Coast Guard continues to be very involved, as do other parts of DHS and the government that help with the security of the ports.

COONS:
In April, Senator Rubio and I introduced the Counterterrorism and Screening Assistance Act. And there is a companion in the House. It would strengthen the ability of our allies and partners around the world to track terrorist and foreign fighter travel, in particular. It directs DHS to provide appropriate versions of custom and border protections, global travel, targeting and analysis systems, software, and other systems to foreign partner governments.

And it also authorizes DHS to provide excess nonlethal equipment, supplies, training to foreign governments to further U.S. Homeland Security interests. Does DHS support these goals? And, in your understanding, would it support the passage of this bill?

NIELSEN:
To prevent foreign fighters from coming to the United States, absolutely. Yes, sir. We'd look forward to working with you on it.

COONS:
We appreciate your engagement on that. About four months ago, Hurricane Maria slammed into the island of Puerto Rico and both the U.S. Virgin Island. And Puerto Rico particularly, and to some extent, Florida, suffered significant damage, but it was catastrophic for Puerto Rico. What's your sense today, four months later, of roughly what percentage the Island has power and water?

NIELSEN:
Well, the power, as you know, goes up and down. We're around 60 percent to 70 percent water. The story with water's a little better. But there's a lot more that we need to do, sir. It's going to be a road of recovery, we need to continue to work with them.

COONS:
And what's your sense of the official death toll in Puerto Rico as a result of Hurricane Maria?

NIELSEN:
So, I know they're looking at that. As you know, it's a state and local determination to determine causation. We've been in close contact with the governor as he does his review and assessment. It's an important figure for us all to understand.

COONS:
Do you believe your department's response to Hurricane Maria could have been better?

NIELSEN:
I believe that we learn lessons as we go. It was an unprecedented response, is what I can tell you, both from a prepositioning to an immediate response to the men and women who are there on the ground now. We had one of the largest surge forces that we’ve ever had, meaning we had people coming from all parts of government to join with FEMA. But I’m very anxious to learn the lessons learned and just see how we can do better in the future.

COONS:

I’ll say, while I’m grateful for the service of those, the United States military and FEMA who responded, I think it could have been, and still needs to be, better than it has been. I hear regularly from the Puerto Rican community in Delaware about family members who are still stranded, and about failures to respond in a way that I would expect Delaware would have received or other states on the mainland would have received.

And I am greatly disappointed in the response to date and would love to work with you to try and, as you would put it, learn those lessons but also to strengthen the response. My last question; since November, the department has terminated TPS designations, temporary protected status designations, for quite a few countries. If I’m not mistaken, Haiti, the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere, they’ve suffered a devastating earthquake. El Salvador, a country with very high homicide levels; as well as Liberia, Guinea and Sierra Leone which suffered near catastrophic civil wars.

Our country has long welcomed those seeking refuge from natural disasters and from civil strife. There was, as has been discussed at great length, an unfortunate meeting last week where the president was reported to have suggested that we don’t welcome people from certain countries and in particular countries under difficult circumstances.

In my experience, some of the greatest Americans have come from countries suffering through difficulties. Alexander Hamilton immigrated here from Nevis. I have been to Haiti, I have been to Liberia and there are Liberian Americans and Haitian Americans in my home state who make great contributions to our state and our economy and our culture every day.

Will you produce the analysis and the input the DHS received from other agencies that justify these terminations in TPS status (ph).

NIELSEN:

I’m happy to work with your staff to the extent that some of the information does not belong to me, if you will. I’d have to work with my colleagues to be able to give you an affirmative. But yes I’m happy to walk you through the full analysis.

COONS:

Thank you, Madam Secretary, for the answers and, in my view, it is important that we find a way working together to both protect our homeland from those threats we both see clearly yet to do in a way that reflects and respects the values that have made this a country that has long been a beacon for human rights and a place that has welcomed refugees and that has been strengthened by the contributions of immigrants from all of the world.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
GRASSLEY:
Two members left. Me with my second round. I'll have a couple questions and then I'm going to go and Senator Flake is going to finish up and he's going to use his 10 minutes. Since October 31st, and that's the terror attack that we had in the United States, call for an end to the Diversity Visa, those calls have increased.

As you know, the controversial program functions as a lottery allowing aliens from countries with low rates of immigration to the United States a chance to register to submit visa application. Due to random selection applicants many have expressed concern with the program's susceptibility to fraud.

2017 GAO report found that consular officer reported widespread use of fake documents to verify applicant's identity. In addition they state inspection general report found that aliens from countries with ties to terrorism were permitted to apply for this visa. In a recent response to a letter that I sent asking for a candid assessment of this program the State Department described the document an identify fraud that exists in the application process and the resource intensive method for uncovering it.

Due to the Diversity Visa Lottery's vulnerability to fraud and abuse it's document use by terrorists do you think the Diversity Visa Lottery Program should be eliminated? Do you think that this visa program has an increased potential for use by terrorists and criminals entering the country and receiving status? And the second question is more important than the first one.

NIELSEN:
Sir, I believe, as you said, it's documented. There's a lot of fraud and abuse in this program and with the 80 plus programs that we have for legal immigration I believe that we can and should do better for the American people to ensure that those who come here are able to contribute, willing to contribute and to assimilate into our communities.

GRASSLEY:
In regard to sanctuary cities and states, I applaud this administration's efforts to crack down on sanctuary jurisdictions and encourage communities to participate in the 287(g) program. Unfortunately since President Trump took office a number of jurisdictions decided to stop honoring ICE detainer requests.

That's dangerous and I worry about the impact an entire state becoming sanctuary will have on public safety. So, considering that, can you describe the Trump administration ongoing efforts to crack down on sanctuary jurisdictions and what steps you are taking encourage communities to cooperate?

NIELSEN:
Yes, sir. First of all, as you know, we've asked Congress make clear that the detainer authority applies and also to provide indemnification from those who want to work with us. This is truly a issue of safety. This is it an issue of safety for immigrant communities, it is also an issue of safety for the officers and men and women of DHS.
The safest place to take someone into custody is in a controlled environment which is in the jails after they have committed the crime. The container, as you know, allows for a state and local jurisdiction to give us 48 hours notice. It does not have to be that they hold 48 hours after. They can give us 48 hours notice and we will come and pick them up in a controlled environment which is safer to all of the communities and to my officers.

GRASSLEY:
Yes. I think I'll submit the rest of my questions for answer in writing. Thank you for being here. And now, Senator Flake for your 10 minutes.

FLAKE:
Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
Thank you and sorry I may have missed a lot of what is going on. I tried to get some of it coming in but if I plow old ground, I'm sorry. With regard to, I know, I heard mention of the president wanted to get a full $20 billion appropriated for the border wall or wall system. Do we have left over money even from last year, money that has been authorized that has not been spent on border infrastructure?

NIELSEN:
Sir, the money, as you know, is allocated and there's plans to spend it. So the 20 that the president was speaking of is moving into the future in other needs that we've identified.

FLAKE:
How quickly, if you moved as fast as you can, could a border structure wall system be built?

NIELSEN:
We will build it as fast as we can. As you know, there are a lot of variables that are hard to count for and not just the land acquisition but the willingness of states and localities to work with us.

FLAKE:
Right.

NIELSEN:
I would just note that California has a blacklisting law that they have proposed which would prevent contractors from working with the Department of Homeland Security and if they do they are not able to get state and local contracts. So, variables such as that are hard for me to account for but we will work on it as fast as we can, sir.
FLAKE:
I believe I have heard you say we're talking seven years at the soonest that this could be built and that says nothing of eminent domain issues and litigation in Texas, for example, where it's almost all private land. Is there any -- do you believe it could be done faster than seven years?

NIELSEN:
We are certainly looking into it, yes, sir.

FLAKE:
If it can't be done in one year, is there any reason for the Congress to appropriate all $20 billion for this at this time?

NIELSEN:
I think the discussion was around authorization not appropriation. The idea there is if we only authorized year-by-year there's a question of whether we would have the funds for the next year. And, as you know, these contracts are quite complicated. Being able to know that the money will be there the next year, at least from an authorization perspective makes quite a difference in terms of efficiency and effectiveness of acquisition programs.

FLAKE:
Let me drill down a little on what the border wall or wall system actually means. The president is -- some language he's used is, to me, a little confusing. Right after he was elected, I believe he said we're not talking about a fence, we're talking about a wall.

And he's talked about a big beautiful wall. I have appreciated what you've said and what has been said recently by the president and others and appreciation that it can't and shouldn't be a 2000 mile wall that the topography simply does not allow it.

And -- but I just like to talk about Arizona for a minute. We have over 300 miles of border. Is there any place in Arizona that you are aware of that has an opaque style wall that somebody would think of as a wall?

NIELSEN:
In terms of planning for future?

FLAKE:
No, in terms of current.

NIELSEN:
I -- sir, I don't know. I'm happy to get back to you on that.

FLAKE:
I can answer some of that. We have had, in the past, through some of the communities, the old landing mats from Vietnam era that were turned on their end and cemented into the ground. The problem is you can't see through them. And so kids on the other side or others on the other side of the wall can throw rocks and there's property damage and injury to our border agents.

So we've actually been taking those out, the plan has been taking those walls out and putting in a bollard style fence, which works better. In fact, the president visited near -- well, in Yuma. Near Yuma, near San Luis. We have probably the best border infrastructure anywhere along the southern border. It's two fences with an access road in the middle.

But two fences, not a wall. I -- I'm struggling to think of any place in Arizona now where we have what could properly be called a wall or anywhere were such an opaque kind of structure that one thinks about when they say wall would be appropriate. Can you correct me there?

NIELSEN:
I think your -- your point is well taken. What has changed is the president asked the men and women of CBP what is it that you need. What is it that you need to provide operational control of the border.

And what the men and women on the front lines came back and said is we do not need a wall from sea to shining sea, what we need is a variety -- and that's why we call it a wall system -- a variety of components that together help us reach those four missions that I mentioned earlier. I'll just say quickly because I think you -- you were outside. But impedance and denial, which is that infrastructure, access and mobility admission readiness and domain awareness.

FLAKE:
All right. There some parts of Arizona, actually, where we have a lot of our border traffic, near Naco or Douglas, where if you did put a border wall, it would actually drown out communities on the southern side. You have a watershed and river and floods that -- that go northward. And if you had a wall, it would impede the progress.

In fact, even the fences that we have there, the new fences have to have storm gates in them. And in certain times of the year, those storm gates have to be left open for the floods come through. And so I -- I just -- I hope that the -- the evolution of discussion on this will continue.

And that when you talk about a border wall and the wall and the wall has to be funded, it -- it conjures up images that don't exist, to say nothing of who would pay for it. And we won't even get into that. But -- but just when talking about the wall and insistence that the wall be funded, it -- it -- that may be a good rhetorical device or campaign device, but in the real world it doesn't mean much.

And I'm pleased, like I said, that you've been moving in a different direction, talking about a wall system, which really isn't a wall. Fences are better. Good fences make good neighbors is
probably apt here. And we certainly do need more structures, more barriers more infrastructure. In previous iterations of immigration reform legislation, we've provided for that.

It's not just now. The president wasn't the first one to talk about needing a border barrier. So -- so anyway, that -- I'll move on from -- from that and talk a little about CBP hiring. We have the CBP Hire Act to make it easier to retain and hire border agents and port agents. Can you talk about what the needs are there?

NIELSEN:
Yes...

FLAKE:
We've had difficulty hiring them fast enough.

NIELSEN:
We -- hiring continues to be a challenge but one that we're taking very seriously. Commissioner - - Acting Commissioner McAleenan has been very clear both on the need to hire and to retain. So we're looking not just at our authorities and how we can innovatively reach new and expanded audience, but also we're looking at things like the polygraphs that they have to take as officers, to ensure that they are done efficiently and that they're not inappropriately, if you will, and unnecessarily weeding some out.

FLAKE:
All right. With regard to the -- the wall systems. Can you talk about the need for border roads or access roads?

NIELSEN:
They're vital. It's the way in which CBP can then respond to an alert, whether it be a visual alert or whether it be from a sensor or camera so that access and mobility is key not only for safety of the agents, but also for their ability to do their job.

FLAKE:
Let me just say for Arizona, when I talk to the property owners down there, the ranchers and others, that is one of the most important items that they reference again and again and again. And the border agents. You know, you -- you can have decent barriers, which we can't have everywhere. As I mentioned, the topography doesn't allow it. But you've got to have roads. You've got to have access.

And sometimes, the -- there can be activity, illegal activity or crossings just a few miles away. But without access roads to get there, it can take a couple of hours for agents to -- to -- to respond. So I -- I hope that that's on the list in the bipartisan bill that we've been working on. That is part of the -- what -- what is authorized, so I hope that -- that that can move ahead.
With -- with that, let me say do you support body cameras for DHS law enforcement?

NIELSEN:
I have not had the opportunity to have that discussion with my component heads but I understand the need for it and I look forward to discussing with them. I'm happy to get back to you on that.

FLAKE:
All right. Senator Whitehouse?

WHITEHOUSE:
Thank you, Chairman Flake.

FLAKE:
You're recognized for five minutes.

WHITEHOUSE:
I think I may be the last questioner that you see. So I hope that as you go back and reflect on today's hearing, that a few things stick out. I think Senator Graham's conversation with you -- I hope that you take that very much to heart. I think it's formulation of the need for there to be a Phase 1 and then a phase two and that if either side wants everything in phase two pushed forward to Phase 1, we'll crash right at the very beginning, we won't be able to move forward.

Phase 1, I think, is a very constructive idea. And I thought that after the first meeting with the president, we were very close to the outline of a Phase 1 resolution. I think also the notion that's been discussed here of wall systems is a very good idea because I think there's a difference between being in support of border security and being in pursuit of massive, unnecessary, overly-expensive and unwanted public works spending programs, just walls for the sake of walls.

And particularly where they will do damage to local communities, local farmers, local access to the river and so forth. I think the more we calm down and think this thing through, the more you'll find that there is in fact support for considerable reasonable increases to border security. And I hope that's the key message you take away. I would like to change the topic in my last minutes to fentanyl.

Fentanyl is killing Americans at a phenomenal, appalling rate. Fentanyl is a compound created chemically that behaves in the mind, in the brain, as if it were heroin, but it can be dialed up to far more lethal concentrations.

And the result is that very often, an addict who is accustomed to heroin gets suddenly into Fentanyl, and they die. Rhode Island has a small town called Burrillville, it's got just a couple thousand people.

It's got, I think, only two funeral parlors. There may be 25, 30 people in the entire police department, so in one three month period, beginning of the year a couple of years back when I
was working on the Comprehensive Addiction Recovery Act with Senator Portman, they had six fatalities in that little community.

That is a little bit like beating on a bruise, you know? People get hurt by the first fatality, and then the second, and then the third, and then the fourth, and people know each other and it’s back to the same funeral homes and the police are starting to get very agonized at what they have to see and how hard it is for them to respond and that they can’t deal with it.

And the lethal aspects of Fentanyl, I think, are felt all across the country in all of our states. My understanding is that a very good deal of it is coming from China, that it is so potent that it can be dialed down to fairly small packages and still shipped, and I would like to urge that you make it a really important border security priority, as important as walls and fences, to try to figure out how our shipping services and our postal service, through which customs controlled materials come from overseas, can find the damn Fentanyl before it gets into our children and kills them.

NIELSEN:
You have my commitment, sir. Earlier, we talked about the STOP Act, we talked about the INTERDICT Act, but we need to do more and couldn't -- I couldn't agree more.

WHITEHOUSE:
I think the topics that I've mentioned in my previous questioning, election interference and cybersecurity, are ones where I think there's very considerable partisan eagerness to protect our country on both sides of the aisle.

Republicans and democrats alike feel very strongly about that. Fentanyl's exactly the same way.

NIELSEN:
I agree.

WHITEHOUSE:
There is a bipartisan door that is open to you on all three of these issues, so I urge you, come knocking.

NIELSEN:
I look forward to it sir.

WHITEHOUSE:
OK, good.

NIELSEN:
Thank you for bringing all three up.
WHITEHOUSE:
Now, I'm a little frustrated that there seems to be no proactive legislative effort coming from any part of the administration on cyber, coming from any part of the administration on election interference, and very little coming on -- on Fentanyl, and I think these are opportunities that you are missing to accomplish important things in a bipartisan way that will save American lives.

NIELSEN:
We will be by to talk about it.

WHITEHOUSE:
Very well, thank you.

NIELSEN:
Thank you.

WHITEHOUSE:
Thank you, Chairman Flake.

FLAKE:
Thank you, Senator Whitehouse.
I'm glad that Senator Graham mentioned the phases, I know we spoke about that in that Tuesday meeting. But those of us who have been involved in immigration reform legislation before recognize that some of these issues are extremely thorny.

They take a lot of negotiation and compromise on all sides, things like chain migration asylum policy -- policies dealing with unaccompanied minors, worker programs, enforcement issues, those are all things that will need to be part of comprehensive reform.

But in order to make sure that we protect those who came, through no fault of their own, the so called DACA kids, there's got to be a Phase 1, and phase two and probably a phase three. And I hope that that -- that message is taken back and certainly recognized, in order to get the votes that we need to pass this important legislation.

The hearing record will be open for one week. I would ask those who need to get questions in, and ask those who are answering the questions, to do it as quickly as possible.

And I ask unanimous consent that the closing statement of Senator Grassley be part of the record, without objection, and with ...

(LAUGHTER)
... nobody to object to. With that, the hearing stands adjourned.
NIELSEN:

Thank you, sir.

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Here's a look at the scheduled events of interest today in Washington. All times are Eastern and subject to change.

WHAT TO WATCH

- ** President Trump hosts Malaysia's Razak at White House
- ** Senate plans vote on Hassett nomination for CEA

WHITE HOUSE

- ** 11:45am: Trump [hosts](#) Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak at White House; pair hold expanded meeting at 12:10pm
- ** 6:30pm: Trump hosts dinner with senators

CONGRESS

- ** Senate convenes at 10am; resumes consideration of motion to proceed to NDAA, post-cloture
- ** 2:15pm: Senate proceeds to consider nomination of Kevin Hassett to be chairman of Council of Economic Advisers; roll-call vote approx. 2:35pm
- ** House meets at 10am; votes postponed until 6:30pm
  - ** Rules Cmte meets 3pm to take up legislation aimed at deporting members of designated criminal gangs, and barring members of criminal gangs from entering the U.S.; Room H-313, U.S. Capitol
  - ** NOTE: Link to text of [H.R. 3697](#); link to description from House
Judiciary Committee Chairman Bob Goodlatte and bill sponsor Rep. Barbara Comstock

BUDGET/ECONOMY FINANCE

- **8:10am**: Treasury Sec. Steven Mnuchin speaks at the Delivering Alpha Conference in N.Y.
  - JPMorgan Chase & Co. CEO Jamie Dimon and Blackstone Group Chief Stephen Schwarzman also scheduled to deliver remarks
- **2pm**: House Financial Services Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit and Subcommittee on Monetary Policy and Trade hold joint hearing, "Examining the Relationship Between Prudential Regulation and Monetary Policy at the Federal Reserve"; 2128 Rayburn
- **3pm**: House Committee on the Judiciary Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law holds hearing, "Occupational Licensing: Regulation and Competition"; 2141 Rayburn

DEFENSE/CONTRACTING

- **2pm**: House Committee on Armed Services oversight panel holds meeting "Securing the Peace After the Fall of ISIL"; 2212 Rayburn

ELECTIONS/POLITICS

- **Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity holds meeting** at New Hampshire Institute of Politics at St. Anselm College, in Manchester, N.H.
  - Related story: Federal Judge Wants More Information From Trump’s Voter Panel

ENERGY

- **10am**: House Energy and Commerce panel on energy holds hearing on reliability in the electricity industry, with FERC Chairman Neil Chatterjee scheduled to testify; 2123 Rayburn

HEALTH

- **10am**: Senate Finance Committee holds hearing, "Health Care: Issues Impacting Cost and Coverage"; 215 Dirksen
- **10am**: U.S. Census Bureau will hold an online news conference to

HOMELAND/TRANSPORTATION

- • • • Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Assn kicks off 2-day event, "Homeland Security Conference" at Walter E. Washington Convention Center
- • • • 10:15am: Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Cmte holds hearing to consider nominee Daniel J. Kaniewski to be FEMA deputy administrator for protection and national preparedness; 342 Dirksen
- • • • 2:30pm House Cmte on Transportation and Infrastructure Subcmte on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials holds hearing, "Building a 21st Century Infrastructure for America: Rail Stakeholders’ Perspectives"; 2167 Rayburn

INTERIOR

- • • • 4pm: House Natural Resources Cmte holds markup of four pieces of legislation including H.R. 3668, dealing with sportsmen’s and recreational access to federal lands, and H.R. 717, requiring the govt to examine the economic cost of adding to the endangered or threatened species lists; 1334 Longworth

LAW/IMMIGRATION

- • • • 9am: Bipartisan Policy Center holds an event, "Curbing Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing"
- • • • 10:15 am: Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Cmte considers nomination of Jonathan Pittman to be an associate judge, Superior Court of the District of Columbia; 342 Dirksen

STATE/TRADE

- • • • 9:30am: Senate Foreign Relations Cmte holds hearing on nominees to be ambassador to Afghanistan, ambassador to Bahrain, and director of the African Development Bank; 419 Dirksen
- • • • 10am: House Cmte on Foreign Affairs holds hearing, "Sanctions, Diplomacy, and Information: Pressuring North Korea;" 2172 Rayburn
- • • • 4:55pm: Sec. of State Rex Tillerson meets with Chinese State Councilor Yang Jiechi at State Dept

TECHNOLOGY/TELECOM
• 10am: Senate Banking Cmte holds hearing on examining fintech landscape; 538 Dirksen

UNITED NATIONS

• The 72nd Regular Session of the United Nations General Assembly begins at the world body's headquarters in New York City with the theme, "Focusing on People: Striving for Peace and a Decent Life for All on a Sustainable Planet"
  ○ Trump will make his first address before the body next week; General Debate will open on Sept. 19

AFTER HOURS/OFF THE HILL

• Stephen Bannon, the former White House chief strategist, will speak in a moderated conversation at the CLSA investors forum in Hong Kong
  ○ Related story: Bannon to Speak at China-Linked Forum That Hosted David Beckham

• 6pm: United States Capitol Historical Society will present the 2017 Freedom Award to "Hamilton" creator Lin-Manuel Miranda "for inspiring informed civic participation and achievement in advancing public understanding of our nation's founding"; U.S. Capitol Statuary Hall

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Thanks for reaching out. Also, feel free to call my mobile if you have questions or want to discuss. Thanks,

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All,
Based on our discussion this morning and the inputs I received, attached is the draft recommendations for the S1 tomorrow (along with two attachments I want to include from USCIS on SAVE). Some of the inputs came in a bit late, so sorry you are getting this after 8. I provided this draft to the COS, but told him I would send an update based on any feedback I receive from this group late tonight or early tomorrow. Since the meeting is at 945, we don't have a lot of time. The framework is almost identical to what I proposed this morning, with some minor editions (recommendations 4 and 6 were based on feedback from OGC and a discussion with PLCY about a permanent home for coordination of this effort).

If anyone wants to call and discuss, please call my mobile.

Thanks,
Brandon

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January 3, 2018

EXECUTIVE ORDER

TERMINATION OF PRESIDENTIAL ADVISORY COMMISSION ON ELECTION INTEGRITY

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, it is hereby ordered as follows:
Section 1. Executive Order 13799 of May 11, 2017 (Establishment of Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity), is hereby revoked, and the Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity is accordingly terminated.

Sec. 2. General Provisions. (a) Nothing in this order shall be construed to impair or otherwise affect:

(i) the authority granted by law to an executive department, agency, or the head thereof; or

(ii) the functions of the Director of the Office of Management and Budget relating to budgetary, administrative, or legislative proposals.

(b) This order shall be implemented consistent with applicable law and subject to the availability of appropriations.

(c) This order is not intended to, and does not, create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any party (other than by the United States) against the United States, its departments, agencies, or entities, its officers, employees, or agents, or any other person.

DONALD J. TRUMP

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(b)(6)
FYI on my exchange regarding [b](6)'s questions last week. No resolution at this point and those involved seemed to be broadening... I have reached out to PLCY, though I do not think they have much play in this matter.

From: Wonnenberg, David
Sent: Thursday, January 18, 2018 5:43 AM
To: [b](6)
Cc: [b](6)
Subject: RE: Request for Briefing with DHS Officials; re: January 3, 2018 Executive Order on the Termination of Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity & Statement by the Press Secretary on the Presidential Advisory

+Uyen and [b](6)

Per Krebs, CIS, PLCY, and ICE are on point.

We need to be very clear with the hill that election integrity and election infrastructure security are not the same thing. Accordingly, NPPD is not involved.

[b](6) can you check with your respective teams and circle back to Uyen and me.

V/r,
David Wonnenberg
Deputy Assistant Secretary
DHS Ofc of Legislative Affairs

With honor and integrity, we will safeguard the American people, our homeland, and our values.
Gents,

Sorry to ping on this again, but staff have reached out three times on this issue and my team is seeing them in a briefing tomorrow. Is the below the current state of play or are there updates to be had?

Thanks,

Office of Legislative Affairs
Department of Homeland Security

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, January 17, 2018 6:16:11 AM
To: Wonnenberg, David
Cc: (b)(6)
Subject: RE: Request for Briefing with DHS Officials; re: January 3, 2018 Executive Order on the Termination of Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity & Statement by the Press Secretary on the Presidential Advisory

Good morning:

I mentioned last week that I received a similar inquiry from CHS as the HSGAC one below. Is the information below still current or is there something new we are saying?

Thanks,

Office of Legislative Affairs
Department of Homeland Security

From: Wonnenberg, David
Sent: Monday, January 08, 2018 3:34:22 PM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6)
Subject: FW: Request for Briefing with DHS Officials; re: January 3, 2018 Executive Order on the
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Thanks again for your help.

Best regards,

Charles Shaw
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Sincerely,

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Hello Counselor Shaw,

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From: Shaw, Charles (HSGAC)
Sent: Thursday, January 4, 2018 1:43 PM
To: Dinh, Uyen (Win) Dinh, Esq.
Cc: Eaton, Jackson (HSGAC)
Subject: Request for Briefing with DHS Officials; re: January 3, 2018 Executive Order on the Termination of Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity & Statement by the Press Secretary on the Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity

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Link to the Executive Order: https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefings-statements/statement-press-secretary-presidential-advisory-commission-election-integrity/
Charles W.E. Shaw  
Counsel  
U.S. Senate Committee on Homeland Security & Governmental Affairs  
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Thanks, David. Mind if I share this with [b]She asked the same question last Friday. I checked with PLCY first, but then just spoke with NPPD who mentioned the Charles Shaw exchange.[/b]

Office of Legislative Affairs
Department of Homeland Security

From: Wonnenberg, David
Sent: Monday, January 8, 2018 3:34 PM
To: [b]
Cc: Eaton, Jackson (HSGAC)
Dinh, Uyen

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Sent: Friday, January 5, 2018 1:31 PM
To: [b]
Cc: Eaton, Jackson (HSGAC)
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DHS Ofc of Legislative Affairs

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Great, thanks to you both.

Best regards,

Shaw, Charles (HSGAC)
Sent: Thursday, January 04, 2018 2:33 PM
To: Dinh, Uyen; Eaton, Jackson (HSGAC); Wonnenberg, David
Cc: Shaw, Charles (HSGAC) <David.Wonnenberg@DHS.gov>

Subject: RE: Request for Briefing with DHS Officials; re: January 3, 2018 Executive Order on the Termination of Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity & Statement by the Press Secretary on the Presidential Advisory

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[Links provided]

Counsel
U.S. Senate Committee on Homeland Security & Governmental Affairs
Senator Claire McCaskill, Ranking Member
David,

We have received a similar inquiry to the below from CHS-OME Majority. Not a request for a briefing, but a request for information. Can I share what you provided to Charles on 1/5, or have there been any updates since then.

Thanks,

David Wonnenberg
Deputy Assistant Secretary
OFC of Legislative Affairs

---per your question. This is the exchange with HSGAC minority.

V/r,
David Wonnenberg
Deputy Assistant Secretary
DHS Ofc of Legislative Affairs

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It’s primarily CIS and PLCY. CIS is looming. At existing programs and PLCY is doing background research mostly on what info is provided to states and how it is vetted. Very prelim. We have approps committees some very high level text but didn’t get into org specifics, and I have discussed since Wonneberg talked to him about needing to brief. It will have to be and CIS but I will likely also go at’s request.

Hey Briana,
I remember a week or so ago you indicated that PLCY does not have a role in the matter noted in the subject line. My leadership is hearing from Krebs that USCIS, PLCY, and ICE are now point. Can you let me know what PLCY’s role is at this point?

Thanks,

[Redacted]

Link to the Executive Order:

Link to the Statement:
Joe,
I understand you stopped by while I was out. Let me know if you have any time to connect this afternoon.
Best,
Brandon

Brandon D. Wales
Senior Counselor to the Secretary
Department of Homeland Security

From: Maher, Joseph
Sent: Thursday, January 4, 2018 8:55 AM
To: Wales, Brandon
Subject: RE: EO

I had a short conversation with WHCO last night. Will touch base when I’m at the NAC.

From: Wales, Brandon
Sent: Thursday, January 04, 2018 8:52:24 AM
To: Maher, Joseph
Subject: FW: EO

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Sent: Wednesday, January 3, 2018 7:17 PM
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From: Sutherland, Daniel
Sent: Thursday, January 4, 2018 9:01 AM
To: Wales, Brandon
Cc: Maher, Joseph
Subject: RE: EO

Thanks. We have been following the discussions since last night and plan some in-depth conversations today. I will go to Glebe Road to meet with our team on this, and then Chris wants to have an NPPD-wide discussion today as well. I expect much progress on this today and we can report back later in the afternoon.

Dan

From: Sutherland, Daniel
Sent: Thursday, January 04, 2018 8:55:25 AM
To: Wales, Brandon; Maher, Joseph
Cc: Sutherland, Daniel
Subject: RE: EO

Thanks, Brandon. Adding Dan Sutherland from NPPLD and will respond more fully ASAP.
Ok. Thanks!
I am at RRB but will be at the NAC by 1030.
Best,
Brandon

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Sounds good.

Will do. I’m flexible all afternoon at your convenience.
Let’s try to connect sometime later today on this. There are both cyber aspects and immigration-related aspects, and we’ll have some prompt work to do to assess relevant authorities.
Joe and Dimple,

No edits from me on this.

Dimple,

Can you forward the meeting invite so it’s on my calendar.

Nader Baroukh
Associate General Counsel, Immigration
Department of Homeland Security, Office of the General Counsel
All,

Based on our discussion this morning and the inputs I received, attached is the draft recommendations for the 51 tomorrow (along with two attachments I want to include from USCIS on SAVE). Some of the inputs came in a bit late, so sorry you are getting this after 8. I provided this draft to the COS, but told him I would send an update based on any feedback I receive from this group late tonight or early tomorrow. Since the meeting is at 9:45, we don’t have a lot of time. The framework is almost identical to what I proposed this morning, with some minor editions (recommendations 4 and 6 were based on feedback from OGC and a discussion with PLCY about a permanent home for coordination of this effort).
If anyone wants to call and discuss, please call my mobile.

Thanks,

Brandon

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Brandon D. Wales
Senior Counselor to the Secretary
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Sender: Baroukh, Nader<br>
Recipient: "Maher, Joseph<br>"Shah, Dimple<br>
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Brandon D. Wales
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From: Wales, Brandon
Sent: Monday, January 8, 2018 8:00 PM
To: Wolf, Chad
Cc: Neumann, Elizabeth
Hoffman, Jonathan

Subject: Election Integrity Recommendations

Chad,

Attached are the recommendations on the election integrity issue and two attachments on the USCIS SAVE Program. There are six recommendations that walk through the issue. Because I didn’t get OGC’s input until after 6, I did not have a chance to coordinate the final document with all of the offices, but the information is based on inputs I received from multiple players. I am going to send it around now and ask for comments tonight. I will get an updated version to you and the military aides late tonight or early tomorrow. Let me know if you have any thoughts.

Thanks!
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Good with the revised version.

From: Wales, Brandon
Sent: Wednesday, January 3, 2018 8:24 PM
To: Krebs, Christopher; Houlton, Tyler; Hoffman, Jonathan; Manfra, Jeanette
Subject: RE: Election Security EO and Intel

I think this was a bit long and repetitive. Here is a slimmed down version.

Brandon D. Wales
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Sent: Wednesday, January 3, 2018 8:19 PM
To: Houlton, Tyler; Hoffman, Jonathan; Claffey, Lauren; Manfra, Jeanette; Wales, Brandon
Subject: RE: Election Security EO and Intel
No concerns here. Short and simple. Attribution? Does it need to be cleared by WH? No other inquiries yet

Thoughts -
From: Houlton, Tyler  
Sent: Wednesday, January 03, 2018 7:02:38 PM  
To: Krebs, Christopher; Hoffman, Jonathan; Claffey, Lauren; Manfra, Jeanette  
Subject: RE: Election Security EO and Intel  

FYI NYT is asking for a statement.

From: Krebs, Christopher  
Sent: Wednesday, January 03, 2018 7:00:51 PM  
To: Hoffman, Jonathan; Claffey, Lauren; Houlton, Tyler; Manfra, Jeanette  
Subject: RE: Election Security EO and Intel  

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From: Hoffman, Jonathan  
Sent: Wednesday, January 03, 2018 6:47:11 PM  
To: Claffey, Lauren; Houlton, Tyler; Krebs, Christopher; Manfra, Jeanette  
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Only had Washington examiner reach out but will use this version going forward. Thanks

From: Krebs, Christopher
Sent: Wednesday, January 03, 2018 9:45:09 PM
To: Houlton, Tyler; Wales, Brandon; Hoffman, Jonathan; Claffey, Lauren; Manfra, Jeanette
Subject: RE: Election Security EO and Intel

Not crucial, but if we get other inquiries, let’s go with a flipped version that emphasizes our support to states.
Sending. Thanks all

From: Wales, Brandon  
Sent: Wednesday, January 03, 2018 8:35:56 PM  
To: Krebs, Christopher; Houlton, Tyler; Hoffman, Jonathan; Claffey, Lauren; Manfra, Jeanette  
Subject: RE: Election Security EO and Intel

Agreed.

Brandon D. Wales  
Senior Counselor to the Secretary  
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From: Krebs, Christopher  
Sent: Wednesday, January 03, 2018 8:34:57 PM  
To: Wales, Brandon; Houlton, Tyler; Hoffman, Jonathan; Claffey, Lauren; Manfra, Jeanette  
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From: Houlton, Tyler
Sent: Wednesday, January 03, 2018 8:28:01 PM
To: Hoffman, Jonathan; Krebs, Christopher; Claffey, Lauren; Manfra, Jeanette; Wales, Brandon
Subject: RE: Election Security EO and Intel

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That works for me.

Just got a ping from Reuters:

Hi Chris and Happy New Year. Quick question for you -- Do you know where organizationally the election integrity commission's work is going to land now that it is being handed off to DHS? Am wondering if it will fall to the new elections GCC? Also wondering if we know when the GCC will be next meeting. Thanks
Sending. Thanks all

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To: Houlton, Tyler; Hoffmann, Jonathan; Claffey, Lauren; Manfra, Jeanette
I think because it’s coming from Congress and not a company or random person, it’s not a FOIA type request for PRIV. The last one we got requesting all documents on something went to MGMT I believe because they had the most equities. I really want to just reassign to NPPD because I think it should have gone there from the get go...

Ok, coming up from my rabbit hole, I can guess where this is coming from. I think this is related to allegations that the commission requesting records on citizenship (again, allegations) – which I assume is why Brandon said it is USCIS. That being said, the incoming doesn’t say anything about that...

Also, the letter is kiiind of a FOIA request, asking for “all documents and emails”. Would PRIV be the lead on a document request like this, or would it still be tasked to the lead Component?

Thankyou!

Everything else election related has gone to NPPD which is why I thought his email was odd but he seemed to know something we didn’t know...
Ugh. I was actually wondering about this too when I saw Brandon’s email the other day. I thought all that election stuff went to NPPD… I’ll read the letter again.

Thank you!

The one letter Brandon references below has become a little bit of a challenge. Both USCIS and ICE say they have no equities and have both reassigned it back to us. I thought for sure it should go to NPPD but he says no. Any thoughts on what to do with it?

Thank You Brandon we will make the change.

Appreciatively,

Donald

Donald R. Swain
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From: Wales, Brandon
Sent: Wednesday, January 3, 2018 4:32 PM
To: [b](6) Front Office Review CC
Cc: Swain, Donald [b](6); Krause, Scott [b](6); Micone, Vincent [b](6); Wolf, Chad [b](6); Neumann, Elizabeth [b](6); Nichols, Kate [b](6); ESEC-External Liaison
Subject: RE: SIGNIFICANT CORRESPONDENCE REPORT: 1.3.18

The first letter should not go to NPPD. The interactions between the Election Integrity Commission were with USCIS and ICE, and Gene, when he was in the front office.

Best,
Brandon

Brandon D. Wales
Senior Counselor to the Secretary
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Is Interim Necessary (YES/NO)? 1 Business Day.

Regards,

Administrative Officer
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Sent: Wednesday, January 03, 2018 8:20:28 PM
To: Krebs, Christopher; Manfra, Jeanette; Kolasky, Robert; Mishler, Jeremy; NPPD OCOS;
Cc: Sutherland, Daniel; Early, Emily
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Sent: Wednesday, January 3, 2018 7:55 PM
To: Manfra, Jeanette
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Mishler, Mishler,
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Sent: Wednesday, January 3, 2018 7:52 PM
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Kolasky, Robert [b](6); Mishler, Jeremy [b](6); NPPD OCOS [b](6)
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OGC colleagues,

Attached are the 2 papers that are going forward to Chris Krebs re: voter integrity and NPPD.

Dan

From: Sutherland, Daniel
Sent: Monday, January 8, 2018 2:29 PM
To: [b](6)
Subject: 2 papers re: Voter Integrity

All,

To respond to the [b](5), [b](6)'s request this morning for additional information and background on NPPD possible efforts on voter integrity, attached are 2 documents:
Please let me know if you need anything else.

Dan

Daniel W. Sutherland  
Associate General Counsel  
National Protection and Programs Legal Division  
Office of the General Counsel  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security  

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**Sent:** Wednesday, January 03, 2018 7:49:27 PM

**To:** ASCyber; Horne, Sabra

**Cc:**

**Subject:** FW: Election Integrity Commission
FYSA – I expect we’ll be asked by Congressional staff what role DHS will play. We received inquiries when the Commission was originally announced.


Statements & Releases

Statement by the Press Secretary on the Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity

Issued on: January 3, 2018

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(b) those laws, rules, policies, activities, strategies, and practices that undermine the American people’s confidence in the integrity of the voting processes used in Federal elections; and

(c) those vulnerabilities in voting systems and practices used for Federal elections that could lead to improper voter registrations and improper voting, including fraudulent voter registrations and fraudulent voting.

The EO that created the Commission tasked the GSA to staff to the Commission.

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Legislative Affairs
Office of Cybersecurity and Communications

Department of Homeland Security
FYSA,

From: Early, Emily
Sent: Wednesday, January 03, 2018 10:10 PM
To: "Taran, Gabriel" <b)(6)>
    "Harrington, Tamsn" <b)(6)>
    "Meltzer, Abby" <b)(6)>
    "Sutherland, Daniel" <b)(6)>

Cc: <b)(6)>

Subject: FW: BREAKING NEWS: Trump disbands voter fraud commission

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Cc: [b](6) Sutherland, Daniel

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Sent: Wednesday, January 03, 2018 9:43:48 PM
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Cc: [b](6) Sutherland, Daniel; Early, Emily

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Thanks, Chris and [b](6) and this works.

Many thanks,

Stakeholder Engagement and Cyber Infrastructure Resilience Division
Office of Cybersecurity and Communications, NPPD

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[b(6)]

Stakeholder Engagement and Cyber Infrastructure Resilience Division
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(b)(6) is also trying to run it to ground. (b)(5)

(b)(6)

Pls work with main OPA on a holding statement. (b)(5)

From: Krebs, Christopher
Sent: Wednesday, January 03, 2018 7:08:57 PM
To: Manfra, Jeanette; Kolasky, Robert; Mishler, Jeremy; NPPD OCOS
Cc: [redacted]
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Sent: Wednesday, January 03, 2018 7:05:14 PM
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Cc: [redacted]
Subject: FW: BREAKING NEWS: Trump disbands voter fraud commission

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Sent: Wednesday, January 03, 2018 6:54:18 PM
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On Jan 3, 2018, at 8:39 PM, Houlton, Tyler wrote:

From me. Sorry for the delay.

“The Department continues to focus our efforts on securing elections against those who seek to undermine the election system or its integrity. We will do this in support of State governments who are responsible for administering elections.”
Tyler,

Are you guys putting out a statement on this from the WH?

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CBS inquiry. Anything changing today?

Tyler Q. Houlton  
Press Secretary (Acting)  
Department of Homeland Security

Hi Tyler,

Happy New Year! Just wondering DHS’ stance on the election commission and its role as outlined by the White House. How is DHS going to move this forward? Is DHS going to move this forward?

THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

January 3, 2018

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Attributable to me:

“At the President’s direction, the Department continues to work in support of state governments who are responsible for administering elections, with efforts focused on securing elections against those who seek to undermine the election system or its integrity. Mr. Kobach is not advising the Department on this matter.”

Hi Tyler -- This is from the PBS NewsHour again.

Wanted to ask some follow-up questions to the White House’s announcement last night, that President Trump has asked DHS to “to review [the election integrity commission’s] initial findings and determine next courses of action.”

Just a few basic questions:

-- Has DHS started such a review?

-- If such a review has started, do you have a sense at this point of how long the review might take?
-- If such a review has started, do you have a sense at this point of which DHS officials are leading and participating in the review?

Thanks, as always,

==
PBS NewsHour Politics Reporter/Producer
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From: White House Press Office
Sent: Wednesday, January 3, 2018 7:57:52 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US &Canada)
To: NH Assignment Desk
Subject: UPDATED Statement by the Press Secretary on the Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity

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To: Dinh, Uyen
Subject: RE: Request for Briefing with DHS Officials; re: January 3, 2018 Executive Order on the Termination of Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity & Statement by the Press Secretary on the Presidential Advisory
Date: 2018/01/05 09:13:06
Priority: Normal
Type: Note

Yeah, would like to engage.

V/r,
David Wonnenberg
Deputy Assistant Secretary
DHS Ofc of Legislative Affairs

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From: Dinh, Uyen
Sent: Friday, January 05, 2018 8:56:29 AM
To: Wonnenberg, David
Subject: RE: Request for Briefing with DHS Officials; re: January 3, 2018 Executive Order on the Termination of Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity & Statement by the Press Secretary on the Presidential Advisory

Am waiting for WH mtg to start. I feel like the odd kid at a school and everyone is already in a clique.

Uyen
Happy New Year all.

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Thanks,
Chris

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Cc: h\l\c\(6\); Wonnenberg, David
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Cheers,
Uyen

Uyen (Win) Dinh, Esq.
Deputy Assistant Secretary
Office of Legislative Affairs

From: Shaw, Charles (HSGAC) (6)
Sent: Thursday, January 4, 2018 1:43 PM
To: Dinh, Uyen (b)(6)
Cc: Eaton, Jackson (HSGAC) <t\l\c\(6\)
Subject: Request for Briefing with DHS Officials; re: January 3, 2018 Executive Order on the Termination of Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity & Statement by the Press Secretary on the Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity

Hello,

My name is Charles Shaw. I work as Counsel for the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (HSGAC).

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Thank you!

Best regards,
Charles Shaw

Link to the Executive Order: https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefings-statements/statement-press-secretary-presidential-advisory-commission-election-integrity/

Charles W.E. Shaw
Counsel
U.S. Senate Committee on Homeland Security & Governmental Affairs
Senator Claire McCaskill, Ranking Member
10-4. I'll let Charles know he can expect a call. Thanks.

---Original Message---

From: Dinh, Uyen
Sent: Thursday, January 4, 2018 4:58 PM
Yup. He is back —like a heart attack— tomorrow.

Not a problem! Is DAS Wonnenberg reaching back out to Charles on the briefing request re: January 3, 2018 Executive Order on the Termination of Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity & Statement by the Press Secretary on the Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity?

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

From: Dinh, Uyen
No worries. Thanks for shepherding these through to the final goal line.

Uyen,

The letters have been signed. The bad news is Chris signed and returned hard copies and no one is in the office, so unfortunately we'll have to transmit tomorrow. They will be routed to OLA first thing tomorrow morning.

Acting Director
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Sent: Thursday, January 4, 2018 1:44 PM
To: [b](6)
Cc: Wonnenberg, David [b](6)
Subject: RE: McCaskill letters

Gents: do we have an estimated time of when these letters may be ready??

Uyen

From: [b](6)
Sent: Wednesday, January 3, 2018 6:17 PM
To: Dinh, Uyen [b](6); Wonnenberg, David [b](6)
Subject: FW: McCaskill letters

FYI- I will follow up with Kolasky.

From: [b](6)
Sent: Wednesday, January 03, 2018 6:16:06 PM
To: [b](6)
Subject: RE: McCaskill letters

I will submit the BOD letter tomorrow. Jeremy, Let’s ping Kolasky on the other.
The letter regarding BOD 17-01 is with OGC, as SOPDUS Krebs wanted it reviewed for legal certainty. The letter regarding election security is with ADUS Kolasky for review, I’m unsure when we can expect that to come through.

Best,

[Redacted]
Could u pls expedite these letters? What's the hold up (?). McCaskills peeps are now inquiring about its status. Pls update me soonest. Thank you.

Uyen

From: [b](6)
Sent: Wednesday, January 03, 2018 5:54:53 PM
To: Dinh, Uyen
Cc: [b](6)
Subject: RE: Checking in on letters

1152833- Letter Dated 10/31 is with NPPD

115254 1. Letter Dated 10/24 is also with NPPD

Office of Legislative Affairs
Department of Homeland Security

-----Original Message-----
From: Dinh, Uyen
Sent: Wednesday, January 3, 2018 5:47 PM
To: [b](6)
Subject: FW: Checking in on letters

Could u pls help me track down where these 2 McCaskills letters are in our system? Thank you!

Uyen

From: Klein, Julie (HSGAC)
Sent: Wednesday, January 03, 2018 5:08:06 PM
To: Dinh, Uyen
Subject: Checking in on letters

Uyen,

I hope you’re doing well and were able to take time off. I’m writing to check in on two letters Senator McCaskill sent to the Secretary. One letter was sent on 10/31 regarding election infrastructure, and the other was sent on 10/24 regarding the Kaspersky BOD. Do you have an update on the status of either and when we can expect responses? I appreciate your help on this.

Many thanks,

Julie

Julie Klein
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From: Petyo, Briana
Sent: Monday, January 8, 2018 8:11 PM
To: Nealon, James
Subject: FW: DRAFT of Election Integrity Recommendations

Guess this meeting is the thing I said Brandon called me about. Haven’t looked at docs but will

From: Wales, Brandon
Sent: Monday, January 08, 2018 8:09:43 PM
To: Hoffman, Jonathan; Krebs, Christopher; Shah, Dimple; Maher, Joseph; Short, Tracy; Blank, Thomas; Ries, Lora L; Davis, Mike P; Symons, Craig M; Baroukh, Nader; Busch, Philip B; Seguin, Debbie; Miller, Philip T; Petyo, Briana
Subject: DRAFT of Election Integrity Recommendations

All,
Based on our discussion this morning and the inputs I received, attached is the draft recommendations for the S1 tomorrow (along with two attachments I want to include from USCIS on SAVE). Some of the inputs came in a bit late, so sorry you are getting this after 8. I provided this draft to the COS, but told him I would send an update based on any feedback I receive from this group late tonight or early tomorrow. Since the meeting is at 945, we don’t have a lot of time. The framework is almost identical to what I proposed this morning, with some minor editions (recommendations 4 and 6 were based on feedback from OGC and a discussion with PLCY about a permanent home for coordination of this effort).

If anyone wants to call and discuss, please call my mobile.
Thanks,
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