and caring leader who embodies all that we hope for in our folks. And it is those same qualities and strengths [redacted]

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Please give my best to your family and know that we are here for you. Anything you need, any time.

Good luck.

Andrew G. McCabe
Deputy Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
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Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI)

From: Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI)
Sent: Friday, July 7, 2017 10:38 PM
To: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI); Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI)
Subject: Re: [REDACTED]

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Copy. I will address this.

----- Original message -----

From: "McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED]
Date: 7/7/17 8:15 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI)" [REDACTED] "Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED]
Subject: Fwd [REDACTED]

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Andrew G. McCabe
Deputy Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Work [REDACTED]

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----- Original message -----

From: [REDACTED]
Date: 7/7/17 7:32 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED]
Cc: "McNamara, Nancy (INSD) (FBI)" [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED]

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Dear Acting Director McCabe,

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, July 9, 2017 8:49 AM
To: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)
Subject: RE: Hang in there.

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Trying again.....any chance you can share with me Director Comey's contact information? Thanks.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 19, 2017 4:29 PM
To: 'McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)' [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Hang in there.

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I had held off on asking, since I figured I would see you sometime soon, but that doesn't seem to be happening. And since there are [REDACTED]

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In any case, I wanted to send Director Comey a short personal note of thanks for the support and friendship he has shown to me and to NCTC over the years, and more importantly, for his service to all of us as Americans. I would welcome your advice on best way to do that -- e-mail or note/card sent to his home address. Whatever you would think is easiest.

I've copied my home e-mail address on the CC line as well.

Thanks, Andy.

[REDACTED]

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From: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI) [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Wednesday, May 10, 2017 10:27 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Hang in there.

Thanks brother.

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Andrew G. McCabe
Deputy Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Wednesday, May 10, 2017 10:08 AM
To: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED]
Subject: Hang in there.

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I know your life has become even more insane than it already was, so don't take the time to respond. But I just

wanted to say “hang in there”. Your friends and admirers – to include me -- are thinking about you.



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Bowdich, David L. (DO) (FBI)

From: Bowdich, David L. (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Sunday, July 9, 2017 4:35 PM
To: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI); Bowdich, David L. (DO) (FBI)
Subject: Re: Summary of what we are going to report on Comey memos

No, but good point. I will ask him to.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
Work [REDACTED]

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Cc: [REDACTED]
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I'd say let's let it ride. Normal channels.

Andrew G. McCabe
Deputy Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Work [REDACTED]

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----- Original message -----

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Date: 7/9/17 4:39 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Summary of what we are going to report on Comey memos

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Done, do you want to give [REDACTED] a heads up, or do you want me to....or just let it ride through their normal channels? I asked Mike to have his DOJ POC push it up through their channels. He advise his POC is normally responsive on the weekends.

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Dave

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Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 7:11 AM
To: Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI)
Subject: Re: LAFO Photos

I think hand delivery is fine. We can review them here and figure out what to do with them.

Andrew G. McCabe
Deputy Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Work [REDACTED]

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----- Original message -----

From: "Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED]
Date: 7/18/17 4:17 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED] "Bowdich, David L. (DO) (FBI)"
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Subject: LAFO Photos

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Thanks,
Jim

Will, Candice M. (DO) (FBI)

From: Will, Candice M. (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Thursday, July 20, 2017 9:07 AM
To: Grigg, Gurvais C. (DO) (FBI); Mrose, Yonina A. (DO) (FBI)
Cc: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI); Bowdich, David L. (DO) (FBI)
Subject: Briefing Materials for Director Wray

Good morning, Gurvais and Nina:

At yesterday's AD meeting, Andy mentioned that you, Gurvais, are working on transition materials for Director Wray. I don't believe I received an email seeking information, so I'm guessing you are working off the [REDACTED] prepared for the President Elect (when he was still President Elect). I reviewed my submission and would like to edit a couple of points if possible. Please let me know.

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I received your email, Nina, seeking a 30/60/90 Day Report for Director Wray. There is not a "major event scheduled to occur" in OPR in Director Wray's first 90 days because that is not the nature of our work, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Nevertheless, I feel strongly that I should brief Director Wray on the work of my office within his first 30 days (just as I did Directors Mueller and Comey). I will get you something before the cob today.

Thank you.

Candice

Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI)

From: Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI)
Sent: Thursday, July 20, 2017 12:57 PM
To: Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI); McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI); Bowdich, David L. (DO) (FBI); Ghattas, Carl (CTD) (FBI); Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI)
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Jim:

I'm assuming that [REDACTED] As such, these are federal records and must be treated as such. Recognizing their sensitivity, however, I would suggest that Deirdre or you bring them to me and we will ensure that they are stored and processed appropriately.

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Thanks.

Jim

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Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 4:17 PM
To: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED] Bowdich, David L. (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED]
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To: Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI); McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)
Subject: Re: Call with CW

Sounds good to me Jim. I don't think our succession among meeting will take the full two hours, so that should work fine.

Dave

----- Original message -----

From: "Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED]
Date: 7/23/17 12:05 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Bowdich, David L. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED] "McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)"
[REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Call with CW

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Copy all.

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My e-mail is still down but I'll check in via 324 mail periodically.

Enjoy the rest of your Sunday!

From: Bowdich, David L. (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Sunday, July 23, 2017 11:35 AM
To: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI); Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI)
Subject: Re: Call with CW

Andy,

I will have Dave S look into our options and report back. Let me know if you want me to participate in the call with the nominee. As of yesterday, Greg was still seeking more info about when the confirmation vote

will take place and did not have any new information.

Dave

----- Original message -----

From: "McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED]

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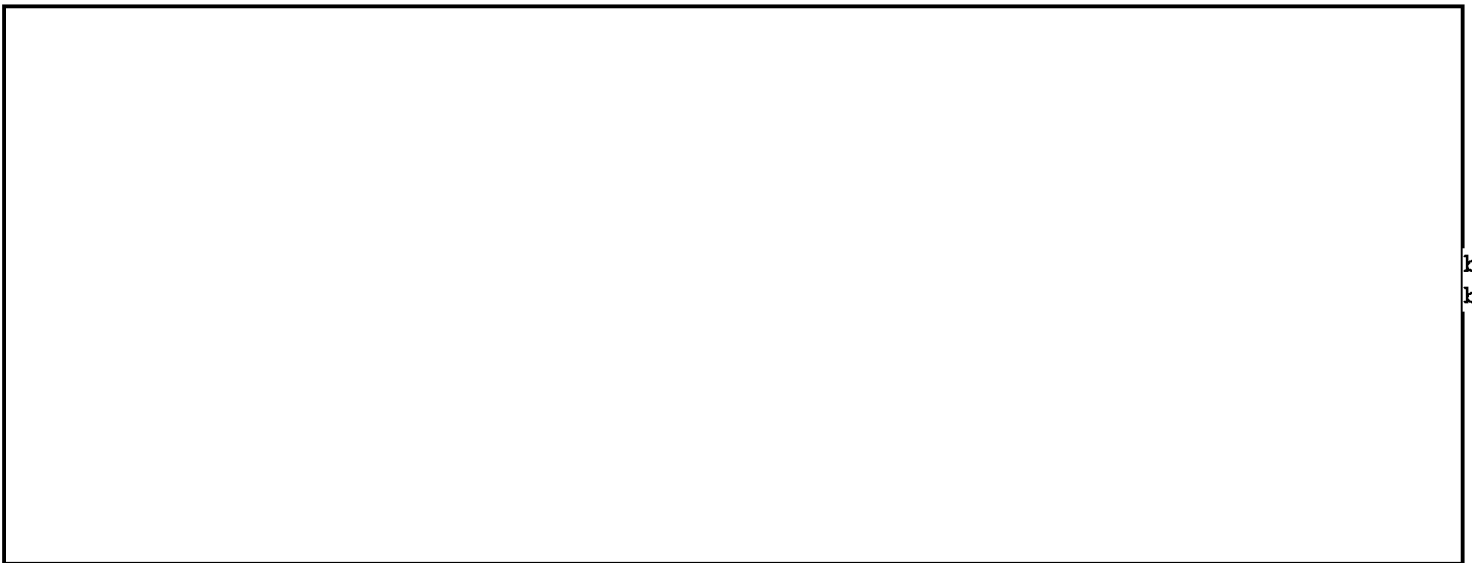
Date: 7/23/17 11:17 AM (GMT-05:00)

To: "Bowdich, David L. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED] "Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED]

Subject: Call with CW

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I spoke to Chris on Friday night. He asked about the following:



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Dave: please give Dave S a heads up.

Let me know your thoughts.

Thanks and have a great day.

Andrew G. McCabe
Deputy Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Work [REDACTED]

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Friday, July 28, 2017 4:10 PM
To: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Hello!

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Hi Andy,

I hope you are well and are not so distracted by all the noise that you can't do what you do best -- we need guys like you at times like these!

[redacted] I'm not sure if I told you, but [redacted]

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[redacted] I am having a great time writing [redacted]

[redacted] meeting tons of really smart and interesting people, and having flexibility [redacted]

[redacted] I never knew life after government could be this good!

BTW, [redacted] did a great job on the panel at Aspen, and I enjoyed getting a chance to reconnect with the Bureau folks who attended.

Anyway, there are a couple of things that [redacted]

[redacted] and I would like to reach out to Jim Comey to see if he would be interested. Would you mind putting me in touch with him? I don't have contact information for him anymore. You can tell him that, unlike the reporters that I can imagine are hounding him incessantly [redacted]

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[redacted] I will not stalk him!

Thanks so much, Andy, and please do let me know when you have time for lunch or a drink. I know that's practically impossible in your current role, but I hope you we'll have a chance to catch up soon.

Best,

[redacted]

(ccing my [redacted] address just so you'll have it too)

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Boetig, Brian P. (LO) (FBI)

From: Boetig, Brian P. (LO) (FBI)
Sent: Monday, August 7, 2017 11:11 AM
To: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)
Subject: Re: Thanks

No need to worry about the response time; you are a busy man. Best of luck with GCHQ Director Fleming visit tomorrow, my DLAT will be in attendance.

Regards,
Brian

From: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Monday, August 7, 2017 2:05 PM
To: Boetig, Brian P. (LO) (FBI)
Subject: RE: Thanks

Brian:

I'm sorry it has taken me so long to reply. Your note was so thoughtful and insightful I am still having a hard time finding the words to fully express my appreciation. [REDACTED]

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I hope you and your family are doing well. I share your goals and am confident you are reaching yours.

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From: Boetig, Brian P. (LO) (FBI)
Sent: Thursday, August 03, 2017 6:25 AM
To: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED]
Subject: Thanks

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Andy-

Thank you for taking the time to come down to the Legat's Conference last week. I realize that your schedule is always full, and I can appreciate that thirty minutes in front of us may have been what you now categorized as nice, friendly down time considering what your other options for that time slot may have been.

I have a couple of personal thoughts I want to pass on. First, thank you for what you have done to steer this organization in the right direction, both in step with Director Comey and while you were at the helm. The FBI will forever be a better place for what you have done. I firmly believe this incredible period in our history will be the bedrock for how future generations of FBI employees will be inspired to anchor their

personal values with the FBI's core values.

Second, and probably more importantly, thank you

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I wish you the best with the new Director and am as devoted as ever because of your steadfast example to serve this organization.

Thanks again and I look forward to this next chapter in the Bureau's history.

Regards,
Brian

Brian Boetig
Legal Attaché (Legat)
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Ireland & the United Kingdom
US Embassy London

Ghattas, Carl (CTD) (FBI)

From: Ghattas, Carl (CTD) (FBI)
Sent: Wednesday, August 9, 2017 7:15 AM
To: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI); Brower, Gregory (OGC) (FBI)
Subject: FW: Secretive search for man behind Trump dossier reveals tension in Russia inquiry

FYSA below regarding congressional staffers traveling to London to contact Christopher Steele.

From: Priestap, E. W. (CD) (FBI)
Sent: Wednesday, August 09, 2017 6:58 AM
To: Aaron Zebley [REDACTED]
Cc: Ghattas, Carl (CTD) (FBI) [REDACTED] (CYD) (FBI) [REDACTED]
Subject: Fwd: Secretive search for man behind Trump dossier reveals tension in Russia inquiry

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Aaron: Please see the below email from Legat London. I will let you know if I learn anything further.
Thank you, Bill

----- Original message -----

From: "Boetig, Brian P. (LO) (FBI)" [REDACTED]
Date: 8/9/17 5:49 AM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Paarmann, C. B. (IOD) (FBI)" [REDACTED] "Priestap, E. W. (CD) (FBI)" [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] "Cases, Carlos (IOD) (FBI)" [REDACTED]
Cc: "Turner, Brian C. (HQ) (FBI)" [REDACTED] "Turchiano, Joan Marie (IOD) (FBI)" [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] (NY) (FBI) [REDACTED] (IOD) (FBI)" [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Subject: Secretive search for man behind Trump dossier reveals tension in Russia inquiry

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Please see the below article from the Guardian regarding congressional staffers conducting unilateral, unauthorized b (by the UK) investigations in the UK. [REDACTED]

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Additionally, although the FBI was not involved, [REDACTED]

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Regards,
Brian

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UK Cell: [redacted] (From US: [redacted])
TIME: EST (Wash, DC) +5 hours

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<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2017/aug/07/donald-trump-russia-dossier-christopher-steele-devin-nunes>

Secretive search for man behind Trump dossier reveals tension in Russia inquiry

Julian Borger in Washington

Tuesday 8 August 2017 01.48 BST

Attempt by two congressional staffers to contact former MI6 officer highlights fight for control over House intelligence committee's investigation

Two US congressional staffers who travelled to London in July and tried to contact former British intelligence officer Christopher Steele, were sent by a longstanding aide to Devin Nunes, the chairman of the House intelligence committee and a close ally of the White House.

The trip has brought back to the surface a continuing struggle for control of the committee's investigation into Moscow's role in the 2016 US election. The reliability of a dossier compiled by Steele, containing explosive allegations of extensive secret collusion between Trump and the Kremlin, is a key part of that investigation.

The two staffers turned up unannounced at Steele's lawyers' offices while the former MI6 officer was in the building, according to a report by Politico on Friday. But the committee's leading Democrat, Adam Schiff, said on Sunday neither he nor his Republican counterpart had been informed about the staffers' London trip.

A congressional official insisted, however, that the staffers were in London on official committee business. He said they had been told to make contact with Steele's lawyers, rather than Steele himself.

"It was an intelligence committee trip although going to meet with the lawyer was not the sole purpose of the trip. They were also there on other committee business," the official said, but he added he could not describe what else the committee staffers were doing in London.

"Them being sent to meet with the lawyers was at the behest of the committee staff director," the official added, speaking anonymously because of the sensitivity of the subject.

The House intelligence committee's staff director is Damon Nelson, who worked as deputy chief of staff for Devin Nunes from 2003 until 2014 and then as a senior adviser before moving in 2015 to the staff of the committee which Nunes chairs. Nunes was a member of Trump's transition team on security and enraged Democrats by maintaining close contact with the president and making a secret visit late at night to the White House in March to view supposedly secret information without telling other committee members.

Nunes stepped aside from the committee's Russia investigation in April, months before the London trip, after becoming the subject of an inquiry by the House ethics panel into whether he disclosed classified information in a bid

to discredit the Obama administration. Republican congressman Mike Conaway took over Nunes' duties directing the Russia inquiry. Schiff, the ranking Democrat on the committee, has since praised Conaway's cooperation into investigating the links between the Trump campaign and Moscow, but has also complained that Nunes has continued to intervene in the investigation, despite his understanding to stay out of it pending the ethics inquiry.

Schiff's office declined to comment, and Conaway's office did not reply to a request for comment. But Schiff said on Sunday that neither of them had been told about the London visit aimed at establishing contacts with a key witness.

"I wasn't aware of it, and I don't think Mr Conaway was either," Schiff told CNN. "But the reality is we do want to meet with Mr Steele, would like him to come before the committee. If he's not willing to do that, we'd be happy – Mr Conaway and myself – to go to London to sit down with him. He does have, certainly, very relevant information that would assist our investigation."

Steele's dossier on Trump's alleged collusion with the Russian government was compiled in 2016, for a Washington research company, Fusion GPS, and commissioned by Trump's election opponents, first Republican in the primaries, and then Democrat.

It was presented by Republican senator John McCain to the then FBI director, James Comey, in December, and has since been part of a wide-ranging inquiry into possible collusion, now under the control of special counsel Robert Mueller.

A congressional official insisted it would not be unusual for a committee staff director to organise a foreign fact-finding trip on his own authority.

However, Adam Blickstein, a former Democrat spokesman on the House intelligence committee said he found that unlikely in the such a sensitive investigation.

"In this specific scenario, I can't imagine a staff director sending two staffers on this trip, without the chairman knowing about it," Blickstein said. "That wouldn't pass the smell test."

"I find the fact that they presumably spent taxpayer money to undertake such a hyper-partisan and unprofessional effort extremely troubling," John Sipher, a former senior CIA officer said in an emailed comment. "There are normal ways to do this through our existing institutions, and their relationships with our British partners. This is bad on many levels."

"Republicans that are part of the House investigation should not be undertaking efforts without informing their Democratic colleagues," Sipher added. "Not only is it unprofessional but it is impolite. Mr Steele was a professional who worked on important and compatible issues with the US. He deserves better than being ambushed by a bunch of hacks."

Bowdich, David L. (DO) (FBI)

From: Bowdich, David L. (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Thursday, August 17, 2017 10:42 AM
To: Wray, Christopher A. (DO) (FBI); McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)
Cc: Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI)
Subject: Fwd: Comments from FBIAA reps related to Directors visit.

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Boss,

I received the below feedback from [REDACTED] today. As you can see below, the trip was worthwhile for you to get in front of the FBIAA Reps so early in your tenure.

Dave

----- Original message -----

From: [REDACTED] (WF) (FBI)" [REDACTED]
Date: 8/17/17 8:33 AM (GMT-07:00)
To: "Bowdich, David L. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED]
Subject: Comments from FBIAA reps related to Directors visit.

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Dave,

I wanted to pass the comments from the Conference reviews. I think you will find that it was worth the time you guys took to travel to the FBIAA conference. Over 100 Field reps have returned to their offices and are passing these positive comments to the employees in their offices.

Thanks again for speaking and brining the new guys with you ??

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Director Wray

- Coordinating the involvement of the director is tremendous
- Good feeling- but I had that with Comey
- High hopes for Him/ us
- Great that he came
- Very impressed and grateful for his appearance. Great work getting him to come

- Happy he took time to see us. Said correct things
- Glad to see brand new Director take the time to come introduce himself to the FBIAA
- I wish we had more time with him
- Impressive that he came down with so little time
- Appreciate his attendance
- Great opportunity to hear from the new Director, especially given it was his 3rd day in office
- I'm giving him a 10- merely based on the effort he took to take the time to be here. This is the beginning of the honeymoon , lets see what happens
- So important for Director to appear
- Excellent to hear from him the 3rd day on the job. Great work getting him here. Sends a strong message
- Said the right things, awesome that he showed up
- Hard to say. It's a 10 because he came to speak but perhaps next time he will know more and say more
- Impressed he made the time for us given it was only his 3rd day in office
- Excellent effort to come. Appreciate his commitment and oath for independence
- Very helpful for us to hear from Director Wray on his thoughts about role of the FBI going forward
- Should always attend. We had some detailed questions which weren't really fair/ appropriate seeing it was his 3rd day, but he handled them well
- Always important to have him attend
- Not a lot of information but understandably so
- Did not know a lot since it was his 3rd day, great that he came
- It was refreshing to hear a Director who does not seem to have a political agenda. I look forward to seeing the Bu accomplish amazing things in the next decade
- Great that he showed up 3rd day on the job. We have to give him some time to get

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- Impressed that [] and the FBIAA board got him here! Also grateful that he cam. Good job setting the relationship in the right path
- Good start for him. I wish he'd given us more time
- I get the feeling he is very sincere about his respect for agents and feel like he will be very receptive to FBIAA issues brought to his attention
- Good to get an introduction to the Director in this setting
- Obviously hasn't been in job long enough to give anything more than a welcoming speech but I think we will be in good shape. Does seem supportive of agents
- Glad he could join us. Very impressed he took the time to address us. Speaks volumes about the clout that the FBIAA has
- Proud that he took time to visit
- Best part was info from [] and from others who have worked previously with Director Wray and spoke very highly of him. Great to hear. Good to hear him speak. Impressive that he came to our national convention on his third day. We're in good hands
- To find the time and fly into SA and meet with us on his 3rd day on the job- impressive
- Was amazing that he came to visit on day 3! It was great to see him in a smaller setting and also great to have the opportunity to ask questions
- Great to meet and hear. from the new director
- Speaks volumes that. Director Wray cam to. conference on day 3. through a storm to meet. with FBIAA

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Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI)

From: Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2017 2:38 PM
To: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI); Bowdich, David L. (DO) (FBI); Brower, Gregory (OGC) (FBI)
Subject: FW: SSCI

From Director Comey.

From: [redacted] [mailto:[redacted]]
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2017 2:36 PM
To: Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI) [redacted]
Subject: SSCI

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FYI only: I'm headed to [redacted]

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[REDACTED] (IR) (CON)

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From: [REDACTED] (IR) (CON)
Sent: Wednesday, September 13, 2017 7:44 AM
To: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)
Subject: Thank you!

Hi DD McCabe,

I just wanted to thank you again for taking the time to meet with us yesterday and assisting in our research effort! It was a honor and a privilege to meet you and gather your insight on leadership and managing crisis situations. You are able to provide such a unique and important perspective to our data and we are so thankful for the opportunity to include some of your experience and expertise.

We will be in-touch as we complete our interviews and the initial draft report! I will also be in-touch with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] as we discussed. As this project was inspired by former Director Comey and due to the fact that his leadership emphasis and style was and continues to be so influential to the FBI as a whole, we would love the opportunity to reach-out to him about this project. Of course, we could not confirm or disclose to anyone that he did or did not participate as an interviewee; however, we would greatly appreciate the chance to both thank him and potentially include him. As we discussed, if you [REDACTED] we would greatly appreciate it!

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Thank you again, DD McCabe! It is people like you that make the FBI a world-class agency and, on behalf of our team and the FBI family, we are so thankful to you for your time and invaluable leadership! I look forward to being in-touch and seeing you again at the Senior Leaders' Course in a few weeks.

Respectfully,

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McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)

From: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Wednesday, September 13, 2017 2:06 PM
To: [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI)
Subject: Fwd: STB/CJIS 2016 Crime in the US Draft Release
Attachments: 2016 CIUS Summary.pdf

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Please print message and attachment. Thx

Andrew G. McCabe
Deputy Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
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From: "Piehota, Christopher M. (NS) (FBI)" [REDACTED]
Date: 9/13/17 11:20 AM (GMT-05:00)
To: "McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED] "Bowdich, David L. (DO) (FBI)"
[REDACTED]
Cc: "Sowers, Troy A. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED] [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI)"
[REDACTED] "Ghattas, Carl (CTD) (FBI)" [REDACTED] "Abbate, Paul M. (DO) (FBI)"
[REDACTED] "Skule, Joshua (DI) (FBI)" [REDACTED] "Parlave, Valerie (DO) (FBI)"
"Turgal, James L. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED] "Sleeper, Kerry L. (DO) (FBI)"
"Brower, Gregory (OGC) (FBI)" [REDACTED] "Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI)"
"Lindquist, Douglas E. (CK) (FBI)" [REDACTED] "Adams, John S. (DI) (FBI)"
"Richardson, Stephen E. (CID) (FBI)" [REDACTED] "Mccall, A. T. (OTD) (FBI)"
"Doss, Christopher T. (LD) (FBI)" [REDACTED] "Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI)"
", "Quinn, Richard P. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED] "Brooks, Brian K. (OTD) (FBI)"
Subject: STB/CJIS 2016 Crime in the US Draft Release

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Sirs – Please note below. As noted this morning, CJIS is working with OPA to finalize this year's annual Crime in US report with a 25 Sep 2017 launch date currently projected. This year's current release message draft is attached with select statistical highlights. There may still be minor editing between now and the actual release but I do not foresee substantive editing that would alter overall messaging intent or content. Below the break line in this email message, the 2015 Crime Report release language is provided for your review and recall (Former Director Comey's accompanying 2015 message on this same matter is also provided). CJIS was advised that a statement from Director Wray for the 2016 report is being assembled by his staff. No action requested from your offices – For situational awareness and upward briefing as applicable. I apologize for the lengthy viewing format if reviewed via Smart Phone. Thank you.

All other recipients – A draft of the Crime Report release language is provided for your advance review and awareness. Please do not forward or share outside of this email distribution group prior to the projected 25 Sep 2017 launch date. As noted above, there may be some additional editing and we wish to maintain version control

and information discipline leading up to the official launch. If you have questions or need assistance, please let me and AD-CJIS Doug Lindquist know so we can assist. Thank you.

AD Kortan -I recommend that OPA (or another applicable FBI component) disseminate this information to all ADCIS/ADs/SACs/ASACs (and other stakeholders) immediately prior to public release for awareness purposes. Our senior leaders would benefit from advance awareness of this data and be ready to receive calls and inquiries from their constituent law enforcement, media, and community partners. I appreciate OPA's continued support in this FBI annual publication. Please let me know what your thoughts are.

Summary information from CJIS for publication processing, as well as the 2015 Crime Report messaging, is provided below:

The annual Crime in the United States (CIUS) release is coming up, tentatively scheduled for 9/25/17. CJIS produced a draft summary of the results to accompany the report, attached above. The NPO creates its own press release largely based on the CJIS summary. The *Crime in the United States* (CIUS) data (hundreds of individual files/tables) are being formatted by OPA's FBI.gov and Internet Operations Unit (FIOU) for public display on the fbi.gov website.

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For reference, CJIS has attached last year's overview of the 2015 report and Director Comey's message, which are both on the fbi.gov website. This year, the Director's Office is writing Director Wray's message (POC).

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Last year's Overview of the 2015 Crime report:

FBI Releases 2015 Crime Statistics

Washington, D.C.—After 2 years of decline, the estimated number of violent crimes in the nation increased 3.9 percent in 2015 when compared with 2014 data, according to FBI figures released today. Property crimes dropped 2.6 percent, marking the thirteenth straight year the collective estimates for these offenses declined.

The 2015 statistics show the estimated rate of violent crime was 372.6 offenses per 100,000 inhabitants, and the property crime rate was 2,487.0 offenses per 100,000 inhabitants. The violent crime rate rose 3.1 percent compared with the 2014 rate, and the property crime rate declined 3.4 percent.

These and additional data are presented in the 2015 edition of the FBI's annual report *Crime in the United States*. This publication, which is a statistical compilation of offense, arrest, and police employee data reported by law enforcement agencies voluntarily participating in the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program, also includes limited federal crime reporting, human trafficking, and cargo theft data.

The UCR Program collects information on crimes reported by law enforcement agencies regarding the violent crimes of murder and nonnegligent manslaughter, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault as well as the property crimes of burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson. (Although the FBI classifies arson as a property crime, it does not estimate arson data because of variations in the level of participation by the reporting agencies. Consequently, arson data are not included in the property crime estimate.) The program also collects arrest data for the offenses listed above plus 20 offenses that include all other crimes except traffic violations.

Prior to 2013, the FBI's UCR Program collected rape data in the Summary Reporting System under the category "forcible rape." In 2013, the program removed the term "forcible" from the title, and revised the definition. The legacy UCR definition of rape is "The carnal knowledge of a female forcibly and against her will." The revised UCR definition of rape is "Penetration, no matter how slight, of the vagina or anus with any body part or object, or oral penetration by a sex organ of another person, without the consent of the victim."

Of the 18,439 city, county, university and college, state, tribal, and federal agencies eligible to participate in the UCR Program, 16,643 submitted data in 2015. A high-level summary of the statistics submitted, as well as estimates for those agencies that did not report, follows:

- In 2015, there were an estimated 1,197,704 violent crimes. Murder and nonnegligent manslaughter increased 10.8 percent when compared with estimates from 2014. Rape (legacy definition) and aggravated assault increased 6.3 percent and 4.6 percent, respectively, while robbery increased 1.4 percent.
- Nationwide, there were an estimated 7,993,631 property crimes. The estimated numbers for two of the three property crimes show declines when compared with the previous year's estimates. Burglaries dropped 7.8 percent, larceny-thefts declined 1.8 percent, but motor vehicle thefts rose 3.1 percent.
- Collectively, victims of property crimes (excluding arson) suffered losses estimated at \$14.3 billion in 2015.
- The FBI estimated that law enforcement agencies nationwide made 10.8 million arrests, excluding traffic violations, in 2015.
- The arrest rate for violent crime was 157.2 per 100,000 inhabitants, and the arrest rate for property crime was 458.9 per 100,000 inhabitants.
- By violent crime offense, the arrest rate for murder and nonnegligent manslaughter was 3.5 per 100,000 inhabitants; rape (aggregate total of revised and legacy), 7.1; robbery, 29.7; and aggravated assault, 117.0 per 100,000 inhabitants.
- By property crime offense, the arrest rate for burglary was 67.5 per 100,000 inhabitants; larceny-theft, 364.5; and motor vehicle theft, 24.2. The arrest rate for arson was 2.8 per 100,000 inhabitants.
- In 2015, there were 13,160 law enforcement agencies that reported their staffing levels to the FBI. These agencies reported that, as of October 31, 2015, they collectively employed 635,781 sworn officers and 277,380 civilians, a rate of 3.3 employees per 1,000 inhabitants.

Caution against Ranking—Each year when *Crime in the United States* is published, some entities use the figures to compile rankings of cities and counties. These rough rankings provide no insight into the numerous variables that mold crime in a particular town, city, county, state, tribal area, or region. Consequently, they lead to simplistic and/or incomplete analyses that often create misleading perceptions adversely affecting communities and their residents. Valid assessments are possible only with careful study and analysis of the range of unique conditions affecting each local law enforcement jurisdiction. **The data user is, therefore, cautioned against comparing statistical data of individual reporting units from cities, metropolitan areas, states, or colleges or universities solely on the basis of their population coverage or student enrollment.**

Last year's Director's message:

We need more transparency and accountability in law enforcement. We also need better, more informed conversations about crime and policing in this country. To get there, we are improving the way this nation collects, analyzes, and uses crime statistics and data about law enforcement's use of force. Information that is accurate, reliable, complete, and timely will help all of us learn where we have problems and how to get better. Key elements of this are our shift to the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS), which will occur no later than 2021 (we hope sooner), and our first-ever use-of-force database. Those will give us a more complete, richer picture of crime in our communities, and a national and detailed picture of the ways we in law enforcement are using force. With indispensable support from our colleagues at the Bureau of Justice Statistics, all of us will be better able to talk in an informed way about things that matter tremendously.

Jim Comey, Director

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September 25, 2017

FBI Releases 2016 Crime Statistics

Washington, D.C.—The estimated number of violent crimes in the nation increased for the third straight year, rising 4.1 percent in 2016 when compared with 2015 data, according to FBI figures released today. Property crimes dropped 1.3 percent, marking the fourteenth consecutive year the collective estimates for these offenses declined.

The 2016 statistics show the estimated rate of violent crime was 386.3 offenses per 100,000 inhabitants, and the estimated rate of property crime was 2,450.7 offenses per 100,000 inhabitants. The violent crime rate rose 3.4 percent compared with the 2015 rate, and the property crime rate declined 2.0 percent.

These and additional data are presented in the 2016 edition of the FBI's annual report *Crime in the United States*. This publication is a statistical compilation of offense, arrest, and police employee data reported by law enforcement agencies voluntarily participating in the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program. The UCR Program streamlined the 2016 edition by reducing the number of tables from 81 to 29, but still presented the major topics, such as offenses known, clearances, and persons arrested. Limited federal crime, human trafficking, and cargo theft data are also included.

The UCR Program collects information on crimes reported by law enforcement agencies regarding the violent crimes of murder and nonnegligent manslaughter, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault as well as the property crimes of burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson. (Although the FBI classifies arson as a property crime, it does not estimate arson data because of variations in the level of participation by the reporting agencies. Consequently, arson data are not included in the property crime estimate.) The program also collects arrest data for the offenses listed above plus 20 offenses that include all other crimes except traffic violations.

Of the 18,481 city, county, university and college, state, tribal, and federal agencies eligible to participate in the UCR Program, 16,782 submitted data in 2016. A high-level summary of the statistics submitted, as well as estimates for those agencies that did not report, follows:

- In 2016, there were an estimated 1,248,185 violent crimes. Murder and nonnegligent manslaughter offenses increased 8.6 percent when compared with estimates from 2015. Aggravated assault and rape (legacy definition) offenses increased 5.1 percent and 4.9 percent, respectively, and robbery increased 1.2 percent.

- Nationwide, there were an estimated 7,919,035 property crimes. The estimated numbers for two of the three property crimes show declines when compared with the previous year's estimates. Burglaries dropped 4.6 percent, larceny-thefts declined 1.5 percent, but motor vehicle thefts rose 7.4 percent.
- Collectively, victims of property crimes (excluding arson) suffered losses estimated at \$15.6 billion in 2016.
- The FBI estimated that law enforcement agencies nationwide made 10.7 million arrests, excluding those for traffic violations, in 2016.
- The arrest rate for violent crime was 159.7 per 100,000 inhabitants, and the arrest rate for property crime was 420.6 per 100,000 inhabitants.
- By violent crime offense, the arrest rate for murder and nonnegligent manslaughter was 3.7 per 100,000 inhabitants; rape (aggregate total using the revised and legacy definition), 7.3; robbery, 29.8; and aggravated assault, 119.0 per 100,000 inhabitants.
- By property crime offense, the arrest rate for burglary was 64.3 per 100,000 inhabitants; larceny-theft, 326.5; and motor vehicle theft, 26.7. The arrest rate for arson was 3.0 per 100,000 inhabitants.
- In 2016, there were 13,217 law enforcement agencies that reported their staffing levels to the FBI. These agencies reported that, as of October 31, 2016, they collectively employed 652,936 sworn officers and 280,206 civilians, a rate of 3.4 employees per 1,000 inhabitants.

Caution against Ranking—Each year when *Crime in the United States* is published, some entities use the figures to compile rankings of cities and counties. These rough rankings provide no insight into the numerous variables that mold crime in a particular town, city, county, state, tribal area, or region. Consequently, they lead to simplistic and/or incomplete analyses that often create misleading perceptions adversely affecting communities and their residents. Valid assessments are possible only with careful study and analysis of the range of unique conditions affecting each local law enforcement jurisdiction. **The data user is, therefore, cautioned against comparing crime data of individual reporting units from cities, metropolitan areas, states, or colleges or universities solely on the basis of their population coverage or student enrollment.**

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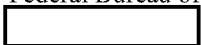
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Below are the top stories from the Director's remarks this morning at the Heritage Foundation. Have done this remotely so please pardon any formatting glitches.

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Washington Post: FBI director warns against restricting controversial NSA surveillance program

By Devlin Barrett

FBI Director Christopher A. Wray warned Friday that changing the rules of a soon-to-expire surveillance program could create new barriers to preventing terrorist attacks, similar to those that existed before 2001.

In defending his agency's information-sharing program with the National Security Agency — which civil liberties groups have criticized as a threat to privacy — Wray said his agents get just a small piece of the NSA's intelligence gathering.

"The FBI only receives collection for a very small percentage of what the NSA does. It's about 4.3 percent of the targets under NSA collection. But that 4.3 percent is unbelievably valuable to our mission," Wray said during an appearance at the Heritage Foundation, a conservative think tank in Washington. He did not say how large that database is.

Wray offered a forceful defense of the program, which is often referred to by the law that authorizes it, Section 702 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act. Section 702 is due to expire at the end of the year, setting up a battle in Congress over whether it should be modified to include additional privacy safeguards for Americans.

Section 702 authorizes the NSA to target the electronic communications of foreign citizens outside the United States for intelligence-gathering purposes. In collecting those calls and emails, some Americans' communications also are intercepted, but officials have long resisted saying how many. The FBI is allowed

to search the 702 database for national security purposes, by making a query for things like an email address or a name.

Lawmakers on the left and the right would like to see the law modified so that the FBI would need a warrant to review some query results.

Proposed legislation by the top Republican and Democrat on the House Judiciary Committee would not require a warrant to query the database, but it would require one for the FBI to review any communications returned in response to a query seeking evidence of a crime. Under the proposed law, the new restriction would not apply to queries for counterterrorism, counterproliferation or counterespionage purposes.

The American Civil Liberties Union and other groups argue that the proposed bill doesn't go far enough — and that a warrant should be required for all searches of the database.

U.S. officials sometimes refer to Section 702 as the “crown jewel” of surveillance programs, saying it has been critical to detecting nascent terrorist plots, such as a plan to detonate homemade bombs on the New York City subways in 2009. It has also helped the government better understand Russian efforts to interfere with the 2016 election, officials have said.

In his remarks Friday, Wray insisted any new limits on Section 702 would be a major setback for national security.

“Any material change to the FBI's use of 702 would severely inhibit our ability to keep the American people safe,” he said.

In 2008, Congress passed the law creating Section 702 in response to an outcry over the disclosure of a warrantless surveillance program begun by the George W. Bush administration after the 2001 terrorist attacks.

The law allows the NSA to target the communications of individuals overseas if they fall into a number of broad court-approved categories of foreign intelligence interest, including counterterrorism, counterproliferation, cybersecurity and foreign powers.

Last year, the NSA targeted 106,000 foreign citizens. Anyone those targets corresponded with also had their communications picked up. This is called “incidental” collection.

Senior government officials said that as a legal matter, no warrant is required to query data already collected lawfully. At least three federal district courts and the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, which oversees and approves surveillance involving national security matters, have agreed with that position. One appeals court has sidestepped the issue, and a second has yet to rule.

Wray said many of the concerns about the program stem from misunderstandings of how it works.

As an example, he said that if the FBI received a tip that a person had been observed taking what appeared to be surveillance photos of a bridge in Washington, an agent would then check the 702 database.

Such an inquiry might tell them if that person had been in contact with an Islamic State recruiter and was worthy of further investigation.

But if the FBI was forced to get a warrant to review that kind of information, he said, the agency might never be able to connect those dots, because simply photographing a bridge probably wouldn't be suspicious enough to legally justify a warrant.

Except for about 10 terrorism cases, "Section 702 has not been used for any traditional criminal case as evidence in a trial," Wray said. "So the notion that there are criminal agents using Section 702 to make garden variety criminal cases is just a myth — that's not happening."

Wray compared proposed limitations on the 702 program to information-sharing barriers that existed inside the government before Sept. 11, 2001.

To put new limits on the 702 program would be "a self-inflicted wound," Wray said, adding, "I beg the country not to go there again. . . . For God's sake, people, let's not take a step backwards."

POLITICO: FBI chief warns lawmakers against imposing 'needless' restrictions on spying tools

By Martin Matishak

FBI Director Christopher Wray today warned congressional lawmakers, in often stark terms, against placing new limits on digital surveillance tools that are slated to expire at the end of the year.

The proposals being floated to amend Section 702 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act "strike me as eerily similar to essentially rebuilding walls" the intelligence community had before the Sept. 11 attacks, Wray said during an event at the conservative Heritage Foundation.

The FBI chief's remarks were a broadside against a provision in a draft bipartisan bill introduced by the House Judiciary Committee, H.R. 3989 (115), that would restrict the agency's ability to access Americans' data collected under the snooping programs by requiring it to obtain a warrant when seeking evidence of a crime; the prohibition wouldn't apply to requests of data involving counterterrorism.

Wray revealed the FBI receives 4.3 percent of NSA's 702 data collection and warned that erecting hurdles to that information would "create a serious risk to the American public" because the snooping efforts give the government the ability to connect the dots between foreign threats and domestic targets.

"This is what building a wall feels like," he told the audience, labeling the possible limits as "tragic" and "needless."

Wray later knocked the idea of "policy changes based on personal views" of privacy advocates.

Wray and other intelligence officials, including Director of National Intelligence Dan Coats and NSA head Adm. Mike Rogers, spoke at Heritage today as part of an intense lobbying campaign by the Trump administration for a permanent, "clean reauthorization" of the surveillance efforts.

Bloomberg: U.S. Spy Chiefs Say Expiring Program Key to Stopping Threats

By Chris Strohm

Top U.S. national security officials called on Congress to quickly renew a counterterrorism program that lets intelligence agencies intercept the communications of tens of thousands of suspected foreign terrorists living abroad.

"It has become an indispensable tool by which we can determine and game information about threats to the United States, about threats to our troops, about weapons of mass destruction, proliferation, about

cyberattacks -- about any number of things that threaten the American way and the American people," Director of National Intelligence Dan Coats said Friday at the Heritage Foundation in Washington. "So the reauthorization of this authority is incredibly critical."

The government's authority to use the program -- known as Section 702 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act -- expires at the end of December unless it's reauthorized by Congress, where some members want stricter limits on information that's picked up about U.S. citizens. A coalition of 40 groups, including the American Civil Liberties Union and NAACP, sent a letter to lawmakers urging them to require the FBI to obtain court warrants to search data collected under the program in most cases.

Coats, National Security Agency Director Michael Rogers and FBI Director Christopher Wray defended the program at the event Friday and raised alarms that significantly curtailing the program's authorities would put American lives at risk.

Islamic State Recruiter

Asked to cite the benefits of the program, Rogers said it was used to help the U.S. understand the extent of Russia's effort to meddle in last year's presidential campaign. Intelligence collected under the program also was used to identify a recruiter for Islamic State who advocated killing U.S. military personnel, Wray said. The recruiter, Shawn Parson, was killed in Syria in 2015.

"We now face a serious and constantly evolving threat landscape where travel and technology have blurred the line between foreign and domestic risks," said Wray, who in August succeeded fired FBI chief James Comey. "We now have a greater volume of arguably more compact threats and much less time to detect and disrupt any one of those potential threats."

The government uses Section 702 authorities to operate programs like Prism, under which Internet companies are compelled to turn over emails and other electronic communications of suspected foreign terrorists abroad. Prism came to light when former government contractor Edward Snowden revealed classified U.S. spy programs in 2013.

The ACLU and its allies said they can't support a bipartisan bill being drafted by House lawmakers because it doesn't have sufficient requirements related to court warrants.

'Must Be Improved'

"This bill doesn't do enough to protect Americans' privacy and it must be improved," said Neema Singh Guliani, legislative counsel with the ACLU.

Wray and Rogers cited the layers of restrictions and oversight on the program, internally as well as by Congress and federal judges, as a sign of how it doesn't let the intelligence agencies run roughshod over the rights of Americans or foreigners. The program has been found to be constitutional by the courts, Wray said.

The FBI director said he was significantly concerned by proposals that would limit or impede his bureau's ability to search the data. He said the Federal Bureau of Investigation receives only 4.3 percent of all data collected by the NSA under the program -- the first time that number has been revealed. He also said the FBI needs the ability to search the data to identify as quickly as possible potential threats, crimes or terrorist attacks.

"This is what building a wall feels like," Wray said, referring to restrictions that were in place before the September 2001 terrorist attacks. "Any material change to the FBI's use of Section 702 would severely

inhibit our ability to keep the American people safe.”

‘Limitless Standard’

Senators including Democrat Ron Wyden of Oregon and Republican Rand Paul of Kentucky are demanding new language to ensure the spying doesn’t violate the constitutional rights of U.S. citizens who are on one end of an intercepted communication are mentioned in it.

“The data collected under Section 702 is gathered under an almost limitless standard,” Wyden and Paul wrote in an op-ed column published Oct. 11 by NBC News. “A constitutional problem arises, however, when we allow the Intelligence Community and domestic law enforcement to search and use the data collected on Americans without constitutional protections.”

The senators also criticized intelligence agencies for refusing to provide an estimate of how many Americans have had their communications inadvertently intercepted -- and possibly searched -- without court warrants.

The number of foreigners targeted under Section 702 rose to about 106,000 in the previous fiscal year from 94,000 in 2015, according to U.S. intelligence officials who asked not to be identified discussing the information.

Under current law, the NSA can incidentally intercept the communications of a U.S. person and store that information in a database without a specific warrant, as long as the target of the surveillance is a foreigner suspected of terrorism or other crimes operating in another country.

Intelligence analysts can review information about U.S. persons contained in the database under limited circumstances. However, a specific warrant is required if an American becomes the target of surveillance.

The Hill: Officials defend expiring surveillance law

By Morgan Chalfant

Top intelligence officials on Friday advocated for a controversial surveillance program's renewal, saying that it provides crucial intelligence on foreign efforts to interfere in democratic elections.

Speaking at the Heritage Foundation, National Security Agency Director Mike Rogers said that the spy powers helped deliver the U.S. intelligence community’s assessment that Russia sought to interfere in the 2016 presidential election.

Rogers and other high-level officials were stumping for a clean reauthorization of what is known as Section 702 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, a law that allows for broad intelligence collection on foreign targets that is set to soon expire. There is currently an effort underway in Congress to reform the law, which has drawn ire from civil liberty advocates because Americans’ communications are incidentally swept up in the collection process.

Rogers advocated for the program on Friday, saying that it has provided “significant insights” with respect to cybersecurity — particularly with regards to the intelligence on Russia’s hacking of the Democratic National Committee.

“We would not be able to generate some of the insights we have been able to do in support of the U.S. intelligence community assessment from 2016 with regards to the Russian activity,” Rogers explained, echoing similar comments he made in May.

“We would, without this authority, not have the same level of insight with respect to cyber actions around the world both directed against our neighbors as well as directed against the U.S. structure,” Rogers continued.

Later, FBI Director Christopher Wray added to those observations, saying broadly that the authorities allow the U.S. intelligence community to track foreign interference efforts in other countries and glean insight from them.

Wray was selected by President Trump to helm the FBI earlier this year after he abruptly fired James Comey. As such, Wray was not at the bureau at the time the intelligence community made the conclusions about Russian interference in the election.

“Lots of people are quite rightly focused on efforts by nation states to meddle with our election systems. Well, nation states are doing the same thing with other countries’ election systems,” Wray said. “The FBI doesn’t investigate interference with the German election system, but if there’s information that we’re obtaining about what’s happening there, that tells us a lot about tradecraft, methodology, and so forth.”

Section 702 is set to expire at the end of this year. A bipartisan group of House Judiciary Committee lawmakers has drafted a measure to reform the program, but it has already begun to garner opposition in Congress.

The Washington Times: FISA spying powers under Section 702 draw cheers and jeers as reauthorization looms

By Andrea Noble

Here’s one thing civil liberties groups and U.S. law enforcement leaders agree on: Neither like the House Judiciary Committee’s proposal for reauthorization of a key foreign intelligence surveillance law.

A broad coalition of civil and privacy rights groups voiced their opposition on Friday to the USA Liberty Act, the committee’s proposal to renew the federal government’s spying powers under Section 702 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, saying it does not go far enough to protect Americans’ privacy.

On the opposite end of the spectrum, FBI Director Christopher Wray also voiced opposition Friday to any proposal that would limit the scope of law enforcement and intelligence agencies’ authority under the law.

“Any material change to FBI’s use of 702 would severely inhibit our ability to keep the American people safe,” he said.

Section 702 allows authorities to collect and review emails and other communications of foreigners who are located outside the United States, but Americans’ communications can be incidentally swept up in surveillance of other targets. Investigators can later query the information collected as they investigate other matters.

Among the changes the USA Liberty Act would make to intelligence agencies’ authority, it would require investigators to ask a federal court for permission to use information collected under Section 702 in a criminal probe and it would end their ability to collect Americans’ communications with foreigners outside the U.S. based solely on the mention of a foreign surveillance target.

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Didn't know this was coming... lead story on Newsweek right now

<http://www.newsweek.com/james-comey-fbi-clinton-emails-drafted-statement-686140>

Comey Drafted Statement Ending Clinton Email Investigation Months Before Interviewing Her, FBI Confirms

By Max Kutner On 10/16/17 at 2:03 PM

In documents it released on Monday, the FBI confirmed that former FBI Director James Comey drafted a statement about the conclusion of the Hillary Clinton email investigation months before interviewing Clinton.

The records show that on May 2, 2016, Comey emailed Deputy Director Andrew McCabe, general counsel James Baker and chief of staff and senior counselor James Rybicki. The subject of the email was "midyear exam," and though the email says its contents are unclassified, the body of the email is redacted in the release.

On Monday, the bureau also released a response to the May 2 email. Rybicki sent the response, dated May 16, 2016, to several colleagues: Peter Strzok, Jonathan Moffa, Baker, Trisha Anderson and E.W. Priestap. He copied McCabe and David Bowdich, the associate deputy director. In the email, which is marked "unclassified," Rybicki wrote, "Please send me any comments on this statement so we may roll into a master doc for discussion with the Director at a future date. Thanks, Jim."

The FBI titled the release "Drafts of Director Comey's July 5, 2016 Statement Regarding Email Server Investigation." That title refers to a press conference Comey held in which he said the bureau had completed its investigation into Clinton's use of a personal email system and that it would not be recommending that the Department of Justice pursue charges, though Clinton had been "careless." The bureau interviewed Clinton on July 2, 2016.

The release confirms information that Senator Chuck Grassley, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, and Senator Lindsey Graham, a member of that committee, disclosed in a letter to new FBI Director Christopher Wray in August. The senators wrote that they had learned from interview transcripts released by the Office of the Special Counsel that Comey had drafted the statement in advance. (That office is separate from the efforts of Justice Department special counsel Robert Mueller.) The Senate Judiciary Committee is reviewing Comey's conduct as director and President Donald Trump's firing him in May.

FBI and Justice Department analysts are divided on whether Comey violated rules or broke with tradition by drafting the statement prior to interviewing Clinton and other witnesses. "To me, this is so far out of bounds it's not even in the stadium," Chris Swecker, who retired from the FBI in 2006 as assistant director for the criminal investigative division and acting executive assistant director for law enforcement services, previously told Newsweek. "That is just not how things operate.... It's built in our DNA not to prejudge investigations, particularly from the top."

Ron Hosko, who served as an assistant director at the bureau under Comey until 2014, has told Newsweek that drafting statements is not unusual, but only if the drafts remain internal and avoid coming to conclusions. "When you have a significant case that is in the public domain and certainly in the public's interest, in the public's eye, I think that it could be expected that both the FBI and the prosecutors that they're working with are beginning to draft a statement of facts that could be used later, as the case is developing," he said. "I think the content of the statement is going to be important. Did it purport to essentially acquit her actions way prematurely, or was it simply a running statement of what they knew?"

But Matthew Miller, a former spokesperson for the Justice Department, tweeted in September, "The decision is never 'made' until the end, even when there's a 99% chance it is only going to go one way."

Following the disclosure by Grassley and Graham, President Donald Trump tweeted, "Wow, looks like James Comey exonerated Hillary Clinton long before the investigation was over...and so much more. A rigged system!"

The July 2016 press conference earned Comey widespread criticism. In a memo to Trump in May, Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein condemned Comey for holding the event. Trump then cited that memo in his initial reason for firing the FBI director.

Lawyers for Trump could use Monday's disclosure in their efforts to defend the president against accusations that he obstructed justice by firing Comey. The Wall Street Journal reported in August that in communications with Mueller, the lawyers had sought to portray Comey as an unreliable witness.

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FBI database for gun buyers missing millions of records

Firearms at a gun store in Gainesville, Va. (Matt McClain/The Washington Post)
By [Devin Barrett](#), [Sandhya Somashekhar](#) and [Alex Horton](#) November 10 at 8:25 PM

The FBI's background-check system is missing millions of records of criminal convictions, mental illness diagnoses and other flags that would keep guns out of potentially dangerous hands, a gap that contributed to the shooting deaths of 26 people in a Texas church this week.

Experts who study the data say government agencies responsible for maintaining such records have long failed to forward them into federal databases used for gun background checks — systemic breakdowns that have lingered for decades as officials decided they were too costly and time-consuming to fix.

As the shooting at a Texas church on Sunday showed, what the FBI doesn't know can get people killed. In that case, the gunman had been convicted at a court-martial of charges stemming from a domestic violence case. Officials say the Air Force never notified the FBI of his conviction, so when he purchased weapons at a retail store, he cleared the background check.

The FBI said it doesn't know the scope of the problem, but the National Rifle Association says about 7 million records are absent from the system, based on a 2013 report by the nonprofit National Consortium for Justice Information and Statistics. That report determined that "at least 25% of felony convictions . . . are not available" to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System maintained by the FBI.

Experts who study the data say that estimate can be misleading, because felons often have multiple convictions, so if one is missed, others may still alert authorities to individuals who cannot legally buy a gun.

The government funded a four-year effort beginning in 2008 to try to estimate how many records existed of people who should be barred under federal law from buying a gun but aren't flagged in the FBI system. That effort was abandoned in 2012 because of the cost.

The National Rifle Association has complained that the federal database is inadequate. The powerful gun rights lobbying group opposes calls for more restrictions on gun buying, arguing that the government should focus instead on making its current background-check system fully functional.

"The shortcomings of the system have been identified, there just seems to be a lack of will to address them," said Louis Dekmar, president of the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

In light of the Texas shooting, Air Force officials have launched an internal review and faulted the staff at an air base for not sending the necessary information to the FBI, but federal officials who work in the database effort say the problem of military nonreporting of domestic violence cases extends far beyond a single base or service branch.

A large number of people convicted of misdemeanor domestic violence — who also are prohibited from buying guns — are absent from the FBI database as well, particularly in states that don't require fingerprints for such convictions, according to people involved in the work.

According to FBI records, at the end of last year the Pentagon had exactly one active record for a misdemeanor domestic violence conviction in one of the FBI's main gun background-check databases, though there are two other large databases in which such records could be gathered and for which data was not available. By contrast, the database held nearly 11,000 dishonorable discharge records.

Asked about the gaps in the data, an FBI spokesman said the information law

enforcement agencies provide to the FBI “varies greatly across the nation.” A potential domestic violence arrest, the spokesman said, “can be one of the most difficult federal firearms prohibitions to establish,” because state or local records often do not indicate whether a particular assault meets the federal definition for domestic violence.

By the end of last year, there were 153,109 domestic violence conviction records in the main FBI database for gun purchase background checks. Officials said that was a marked improvement from years past. In 2008, for example, there were only about 46,000 such records in the system. But FBI officials said they can’t tell how many domestic violence convictions they are still missing. An FBI spokesman declined to say which states are not providing important data into the system.

“In many states, there are literally hundreds of courts and law enforcement agencies that maintain original-source records,” the 2013 report from the National Consortium for Justice Information and Statistics concluded. “There is no practical way to obtain estimates about these records from so many agencies, or to even ask them to take on the burden of counting records.”

Others who work with gun background-check data said the gaps are clear and have been known for years. Besides felonies and misdemeanor domestic violence convictions, the FBI also misses an untold number of drug addicts, because there is no good mechanism for probation or parole services agencies to share that type of data with the bureau.

That lack of visibility also proved deadly when white supremacist Dylann Roof purchased a gun and killed nine worshippers at a historic black church in Charleston, S.C., in 2015. The FBI later concluded he shouldn’t have been able to buy the weapon because he had recently confessed to drug possession. That confession was not entered into the background-check database, and Roof was able to buy a gun two months before the attack.

“This case rips all of our hearts out,” FBI Director James B. Comey said at the time. “The thought that an error on our part is connected to this guy’s purchase of a gun that he used to slaughter these good people is very painful to us.” He ordered a 30-day review to examine procedures that led to the failure.

Awareness of the problems with the database go back even further. President Barack Obama signed an executive order in 2016 aimed in part at improving the quality of the federal gun background-check database. It directed the FBI to overhaul the background-check system so the checks are more instantaneous and to hire 230 more staff to help with the vetting.

At the Pentagon, the problem goes back decades. In 1997, an internal review found the military was “not consistently submitting criminal history data to the FBI criminal history files.”

The Pentagon’s review found a mostly unused notification system meant to alert federal law enforcement about crimes committed by troops that would lead to prohibition of the purchase of firearms, like the domestic violence convictions Kelley received.

The Army and Navy failed in more than 80 percent of cases to forward FBI fingerprint card files to the bureau. The Air Force failed to send them in 38 percent of cases. The probe concluded that the services were plagued by unclear directives from the Defense Department on how and when to submit the forms.

A review in 2015 found an improvement of reporting rates, with 30 percent of the Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps failing to submit fingerprint cards and final case outcome reports to the FBI. The Army was not evaluated because of limited data, the report said.

“If the problem is that we didn’t put something out, we’ll correct that,” Defense Secretary Jim Mattis said Tuesday of Kelley’s case.

Geoffrey Corn, a former Army lawyer and professor at the South Texas College of Law in Houston, said the long history of administrative dysfunction played a role in

Kelley slipping through the net designed to prevent violent offenders from purchasing firearms.

“There is no unity of effort. No one knows who is supposed to do what,” Corn said.

In the era of mass shootings, there has been a growing awareness of the connection between perpetrators of such crimes and domestic violence. According to a study by the gun-control advocacy group Everytown for Gun Safety, 54 percent of recent mass shootings were related to domestic or family violence.

As a result, lawmakers on both sides of the aisle have lined up behind laws aimed at keeping firearms out of the hands of domestic abusers.

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According to Everytown, 25 states and the District of Columbia have passed laws since 2013 aimed at strengthening the federal prohibition — for example, extending the prohibition to include boyfriends, and adding enforcement mechanisms so local law enforcement can confiscate abusers’ weapons. Eight states passed such laws in 2017 alone.

Yet, gun-control advocates note that the federal domestic violence law is limited in that it applies to spouses and other relatives but not dating partners. Advocates against domestic violence say at least half of all domestic abuse crimes now are committed by boyfriends.

Moreover, many convicted domestic abusers who buy guns do so not through a gun store, as Kelley did, but online or from gun shows, advocates say. In the case of such private sales, sellers are not obligated to run buyers’ names through the federal database.

Still, advocates say the database is a valuable tool that erects barriers for violent people seeking weapons. During a 16-year period that ended in December 2014, more than 1 million prohibited people — including more than 100,000 convicted of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence and nearly 50,000 with domestic-violence-related restraining orders — were denied guns after background checks, according to a report last year by the Justice Department’s inspector general.

“We know when these records are in the system that it’s effective,” said Monica McLaughlin, director of public policy for the National Network to End Domestic

Violence. “It bars batterers from obtaining weapons. It’s a really effective tool that exists in federal law that we have created, but compliance is inconsistent at best and incredibly lackluster.”

Brower, Gregory (DO) (FBI)

From: Brower, Gregory (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Monday, November 13, 2017 10:22 AM
To: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI); Bowdich, David L. (DO) (FBI); Ghattas, Carl (CTD) (FBI); Priestap, E. W. (CD) (FBI); Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI); [REDACTED] (OGC) (FBI)
Cc: [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI); [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI); [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI); [REDACTED] (FBI); [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI); [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI)
Subject: Follow up on [REDACTED] b7E

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To recap follow-up activity from last week's mtg --



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Brower, Gregory (DO) (FBI)

From: Brower, Gregory (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Tuesday, November 14, 2017 11:46 AM
To: Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI); [REDACTED] (OGC) (FBI); Browning, Dawn M. (OGC) (FBI); [REDACTED] (OGC) (FBI)
Cc: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI); Ghattas, Carl (CTD) (FBI); Bowdich, David L. (DO) (FBI); [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI)
Subject: Re: SJC Follow up requests

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Thank you. I will look forward to seeing that.

----- Original message -----

From: "Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI)" [REDACTED]
Date: 11/14/17 9:58 AM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Brower, Gregory (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED] (OGC) (FBI)"
[REDACTED] "Browning, Dawn M. (OGC) (FBI)" [REDACTED]
(OGC) (FBI)" [REDACTED]
Cc: "McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED] "Ghattas, Carl (CTD) (FBI)" [REDACTED]
"Bowdich, David L. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: SJC Follow up requests

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Would you please forward Greg the latest language?

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Thanks.

Jim

From: Brower, Gregory (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Tuesday, November 14, 2017 9:57 AM
To: Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI); [REDACTED] (OGC) (FBI); [REDACTED]
Browning, Dawn M. (OGC) (FBI); [REDACTED] (OGC) (FBI); [REDACTED]
Cc: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI); [REDACTED] Ghattas, Carl (CTD) (FBI); [REDACTED] Bowdich, David
L. (DO) (FBI); [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI); [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: SJC Follow up requests

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From: "Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI)" [REDACTED]

Date: 11/14/17 9:30 AM (GMT-05:00)

To: "Brower, Gregory (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED] (OGC) (FBI)"

[REDACTED] "Browning, Dawn M. (OGC) (FBI)" [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (OGC) (FBI)" [REDACTED]

Cc: "McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED] "Ghattas, Carl (CTD) (FBI)"

[REDACTED] "Bowdich, David L. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED] (DO)
(FBI)" [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: SJC Follow up requests

Greg:

OGC is [REDACTED] We should have it to you soon.

Jim

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

From: Brower, Gregory (DO) (FBI)

Sent: Tuesday, November 14, 2017 8:09 AM

To: Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI) [REDACTED] (OGC) (FBI) [REDACTED] Browning, Dawn
M. (OGC) (FBI) [REDACTED] (OGC) (FBI) [REDACTED]

Cc: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED] Ghattas, Carl (CTD) (FBI) [REDACTED] Bowdich, David L. (DO)
(FBI) [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED]

Subject: SJC Follow up requests

Importance: High

OGC:

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Thank you.

Greg

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[redacted] (OGC) (FBI)

From: [redacted] (OGC) (FBI)
Sent: Tuesday, November 14, 2017 1:11 PM
To: Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI); Brower, Gregory (DO) (FBI); [redacted] (OGC) (FBI); Browning, Dawn M. (OGC) (FBI)
Cc: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI); Ghattas, Carl (CTD) (FBI); Bowdich, David L. (DO) (FBI); [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Subject: RE: SJC Follow up requests

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Will do.

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From: Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI)
Sent: Tuesday, November 14, 2017 9:58 AM
To: Brower, Gregory (DO) (FBI); [redacted] (OGC) (FBI); [redacted]
Browning, Dawn M. (OGC) (FBI); [redacted] (OGC) (FBI); [redacted]
Cc: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI); [redacted] Ghattas, Carl (CTD) (FBI); [redacted] Bowdich, David
L. (DO) (FBI); [redacted] (DO) (FBI); [redacted]
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Would you please forward Greg the latest language?

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Thanks.

Jim

From: Brower, Gregory (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Tuesday, November 14, 2017 9:57 AM
To: Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI); [redacted] (OGC) (FBI); [redacted]
Browning, Dawn M. (OGC) (FBI); [redacted] (OGC) (FBI); [redacted]
Cc: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI); [redacted] Ghattas, Carl (CTD) (FBI); [redacted] Bowdich, David
L. (DO) (FBI); [redacted] (DO) (FBI); [redacted]
Subject: Re: SJC Follow up requests

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From: "Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI)" [redacted]
Date: 11/14/17 9:30 AM (GMT-05:00)

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To: "Brower, Gregory (DO) (FBI)" [redacted] (OGC) (FBI)"

[redacted] "Browning, Dawn M. (OGC) (FBI)" [redacted]

(OGC) (FBI)" [redacted]

Cc: "McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)" [redacted] "Ghattas, Carl (CTD) (FBI)"

[redacted] "Bowdich, David L. (DO) (FBI)" [redacted]

(FBI)" [redacted]

Subject: RE: SJC Follow up requests

Greg:

OGC is [redacted] We should have it to you soon.

Jim

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From: Brower, Gregory (DO) (FBI)

Sent: Tuesday, November 14, 2017 8:09 AM

To: Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI) [redacted] (OGC) (FBI) [redacted] Browning, Dawn M. (OGC) (FBI) [redacted] (OGC) (FBI) [redacted]

Cc: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI) [redacted] Ghattas, Carl (CTD) (FBI) [redacted] Bowdich, David L. (DO) (FBI) [redacted] (DO) (FBI) [redacted]

Subject: SJC Follow up requests

Importance: High

OGC:

Thank you.

Greg

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[redacted] (NY) (FBI)

From: [redacted] (NY) (FBI)
Sent: Thursday, November 16, 2017 11:28 AM
To: [redacted] (HN) (FBI); [redacted] (NK) (FBI); [redacted] (NY) (CON); [redacted] (NY) (FBI); [redacted] (NY) (TFO); [redacted] (AL) (FBI); McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI); [redacted] (NH) (FBI); [redacted] (NY) (FBI); [redacted] (NK) (FBI); [redacted] (NY) (FBI); [redacted] (NY) (FBI); [redacted] (NH) (FBI); Ennis, George J. (NY) (FBI); [redacted] (NY) (FBI); [redacted] (NY) (FBI); [redacted] (NY) (FBI)
Subject: FW: [redacted]

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From: [redacted] [mailto:[redacted]]
Sent: Thursday, November 16, 2017 10:47 AM
To: [redacted] (NY) (FBI); [redacted]
Subject: Fwd: [redacted]

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Don't forget [redacted]

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

From: [redacted]
Date: Wed, Nov 15, 2017 at 5:57 PM
Subject: [redacted]
To: [redacted]
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Fellas,

I got some of the emails from Former Agent Society Book. I was not able to find [redacted] et al. [redacted] is sending an internal e-mail to those from [redacted] who are still employed by Bureau. I will also contact the NYPD fellas as I am still in touch with a few of them.

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If interested respond. It is very informal and is just an attempt to get us together even though some of us are [redacted]

If u have others emails please forward & hopefully we get together to discuss [redacted]
[redacted]

Brower, Gregory (DO) (FBI)

From: Brower, Gregory (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Monday, November 20, 2017 9:09 AM
To: Bowdich, David L. (DO) (FBI)
Cc: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI); [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI)
Subject: RE: Update on [REDACTED]

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Thanks Dave.

The key will be OGC's [REDACTED]
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[REDACTED] Let's see how they respond.

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(Mobile) [REDACTED]

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From: Bowdich, David L. (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Sunday, November 19, 2017 1:32 PM
To: Brower, Gregory (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Update on [REDACTED]

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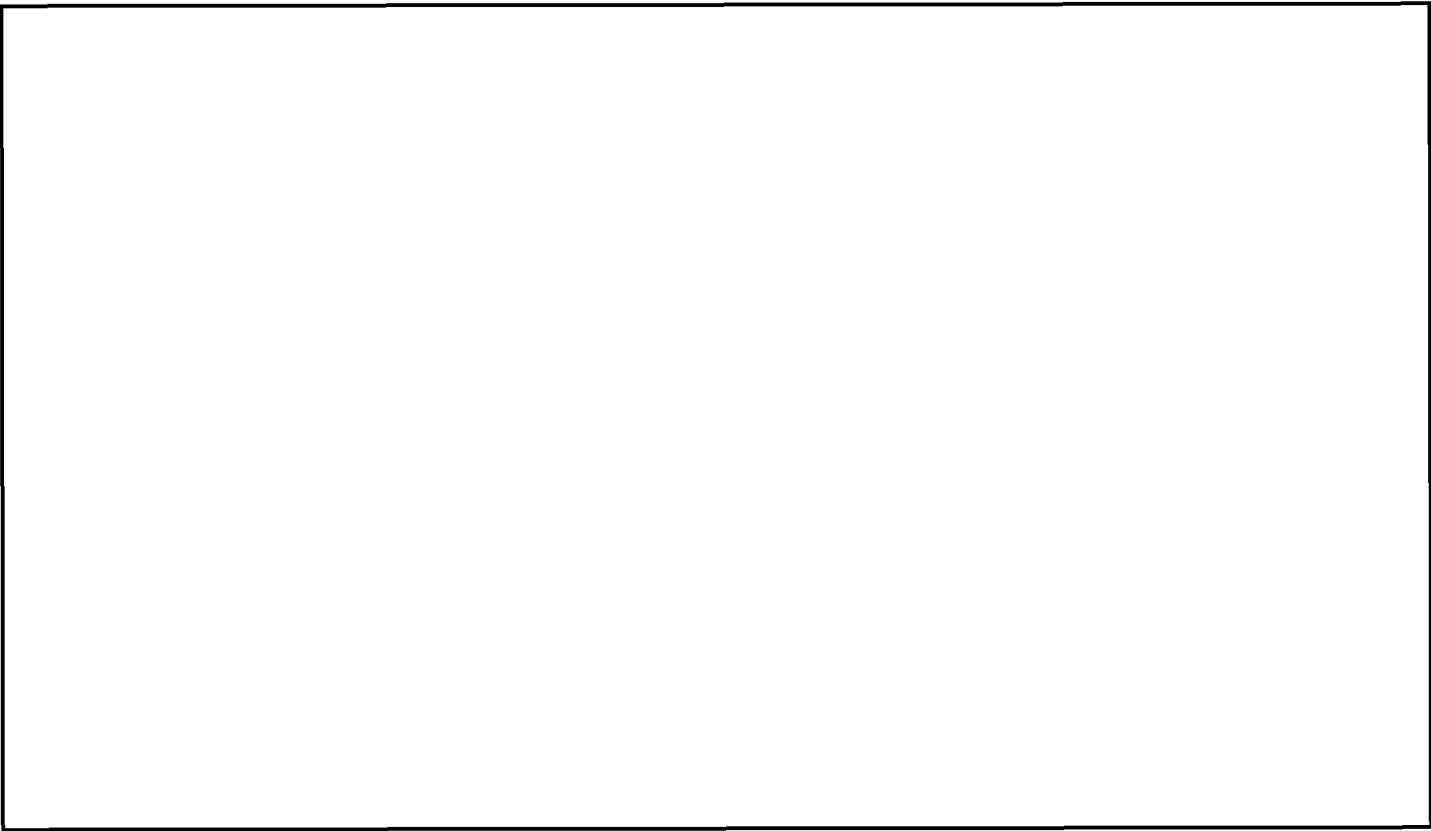
This is very helpful, thank you.

Dave

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From: "Brower, Gregory (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED]
Date: 11/19/17 11:28 AM (GMT-05:00)
To: "McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED] "Bowdich, David L. (DO) (FBI)"
[REDACTED] "Ghattas, Carl (CTD) (FBI)" [REDACTED] "Priestap, E. W. (CD) (FBI)"
[REDACTED] "Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI)" [REDACTED] (OGC)
(FBI)" [REDACTED] (OGC) (FBI)" [REDACTED]
(OGC) (FBI)" [REDACTED] "Browning, Dawn M. (OGC) (FBI)" [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI)"
[REDACTED] (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED]
Subject: Update on [REDACTED]

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[redacted] (OGC) (FBI)

From: [redacted] (OGC) (FBI)
Sent: Monday, November 20, 2017 2:24 PM
To: Brower, Gregory (DO) (FBI); Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI); [redacted] (OGC) (FBI); Browning, Dawn M. (OGC) (FBI); [redacted] (OGC) (FBI); [redacted] (OGC) (FBI)
Cc: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI); Bowdich, David L. (DO) (FBI); Ghattas, Carl (CTD) (FBI); [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Subject: RE: Update on [redacted]

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From: Brower, Gregory (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Monday, November 20, 2017 1:47 PM
To: Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI); [redacted] (OGC) (FBI); [redacted] (OGC) (FBI); [redacted] (OGC) (FBI); Browning, Dawn M. (OGC) (FBI); [redacted] (OGC) (FBI); [redacted] (OGC) (FBI); [redacted] (OGC) (FBI)
Cc: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI); [redacted] (DO) (FBI); Bowdich, David L. (DO) (FBI); [redacted] (DO) (FBI); Ghattas, Carl (CTD) (FBI); [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Subject: RE: Update on [redacted]

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Thanks Jim.

I still have not heard anything from OGC [redacted] Please advise.

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Thx
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From: Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI)
Sent: Monday, November 20, 2017 9:32 AM
To: Brower, Gregory (DO) (FBI); [redacted] (OGC) (FBI); [redacted] (OGC) (FBI); [redacted] (OGC) (FBI); Browning, Dawn M. (OGC) (FBI); [redacted] (OGC) (FBI); [redacted] (OGC) (FBI); [redacted] (OGC) (FBI)
Cc: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI); [redacted] (DO) (FBI); [redacted] (DO) (FBI); Ghattas, Carl (CTD) (FBI); [redacted] (DO) (FBI); [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Subject: Re: Update on [redacted]

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----- Original message -----

From: "Brower, Gregory (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED]

Date: 11/20/17 9:24 AM (GMT-05:00)

To: "Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI)" [REDACTED] (OGC) (FBI)"

[REDACTED] (OGC) (FBI)" [REDACTED] "Browning, Dawn M.

(OGC) (FBI)" [REDACTED]

Cc: "McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED] "Bowdich, David L. (DO) (FBI)"

[REDACTED] "Ghattas, Carl (CTD) (FBI)" [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI)"

[REDACTED]

Subject: FW: Update on [REDACTED]

OGC:

To follow up on my email from yesterday...

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Please advise. And, if you have any questions, please let me know.

Thank you.

Greg

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(Mobile) [REDACTED]

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

From: Brower, Gregory (DO) (FBI)

Sent: Sunday, November 19, 2017 11:29 AM

To: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED] Bowdich, David L. (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED] Ghattas, Carl

(CTD) (FBI) [REDACTED] Priestap, E. W. (CD) (FBI) [REDACTED] Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI)

[REDACTED] (OGC) (FBI) [REDACTED] (OGC) (FBI) [REDACTED] (OGC) (FBI)

[REDACTED] (OGC) (FBI) [REDACTED] Browning, Dawn M. (OGC) (FBI) [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED]

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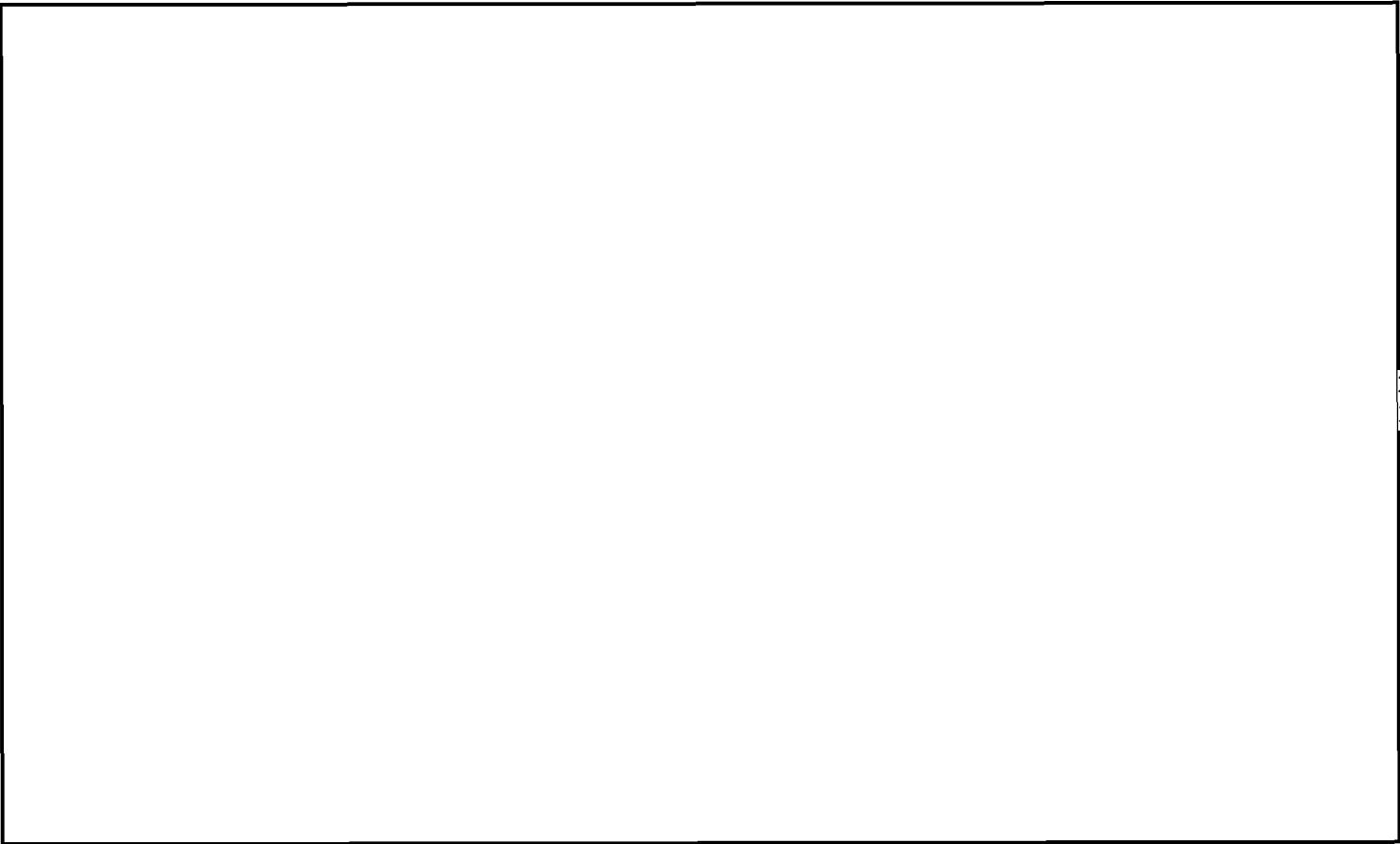
(DO) (FBI)

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[redacted] (OGC) (FBI)

From: [redacted] (OGC) (FBI)
Sent: Wednesday, November 29, 2017 6:31 PM
To: Brower, Gregory (DO) (FBI); McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI); Bowdich, David L. (DO) (FBI); Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI); Ghattas, Carl (CTD) (FBI); Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI)
Cc: [redacted] (DO) (FBI); [redacted] (DO) (FBI); [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Subject: RE: STATUS UPDATE -- NOV 29

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Thanks very much for the update, Greg. [redacted]

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From: Brower, Gregory (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Wednesday, November 29, 2017 12:12 PM
To: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI); [redacted] Bowdich, David L. (DO) (FBI); [redacted]
Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI); [redacted] Ghattas, Carl (CTD) (FBI); [redacted] Baker,
James A. (OGC) (FBI); [redacted] (OGC) (FBI); [redacted]
Cc: [redacted] (DO) (FBI); [redacted] (FBI); [redacted] (DO) (FBI); [redacted]
Subject: STATUS UPDATE -- NOV 29

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The status of significant [redacted] can be summarized as follows:

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Assistant Director
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(Direct) [REDACTED]
(Mobile) [REDACTED]

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Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI)

From: Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Sunday, December 3, 2017 10:52 PM
To: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI); Bowdich, David L. (DO) (FBI)
Subject: FYI--FBIAA message today

<http://thehill.com/homenews/administration/363048-fbi-agents-fire-back-at-trump-saying-fbi-isnt-dedicated-is-simply>

The head of FBI Agents Association fired back at President Trump's comments against the FBI Sunday, saying any suggestion that agents aren't dedicated to their jobs "is simply false."

"Every day, FBI Special Agents put their lives on the line to protect the American public from national security and criminal threats. Agents perform these duties with unwavering integrity and professionalism and a focus on complying with the law and the Constitution," FBIAA head Thomas O'Connor said in a statement.

"This is why the FBI continues to be the premier law enforcement agency in the world. FBI Agents are dedicated to their mission; suggesting otherwise is simply false."

Trump tweeted earlier Sunday that the FBI's reputation was in "tatters" after being lead by former FBI Director James Comey, whom Trump fired in May.

"After years of Comey, with the phony and dishonest Clinton investigation (and more), running the FBI, its reputation is in Tatters - worst in History! But fear not, we will bring it back to greatness," Trump tweeted.

Obama Attorney General Eric Holder also hit back at Trump's comments earlier Sunday.

"Nope. Not letting this go. The FBI's reputation is not in 'tatters,'" Holder tweeted. "It's composed of the same dedicated men and women who have always worked there and who do a great, apolitical job."

"You'll find integrity and honesty at FBI headquarters and not at 1600 Penn Ave right now."

Trump made the comments after a report that special counsel Robert Mueller removed an FBI agent from his team for potentially making anti-Trump remarks.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, December 19, 2017 5:14 AM
To: [REDACTED] Bowdich, David L. (DO) (FBI); Mark F. Giuliano; Joyce, Sean; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] McCabe, Andrew G. (DO)
(FBI)
Subject: NPR.ORG - Senior FBI Official McCabe To Face Closed-Door Grilling From House Lawmakers

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Senior FBI Official McCabe To Face Closed- Door Grilling From House Lawmakers

December 19, 2017 5:00 AM ET

RYAN LUCAS



Deputy FBI Director Andrew McCabe is testifying before the House Intelligence Committee on Tuesday.

Pete Marovich/Getty Images

Members of Congress have not made life easy for the leaders of the Justice Department this month — and FBI Deputy Director Andrew McCabe is next in line for some special attention on Tuesday.

McCabe is set to testify behind closed doors before the House

Intelligence Committee as part its investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 election.

McCabe's appearance follows attacks by President Trump and Republican allies on him specifically, the FBI, the Justice Department and special counsel Robert Mueller, including accusations of political bias.

The latest front opened over the weekend when a lawyer for Trump's presidential transition sent a letter to Congress alleging that Mueller improperly obtained emails used by the Trump administration-in-waiting as it prepared to take power in the transition from late 2016 to early 2017.

"It's quite sad to see that," Trump told reporters on Sunday. "My people were very upset about it."

Outside legal experts and lawmakers have raised doubts about the allegations contained in the letter, and one congressional oversight committee said the dispute is for a court to resolve, not Congress.

Mueller's office said his team has properly obtained all the evidence it's using in its investigation.

Nonetheless, the claims added to the political storm buffeting the special counsel's investigation and more broadly, the FBI and Justice.

McCabe, the No. 2 official at the FBI, is walking straight into those headwinds in his interview with the House intelligence panel, where members are likely to focus on what Republicans charge is anti-Trump political prejudice.

Topping that list is the question of Peter Strzok, a senior FBI agent who played a significant role in the Russia investigation as well as the

bureau's probe of Hillary Clinton's use of a private email server while she was secretary of state. Strzok was removed from Mueller's inquiry after it emerged that he had exchanged politically charged text messages with an FBI lawyer that disparaged Trump

In one text, Strzok referred to Trump as an "idiot." In another, he said Clinton should win the election "100 million to zero." But some Republicans have focused on another message that they suggest signals something more sinister than political bias.

At a House Judiciary Committee hearing on Dec. 13, Rep. Jim Jordan, R-Ohio, cited a reference to a conversation that may have taken place in McCabe's office.

In the text, which was provided to Congress by the Justice Department, Strzok says: "I want to believe the path you threw out for consideration at Andy's office — that there's no way he [Trump] gets elected — but I'm afraid we can't take that risk. It's like an insurance policy in the unlikely event you die before you're 40 ..."

Jordan said that's evidence that the people at the FBI and Justice having conversations "in Andy's office" — McCabe's — have it in for Trump.

"This goes to intent," Jordan said. "He says, 'We can't take the risk.' You know, the people of this great country might elect Donald Trump president. 'We can't take this risk.' "

Fox News host Jeanine Pirro seized on that narrative, telling viewers that Strzok, McCabe and others at the highest levels of federal law enforcement are trying to steal the country from voters.

"I doubt in American presidential election history, that there has been as great a crime or as large a stain on our democracy than that committed by a criminal cabal in our FBI and the Department of Justice, who think they know better than we who our president should be," Pirro said on Saturday her show, *Justice with Judge Jeanine*.

A week earlier, Pirro called McCabe "the man at the hub, protecting Hillary and attempting to destroy Trump" — and called for him to be put in handcuffs.

McCabe has made no comment about the latest chapter in the saga.

Lawmakers on Tuesday also are likely to grill McCabe on the so-called Trump dossier, which was compiled by a former British intelligence officer at the behest of a Washington-based strategic research firm called Fusion GPS. Hillary Clinton's campaign helped pay for the dossier as opposition research on Trump.

Republicans want to know whether the FBI used the dossier to launch its investigation into Russian interference in last year's election. Mueller took over that probe when he was named special counsel in May.

Republicans allege that if the Russia investigation is founded upon a Democratic-funded dossier, then the whole inquiry is politically motivated.

Then-FBI Director James Comey told Congress earlier this year that the bureau's counterintelligence investigation into the Trump camp began in July of 2016, but he did not detail what spurred it.

Comey also was a supporter of McCabe, who began his career at the FBI in 1996 in the New York Field Office, where he investigated organized crime. He later shifted to counterterrorism, and held senior

positions in the FBI's National Security Branch and Washington Field Office.

In January 2016, Comey named McCabe as the bureau's deputy director, which gave him an oversight role in all of the FBI's domestic and international investigations and intelligence operations. McCabe briefly served as acting director after Trump fired Comey in May.

His visit to the Hill on Tuesday won't be his first run-in with Republicans. In 2015, McCabe's wife, Jill, ran as a Democrat for the Virginia state Senate. She lost the race before McCabe became the deputy director at the FBI, but then-candidate Trump and others complained about the McCabes taking hundreds of thousands of dollars in Democratic donations.

The FBI has said McCabe consulted with ethics officials at the time and followed bureau protocol. He has continued to be a target for Trump and Republicans. Trump asked on Twitter in July why Attorney General Jeff Sessions hadn't gotten rid of McCabe.

The president can't fire McCabe on his own authority because McCabe is a career appointee — not a political one — and therefore enjoys stronger job protections. McCabe is, however, eligible to retire in March.

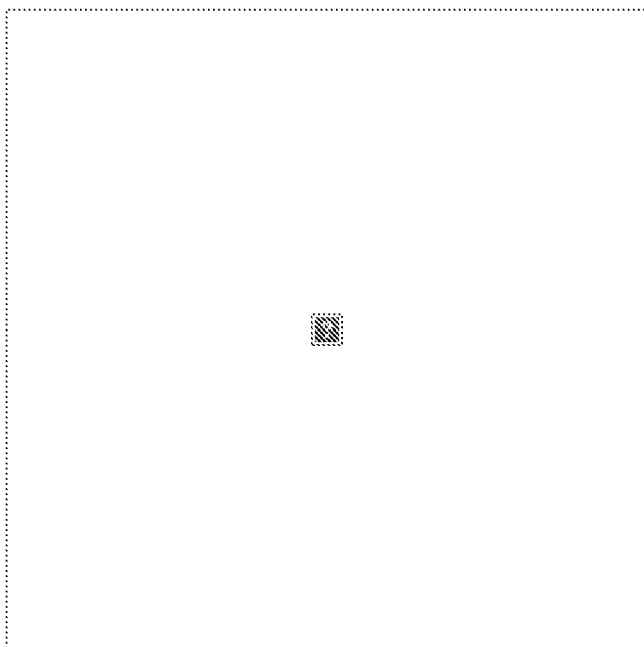
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Subject: The Hill.com - Gowdy walks back hints that FBI deputy could be on the way out

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December 19, 2017 - 05:06 PM EST

**Gowdy walks back hints that FBI deputy
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GREG NASH

BY KATIE BO WILLIAMS

Several hours into an interview with FBI Deputy Director Andrew McCabe, Rep. Trey Gowdy (R-S.C.) on Tuesday threw cold water on his own speculation that McCabe's days at the bureau might be short-lived.

In an interview last week, Gowdy told Fox News he would be "a little bit surprised if [McCabe's] still an employee of the FBI this time next week" — setting off a firestorm of speculation that his firing might be imminent.

As late as Tuesday morning, Gowdy told reporters that "it's not 2 o'clock yet" and "I hope he's there at 2" when asked if he believed McCabe should remain at the FBI. His remark appeared to suggest that McCabe

could be on his way out before his scheduled interview.

But Gowdy told The Hill his remarks were based on nothing more than McCabe's request to reschedule an interview that had been set for last week. In the past, he said, such circumstances have resulted in barriers to witness testimony.

McCabe on Tuesday convinced Gowdy that the scheduling snafu was nothing more than "a good faith error," he said. The deputy director was always planning on appearing today, he said, and "I take him at his word."

Asked by The Hill if he was hinting that McCabe would be dismissed or resign from the bureau by Tuesday, Gowdy said, "I probably was, but I was probably wrong."

"Fairness is not always rewarded in my line of work, but I probably should have waited to hear his side of it," he said.

McCabe arrived at the Capitol on Tuesday afternoon to face a grilling from the House Intelligence Committee on a number of Republican priorities, including how the bureau may have used a controversial dossier of opposition research into then-candidate Donald Trump; and alleged bias at the FBI.

"Andrew McCabe cuts across every facet of every investigation in 2016 that your viewers are interested in from Secretary [Hillary] Clinton's emails to the investigation into the Trump campaign," Gowdy told Fox News on Tuesday.

McCabe, a career appointee under former Director James Comey, has long been a Republican target, in part because of political donations his wife received from Democratic Virginia governor and Clinton ally Terry McAuliffe.

But McCabe skyrocketed back into the public view after a series of texts from a former member of special counsel Robert Mueller's team became public. He disparaged political figures of both parties in the texts, including Trump, whom he once called him an "idiot."

In another one of the texts, the agent, Peter Strzok, seems to refer to an "insurance policy" against Trump winning the 2016 election.

"I want to believe the path you threw out for consideration in Andy's office — that there's no way he gets elected — but I'm afraid we can't take that risk," Strzok texted on Aug. 15, 2016. "It's like an insurance policy in the unlikely event you die before you're 40."

Some reporting has since suggested that Strzok was urging a thorough pursuit of the agency's investigation of the Trump campaign's ties to Russia, underway since July.

Heightening the speculation launched by Gowdy's original remarks, a handful of other Republicans have called for McCabe to either be replaced — a long-held desire of Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa) — or subpoenaed to appear before Congress to address what some GOP members see as anti-Trump bias within the FBI.

“The chairman of the Judiciary Committee is going to subpoena Lisa Page,” Rep. Jim Jordan (R-Ohio) told Fox Business Network on Tuesday, referring to the woman to whom Strzok sent the texts. “He’s going to subpoena Peter Strzok, and we’re also going to get eventually to Andrew McCabe, as well.

"We need those people to come in, to be deposed and to put those people on the same stand that [Attorney General Jeff] Sessions and [Deputy Attorney General Rod] Rosenstein sat on in the past few weeks."

Sent from my iPhone

Brower, Gregory (DO) (FBI)

From: Brower, Gregory (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Friday, December 22, 2017 3:24 PM
To: Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI); [REDACTED] (OGC) (FBI); [REDACTED] (OGC) (FBI); [REDACTED] (OGC) (FBI) b6
Cc: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI); Bowdich, David L. (DO) (FBI); [REDACTED] (DO) b7C
Subject: FW: Second Letter from Sen. Johnson
Attachments: 2017-12-14 RHJ to FBI re Comey July 5 Statement.pdf
Importance: High

All:

Just a reminder that a response to this letter is due on DEC 28. (Thank you for your work on the response to the other Johnson letter. It has been approved by ODAG and will be delivered by the due date next week.)

This letter seeks the following:

1. Names of MYE team members;
2. Names of all persons to edited or reviewed the Comey statement;
3. Name(s) of person(s) who made the "grossly negligent" to "extremely careless" edit;
4. Other requests. (See list on page 9 of letter.)

Please advise on the status of assembling the requested information.

Thank you.

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Gregory A. Brower
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Bowdich, David L. (DO) (FBI)

Subject: Second Letter from Sen. Johnson

Importance: High

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All:

We have now received two separate letters from Sen. Ron Johnson, Chair of Senate Homeland. The first is dated DEC 13 and seeks information concerning the FBI's handling of the Comey OSC investigation. (I forwarded this letter to you all last week.) The second is dated DEC 14 and seeks certain information about MYE. (See attached.) The letters request responses by DEC 27 and 28, respectively. I will bring copies to today's 1030am meeting with ADD. We will need to decide on a plan before the end of this week.

Thank you.

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COMMITTEE ON
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WASHINGTON, DC 20510-6250

December 14, 2017

The Honorable Christopher Wray
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
935 Pennsylvania Avenue
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Dear Director Wray:

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs is continuing its oversight of the Office of Special Counsel's (OSC) Hatch Act investigation of former Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Director James Comey. I write to request additional material concerning the public statements made by Director Comey in reference to the FBI's investigation of former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's use of a private email server. I appreciate your cooperation with this request.

On November 17, 2017, the FBI produced documents that it had previously transmitted to OSC as part of OSC's Hatch Act investigation of Director Comey.¹ These documents help to inform the Committee's understanding of both OSC's and the FBI's investigations. However, these documents raise additional questions about both investigations.

The FBI's production included early drafts of Director Comey's public statement, ultimately delivered on July 5, 2016, clearing Secretary Clinton of criminal wrongdoing in her use of a private email server.² On May 2, 2016, Director Comey emailed a draft statement to FBI Deputy Director Andrew McCabe, FBI General Counsel James Baker, and FBI Chief of Staff James Rybicki—a full two months before the FBI had completed over a dozen interviews, including its interview with Secretary Clinton.³ The drafting of this statement began before the FBI immunized key witnesses to the investigation, including Cheryl Mills and Heather Samuelson.⁴ The immunity agreements with Ms. Mills and Ms. Samuelson, executed on June

¹ Letter from Gregory A. Brower to Sen. Ron Johnson, Chairman, S. Comm. on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Nov. 17, 2017).

² Documents FBI produced to the Committee on Nov. 17, 2017 marked SJC 000028-000271 [herein after "FBI documents"]. For clarity, I have attached the entire document containing track-changed edits to Director Comey's original draft July 5 statement. This document is marked SJC 000031-000037.

³ FBI documents, *supra* note 2 at SJC 000140.; Letter from Sen. Charles Grassley, Chairman, S. Comm. on Judiciary, to Christopher Wray, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Aug. 30, 2017. The FBI conducted an interview of Secretary Clinton on July 2, 2016.

⁴ Comm. review of Justice Dep't immunity agreements with Cheryl Mills & Heather Samuelson, (Sept. 27, 2016).

10, 2016, also included side agreements requiring the FBI to destroy evidence on devices turned over to the FBI.⁵

According to documents produced by the FBI, FBI employees exchanged proposed edits to the draft statement. On May 6, Deputy Director McCabe forwarded the draft statement to other senior FBI employees, including Peter Strzok, E.W. Priestap, Jonathan Moffa, and an employee in the Office of General Counsel whose name has been redacted.⁶ While the precise dates of the edits and identities of the editors are not apparent from the documents, the edits appear to change the tone and substance of Director Comey's statement in at least three respects.⁷

1. Repeated edits to reduce Secretary Clinton's culpability in mishandling classified information

The original draft of Director Comey's remarks included a statement that could be read as a finding of criminality in Secretary Clinton's handling of classified material:

*There is evidence to support a conclusion that Secretary Clinton, and others, used the private email server in a manner that was grossly negligent with respect to the handling of classified information.*⁸

The edited statement deleted the reference to gross negligence—a legal threshold for mishandling classified material⁹—and instead replaced it with an exculpatory sentence:

*Although we did not find clear evidence that Secretary Clinton or her colleagues intended to violate laws governing the handling of classified information, there is evidence that they were extremely careless in their handling of very sensitive, highly classified information.*¹⁰

This change appeared in the statement as Director Comey delivered it on July 5, 2016.¹¹

Further, the original draft of Director Comey's statement connected the volume of classified material on Secretary Clinton's private server with a finding of criminality. It read:

⁵ *Id.*; see also *FBI agreed to destroy laptops of Clinton aides with immunity deal, lawmaker says*, Fox News, Oct. 3, 2016.

⁶ FBI documents, *supra* note 2 at SJC 000028-29.

⁷ *Id.*

⁸ FBI documents, *supra* note 2 at SJC 0000142.

⁹ See 18 U.S.C. § 793.

¹⁰ FBI documents, *supra* note 2 at SJC 000034

¹¹ *Statement by FBI Director James B. Comey on the Investigation of Secretary Hillary Clinton's Use of a Personal E-Mail System*, July 5, 2016, available at <https://www.fbi.gov/news/pressrel/press-releases/statement-by-fbi-director-james-b-comey-on-the-investigation-of-secretary-hillary-clinton2019s-use-of-a-personal-e-mail-system> [hereinafter *Comey July 5 statement*].

*Similarly, the sheer volume of information that was properly classified as Secret at the time it was discussed on email (that is, excluding the “up classified” emails) supports an inference that the participants were grossly negligent in their handling of that information.*¹²

This statement was edited to deemphasize the amount of classified information and, again, to remove a reference to gross negligence. The edited version read:

*In addition to this highly sensitive information, we also found information that was properly classified as Secret by the U.S Intelligence Community at the time it was discussed on email (that is, excluding the ‘up classified emails).*¹³

The edited version also contained a sentence that read, “This is especially concerning because all of these emails were housed on servers not supported by full-time security staff, like those found at the Departments and Agencies of the U.S. Government.”¹⁴ This sentence was not included in the statement as delivered by Director Comey on July 5.¹⁵

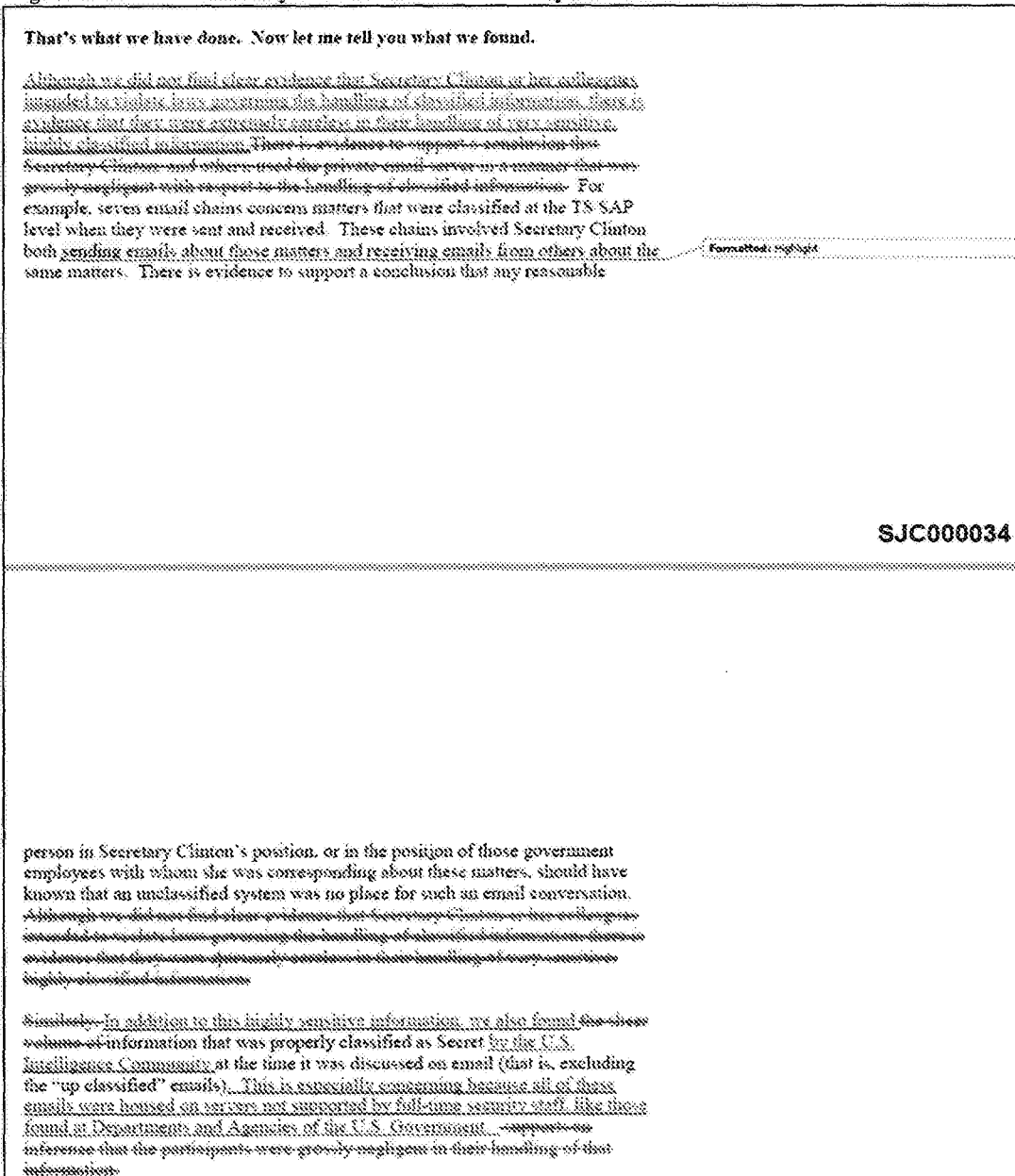
¹² FBI documents, *supra* note 2 at SJC 0000142

¹³ FBI documents, *supra* note 2 at SJC 000035

¹⁴ FBI documents, *supra* note 2 at SJC 000035.

¹⁵ Comey July 5 statement, *supra* note 11.

Figure 1: Edits to "extremely careless" in Director Comey's statement



In addition, the original draft of Director Comey's statement stated that the FBI had found evidence of potential violations of the gross negligence statute and of the statute governing misdemeanor mishandling of classified information:

Although there is evidence of potential violations of the statute proscribing gross negligence in the handling of classified information and of the statute proscribing misdemeanor mishandling, my judgment is that no reasonable prosecutor would bring such a case. At the outset, we are not aware of a case where anyone has been charged solely based on the "gross negligence" prohibition in the statute.

*In looking back at our investigations in similar circumstances, we cannot find a case that would support bringing criminal charges on these facts. All the cases prosecuted involved some combination of: (1) clearly intentional misconduct; (2) vast quantities of materials exposed in such a way as to support an inference of intentional misconduct; (3) indications of disloyalty to the United States; or (4) efforts to obstruct justice. We see none of that here.*¹⁶

The edited version removed Director Comey's specific reference to potential violations of the gross negligence and misdemeanor mishandling statutes. The edits changed the first sentence of the quoted text to read:

*Although there is evidence of potential violations of the statutes regarding the handling of classified information, my judgment is that no reasonable prosecutor would bring such a case.*¹⁷

A comment bubble accompanying the edit, in which the editor wrote, "we changed none of this text, we simply reordered it. The original text is below, struck out."¹⁸ The editor did not address the deletion of references in the original draft to evidence of potential violations of the gross negligence or misdemeanor statutes.

Director Comey's public remarks on July 5 lacked any specific reference to the FBI finding of evidence potential violations of the "gross negligence" and "misdemeanor mishandling" statutes. Instead, Director Comey stated:

*Although there is evidence of potential violations of the statutes regarding the handling of classified information, our judgment is that no reasonable prosecutor would bring such a case. . . .*¹⁹

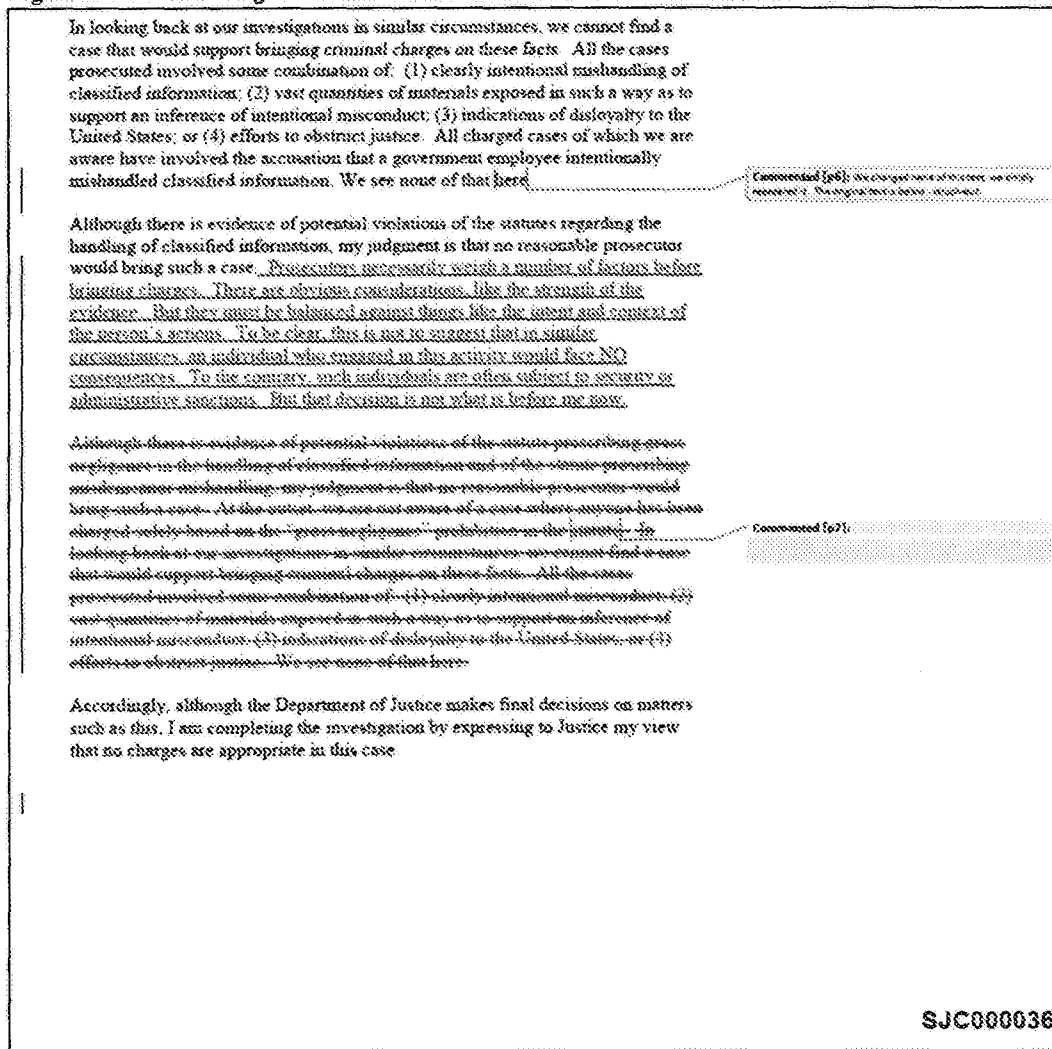
¹⁶ FBI documents, *supra* note 2 at SJC 000036.

¹⁷ FBI documents, *supra* note 2 at SJC 000036.

¹⁸ FBI documents, *supra* note 2 at SJC 000036.

¹⁹ Comey July 5 statement, *supra* note 11.

Figure 2: Edits removing references to evidence of violations of statutes about the use of classified information



2. Edits to remove reference to the Intelligence Community's role in identifying vulnerabilities related to Secretary Clinton's private email server

Director Comey's original statement acknowledged the FBI had worked with its partners in the Intelligence Community to assess potential damage from Secretary Clinton's use of a private email server. The original statement read:

*[W]e have done extensive work with the assistance of our colleagues elsewhere in the Intelligence Community to understand what indications there might be of compromise by hostile actors in connection with the private email operation.*²⁰

The edited version removed the reference to the intelligence community:

²⁰ FBI documents, *supra* note 2 at SJC 000142.

*[W]e have done extensive work to understand what indications there might be of compromise by hostile actors in connection with the personal e-mail operation.*²¹

Director Comey delivered this edited statement in his July 5 remarks.²² It is unclear why FBI staff removed the reference to working with the Intelligence Community during the editing process for Director Comey's statement.

3. *Edits to downgrade the likelihood that hostile actors had penetrated Secretary Clinton's private server*

Finally, the original draft of Director Comey's statement included a conclusion that it was "reasonably likely" that hostile actors had penetrated Secretary Clinton's private server. Director Comey's original statement read:

*With respect to potential computer intrusion by hostile actors, we did not find direct evidence that Secretary Clinton's personal email system, in its various configurations since 2009, was successfully hacked. But, given the nature of the system and of the actors potentially involved, we assess that we would be unlikely to see such direct evidence. We do assess that hostile actors gained access to the private email accounts of individuals with whom Secretary Clinton was in regular contact from her private account. We also assess that Secretary Clinton's use of a private email domain was both known by a large number of people and readily apparent. Given the combination of factors, we assess it is reasonably likely that hostile actors gained access to Secretary Clinton's private email account.*²³

This statement was edited to downgrade the assessment that it was "reasonably likely" that hostile actors had gained access to Secretary Clinton's private email account. Instead, the edited statement simply read it was "possible" that those events occurred—the formulation Director Comey ultimately used in his public statement on July 5.²⁴ Director Comey's July 5 statement ultimately read:

With respect to potential computer intrusion by hostile actors, we did not find direct evidence that Secretary Clinton's personal e-mail domain, in its various configurations since 2009, was successfully hacked. But, given the nature of the system and of the actors potentially involved, we assess that we would be unlikely to see such direct evidence. We do assess that hostile actors gained access to the private commercial e-mail accounts of people with whom Secretary Clinton was in regular contact from her personal account. We also assess that Secretary Clinton's use of a personal e-mail domain was both known by a large number of people and readily apparent. She also used her personal e-mail extensively while outside the United States, including sending and receiving work-related e-mails in

²¹ FBI documents, *supra* note 2 at SJC 000034.

²² Comey July 5 statement, *supra* note 11.

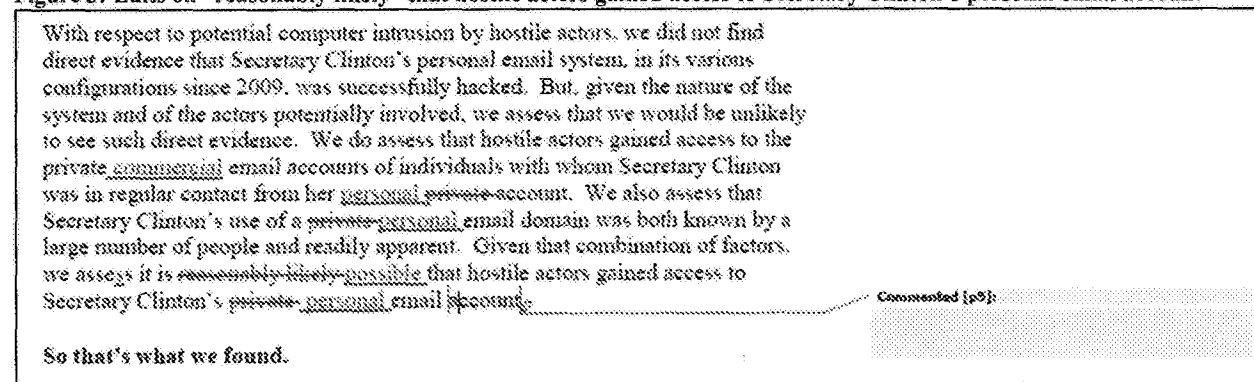
²³ FBI documents, *supra* note 2 at SJC 0000143.

²⁴ FBI documents, *supra* note 2 at SJC 000035.

*the territory of sophisticated adversaries. Given that combination of factors, we assess it is possible that hostile actors gained access to Secretary Clinton's personal e-mail account.*²⁵

The edited statement contains a comment bubble at the conclusion of the changed paragraph; however the FBI redacted the comment.²⁶

Figure 3: Edits on “reasonably likely” that hostile actors gained access to Secretary Clinton’s personal email account



Although it is not readily apparent from the draft statement, media reports suggest that Mr. Strzok changed the language from “grossly negligent” to “extremely careless” in the draft statement.²⁷ Mr. Strzok also participated in the FBI’s interview of Secretary Clinton on July 2, 2016.²⁸ Other documents produced by the Justice Department show during the FBI’s investigation of Secretary Clinton, Mr. Strzok described then-candidate Trump as an “idiot” and that his candidacy would be “good for Hillary.”²⁹ On March 4, 2016, he wrote that “Hillary should win 100,000,000-0” in a hypothetical election with Trump.³⁰ In addition, while exchanging text messages with Lisa Page in August 2016, Mr. Strzok wrote: “I want to believe the path you threw out to consideration in Andy’s office—*that there’s no way he gets elected—but I’m afraid we can’t take that risk.* It’s like an insurance policy in the unlikely event you die before you’re 40”³¹

²⁵ Comey July 5 statement, *supra* note 11.

²⁶ FBI documents, *supra* note 2 at SJC 000035.

²⁷ Laura Jarrett and Evan Perez, *FBI agent dismissed from Mueller probe changed Comey’s description of Clinton to ‘extremely careless’*, CNN, Dec. 4, 2017, <http://www.cnn.com/2017/12/04/politics/peter-strzok-james-comey/index.html>.

²⁸ Fed. Bureau of Investigation, 302 of FBI interview with Hillary Clinton, July 2, 2016, *available at* <https://vault.fbi.gov/hillary-r.-clinton/Hillary%20R.%20Clinton%20Part%2002%20of%2016/view>.

²⁹ Letter from Stephen E. Boyd, Ass’t Attn’y Gen. for the Office of Legislative Affairs, U.S. Dep’t of Justice, to Sen. Ron Johnson, Chairman, S. Comm. on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, Dec. 12, 2017. Mr. Boyd’s letter was accompanied by a production of 375 text message communications between Mr. Strzok and Lisa Paige, another FBI employee dated August 16, 2015 to December 1, 2016 [herein after referred to as “text messages.” Text messages at 8-9; text messages at 10.

³⁰ Text messages at 11

³¹ Text messages at 43 (emphasis added).

In summary, the edits to Director Comey's public statement, made months prior to the conclusion of the FBI's investigation of Secretary Clinton's conduct, had a significant impact on the FBI's public evaluation of the implications of her actions. This effort, seen in light of the personal animus toward then-candidate Trump by senior FBI agents leading the Clinton investigation and their apparent desire to create an "insurance policy" against Mr. Trump's election, raise profound questions about the FBI's role and possible interference in the 2016 presidential election and the role of the same agents in Special Counsel Mueller's investigation of President Trump. Given these circumstances, the Committee has additional questions about the process by which the FBI edited Director Comey's public statement of July 5, 2016. I respectfully request the following information and material:

1. Please provide the names of the Department of Justice (DOJ) employees who comprised the "mid-year review team" during the FBI's investigation of Secretary Clinton's use of a private email server?
2. Please identify all FBI, DOJ, or other federal employees who edited or reviewed Director Comey's July 5, 2016 statement. Please identify which individual made the marked changes in the documents produced to the Committee.
3. Please identify which FBI employee repeatedly changed the language in the draft statement that described Secretary Clinton's behavior as "grossly negligent" to "extremely careless." What evidence supported these changes?
4. Please identify which FBI employee edited the draft statement to remove the reference to the Intelligence Community. On what basis was this change made?
5. Please identify which FBI employee edited the draft statement to downgrade the FBI's assessment that it was "reasonably likely" that hostile actors had gained access to Secretary Clinton's private email account to merely that intrusion was "possible." What evidence supported these changes?
6. Please provide unredacted copies of the drafts of Director Comey's statement, including comment bubbles, and explain the basis for the redactions in the material produced to date.

Please provide this information as soon as possible but no later than 5:00 p.m. on December 28, 2017. Any classified information provided in response to this letter should be provided under separate cover through the Office of Senate Security.

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs is authorized by Rule XXV of the Standing Rules of the Senate to investigate "the efficiency, economy, and effectiveness of all agencies and departments of the Government,"³² Additionally, S. Res. 62 (115th Congress) authorizes the Committee to examine "the efficiency and economy of all

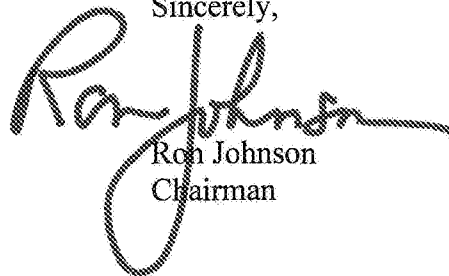
³² S. Rule XXV(k); *see also* S. Res. 445, 108th Cong. (2004).

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branches of the Government including the possible existence of fraud, misfeasance, malfeasance, collusion, mismanagement, incompetence, corruption, or unethical practices³³

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions about this request, please contact Kyle Brosnan or Brian Downey of the Committee staff at (202) 224-4751.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Ron Johnson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "R" and a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Ron Johnson
Chairman

cc: The Honorable Claire McCaskill
Ranking Member

Enclosure

³³ S. Res. 62 § 12, 115th Cong. (2017).

McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)

From: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI) b6
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Sent: Saturday, December 23, 2017 7:30 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: WASH POST - Facing Republican attacks, FBI's deputy director plans to retire early next year

That is our plan.

Thanks very much [REDACTED] Have a great holiday.

Andrew G. McCabe
Deputy Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Work [REDACTED]

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Date: 12/23/17 7:08 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: WASH POST - Facing Republican attacks, FBI's deputy director plans to retire early next year

Andy - I hope you and your Family will be able to enjoy your Christmas Holiday [REDACTED] w/o seeing too much of this nonsense and bluster.

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[REDACTED]
On Sat, Dec 23, 2017 at 7:05 PM, McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED] wrote:
Thanks [REDACTED]

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Facing Republican attacks, FBI's deputy director plans to retire early next year



Andrew McCabe, the FBI's deputy director, has become a lightning rod in the political storms buffeting the agency. (Jahi Chikwendiu/The Washington Post)

Andrew McCabe, the FBI's deputy director who has been the target of Republican critics for more than a year, plans to retire in a few months when he becomes fully eligible for pension benefits, according to people familiar with the matter.

McCabe spent hours in Congress this past week, facing questions behind closed doors from members of three committees. Republicans said they were dissatisfied with his answers; Democrats called it a partisan hounding.

McCabe, 49, holds a unique position in the political firestorm surrounding the FBI. He was former director James B. Comey's right-hand man, a position that involved him in most of the FBI's actions that vex President Trump and in the investigation of Hillary Clinton's use of a private email server while secretary of state, a matter that still riles Democrats.

McCabe won't become eligible for his full pension until early March. People close to him say he plans to retire as soon as he hits that mark. "He's got about 90 days, and some of that will be holiday time. He can make it," one said.

A spokesman for McCabe declined to comment, as did an FBI spokesman.

Word of McCabe's plans drew a response Saturday from Trump, who in a Twitter post characterized the move as "racing the clock to retire with full benefits."

When Trump fired Comey in May, McCabe stayed to run the agency until a new director was in place and to take the political heat for decisions made by his former boss.

"Andy's in a difficult position now . . . because of the hyperpartisan political environment," said John Pistole, who held the FBI's No. 2 job for six years under former director Robert S. Mueller III. Mueller now serves as special counsel, running the investigation into whether any Trump associates conspired with Russian agents to interfere with the 2016 election.

Pistole said McCabe “is weathering the storm.”

“It’s disappointing,” he added, “to see how the criticism of the FBI is being used to try to undermine the credibility of the Mueller investigation. I think they’ve figured out they can’t undermine Bob’s integrity, so they’re just going to go after whoever they can dig up any dirt on.”

Within the agency, there is praise — but also some criticism — for how McCabe has handled his role. Still, he has become a lightning rod in the political storms buffeting the bureau. Conservatives have called for heads to roll at the FBI, and McCabe is atop the lists of many. But current and former FBI officials said it would be dangerous to appease those demands.

“It would send a terrible message to move him now, but it’s also a terrible situation he’s in,” said one law enforcement official.

Last week, the FBI’s top lawyer, James Baker, told colleagues he was being reassigned, according to people familiar with the matter.

The pressure on McCabe has only intensified. He got an eight-hour grilling from the House Intelligence Committee on Tuesday and returned to Congress on Thursday to face more than nine hours of questions from the House Judiciary and Oversight committees.

Other senior FBI officials, including those who worked closely with McCabe and Comey, are expected to face similar questioning from Congress next year.

Republicans are focusing in particular on the FBI’s relationship with the author of a dossier containing allegations against Trump. The bureau offered to pay the author of that document after the election to keep pursuing leads and information, but the agreement was never finalized, The Washington Post reported earlier this year.

The chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Charles E. Grassley (R-Iowa), has

called for McCabe's ouster, saying he "ought to go for reasons of being involved in some of the things that took place in the previous administration. We want to make sure that there's not undue political influence within the FBI — the [Justice] Department and the FBI."

Democrats emerging from Thursday's questioning of McCabe urged him to resist Republicans' calls to step down, saying the GOP's new focus on McCabe smells of political opportunism.

McCabe should not be fired because of "biased political commentary," said Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee (D-Tex.).

Trump and his supporters have made clear they want McCabe gone, but as a civil service employee, he can't be fired outright without a clear finding of major wrongdoing.

Christopher A. Wray became the FBI's director in August, and a new leader typically appoints a new deputy to help run the agency. When Comey became director in 2013, for example, he got a new deputy after about two months.

But within the FBI, even reassigning McCabe is viewed by many as a bad idea. It would be seen as caving to political demands and might provoke calls for additional housecleaning, according to current and former law enforcement officials.

McCabe rose quickly through the FBI's senior ranks, only to find himself, beginning last year, the subject of intense partisan fighting about his conduct.

Republicans attacked him after reports that his wife, a Democratic candidate for a Virginia Senate seat in 2015, had received hundreds of thousands of dollars in campaign donations from the political action committee led by a close ally of the Clintons. He had also been part of discussions with Justice Department officials that critics said prevented FBI agents from more aggressively pursuing their investigation of the Clinton Foundation. Agents were trying to determine whether donations to the foundation were made with an expectation of government favors from Clinton or her allies.

After reports about those issues surfaced in October 2016, then-candidate Trump singled out McCabe for criticism, and congressional Republicans demanded detailed answers from the FBI about his role in the Clinton probes — questions they insist remain unanswered.

In a separate Twitter post on Saturday, Trump expressed his incredulity once more, asking how “How can FBI Deputy Director Andrew McCabe, the man in charge, along with leakin’ James Comey, of the Phony Hillary Clinton investigation (including her 33,000 illegally deleted emails) be given \$700,000 for wife’s campaign by Clinton Puppets during investigation?”

McCabe’s role is being examined by the Justice Department’s inspector general, who has said a report on how the Clinton probe was handled should be finished by spring.

In May came Comey’s firing, which left the FBI, according to one person inside the bureau, “permanently playing defense.”

McCabe was suddenly in charge, and, according to people familiar with the matter, law enforcement officials began to investigate the president for obstruction of justice.

In early December, McCabe faced yet another controversy. The Post reported that one of his senior advisers, FBI lawyer Lisa Page, had exchanged numerous pro-Clinton and anti-Trump text messages with Peter Strzok, the top FBI agent on Mueller’s probe. The special counsel removed Strzok when he learned of their communications; Page had left the Mueller team two weeks earlier for what officials said were unrelated reasons. In one text, Strzok wrote that he thought Clinton should win “100,000,000-0.”

More problematic for McCabe is a text in which Page told Strzok, “I want to believe the path you threw out for consideration in Andy’s office that there’s no way he gets elected — but I’m afraid we can’t take that risk. It’s like an insurance policy in the unlikely event you die before you’re 40.”

Republican lawmakers have seized on the text as evidence that Strzok, Page and

possibly McCabe were involved in an effort to somehow ensure Trump would not win the election. But people familiar with the exchange said that the two were debating how overtly they should begin investigating Trump, and that one of the factors they considered was the likelihood he could win the presidency — which they deemed small.

Even that explanation presents a headache for McCabe because it places a conversation in his office about how the expected election outcome should or should not affect the FBI's investigative decisions.

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From:

Sent: Sunday, December 24, 2017 12:38 PM

To: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)

Subject: Fwd: [DC NEWS] Wash Post - How criticism of the Mueller probe has grown from a whisper to a clamor

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Date: Sun, Dec 24, 2017 at 11:35 AM

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To: [redacted]

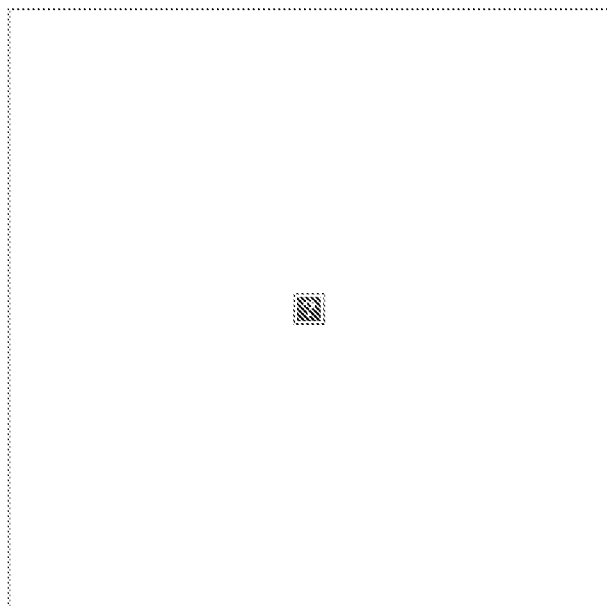
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On Dec 24, 2017, at 11:31 AM [redacted] wrote:

How criticism of the Mueller probe has grown from a whisper to a clamor



Robert Mueller III. (EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

The allegation that FBI and Justice Department officials are part of a broad conspiracy against President Trump is suddenly center stage, amplified by conservative activists, GOP lawmakers, right-leaning media and Trump himself. The partisan atmosphere is a sharp departure from the near-universal support that greeted Robert Mueller III's selection as special counsel in May.

By Michael Kranish, Devlin
Barrett and Karoun Demirjian
December 24 at 11:03 AM

For months, efforts to discredit special counsel Robert S. Mueller III's investigation into Russian meddling in the 2016 campaign flickered at the fringes of political debate.

Now, the allegation that FBI and Justice Department officials are part of a broad conspiracy against President Trump is suddenly center stage, amplified by conservative activists, GOP lawmakers, right-leaning media and the president himself. The clamor has become a sustained backdrop to the special counsel investigation, with congressional committees grilling a parade of law enforcement officials in recent days.

"Until recently, it has been a lonely battle," said Tom Fitton, whose conservative watchdog group Judicial Watch has helped drive the charges by unearthing internal Justice Department documents. "Our concerns about Mueller are beginning to take hold."

The partisan atmosphere is a sharp departure from near-universal support that greeted Mueller's selection as special counsel in May — and threatens to shadow his investigation's eventual findings. Trump, while vowing to cooperate with the special counsel, has also encouraged attacks on Mueller's credibility, tweeting that the investigation is "the greatest Witch Hunt in U.S. political history."

The controversy, percolating for months, escalated dramatically in early December with the revelation of text messages in which one of Mueller's former top investigators, Peter Strzok, called Trump an "idiot" last year and predicted Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton would win the election in a landslide.

As the deputy head of counterintelligence at the FBI, Strzok played a critical role in both the Clinton email investigation last year and the Russia probe before he was removed by Mueller this summer.

Rep. Jim Jordan (R-Ohio), who met with Fitton earlier this year and has for months alleged that the FBI was working against Trump's election, said in an interview that many of his Republican colleagues now share his view that there has been an orchestrated effort against Trump.

“I’ve had all kinds of Republicans come up to me and say, ‘This is unbelievable, it looks like the FBI was trying to put its finger on the scale here,’ ” Jordan said.

[Trump team’s meeting with Mueller’s office poised to ratchet up tensions]

Among current and former law enforcement officials, the public attacks on the FBI are seen as an indirect way of trying to discredit Mueller and blunt future findings he may issue, a view shared by many Democratic lawmakers.

“There is a concerted push from the White House . . . and their allies to bring the investigations to a halt,” Rep. Adam B. Schiff, the top Democrat on the House Intelligence Committee, said in an interview. “They are also trying to attack Mueller’s credibility and the credibility of the FBI, so that whatever Mueller finds can be rejected . . . as a fake.”

“The White House would like to have the best of both worlds,” he added. “They make the public case that they are cooperating, while their allies do the dirty work.”

In response, Ty Cobb, the White House lawyer overseeing the response to the Russia investigation, said in a statement that “the President respects the Special Counsel and his process and will continue to fully cooperate with the Special Counsel.”

A spokesman for Mueller declined to comment.

Some of the key players in the campaign against the special counsel probe are veterans of politically charged investigations, having helped drive attacks against the Clintons in the 1990s and during last year’s presidential campaign.

One leading critic is David Bossie, a former Trump deputy campaign manager. He was a congressional investigator who examined President Bill Clinton’s campaign finances in the late 1990s and currently leads Citizens United, a conservative advocacy group that produced movies critical of Hillary Clinton and other Democrats.

Bossie now makes frequent appearances on Fox News and other conservative media outlets, arguing that the special counsel is being used to try to delegitimize Trump. He said it is crucial to make a sustained fight against the probe.

“It is not that I wake up and say, ‘How do I match the Clinton playbook?’ ” Bossie said. “I just have the experience of understanding the rapid-response aspect of messaging. You have to be out there with a counter, set-the-facts-straight message or highlight what the problems are very quickly, or these things get away from you.”

He argues there is no evidence that the Trump campaign colluded with Russia.

“I’m not against Mueller; I’m against the concept of an investigation as a red herring,” he said.

Fitton’s Judicial Watch group, too, has a long history of investigating the Clintons, having filed numerous lawsuits against the administration of President Bill Clinton. During the 2016 campaign, the organization obtained thousands of emails written by Hillary Clinton when she was secretary of state.

This year, Judicial Watch has helped stoke the attacks against the Mueller probe with material it obtained through lawsuits and Freedom of Information Act requests. The nonprofit group, which has a \$35 million budget and 50 employees, does not release the names of its roughly 500,000 donors, Fitton said.

Fitton has frequently gone on Fox News, conservative websites and Twitter to report his findings. On Dec. 2, after Fitton tweeted that Trump “needs to clean house at FBI/DOJ,” Trump retweeted another user’s summary of Fitton’s statement.

In one email obtained through a Judicial Watch lawsuit, Andrew Weissmann, a senior lawyer working for Mueller, wrote in January that he was “so proud” of then-acting attorney general Sally Yates’s decision to defy Trump’s executive order banning travel by certain immigrants. The FOIA request was filed in May and was received in the fall, Fitton said. Other requests have taken longer or been rejected all together, he said.

[Trump calls conduct at the FBI ‘disgraceful’ in latest criticism of bureau]

Judicial Watch also obtained emails regarding FBI Deputy Director Andrew McCabe that the group says shows he was involved in helping his wife, Jill, run as a Democratic candidate for a state Senate seat in Virginia.

McCabe was told in one email that then-Director James B. Comey had “no issue” with McCabe’s wife seeking the seat. Another document said Clinton attended a June 2015 fundraiser for Virginia Gov. Terry McAuliffe’s political action committee, which in turn gave nearly \$500,000 to Jill McCabe for her state Senate bid.

Republicans have also raised questions about the FBI’s handling of a dossier produced by Christopher Steele, a former British spy who was hired by a research firm called Fusion GPS to investigate Trump’s ties to Russia. Senate Intelligence Committee investigators on Thursday interviewed Bruce Ohr, a Justice Department official whose wife, Nellie, worked for Fusion GPS in 2016.

In a recent court filing, Fusion GPS said it was being targeted by congressional committees “coordinating with the President [and] his personal lawyers . . . to misdirect attention to

Fusion . . . due to their perceived role in exposing the ties between the Trump campaign and the Russians.”

Jay Sekulow, one of Trump’s outside attorneys, has called for a second special counsel to be appointed to investigate the Fusion GPS matter. He said in an interview that his proposal “is in no way related to Robert Mueller,” with whom he said he has “a professional and cooperative relationship.”

The pressure on Mueller’s team has increased as prosecutors unveiled charges this fall against four former Trump advisers.

Less than two weeks after former national security adviser Michael Flynn pleaded guilty to lying to the FBI, the Justice Department disclosed anti-Trump and pro-Clinton texts that Strzok exchanged with another senior FBI official, Lisa Page, while they were having an affair and overseeing sensitive political investigations of those candidates.

The texts were uncovered in July by the Justice Department’s inspector general, which has been investigating FBI decision-making during the probe into Hillary Clinton’s use of a private email server when she was secretary of state.

When the IG warned Mueller in the summer about what the probe had found, Mueller immediately removed Strzok from his team. Strzok was reassigned to a job in the FBI’s human resources division.

Page had also worked on the Mueller team, but left two weeks earlier for what officials said were unrelated reasons.

The Post has reported that in a 2015 text, Strzok said that Sen. Bernie Sanders (Vt.), who sought the Democratic nomination against Clinton, was “an idiot like Trump. Figure they cancel each other out.” In 2016 texts, Strzok wrote, “God, Hillary should win 100,000,000-0” and that he was “worried about what happens if [Clinton] is elected.”

Former colleagues defended him, saying Strzok’s personal opinions had no impact on how he conducted investigations.

“To think Pete could not do his job objectively shows no understanding of the organization,” said Michael Steinbach, former executive assistant director of the FBI’s National Security Branch, adding: “We have Democrats, we have Republicans, we have conservatives and liberals. . . . Having personal views doesn’t prevent us from independently following the facts.”

But as news of Strzok’s text messages spread, Trump jumped on the story, tweeting: “Report: ‘ANTI-TRUMP FBI AGENT LED CLINTON EMAIL PROBE’ Now it all starts to make

sense!”

Republicans in Congress took the cue, seizing upon the texts to attack the credibility of the FBI and the Mueller investigation.

“The senior levels of the FBI have been infected with an intractable bias that seemed to favor Hillary Clinton and work against President Donald Trump,” said Rep. Matt Gaetz of Florida on Fox News on Wednesday, adding, “It’s time for Bob Mueller to put up or shut up: If there’s evidence of collusion, let’s see it.”

The calls for Mueller’s ouster are strongest in the House, where a group of Republicans have been calling for the special counsel to resign.

House Speaker Paul D. Ryan has said Mueller’s investigation should proceed without interference. But he has allowed several committee investigations that are calling into question the integrity of the probe.

“The House has a constitutional obligation to exercise congressional oversight, and the speaker is supportive of our committee chairmen carrying out their work,” said Ryan spokeswoman AshLee Strong.

In recent days, for example, three House committees grilled McCabe over his participation in the FBI’s Russia investigation and his role in the FBI examination into Clinton’s use of a private email server.

Democrats called it a thinly veiled attempt to weaken McCabe and slow down Mueller’s probe. McCabe plans to retire in a few months when he becomes fully eligible for pension benefits, people familiar with the matter told The Post.

“Those people should be investigating the real crime, which is Russia’s interference in our democracy, and instead they’re being hauled before a six-hour series of interviews,” said Rep. Raja Krishnamoorthi (D-Ill.).

At the House Intelligence Committee, Rep. Devin Nunes (R-Calif.) and a small group of Republican lawmakers are discussing writing a report next year that would highlight alleged “corruption” at the FBI, according to people familiar with the plans. Such a report would focus on information about the conduct of FBI officials in the course of the Russia investigation, those people said.

On the Senate side, one of the loudest voices has been Republican Charles E. Grassley of Iowa, who chairs the Judiciary Committee and has raised questions about the impartiality of Mueller’s probe.

He has called for McCabe to be fired and shown a willingness to dig into Mueller's past tenure as FBI director, complaining Thursday that the FBI and DOJ have been too slow to rout out people peddling "political influence."

Grassley has also called for a second special counsel to look at decisions the FBI and DOJ made at the time that the Obama administration approved a uranium deal giving Russia a significant stake in the U.S. market. The inquiry would bring de facto scrutiny on Mueller, who was FBI director at the time.

Grassley said that his staff is in touch with Nunes's staff, though he would not specify exactly what elements of their committees' parallel inquiries they were communicating about.


"I wouldn't want to say there's coordination," Grassley said. "There's communication."

He insisted that he was not aiming to discredit Mueller, adding that he has "got confidence [Mueller]'s going to be able to do what he's doing."

Trump, meanwhile, has continued to urge on the questions. This month, he tweeted that after the FBI's "phony and dishonest Clinton investigation (and more) . . . its reputation is in Tatters - worst in History! But fear not, we will bring it back to greatness."



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McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)

From: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Sunday, January 21, 2018 4:59 PM
To: Wray, Christopher A. (DO) (FBI)
Subject: Fwd: time sensitive / item on Andrew McCabe

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I don't think there is anything new here but sending for FYI only.

Andrew G. McCabe
Deputy Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Work [REDACTED]

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From: "Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED]
Date: 1/21/18 2:55 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED]
Cc: "Maguire, Jacqueline (BH) (FBI)" [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: time sensitive / item on Andrew McCabe

Andy: FYI.
Not familiar with this reporter.
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From: Jonathan Swan [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, January 21, 2018 2:44 PM
To: Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI)
Subject: time sensitive / item on Andrew McCabe

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Hi Michael,

I have a story about Sessions, Wray and McCabe in today's Axios Sneak Peek newsletter.

In good faith, I am giving you full visibility.

My deadline is 4:30pmET.

I am happy to talk on the phone as well.

Best, Jonathan [REDACTED]

---Attorney General Jeff Sessions has been encouraging FBI Director Christopher Wray to make a "fresh start" with his core team,

including replacing deputy director and Trump bête noire Andrew McCabe, according to a senior administration source.

According to this source, and two other sources briefed on the conversations, Sessions has been urging Wray to do this for some time. Another person Sessions thought should be cleared from the core team: the FBI's top lawyer James Baker, who was "reassigned" in December.

"The conversations about McCabe and the core team started shortly after Wray was confirmed," said the senior administration source. "They intensified from there." The New York Times --- and others --- reported

in December that McCabe "is expected to retire after he becomes eligible for his pension [in] early [2018]." But senior Justice officials are still not sure what McCabe plans to do.

Trump and other Republicans have been hammering McCabe for months on Twitter.

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On July 26, Trump tweeted:

"Why didn't A.G. Sessions replace Acting FBI Director Andrew McCabe, a Comey friend who was in charge of Clinton investigation but got...big dollars (\$700,000) for his wife's political run from Hillary Clinton and her representatives. Drain the Swamp!"

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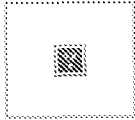
Ironically, the White House chose McCabe to be acting director after Trump fired Comey.

McCabe remains at the FBI.

Behind Sessions' conversations: The Justice Department is conducting an investigation into how the FBI under former director James Comey handled the Hillary Clinton email investigation in 2016. There are also ongoing leak investigations, per the same source.

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But even without all of these investigations, Sessions believes "Wray should have a fresh start with his own team," according to the senior administration source.



Jonathan Swan
NATIONAL POLITICAL REPORTER



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Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI)

From: Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Monday, January 22, 2018 8:42 PM
To: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI); Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI)
Subject: Fw: Google Alert - "andrew mccabe"

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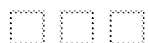


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Bannon to tell-all again — this time to Mueller

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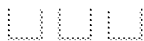


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Report: FBI Director Threatened to Quit Under Trump Pressure

Daily Beast

FBI Director Christopher Wray threatened to quit his post over pressure to fire his deputy director **Andrew McCabe**, Axios reports. President Donald Trump has publicly pressured Attorney General Jeff Sessions to fire McCabe, tweeting that McCabe is "a Comey friend who was in charge of Clinton ...



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McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)

From: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Wednesday, January 31, 2018 10:34 AM
To: [REDACTED] (CO) (FBI)
Subject: Re: Departure

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[REDACTED]

Thanks so much for your kind note. And for the record, relating your dedication to traing the next generation is not babbling. Thanks for doing that incredibly important work. It gives me great comfort to know that our new folks are being guided by people like you and your colleagues.

Congrats on your long career and best of luck in the future.

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Andrew G. McCabe
Deputy Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Work [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED] (CO) (FBI)" [REDACTED]
Date: 1/30/18 9:14 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED]
Subject: Departure

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Mr. McCabe,

I am an Agent assigned to the Columbia Division, [REDACTED] I am thankful every day that I've been able to work for this great outfit and for exceptional leaders such as Director Comey and you. It pains to see how the FBI and the fine men and women of integrity who work so hard every day have been portrayed of late. [REDACTED]
I'm hoping I can do my part to affirm our core values and instill in these new Agents what an incredible organization they are about to join. Now I'm babbling. Really, I just wanted to thank you for your honorable service to the Bureau and our country.

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McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)

From: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Wednesday, January 31, 2018 11:24 AM
To: [REDACTED] (WMD) (FBI)
Bcc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: thank you....

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[REDACTED]
Thank you so much for the kind note and for your support. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Please know that my faith and love for the FBI and its people has not, and will never waiver. It is a remarkable thing that you do everyday - protecting America and defending the Constitution. The country needs you now more than ever. So please stay focussed on that mission and always keep clear eyes on our core values.

Thanks for everything you do for the FBI and the country. You are never far from my thoughts.

Good luck and please tell everyone I said hello.

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From: [REDACTED] (WMD) (FBI)
Sent: Tuesday, January 30, 2018 12:51 AM
To: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)
Subject: thank you....

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Dear Mr. McCabe,

In light of recent events, I felt compelled to reach out to you directly and hope you'll forgive me for doing so. Bottom line, Mr. McCabe -- we are with you. Your departure from the FBI, while hard-earned and well deserved, is a loss to our agency and to the country at large.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] and I know first-hand what kind of leadership and character you brought to the FBI - particularly during a time of great uncertainty, and within an abnormally and caustic, politically charged environment.

During a time when the FBI's rank-and-file needed you most, you never waived in your commitment to the mission and to the troops, and you inspired us all to remain steadfast in our work to protect and defend our country from countless threats. And despite the unusual circumstances the FBI - and you - have faced over the last year, you guided us with an apolitical, steady hand on a daily basis. Please know that the same rank-and-file you lead through a very challenging time stand with you and remain grateful for your leadership and service.

[redacted] I know that your departure from the FBI, in any circumstance, is a great loss not just to the FBI, but to the USIC, and our country.

[redacted] I, like my colleagues, have no doubt you will come out of this on the other side. In the mean time, please know that we stand with you.

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With Respect and Gratitude,

[redacted]

McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)

From: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Wednesday, January 31, 2018 11:53 AM
To: [REDACTED] (CTD) (FBI)
Bcc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Thank You

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[REDACTED]
Thanks so much for the kind note. I'm sure that at the meeting you recounted I quickly perceived that you knew more than anyone else there. Competence and professionalism shines through quickly. You are an outstanding leader and representative for the FBI. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] for HIPSCI. Seems like a thousand years ago. Certainly a very different HIPSCI. Never the less, your confidence, mastery of the facts, and ability to communicate pulled us through.

I was privileged and fortunate to serve during a challenging time. It was my honor to represent you and all the men and women of the FBI. And nothing will ever change that. You all remain in my thoughts and always will.

Please continue trying to be the great leader your folks deserve. Keep them focused on the mission and guided by our core values. The country needs you now more than ever.

Best of luck and stay in touch.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] (CTD) (FBI)
Sent: Monday, January 29, 2018 6:00 PM
To: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)
Subject: Thank You

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Sir - I know you're probably getting tons of messages like this, but I felt compelled to reach out and say thank you for what you've done for this organization and for me. Thank you for saying what you did in your open testimony about us after Dir. Comey was fired. It meant a whole lot to me and everyone else I spoke with in dealing with a tough time for the workforce.

You won't remember this, but there was a meeting you were leading that I went to [REDACTED]

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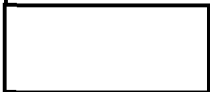
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Thank you for that.

I wish you and your family all the best.

Thanks for everything.



Acting Section Chief



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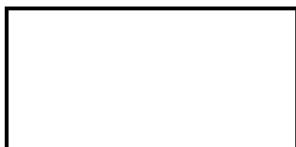
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[redacted] (FBI)

From: [redacted] (FBI)
Sent: Wednesday, January 31, 2018 11:43 PM
To: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)
Subject: Re: Best Wishes

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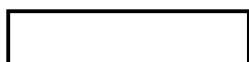
You stay safe too, Sir. Best to your family and [redacted] Your legacy with the bureau will be positive. We will continue with our efforts to do our best for the country and for our children.



----- Original message -----

From: "McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)" [redacted]
Date: 1/31/18 5:09 PM (GMT-08:00)
To: [redacted] (LA) (FBI)" [redacted]
Subject: Re: Best Wishes

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Thanks so much for the kind note. Your support and good thoughts make this transition much easier to handle.

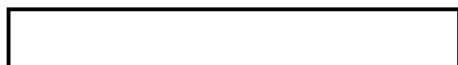
Things in Washington are a bit tough at the moment (to say the least). But the FBI is strong. Our mission is enduring and our people are completely dedicated to it. So we will be fine. This troubling time will pass and we will still be here protecting America and upholding the constitution.

Please give my best to all your colleagues in LA. You guys do awesome work every day. And the country needs that right now. Keep it up.

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Good luck and stay safe.

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From: [REDACTED] (FBI)
Sent: Monday, January 29, 2018 2:14 PM
To: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)
Subject: Best Wishes

Mr. McCabe: Just a regular employee wishing you the best. The news of your departure is [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] to many on the line (and as far west as Los Angeles). It's always hard to see good leaders leave, and
under circumstances that signal things in Washington D.C. are not ideal. Good luck to you [REDACTED] Please
remember you had fans on the line that supported your endeavors to continue with our mission [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] If you talk to Mr. Comey, please tell him we miss him too.

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[redacted] (OGC) (FBI)

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From: [redacted] (OGC) (FBI)
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2018 12:18 PM
To: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)
Subject: RE: A Note of Appreciation

Thank you for your extremely kind words in return, sir. [redacted] and, until then, wish you and your family all the best...

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Federal Bureau of Investigation - Office of the General Counsel
Office: [redacted]
Mobile [redacted]

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From: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Wednesday, January 31, 2018 7:17 PM
To: [redacted] (OGC) (FBI) [redacted]
Subject: Re: A Note of Appreciation

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[redacted]
First - I love getting email direct from FBI people. It is one of the things I will miss the most.

Second - thank you. Thanks for the kind words and the support during a tough time. More importantly, thanks for your dedication, your expertise, your insights and your invaluable counsel. You make an outstanding contribution to the FBI and you are a privilege to work with.

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Good luck and stay in touch.

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From: [redacted] (OGC) (FBI)
Sent: Monday, January 29, 2018 5:04 PM
To: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)
Subject: A Note of Appreciation

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Sir,

In the many messages Director Comey sent throughout his tenure as Director, he routinely referenced emails that he received directly from FBI personnel, so I hope you are open to receiving the same.

I wanted to thank you for your tremendous leadership of our organization at a historic time of strain and stress. During your time as Acting Director and as Deputy Director (both before and afterwards), you not only kept us standing, but you allowed us all to stand a little taller with our eyes remaining focused on our critical mission. The past year has no doubt been challenging for our organization [redacted] You, however, kept us all in the best position to be successful. [redacted]

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Thank you for all you have done, [redacted] I hope that I will one day cross paths with you again and be able to express my appreciation in person.

Best,

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From: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Monday, February 5, 2018 7:08 PM
To: [REDACTED] (FD) (FBI)
Subject: Re: You are missed...

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[REDACTED]

Thanks so much for the kind note. I miss you all as well. But I have great confidence in the FBI's ability to succeed because we are made of extraordinary people like you. I was consistently impressed with your professionalism, your expertise and mostly with your irrepressibly positive attitude no matter what we asked you to do. You are a great person and a joy to work with.

Please give my regards to all and know that you are always in my thoughts.

Best of luck,

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Andrew G. McCabe
Deputy Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Work [REDACTED]

----- Original message -----

From: [REDACTED] (FD) (FBI)" [REDACTED]
Date: 2/2/18 4:17 PM (GMT-07:00)
To: "McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED]
Subject: You are missed...

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Andy,

I had to send you a note to let you know a number of us [REDACTED] b6
[REDACTED] Seeing you come to the Bureau's rescue on the Hill when falsehoods were b7C
spread like wildfire throughout the media regarding former Director Comey was inspiring and I think made all employees
feel a greater sense of purpose [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] You have many Bureau fans and
probably don't even realize it. We will attempt to take the baton where you left and make you proud.

I hope our paths cross again one day. Please take to heart that if there is anything I can do to assist you now or in the future, don't hesitate to ask as it would be my pleasure.

Take care,

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Director's Office | Finance & Facilities Division
desk
cell) [Redacted]

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