

From: Callahan, Mary Ellen
To: Lockett, Vania; Papoi, Catherine
Subject: FW: ***FRONT OFFICE REVIEW REQUEST***
Date: Thursday, December 17, 2009 6:11:24 PM

Vania – see below re ARRA. Had we sent it through WH GC? If not, we probably should. And can you get the CBS News date? Thanks a lot. mec

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From: Callahan, Mary Ellen [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Thursday, December 17, 2009 5:54 PM
To: Shlossman, Amy
Cc: Callahan, Mary Ellen
Subject: RE: ***FRONT OFFICE REVIEW REQUEST***

Thanks, Amy. I will confirm that my staff knows that ARRA FOIAs need to be cleared by WH GC; I believe they do know that, but it isn't clear from below. I will also find out when the previous Congressional correspondence was produced. With regard to the b(6) – privacy—claim, there are a few redactions in the heart of the letters that redact direct dial phone numbers; it is standard FOIA practice based on case law to redact direct dial numbers (but not general office numbers) and lower level employees.

I am about to send you an email on the descriptive process (relating to yesterday's question about quoting the request or not).

Thanks,
Mary Ellen

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From: Shlossman, Amy
Sent: Thursday, December 17, 2009 4:56 PM

To: Callahan, Mary Ellen
Subject: FW: ***FRONT OFFICE REVIEW REQUEST***

Mary Ellen-

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Amy

From: Grossman, Jordan
Sent: Thursday, December 17, 2009 3:15 PM
To: Shlossman, Amy
Subject: FW: ***FRONT OFFICE REVIEW REQUEST***

From: Papoi, Catherine
Sent: Monday, December 14, 2009 8:57 AM
To: Grossman, Jordan; Fox, Julia
Cc: 'Papoi, Catherine'
Subject: ***FRONT OFFICE REVIEW REQUEST***

Jordan and Julia,

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Sent: Sunday, December 13, 2009 2:43 PM
To: Papoi, Catherine
Cc: Lockett, Vania; [REDACTED] <CTR>
Subject: Partial Release to 09-990/Washington Post (Tagged Request)

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From: Lockett, Vania
To: Papoi, Catherine
Subject: RE: ***FRONT OFFICE REVIEW REQUEST***
Date: Thursday, December 17, 2009 8:09:03 AM

No, we didn't coordinate this with the White House. We don't generally coordinate with them on Congressional correspondence unless there are White House equities in the documents. I hadn't heard that the White House wanted to review all Congressional correspondence relating to ARRA.

From: Papoi, Catherine
Sent: Wednesday, December 16, 2009 6:52 PM
To: Lockett, Vania
Subject: Fw: ***FRONT OFFICE REVIEW REQUEST***

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From: Grossman, Jordan
To: Papoi, Catherine; Fox, Julia
Cc: 'Papoi, Catherine' <(b)(6)>
Sent: Wed Dec 16 18:30:12 2009
Subject: RE: ***FRONT OFFICE REVIEW REQUEST***

Thanks! To confirm, was this response coordinated with the White House Counsel's office?

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Papoi, Catherine

From: Papoi, Catherine
Sent: Wednesday, January 06, 2010 11:13 AM
To: Lockett, Vania
Subject: FW: ***FRONT OFFICE REVIEW REQUEST***
Attachments: 09-829 1st Partial Release_Strickler.pdf; 09-829 Second Partial Release.pdf; Redacted Documents_Final_10_16_09.pdf

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Sent: Tuesday, December 22, 2009 6:17 PM
To: Lockett, Vania; Papoi, Catherine
Subject: FW: ***FRONT OFFICE REVIEW REQUEST***

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From: Callahan, Mary Ellen [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Tuesday, December 22, 2009 6:16 PM
To: Shlossman, Amy
Cc: Callahan, Mary Ellen
Subject: RE: ***FRONT OFFICE REVIEW REQUEST***

Hi, Amy, thanks for the heads up. We didn't know that all ARRA materials needed to be cleared by WH GC; we will send it through their review, including notifying them that these

were previously released. Attached is what was released to CBS News on September 4th and on October 16th. The CBS News request differs slightly from the Washington Post request in that it seeks "copies of all Congressional correspondence between the Department of Homeland Security and any members of Congress or any Congressional staffer from February 1, 2009 through July 17, 2009." The Washington Post did not specify a date range so the scope of the request would be any records created up to the date we began our search on September 30, 2009.

Also, with regard to the "to and from" and "from" language, Robert Harrow actually submitted the request twice, once via regular mail and once via e-mail. The request submitted by mail only asked for correspondence "from lawmakers;" whereas the e-mailed request asked for correspondence "from and to lawmakers," which does change the scope of the request. We are redoing this search because there will of course be more responsive documents. We'll send this back to the Front Office after the White House clears on all responsive documents.

Best,
Mary Ellen

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From: Papoi, Catherine
To: Callahan, Mary Ellen;
Subject: RE: ARRA and congressional correspondence
Date: Tuesday, January 26, 2010 11:16:00 AM

Not your fault. Thanks again.

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From: Callahan, Mary Ellen
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2010 11:11 AM
To: Papoi, Catherine
Subject: Re: ARRA and congressional correspondence

Yes finally! Sorry abt delay.

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Chief Privacy Officer
Department of Homeland Security
Work: [REDACTED]
Cell: [REDACTED]

From: Papoi, Catherine
To: Callahan, Mary Ellen
Sent: Tue Jan 26 11:10:14 2010
Subject: RE: ARRA and congressional correspondence

Beautiful!! Thank you!!!!

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To: Papoi, Catherine
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From: Papoi, Catherine
To: Callahan, Mary Ellen
Cc: Papoi, Catherine <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tue Jan 26 10:47:50 2010
Subject: ARRA and congressional correspondence

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Thanks for your help.

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From: Papoi, Catherine
To: Lockett, Vania
Subject: Re: ARRA and congressional correspondence
Date: Wednesday, January 27, 2010 9:32:15 AM

Yes.

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From: Lockett, Vania
To: Papoi, Catherine
Sent: Wed Jan 27 09:17:33 2010
Subject: RE: ARRA and congressional correspondence

Ok, so anything ARRA-related should be treated like a flagged request then.. correct?

From: Papoi, Catherine
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2010 11:11 AM
To: Holzerland, William; Lockett, Vania; [REDACTED]
Cc: Papoi, Catherine
Subject: FW: ARRA and congressional correspondence

Woo-hoo!!!!!!

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Subject: ARRA and congressional correspondence

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Papoi, Catherine**From:** Papoi, Catherine**Sent:** Friday, September 25, 2009 11:29 AM**To:** 'william.holzerland' (b) (5) 'catherine.papoi' (b) (5) 'Mary.Ellen.Callahan' (b) (5)
'Vania.Lockett' (b) (5)**Subject:** Re: Uscis (a)(2) posting

Mec is meeting with Noah next Monday, so we should know more then.

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To: Papoi, Catherine <(b) (5)> Callahan, Mary Ellen <(b) (5)>
Lockett, Vania <(b) (5)>
Sent: Fri Sep 25 11:27:30 2009
Subject: RE: Uscis (a)(2) posting

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From: Papoi, Catherine [mailto:(b) (5)]
Sent: Friday, September 25, 2009 9:17 AM
To: Holzerland, William; Callahan, Mary Ellen; Papoi, Catherine; Lockett, Vania
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From: Holzerland, William <[REDACTED]>
To: Callahan, Mary Ellen <[REDACTED]> Papol, Catherine <[REDACTED]>
Lockett, Vanla <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Fri Sep 25 09:15:17 2009
Subject: Uscis (a)(2) posting

The NRC released POTUS' father's A-File to the Boston Globe this week. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

William H. Holzerland, CIPP/G
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Associate Director,
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(703) 235-0790

From: Lockett, Vania
To: Lockett, Vania
Subject: FW: FOIA requests on the Secretary's Schedule
Date: Wednesday, February 17, 2010 2:26:09 PM

From: Lockett, Vania
Sent: Friday, October 16, 2009 12:19 PM
To: Callahan, Mary Ellen; Holzerland, William; Papoi, Catherine
Subject: RE: FOIA requests on the Secretary's Schedule

Mary Ellen – I wasn't aware that the WH had sent out instructions on this. However, we had already been coordinating these with Blake Roberts as a matter of general practice since we do this with all records that contain WH equities.

Vania

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Sent: Friday, October 16, 2009 12:15 PM
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Subject: Fw: FOIA requests on the Secretary's Schedule

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x.

Mary Ellen Callahan
Chief Privacy Officer
Department of Homeland Security

[REDACTED]

From: Button, Christopher
To: Callahan, Mary Ellen
Cc: Nolan, Patricia
Sent: Fri Oct 16 12:08:15 2009
Subject: FW: FOIA requests on the Secretary's Schedule

Hey Mary Ellen. See below. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Chris Button
Deputy Executive Secretary
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Phone: [REDACTED]
Cell: [REDACTED]
E-mail: [REDACTED]

From: Pressman, David
Sent: Friday, October 16, 2009 11:00 AM
To: Button, Christopher
Subject: RE: FOIA requests on the Secretary's Schedule

Thanks, Chris. Please make sure Mary Ellen sees this.

David Pressman
Chief of Staff and Counselor to the Deputy Secretary
United States Department of Homeland Security
[REDACTED] (unsecure)

From: Button, Christopher
Sent: Friday, October 16, 2009 10:54 AM
To: Pressman, David
Subject: FW: FOIA requests on the Secretary's Schedule

FYI. This is interesting—and relevant— [REDACTED]

Chris Button
Deputy Executive Secretary
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Phone: [REDACTED]
Cell: [REDACTED]
E-mail: [REDACTED]

From: Shlossman, Amy
Sent: Friday, October 16, 2009 10:27 AM
To: 'Kroloff, Noah'; Smith, Sean; McNamara, Phil; Button, Christopher; Kim, Leezie; Sandweg, John; Hartman, Katrina; Brown, Mary Ellen; Grossman, Jordan; Whithorne, Bobby; Kudwa, Amy
Subject: FOIA requests on the Secretary's Schedule

WH Counsel has asked that all FOIA's related to Cabinet members' schedules/ travel be sent to their office [REDACTED] Blake Roberts- [REDACTED] for review prior to release due to WH meetings, calls, etc. Assume OGC will coordinate this, but we need to make sure nothing goes out prior to being reviewed by WH counsel and our front office.

As we've been doing, we need to continue to alert WH cab affairs and comms as soon as the requests are received (prior to the responsive docs being pulled).

Thanks.

Kroloff, Noah

From: Smith, Sean [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, August 06, 2009 12:02 PM
To: Grossman, Jordan; Shlossman, Amy; Sandweg, John
Cc: Kroloff, Noah
Subject: RE: Recent FOIA Requests

Politico made this request to a number of different departments and agencies. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: Grossman, Jordan
Sent: Thursday, August 06, 2009 11:21 AM
To: Shlossman, Amy; Sandweg, John
Cc: 'Noah.Kroloff' [REDACTED] Smith, Sean
Subject: RE: Recent FOIA Requests

This is what we received from the Privacy Weekly report, they didn't send us the actual requests:

- On July 28, 2009, [REDACTED] a reporter for *Politico*, in Arlington, Virginia, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), all correspondence received and sent during 2009, to several news organizations, including ABC News, CBS News, CNN, Fox News, National Public Radio, NBC News, The Chicago Sun Times, The Los Angeles Times, The New York Times, The Washington Post and The Washington Times. This request was also received within the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and the U.S. Secret Service (USSS).
- On July 30, 2009, [REDACTED] a reporter for *Politico* in Arlington, Virginia, requested from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) records of waivers and recusal of Executive Order 13490 (Ethics Commitments by Executive Branch Personnel) signed by President Obama and pertaining to DHS political appointees.

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Sent: Thursday, August 06, 2009 11:12 AM
To: Sandweg, John
Cc: 'Noah.Kroloff' [REDACTED] Smith, Sean; Grossman, Jordan
Subject: RE: Recent FOIA Requests

We learned about them through Privacy's weekly report. Jordan- do we have the actual requests?

From: Sandweg, John
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Cc: 'Noah.Kroloff' [REDACTED] Smith, Sean; Grossman, Jordan
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Amy-

Can you send copies of them down to me?

John R. Sandweg
Chief of Staff
Office of the General Counsel

From: Shlossman, Amy
Sent: Thursday, August 06, 2009 11:00 AM
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Cc: 'Noah.Kroloff'; Smith, Sean; Grossman, Jordan
Subject: FW: Recent FOIA Requests

FYI- we received both of these

From: [REDACTED]
On Behalf Of: Kimball, Astri B.
Sent: Thursday, August 06, 2009 10:54 AM
To: Shlossman, Amy
Subject: FW: Recent FOIA Requests

From: Roberts, Blake C.
Sent: Thursday, August 06, 2009 10:47 AM
To: Kimball, Astri B.; Hurlbut, Brandon K.; French, Michael J.; Lu, Christopher P.; Smith, Elizabeth S.; Milakofsky, Benjamin E.
Cc: Weideman, Christian; Gonzalez, Roberto J.
Subject: FW: Recent FOIA Requests

Heads-up - this just went out.

From: Negron, Michael A. **On Behalf Of:** Bansal, Preeta D.
Sent: Thursday, August 06, 2009 10:29 AM
To: 'Dinneen, James'; 'Charlie.Rose'; 'Johnson'; 'Scott.Harris'; 'Katharine.Dickerson'; 'Hirsch.Pat'; 'David.Trissell'; 'Ivan.Fong'; 'Daniel.grant'; 'Travis.Bailey'; 'Art.Gary'; 'Smith.Patricia'; 'Robert.Rivkin'; 'Helen.R.Kanovsky'; 'Sara.Lipscomb'; 'CKerry'; 'Aloma.Shaw'; 'George.Madison'; 'kohhh'; 'david.cade'; 'Will.Gunn'; 'Williams, Kay'; 'Dedeo, Carol - SOL'; 'Donoghueje'; 'Perrelli, Thomas J.'; 'Barron, David'; 'Meltzer, Daniel'; 'Hilary.Tompkins'; 'Rhee, Jeannie'; 'Bernard.Knight'; 'Sadler.Robert2'; 'MathiasS'; 'Gray, Danielle'; 'NLamb-Hale'; 'stephen.redmond'; 'Elizabeth.Gianturco'; 'lindy.knapp'; 'Cedarbaum, Jonathan'; 'Rosenfelt, Phil'; Roberts, Blake C.; Weideman, Christian; Gonzalez, Roberto J.
Cc: Bansal, Preeta D.; Bershteyn, Boris; Aitken, Steven D.; Bender, Stuart; Negron, Michael A.
Subject: Recent FOIA Requests

TO ALL AGENCY GC's from OMB GC:

1. [REDACTED], a POLITICO reporter, submitted two broad FOIA requests to OMB on July. We have learned that many other agencies besides OMB may have received similar requests.

-- The first request asks for, roughly speaking, all emails and correspondence between a long list of media outlets and OMB regarding questions by the media and the responses by agency employees and officials. The request also encompasses communications between OMB and the White House Press Office regarding any media organizations or their officials.

-- The second request asks for all ethics waivers granted to all political appointees, letters of recusal and related matters, and specifically includes any and all communications received from or sent to the White House Counsel's office concerning the same. **The request appears to be seeking waivers concerning the President's Executive Order on Ethics.**

In response to our questions about the breadth and burdensomeness of the first request, the version of POLITICO's first request to OMB has narrowed considerably, and may narrow some more. Moreover, we are working to ensure that the second request does not result in the production of attorney-client or other privileged communications. In both cases, we will work with the WH Counsel's office to ensure that WH-related documents are produced only in coordination with WH Counsel's advance review.

2. We are happy to compare notes with you in responding to the requests.
3. Moreover, as a reminder, to the extent that these requests implicate documents with White House equities, agency GC offices should consult in advance with White House Counsel, consistent with the memorandum sent by White House Counsel to all agencies. **Agencies can contact their usual White House Counsel point of contact or Blake Roberts** [REDACTED]

Preeta D. Bansal
OMB General Counsel and Senior Policy Advisor
[REDACTED]

Kroloff, Noah

From: Smith, Sean
Sent: Thursday, August 06, 2009 12:45 PM
To: Sandweg, John; Shlossman, Amy; Kroloff, Noah
Subject: FW: POLITICO FOIA Request - PRIV 09-863 - Request for Records from OPA
Attachments: 09-863 Vogel Initial Request.pdf, 09-863 Vogel - OPA Suspense Tracker.pdf, 09-863 Vogel Acknowledgment Letter.pdf

The actual FOIA and a note from the OMB GC on this...

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Preeta D. Bansal
OMB General Counsel and Senior Policy Advisor

From: Howard, Tammy
Sent: Thursday, August 06, 2009 12:20 PM

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To: Smith, Sean; Smith, Sean; Kudwa, Amy
Cc: Whithorne, Bobby
Subject: POLITICO FOIA Request - PRIV 09-863 - Request for Records from OPA

Sean,

OPA has received our FOIA request from POLITICO.

Thanks

Tammy L. Howard
Director of Finance and Administration
Office of Public Affairs
Department of Homeland Security
[REDACTED]
202-282-8408 (fax)

From: Wolfrey, Jimmy <CTR>
Sent: Thursday, August 06, 2009 11:36 AM
To: Howard, Tammy
Subject: New FOIA Request - PRIV 09-863 - Request for Records from OPA

Hello Tammy,

Attached is a request for records (suspense tracker) for PRIV 09-863. Also, attached are the initial request and our acknowledgement letter.

The requester is seeking records related to requests for meetings or interviews with political appointees by various media outlets. (Items 1-3)

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thank You,

Jimmy Wolfrey
FOIA Specialist
McNeil Technologies, Inc
Supporting the Privacy Office
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Main: 703.235.0780/1.866-431.0486
[REDACTED]
Fax: 703.235.0443
[REDACTED]

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Thank You.

Kroloff, Noah

From: Grossman, Jordan
Sent: Wednesday, September 02, 2009 9:50 AM
To: Kroloff, Noah; Shlossman, Amy
Subject: Cabinet Affairs Call

Highlights

1. **Regarding the recent FOIA request for travel expenses for all trips taken by Secretaries**

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2. **DOL got a FOIA request for resumes for all people who were selected for Administration jobs at DOL and all people who were considered for those jobs**

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[Redacted]

POTUS

- Meeting with Secy Gates
- Some phone calls to the Hill and to the new PM of Japan
- Traveling to Camp David
- *MON*: Economic speech in Cincinnati and attending the AFL-CIO picnic

OTHER ITEMS

- **Regarding the recent FOIA request for travel expenses for all trips taken by Secretaries**

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[Redacted]

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(b) (7)
[Redacted]

(b) (5)

Not a response



Kroloff, Noah

From: [REDACTED] Kimball, Astri B.
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2009 6:43 PM
To: Kroloff, Noah
Subject: RE: AP request for cabinet travel

Queens?

From: Kroloff, Noah [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2009 6:43 PM
To: Kimball, Astri B.
Subject: RE: AP request for cabinet travel

How was the mtg. Couldn't leave here for obvious reasons (assume u are following the nyc stuff?)

From: [REDACTED]
[mailto:[REDACTED]] **On Behalf Of** Kimball, Astri B.
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2009 6:41 PM
To: Shlossman, Amy
Cc: Kroloff, Noah; Roberts, Blake C.; Milakofsky, Benjamin E.
Subject: RE: AP request for cabinet travel

I am adding Blake Roberts from Counsel's office who may have some info on this.

From: Shlossman, Amy [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2009 6:40 PM
To: Kimball, Astri B.
Cc: Kroloff, Noah
Subject: AP request for cabinet travel

[REDACTED]

Kroloff, Noah

From: (b)(2) & (b)(6) Kimball, Astri B.
Sent: Friday, September 18, 2009 1:49 PM
To: Shlossman, Amy; Kroloff, Noah
Subject: RE:

And info on timeline for need to comply would be good. Thanks!

From: Shlossman, Amy [mailto:(b)(2) & (b)(6)]
Sent: Friday, September 18, 2009 1:48 PM
To: Kimball, Astri B.; Shlossman, Amy; Kroloff, Noah
Subject: RE:

Yep, getting copies now.

From: (b)(2) & (b)(6)
[mailto:(b)(2) & (b)(6)] **On Behalf Of** Kimball, Astri B.
Sent: Friday, September 18, 2009 1:44 PM
To: Shlossman, Amy; Kroloff, Noah
Subject:

Hello: Could we get copies of the actual FOIA requests for these:

Matt Apuzzo of *The Associated Press* in Washington, D.C., requested from DHS, all DHS records related to the Associated Press' coverage of the Department's handling of stimulus monies granted under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, to specifically include records of meetings between the White House and DHS discussing the Associated Press' coverage.

Robert O'Harrow of *The Washington Post* in Washington, D.C., requested from DHS, all records between DHS and Members of Congress concerning real or potential spending on existing or potential projects funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

Kroloff, Noah

From: Shlossman, Amy
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2009 8:30 PM
To: Kroloff, Noah; Smith, Sean; Sandweg, John
Cc: Grossman, Jordan
Subject: FOIA- FYI

These will be in our weekly report, but wanted to flag the following.

I'm going to send Astri the top two directly pertaining to the President for their visibility.

FOIA Requests

- On **September 11th**, **Isobel English** of the ***Boston Globe***, in Boston, MA, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, the alien file of Barack Obama, Senior.
 - On **September 11th**, **John Greenwald** of **Black Vault Radio Network**, in Northridge, CA, requested from the U.S. Secret Service a copy of all correspondence between DHS and the office of former Senator Barack Obama from January 1, 2008, to the present.
 - On **September 17th**, **Steven Emerson** with ***SAE Productions***, in Washington D.C., requested from Customs and Border Protection (CBP) all records from an August 19th meeting between CBP and DHS officials and representatives from the Council on American-Islamic Relations. The meeting was held to discuss allegations of racial and religious profiling at border checkpoints.
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Kroloff, Noah

From: Sandweg, John
Sent: Monday, September 28, 2009 8:51 AM
To: Kroloff, Noah; Callahan, Mary Ellen; Shlossman, Amy; 'Mary.Ellen.Callahan'; Kim, Leezie; 'Sean.Smith'; Kielsmeier, Lauren
Subject: Re: Barack H. Obama Sr. A-File

Noah-

If I recall, WH was made aware early and said treat it as normal. Looping in Lauren who worked this.
John R. Sandweg

Sent from my Blackberry Wireless Device.

From: Kroloff, Noah
To: Callahan, Mary Ellen; Shlossman, Amy; 'Callahan, Mary Ellen'; Kim, Leezie; 'Smith, Sean'; Sandweg, John
Sent: Mon Sep 28 08:47:06 2009
Subject: RE: Barack H. Obama Sr. A-File

Im hoping this was done in coordination w/ Sean, the WH and other relevant and interested parties...

From: Callahan, Mary Ellen
Sent: Monday, September 28, 2009 8:44 AM
To: Kroloff, Noah; Shlossman, Amy; 'Callahan, Mary Ellen'; Kim, Leezie; 'Smith, Sean'; Sandweg, John
Subject: RE: Barack H. Obama Sr. A-File

Yes we did, on Friday.

Mary Ellen Callahan, CIPP
Chief Privacy Officer
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
245 Murray Lane SW, Mail Stop 0655
Washington, DC 20528-0655

Fax: (703) 235-0442

Website: www.dhs.gov/privacy

From: Kroloff, Noah
Sent: Monday, September 28, 2009 8:43 AM
To: Callahan, Mary Ellen; Shlossman, Amy; 'Callahan, Mary Ellen'; Kim, Leezie; Smith, Sean; Sandweg, John
Subject: RE: Barack H. Obama Sr. A-File

We haven't released this yet have we?

From: Callahan, Mary Ellen
Sent: Monday, September 28, 2009 8:32 AM
To: Kroloff, Noah; Shlossman, Amy; Callahan, Mary Ellen; Kim, Leezie

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Subject: Barack H. Obama Sr. A-File

Enclosed please find the complete A-file for Barack H. Obama Senior. It was produced in response to multiple FOIA requests on Friday.

Best,
Mary Ellen

Mary Ellen Callahan, CIPP
Chief Privacy Officer
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245 Murray Lane SW, Mail Stop 0655
Washington, DC 20528-0655

Fax: (703) 235-0442

Website: www.dhs.gov/privacy

Kroloff, Noah

From: Smith, Sean [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, September 28, 2009 12:13 PM
To: Kielsmeier, Lauren; Smith, Sean; Kroloff, Noah
Subject: RE: Redacted File

thx

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

From: Kielsmeier, Lauren [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Monday, September 28, 2009 9:58 AM
To: Smith, Sean; Kroloff, Noah
Subject: FW: Redacted File

Sean, as discussed. NRC is the National Records Center, which is under the purview of USCIS.

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

From: Smith, Gregory B
Sent: Monday, September 28, 2009 9:52 AM
To: Kielsmeier, Lauren; Carpenter, Dea D; Bentley, Christopher S; Humphrey, Buck H; Ratliff, Gerri
Cc: Gregory, Peter D; 'Jones, Rendell L'
Subject: RE: Redacted File

Lauren: It has not been posted and won't be until NRC hears from HQ to the contrary.

Gregory Smith, Associate Director, USCIS, NSRV [REDACTED]

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

From: Kielsmeier, Lauren
Sent: Monday, September 28, 2009 9:15 AM
To: Carpenter, Dea D; Bentley, Christopher S; Humphrey, Buck H; Smith, Gregory B; Ratliff, Gerri
Cc: Gregory, Peter D; Jones, Rendell L
Subject: RE: Redacted File

[REDACTED]

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

From: Carpenter, Dea D
Sent: Friday, September 25, 2009 10:17 AM
To: Kielsmeier, Lauren; Bentley, Christopher S; Humphrey, Buck H
Cc: Gregory, Peter D
Subject: Re: Redacted File

That's perfect.

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

From: Kielsmeier, Lauren
To: Carpenter, Dea D; Bentley, Christopher S; Humphrey, Buck H
Cc: Gregory, Peter D
Sent: Fri Sep 25 09:59:29 2009
Subject: Re: Redacted File

[REDACTED]

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

From: Carpenter, Dea D

To: Bentley, Christopher S; Kielsmeier, Lauren; Humphrey, Buck H

Cc: Gregory, Peter D

Sent: Fri Sep 25 09:52:07 2009

Subject: Re: Redacted File

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

From: Bentley, Christopher S

To: Kielsmeier, Lauren; Humphrey, Buck H

Cc: Carpenter, Dea D

Sent: Fri Sep 25 09:28:05 2009

Subject: RE: Redacted File

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Thanks, Chris

Christopher S. Bentley

Acting Deputy Chief

Office of Communications

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

Department of Homeland Security

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"From Significant Interest Report Week of September 24th

I. Efficiency and Transparency -Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the general public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and FOIA related items:

None

II. FOIA requests:

None

III. FOIA releases:

On September 21, 2009, we responded to a request from Elizabeth Merrill, with ESPN, for a copy of Sahel Kazemi. Ms. Kazemi is presumed to be the murderer of pro-football player Steve McNair. We released 27 pages in part, 20 pages in full and withheld 27 pages in full. We also referred 19 pages to other agencies for their direct response to the requester.

On September 25, 2009, we responded to a request by Sally Jacobs of the Boston Globe newspaper for a copy of the file of Barrack Obama Sr. We released 23 pages in part and 29 pages in full. We also made a second release to Isobel English, also a report for the Boston Globe. We are posting a copy of this file in our electronic reading room.

IV. New FOIA litigation:

None"

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

From: Kielsmeier, Lauren
Sent: Friday, September 25, 2009 9:12 AM
To: Bentley, Christopher S; Humphrey, Buck H
Cc: Carpenter, Dea D
Subject: Re: Redacted File

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

From: Bentley, Christopher S
To: Kielsmeier, Lauren; Humphrey, Buck H
Sent: Fri Sep 25 09:08:13 2009

Subject: Redacted File

Lauren/Buck,

Attached is the redacted version of the Obama Senior file. This went to Sally Jacobs from the Boston Globe along with the attached cover letter on Tuesday, 22 September. In a separate email, I'll share a copy with Amy Kudwa to ensure they know this FOIA request have been fulfilled.
r/Chris

Christopher S. Bentley

Acting Deputy Chief

Office of Communications

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

Department of Homeland Security

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Kroloff, Noah

From: McNamara, Phil [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, October 16, 2009 5:20 PM
To: Shlossman, Amy; Kroloff, Noah; Smith, Sean; McNamara, Phil; Button, Christopher; Kim, Leezie; Sandweg, John; Hartman, Katrina; Brown, Mary Ellen; Grossman, Jordan; Whithorne, Bobby; Kudwa, Amy
Subject: RE: FOIA requests on the Secretary's Schedule

Sounds good. Moving forward on FOIA requests this is the process we will use. We will always do Steps 1 through 5 and Step 7. If the FOIA request is specific to S1 or S2's schedule or travel, we will insert Step 6. Otherwise, if the FOIA request is simply for a staff member and not S1/S2 we will skip Step 6.

1. ESEC will receive the FOIA request from the Privacy Office (which coordinates FOIA requests for DHS HQ components).
2. ESEC will alert OPA and Deputy Chief of Staff to the request for their visibility.
3. ESEC will task out the request to the appropriate folks (some requests are specific to individuals, others are open-ended).
4. Those tasked with searching for documents will respond back to ESEC with the requested documents.
5. ESEC will pass those documents to OGC for an initial review.
6. **IF TRAVEL / SCHEDULE REQUEST FOR S1/S2:** OGC will then pass to WH Counsel's Office. WH will pass back to OGC.
7. **After their review, OGC will transmit the requested documents to Privacy Office for final release to the requesting party.**

From: Shlossman, Amy [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Friday, October 16, 2009 10:27 AM
To: Kroloff, Noah; Smith, Sean; McNamara, Phil; Button, Christopher; Kim, Leezie; Sandweg, John; Hartman, Katrina; Brown, Mary Ellen; Grossman, Jordan; Whithorne, Bobby; Kudwa, Amy
Subject: FOIA requests on the Secretary's Schedule

WH Counsel has asked that all FOIA's related to Cabinet members' schedules/ travel be sent to their office [REDACTED] Blake Roberts [REDACTED] for review prior to release due to WH meetings, calls, etc. Assume OGC will coordinate this, but we need to make sure nothing goes out prior to being reviewed by WH counsel and our front office.

As we've been doing, we need to continue to alert WH cab affairs and comms as soon as the requests are received (prior to the responsive docs being pulled).

Thanks.

Kroloff, Noah

From: Callahan, Mary Ellen [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 12, 2009 12:49 PM
To: Sandweg, John; Callahan, Mary Ellen; Smith, Sean; Kroloff, Noah; Shlossman, Amy
Subject: RE: Foia appeal

[REDACTED]

Sean, I left a message for her both in office and her cell thanking her for bringing the appeal to my attention, and that I had asked USCIS to expedite the appeal. If she calls you, just have her call me. Thanks. Mec

Mary Ellen Callahan
Chief Privacy Officer
Department of Homeland Security
[REDACTED]

From: Sandweg, John [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Thursday, November 12, 2009 11:40 AM
To: Callahan, Mary Ellen; Sandweg, John; Smith, Sean; Kroloff, Noah; Shlossman, Amy
Subject: Re: Foia appeal

[REDACTED]

John R. Sandweg

Sent from my Blackberry Wireless Device.

From: Callahan, Mary Ellen <[REDACTED]>
To: Sandweg, John <[REDACTED]>; Smith, Sean <[REDACTED]>; Kroloff, Noah
[REDACTED]; Shlossman, Amy <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thu Nov 12 11:30:41 2009
Subject: Foia appeal

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Mary Ellen Callahan
Chief Privacy Officer
Department of Homeland Security
[REDACTED]

Kroloff, Noah

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Lu, Christopher P.
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2009 5:49 PM
To: Shlossman, Amy; Kimball, Astri B.
Cc: Kroloff, Noah
Subject: RE: The Hill FOIA

Good catch. We'll flag it on tomorrow's call.

From: Shlossman, Amy [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2009 5:48 PM
To: Kimball, Astri B.; Lu, Christopher P.
Cc: Kroloff, Noah
Subject: The Hill FOIA

FYI- flagging this in case other cabinet agencies are being asked for the same thing.

- On November 12th, Kevin Bogardus of *The Hill* in Washington, D.C., requested from DHS copies of any and all logs of correspondence from Members of Congress from January 20th, 2009, to the present.

Kroloff, Noah

From: Callahan, Mary Ellen
Sent: Friday, December 04, 2009 5:25 PM
To: Smith, Sean; Sandweg, John; Callahan, Mary Ellen
Cc: Kroloff, Noah
Subject: Appeal
Attachments: APP2009001258.Redacted Version.pdf; Jacobs.USCIS Appeal Response Ltr.DRAFT.12.4.09.pdf

Sean and John:



I will be in Ottawa on Monday and part of Tuesday, and would plan on sending this out upon my return.

Thanks,
Mary Ellen

Mary Ellen Callahan, CIPP
Chief Privacy Officer
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
245 Murray Lane SW, Mail Stop 0655
Washington, DC 20528-0655
Telephone: [REDACTED]
Fax: [REDACTED]
E-mail: [REDACTED]
Website: www.dhs.gov/privacy

Kroloff, Noah

From: [REDACTED] Roberts, Blake C.
Sent: Wednesday, December 16, 2009 6:07 PM
To: Shlossman, Amy; Lu, Christopher P.; Kimball, Astri B.
Cc: Kroloff, Noah; Weideman, Christian; Sandweg, John
Subject: RE: DHS FOIA's

Thank you. We will let you know if we have any guidance on the WSJ request within the next day or two.

From: Shlossman, Amy [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Wednesday, December 16, 2009 2:21 PM
To: Roberts, Blake C.; Lu, Christopher P.; Shlossman, Amy; Kimball, Astri B.
Cc: Kroloff, Noah; Weideman, Christian; Sandweg, John
Subject: RE: DHS FOIA's

Attached. Adding John Sandweg from our General Counsel's office as well.

From: (b) (2) [REDACTED] On
Behalf Of: Roberts, Blake C.
Sent: Wednesday, December 16, 2009 2:18 PM
To: Lu, Christopher P.; Shlossman, Amy; Kimball, Astri B.
Cc: Kroloff, Noah; Weideman, Christian
Subject: RE: DHS FOIA's

Can you circulate a copy of the actual WSJ request?

From: Lu, Christopher P.
Sent: Wednesday, December 16, 2009 2:05 PM
To: Shlossman, Amy; Kimball, Astri B.
Cc: Kroloff, Noah; Weideman, Christian; Roberts, Blake C.
Subject: RE: DHS FOIA's

Amy - Looping you in with Chris and Blake in WH Counsel's office who can walk you through this.

From: Shlossman, Amy [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Wednesday, December 16, 2009 10:58 AM
To: Lu, Christopher P.; Kimball, Astri B.
Cc: Kroloff, Noah
Subject: DHS FOIA's

DHS has also gotten both of these FOIA's. Any guidance on responding to the one from WSJ?

Inside Edition is requesting copies of the 10 most expensive international travel airline tickets purchased by agency leadership and staff during the past 3 years and copies of the 10 largest travel expense reports submitted by agency leadership during the past 3 years.

The Wall Street Journal is requesting copies of weekly reports submitted from the Secretary to the White House Chief of Staff Rahm Emanuel between January 20, 2009, and December 9, 2009, including all correspondence to and/or from the Secretary and Mr. Emanuel.

Kroloff, Noah

From: Shlossman, Amy
Sent: Wednesday, December 16, 2009 10:56 AM
To: Grossman, Jordan; Kroloff, Noah
Subject: RE: Cabinet Affairs Call

We told them we received both the FOIA's last night.

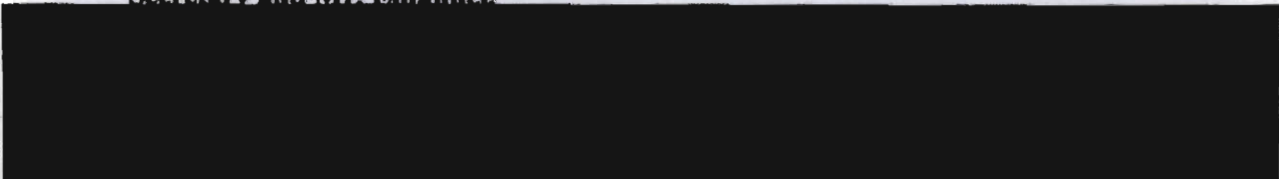
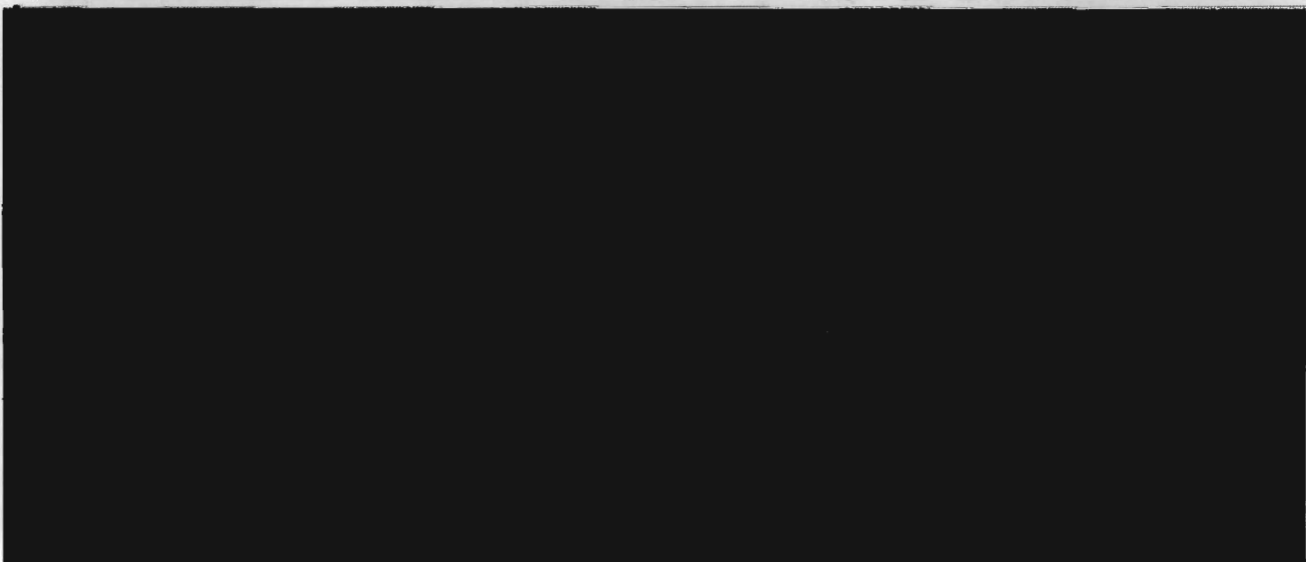
From: Grossman, Jordan
Sent: Wednesday, December 16, 2009 10:01 AM
To: Kroloff, Noah; Shlossman, Amy
Subject: Cabinet Affairs Call


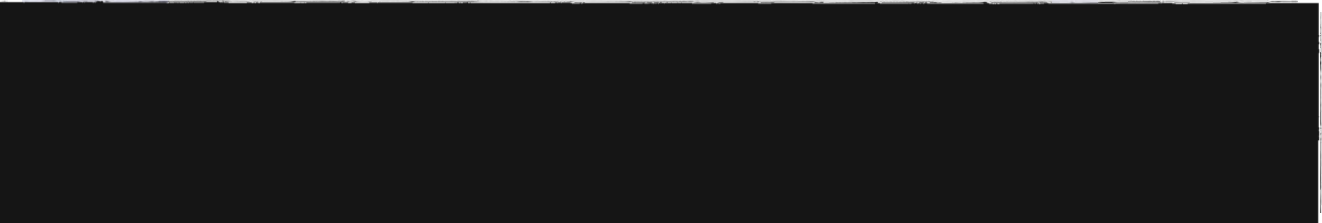
Highlights

Not responsive



3. FOIA requests to flag, please loop back with Cabinet Affairs and WH Counsel on these, particularly the WSJ one (**NOTE: We've received both**):

- a. *Inside Edition* is requesting copies of the 10 most expensive international travel airline tickets purchased by agency leadership and staff during the past 3 years and copies of the 10 largest travel expense reports submitted by agency leadership during the past 3 years.
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Kroloff, Noah

From: Shlossman, Amy
Sent: Thursday, December 17, 2009 4:57 PM
To: Sandweg, John; Kroloff, Noah
Subject: FW: ***FRONT OFFICE REVIEW REQUEST***
Attachments: 09-990 O'Harrow Initial Request.pdf; 09-990 Washington Post_Draft Interim Response.doc; 09-990 Release 1 Docs.pdf

From: Shlossman, Amy
Sent: Thursday, December 17, 2009 4:56 PM
To: Callahan, Mary Ellen
Subject: FW: ***FRONT OFFICE REVIEW REQUEST***

Mary Ellen-

A few flags on this request/ response-

First, regarding the responsive documents, all ARRA FOIA's need to be cleared by WH GC per the Recovery Board. I'm not sure if that has been communicated to your office, but we should add them to this process for any ARRA related docs. Vania's email below indicates this information has already been released. We hadn't seen these docs so they probably went out before we started seeing responses. In any case, can you please find out when the docs were released?

[REDACTED]

Thanks,

Amy

From: Grossman, Jordan
Sent: Thursday, December 17, 2009 3:15 PM
To: Shlossman, Amy
Subject: FW: ***FRONT OFFICE REVIEW REQUEST***

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From: Papoi, Catherine
Sent: Monday, December 14, 2009 8:57 AM
To: Grossman, Jordan; Fox, Julia
Cc: 'Papoi, Catherine'
Subject: ***FRONT OFFICE REVIEW REQUEST***

Jordan and Julia,

Privacy forwarded the attached incoming request and proposed partial response for your review. Pursuant to your September 30, 2009 email, your office will review the release and provide a response to my office within three days of receipt. Please let me know as soon as you have finalized your review. Thank you!

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Catherine Papoi, J.D., CIPP/G
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From: Lockett, Vania
Sent: Sunday, December 13, 2009 2:43 PM
To: Papoi, Catherine
Cc: Lockett, Vania; Robertson, Antoinette <CTR>
Subject: Partial Release to 09-990/Washington Post (Tagged Request)

Catherine,

Attached for your review is a proposed first interim response to a FOIA request from the Washington Post seeking records relating to communications between DHS and lawmakers regarding ARRA spending, which has been tagged by the Front Office. Although the 26 pages of records that we intend to release have been released previously to CBS News, I am providing this proposed interim response for clearance.

Please let me know if there are any questions.

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Sandweg, John

From: Grossman, Jordan
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2009 8:39 AM
To: Lockett, Vania
Cc: Sandweg, John; Shlossman, Amy
Subject: RE: Please reply ASAP.

.. Hi Vania,

Please coordinate all of your FOIA-related White House matters through OGC Chief of Staff John Sandweg (cc'ed above) who works with White House Counsel's office as necessary.

Thanks!

Jordan

From: Lockett, Vania [mailto:(b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2009 8:08 AM
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Thanks,
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DOJ Guide pp. 98-102

Thank you.

Sandy

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Thank you.

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Sandweg, John

From: Sandweg, John (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2009 2:28 PM
To: Astri_B._Kimball (b) (6); Sandweg, John; Blake_C._Roberts (b) (6)
Cc: Palmer, David
Subject: Re: DHS FOIA request

Gladly.

Blake-

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JS

John R. Sandweg

Sent from my Blackberry Wireless Device.

From: (b) (6); Astri_B._Kimball (b) (6)
To: Sandweg, John ; Roberts, Blake C.
Sent: Thu May 28 12:33:02 2009
Subject: DHS FOIA request

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Thanks very much!
Astri

Astri Kimball
White House Cabinet Affairs

Sandweg, John

From: [REDACTED] Roberts, Blake C.
Sent: Thursday, June 04, 2009 9:11 PM
To: charlie.rose [REDACTED] Sandweg, John; missy.owens [REDACTED] AnaMarie.Argilagos [REDACTED]
art.gary [REDACTED] joan.deboer [REDACTED] Will.Gunn [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]; Lu, Christopher P.
Subject: Ravnitzky FOIA Requests for Weekly Reports

All,

Each of your departments has received the following FOIA request: "I hereby request a copy of each Weekly Department Report for [your department] produced between January 1, 2009 and May 1, 2009. For your reference, I understand that the Weekly Department Report (or something with a similar designation) is comprised of a brief report from each of the offices and is produced through the Office of the Secretary."

We anticipate that many of the documents that are responsive to this request will have White House equities – either because they are communications to the White House or agency documents created in preparation for communication with the White House. After your department gathers all responsive documents, based on your interpretation of the request, please transmit a copy set of all materials with White House equities to the White House Counsel's Office. When you transmit the request, please designate who your office's point of contact should be. We will give the copy set to your departmental liaison, who will work with your point of contact to ensure that any White House equities in the documents are properly addressed.

To arrange drop-off of the copy set, please email [REDACTED] who is copied here.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Blake

Blake Roberts
Deputy Associate White House Counsel

[REDACTED]

Sandweg, John

From: Shlossman, Amy

Sent: Friday, October 16, 2009 10:27 AM

To: 'Kroloff, Noah'; Smith, Sean; McNamara, Phil; Button, Christopher; Kim, Leezie; Sandweg, John; Hartman, Katrina; Brown, Mary Ellen; Grossman, Jordan; Whithorne, Bobby; Kudwa, Amy

Subject: FOIA requests on the Secretary's Schedule

WH Counsel has asked that all FOIA's related to Cabinet members' schedules/ travel be sent to their office (b) (5) Blake Roberts- (b) (5) for review prior to release due to WH meetings, calls, etc. Assume OGC will coordinate this, but we need to make sure nothing goes out prior to being reviewed by WH counsel and our front office.

As we've been doing, we need to continue to alert WH cab affairs and comms as soon as the requests are received (prior to the responsive docs being pulled).

Thanks.

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Sandweg, John

From: (b) (6) [redacted] Roberts, Blake C.
(b) (6) [redacted]
Sent: Friday, August 07, 2009 4:29 PM
To: Green, Jason G.; Siegelbaum, Jill; Sandweg, John; missy.owens (b) (6)
AnaMarie.Argilagos@ (b) (6) art.gary (b) (6) Marlise.Streitmatter (b) (6)
Will.Gunn (b) (6) Dolphin, Tene
Cc: (b) (6) [redacted]
Subject: FOIA request for weekly cabinet reports

All,

I'm writing in regards to the request each of your departments received from Michael Ravnitzky for "a copy of each Weekly Department Report for [your department] produced between January 1, 2009 and May 1, 2009."

After reviewing some of the responsive documents transmitted to us and discussing the matter with OLC, we have decided, at this time, not to categorically assert Presidential communications privilege to withhold all weekly cabinet reports transmitted to the White House. If you have not already, please process this request as you would any other FOIA request. Please also transmit a copy set of all documents with White House equities, with your proposed redactions, to our office. We consider any report sent to the White House to have White House equities. Your departmental liaison in our office will work with you to process the request.

Please contact (b) (6) [redacted] and (b) (6) [redacted], copied on this email, to make arrangements to transfer the copy set with your proposed redactions. Please also let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Blake

Blake Roberts
Deputy Associate White House Counsel

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