



DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE | OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

January 22, 2021

SENT VIA EMAIL

foia@americanoversight.org

Mr. Austin R. Evers
Executive Director
American Oversight

Subject: Freedom of Information/Privacy Act Request [20-OIG-302]

Dear Mr. Evers:

This is a first partial response to your July 24, 2020 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Office of the Inspector General (OIG), seeking “[a]ll complaints submitted to the DOJ Office of the Inspector General (OIG) . . . containing allegations that concern the conduct of Attorney General William Barr.”

We have processed 150 pages of responsive records. It has been determined that certain portions of such records should be withheld from disclosure pursuant to FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(3), (b)(5), (b)(6) and (b)(7)(C) as follows:

- 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(3), the Inspector General Act of 1978, 5 U.S.C. App. 3 § 7(b) protects the identities of agency employees who submit complaints or information;
- 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), protects privileged interagency or intra-agency memoranda or letters, except under certain circumstances;
- 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6), protects personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy; and
- 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(7)(C), protects records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

We are aware that this matter is in litigation and we will continue to process the requested records as expeditiously as possible and in compliance with all applicable court orders.

If you are not satisfied with OIG’s determination in response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, 441 G Street, NW, 6th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20530, or you may submit an appeal through OIP’s FOIA STAR portal by creating an account following the instructions on OIP’s website: <https://www.justice.gov/oip/submit-and-track-request-or-appeal>. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within 90 days of the date of my response to your request. If you submit your

appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. See 5 U.S.C. 552(c) (2006 & Supp. IV 2010). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

You may contact our FOIA Public Liaison, Deborah Waller at (202) 616-0646 for any further assistance of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at (202) 741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448.

Sincerely,

Jacqueline E. Lightle

Jacqueline E. Lightle
Government Information Specialist
Office of the General Counsel

Attachment

Date Rec'd: 10/30/2019

How Rec'd: Hotline - Mail

SUBJECT: Barr, William P

Title: ATTY

Component: OAG

Misc:

Home: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Phone: (000) -0000

Work:

Phone: (202) 514-2000

Pay Plan: EX-00905-01

EOD Date: 02/14/2019

ZIP: (b)(6)

ZIP:

Key: (b)(6); SSNO: ****-**- (b)(6);

D.O.B.: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Offenses: 412

COMPLAINANT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Title: CIVIL

Component: CITZN

Misc:

Home: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Phone:

Work:

Phone:

Confidential:

Pay Plan:

EOD Date:

ZIP: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

ZIP:

Revealed:

Key: (b)(6); SSNO:

D.O.B.:

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Authority:

Details:

The complaint was received via OIG hotline fax on 10/30/19.

The complainant alleges the USDOJ fraudulently dismissed his (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) whistleblower complaint. The complainant also alleges he filed a quo warranto for perjury, obstruction, and treason against AG Barr in (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

ALLEGATIONS: 412 Job Performance Failure

Occurrence Date:

TIME:

CITY: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

State: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Zip: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

DISPOSITION DATA: Disposition: F Date: 11/14/2019

Approval: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Referred to Agency:

Date Sent:

Reviewer: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

OGC/FBI Whistleblower: N

Qui Tam:

PREA:

Init Ackno: 11/15/2019

Claims Whistleblower: N

Patriot Act: N

Recovery Act:

Component: OAG

Sensitive: N

Civil Rights: N

Consolidated Case Number:

Component Number:

Remarks:

11/14/19: Complaint dispositioned F per ASAC (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Sent general thank you ackno. (b)(6);

12/2/19: Additional correspondence received via OIG hotline fax on 11/4/19. Complainant submitted identical fax to one received on 10/30/19. Update only per ASAC (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

2/19/20: Additional correspondence received via OIG hotline mail on 1/3/20. Complainant submitted an address change. Sent general thank you per ASAC (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

6/22/20: Additional correspondence received via OIG hotline fax on 5/8/20. Complainant reiterated allegations. Uploaded into iManage. (b)(6);

Date Rec'd: 11/18/2019

How Rec'd: Hotline - Mail

SUBJECT: Barr, William P

Title: ATTY

Component: OAG

Misc:

Home: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Phone: (000) -0000

Work:

Phone: (202) 514-2000

Pay Plan: EX-00905-01

EOD Date: 02/14/2019

ZIP: (b)(6)

ZIP:

Key: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

SSNO: ****-**- (b)(6);

D.O.B.: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Offenses: 412

COMPLAINANT: Unidentified, Unknown

Title: UNID

Component: UNK

Misc:

Home:

Phone:

Work:

Phone:

Confidential:

Pay Plan:

EOD Date:

ZIP:

ZIP:

Revealed:

Key: 392086

SSNO:

D.O.B.:

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Authority:

Details:

The anonymous complaint was received via OIG hotline mail on 11/18/19.

The complainant states, "putting innocent people in jail on Barr's orders to protect a treasonous election-stealing illegitimate president who is also a violent serial rapist is a good way to lose your law license and ruin your career." The complainant also states OIG employees will be unemployable in any field after they are released from prison.

ALLEGATIONS: 412 Job Performance Failure

Occurrence Date:

TIME:

CITY: Washington

State: DC

Zip: 20530

DISPOSITION DATA: Disposition: F Date: 12/03/2019

Approval: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Referred to Agency:

Date Sent:

Reviewer:

OGC/FBI Whistleblower: N

Qui Tam:

PREA:

Init Ackno:

Claims Whistleblower: N

Patriot Act: N

Recovery Act:

Component: OAG

Sensitive: N

Civil Rights: N

Consolidated Case Number:

Component Number:

Remarks:

12/3/19: Complaint dispositioned F per ASAC (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Complaint sent anonymously, unable to send ackno. (b)(6);

Date Rec'd: 01/23/2020

How Rec'd: Hotline - Hotline Email

SUBJECT: Barr, William P

Title: ATTY

Component: OAG

Misc:

Home: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Phone: (000) -0000

Work:

Phone: (202) 514-2000

Pay Plan: EX-00905-01

EOD Date: 02/14/2019

ZIP: (b)(6)

ZIP:

Key: (b)(6);

(b)(7)(C)

SSNO: ****-**- (b)(6);

D.O.B.: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Offenses: 498

COMPLAINANT (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Title: CIVIL

Component: UNK

Misc:

Home:

Phone:

Work:

Phone:

Confidential:

Pay Plan:

EOD Date:

ZIP:

ZIP:

Revealed:

Key: (b)(6);

SSNO:

D.O.B.:

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Authority:

Details:

FDO received an email via the Reporting FAR Contractor hotline regarding the Office of Attorney General needing to stay out of the impeachment trial. The complainant state's the Office of Attorney General wants to stop the impeachment trial and arrest the traders trying to destroy the constitution and kill the president. Complainant states William Barr, attorney for the Office of Attorney General, as the DOJ officer name. There are no known complaint allegations.

ALLEGATIONS: 498 Non-DOJ Issue

Occurrence Date:

TIME:

CITY:

State:

Zip:

DISPOSITION DATA: Disposition: U Date: 01/23/2020

Approval:

Referred to Agency:

Date Sent:

Reviewer:

OGC/FBI Whistleblower: N

Qui Tam:

PREA:

Init Ackno:

Claims Whistleblower: N

Patriot Act: N

Recovery Act:

Component: OAG

Sensitive: N

Civil Rights: N

Consolidated Case Number:

Component Number:

Remarks:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(OIG)

From: OIG Hotline Form <noreply@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2020 4:04 PM
To: Reporting, FAR Contractor (OIG)
Subject: [Hotline Submission] - DOJ Contract or Subcontract

YOUR COMPANY INFORMATION:

Your Name: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
Your Title: MR.
Email: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
Company Name: GOT YOU!
Business Address: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
City: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
State: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
Zip Code: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
Country: UNITED STATES
Phone: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
Fax:

CONTRACT INFORMATION:

Company Name: US GOVERNMENT
DOJ Contracting Officer Name: WILLIAM BARR Contract Number: 275457-19911993 DUNS or TINS:
Type of contract:
DOJ Component: UNJUST LAW

OTHER GOVERNMENT ENTITIES NOTIFIED:

DESCRIPTION:

THE AG OFFICE NEEDS TO STAY OUT OF THIS NOW TOO LATE THE IMPEACHMENT TRAIL HAS TO PLAY ALL THE WAY OUT NOW YOUR OFFICE WANTS TO STOP THE TRAIL THEN ARREST THE TRADERS WHO ARE TRYING TO DESTROY THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION. AND ARE TRY TO KILL THE 45TH PRESIDENT ARE STOP HIM FROM DOING HIS JOB SORRY FOLKS ITS ALMOST OVER WITH STAY OUT FROM JUSTICE EQUAL AND FARI JUSTICE FOR ALL. SOON TO COME NEXT WEEK!

This message was sent from:
<https://oig.justice.gov/hotline/contact-contracts.htm>

User IP: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Date Rec'd: 02/11/2020

How Rec'd: Hotline - Hotline Email

SUBJECT: Barr, William P

Title: ATTY

Component: OAG

Misc:

Home: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Phone: (000) -0000

Work:

Phone: (202) 514-2000

Pay Plan: EX-00905-01

EOD Date: 02/14/2019

ZIP: (b)(6)

ZIP:

Key: (b)(6);
(b)(7)(C)

SSNO: ****-**- (b)(6);

D.O.B.: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Offenses: 412

COMPLAINANT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Title: CIVIL

Component: CITZN

Misc:

Home: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Phone:

Work:

Phone:

Confidential:

Pay Plan:

EOD Date:

ZIP: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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Key: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

SSNO:

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Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Authority:

COMPLAINANT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Title: CIVIL

Component: CITZN

Misc:

Home: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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COMPLAINANT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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Authority:

COMPLAINANT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Key: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) SSNO:
Title: CIVIL Pay Plan: D.O.B.:
Component: CITZN EOD Date: Alien No.:
Misc: F.B.I.No.:
Home: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) B.O.P.No.:
Phone: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) ZIP: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) D/L No.:
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COMPLAINANT (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Key: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) SSNO:
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Phone: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) ZIP: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) D/L No.:
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COMPLAINANT (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Key: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) SSNO:
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COMPLAINANT (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Key: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) SSNO:
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Component: CITZN EOD Date: Alien No.:
Misc: F.B.I.No.:
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Phone: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) ZIP: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) D/L No.:
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Revealed: Authority:

COMPLAINANT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Key: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) SSNO:
Title: CIVIL Pay Plan: D.O.B.:
Component: CITZN EOD Date: Alien No.:
Misc: F.B.I.No.:
Home: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) B.O.P.No.:
Phone: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) ZIP: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) D/L No.:
Work:
Phone:
Confidential: ZIP:
Revealed: Authority:

COMPLAINANT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Title: CIVIL

Component: CITZN

Misc:

Home: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Phone:

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Confidential:

Pay Plan:

EOD Date:

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ZIP: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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Alien No.:

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D/L No.:

Authority:

COMPLAINANT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Title: CIVIL

Component: CITZN

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Home: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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Confidential:

Pay Plan:

EOD Date:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

ZIP: (b)(6);

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Key: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Authority:

COMPLAINANT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Title: CIVIL

Component: CITZN

Misc:

Home: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Phone:

Work:

Phone:

Confidential:

Pay Plan:

EOD Date:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

ZIP: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

ZIP:

Revealed:

Key: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

SSNO:

D.O.B.:

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Authority:

COMPLAINANT: Maldonado, Roger Juan

Title: ATTY

Component: CITZN

Misc: President, New York City Bar Association

Home:

Phone:

Work:

Phone:

Confidential:

Pay Plan:

EOD Date:

ZIP:

ZIP:

Revealed:

Key: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

SSNO:

D.O.B.:

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Authority:

COMPLAINANT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Title: CIVIL

Component: CITZN

Misc:

Home:

Phone:

Work: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Phone:

Confidential:

Pay Plan:

EOD Date:

ZIP:

ZIP: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
Revealed:

Key: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

SSNO:

D.O.B.:

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Authority:

COMPLAINANT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Title: CIVIL

Component: CITZN

Misc:

Home: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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EOD Date:

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ZIP: (b)(6);

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F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Authority:

Details:

Multiple complaints were received via OIG hotline email on 2/11/20.

The Complainants alleged AG Barr's intervention into the sentencing of Roger Stone (1:19-CR-00018-ABJ) on behalf of President Trump's request, is unlawful, unethical and contrary to the Constitution of the United States. The Complainants request an investigation into AG Barr's actions and call for AG Barr's resignation.

ALLEGATIONS: 412 Job Performance Failure

Occurrence Date: 02/11/2020

TIME:

CITY: Washington

State: DC

Zip: 20530

DISPOSITION DATA: Disposition: F Date: 02/18/2020

Approval: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Referred to Agency:

Date Sent:

Reviewer:

OGC/FBI Whistleblower: N

Qui Tam:

PREA:

Init Ackno: 02/19/2020

Claims Whistleblower: N

Patriot Act: N

Recovery Act:

Component: OAG

Sensitive: N

Civil Rights: N

Consolidated Case Number:

Component Number:

Remarks:

2/18/20: Dispo "F" per SAC Kirdar and ASAC (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) due to their non-specific nature. Sent thank you acknos. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

2/25/20: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) ackno sent. Not uploaded. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

3/17/20: Additional correspondence received from six additional complainants. Update and sent thank you acknos to complainants who provided return addresses per ASAC (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

3/17/20: Additional correspondence received from the New York City Bar Association. Update and sent thank you ackno per ASAC (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Date Rec'd: 11/20/2019

How Rec'd: Hotline - Mail

SUBJECT: Barr, William P

Title: ATTY

Component: OAG

Misc:

Home: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Phone: (000) -0000

Work:

Phone: (202) 514-2000

Pay Plan: EX-00905-01

EOD Date: 02/14/2019

ZIP: (b)(6)

ZIP:

Key: (b)(6);
(b)(7)(C)

SSNO: ****-**- (b)(6);

D.O.B.: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Offenses: 412

SUBJECT: Immigration and Customs Enforcement

Title: UNID

Component: DHS

Misc:

Home:

Phone:

Work:

Phone:

Pay Plan:

EOD Date:

ZIP:

ZIP:

Key: 443077

SSNO:

D.O.B.:

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Offenses: 498

SUBJECT: Unidentified, EOIR

Title: UNID

Component: EOIR

Misc:

Home:

Phone:

Work:

Phone:

Pay Plan:

EOD Date:

ZIP:

ZIP:

Key: 365709

SSNO:

D.O.B.:

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Offenses: 412

COMPLAINANT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Title: INMAT

Component: BOP

Misc:

Home: FTC Oklahoma City, Oklahoma City, OK

Phone:

Work:

Phone:

Confidential:

Pay Plan:

EOD Date:

ZIP:

ZIP:

Revealed:

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(b)(7)(C)

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F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Authority:

Details:

Complaint received via OIG hotline mail on 11/20/19.

The Complainant submitted a supplemental motion to stay of removal and for opposition against the Mass Deportation Act, and for release pending appeals. The Complainant addressed his motion against AG Barr and EOIR/DHS ICE officials involved. The Complainant included his EOIR appeal, which was ultimately denied by an Immigration Judge and DHS ICE attorneys.

ALLEGATIONS: 412 Job Performance Failure

Occurrence Date:

TIME:

CITY: Falls Church

State: VA

Zip: 22041

DISPOSITION DATA: Disposition: M Date: 02/19/2020

Approval: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Referred to Agency: EOIR Date Sent: 02/21/2020

Reviewer:

OGC/FBI Whistleblower: N

Qui Tam:

PREA:

Init Ackno: 02/21/2020

Claims Whistleblower: N

Patriot Act: N

Recovery Act:

Component: EOIR

Sensitive: N

Civil Rights: N

Consolidated Case Number:

Component Number:

Remarks:

2/19/20: Dispo M per ASAC (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Sent to EOIR, and ackno sent.

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Date Rec'd: 03/04/2020

How Rec'd: Hotline - Mail

SUBJECT: Barr, William P

Title: ATTY

Component: OAG

Misc:

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F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Offenses: 412

COMPLAINANT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Title: CIVIL

Component: CITIZN

Misc:

Home: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Phone:

Work:

Phone:

Confidential:

Pay Plan:

EOD Date:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

ZIP: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

ZIP:

Revealed:

Key: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

SSNO:

D.O.B.:

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Authority:

Details:

Complaint received via USPS on 3/4/2020.

The complainant alleged the Attorney General made statements at an award ceremony that implied that citizens needed to "cooperate and respect police" even though there is no legal requirement to respect police. The complainant alleges that the Attorney General is forgetting that "this country was founded on protest and dissent and that fighting injustice is as American as Apple Pie".

ALLEGATIONS: 412 Job Performance Failure

Occurrence Date: 12/03/2019

TIME:

CITY: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

State: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Zip: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

DISPOSITION DATA: Disposition: F Date: 03/17/2020

Approval: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Referred to Agency:

Date Sent:

Reviewer:

OGC/FBI Whistleblower: N

Qui Tam:

PREA:

Init Ackno: 03/30/2020

Claims Whistleblower: N

Patriot Act: N

Recovery Act:

Component: OAG

Sensitive: N

Civil Rights: N

Consolidated Case Number:

Component Number:

Remarks:

3/17/2020: Dispo F per ASAC (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Thank You letter sent to complainant. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Date Rec'd: 03/22/2020

How Rec'd: Hotline - Civil
Rights/Liberties Email

SUBJECT: Barr, William P

Title: ATTY

Component: OAG

Misc:

Home: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Phone: (000) -0000

Work:

Phone: (202) 514-2000

Pay Plan: EX-00905-01

EOD Date: 02/14/2019

ZIP: (b)(6)

ZIP:

Key: (b)(6);
(b)(7)(C)SSNO: ****-**- (b)(6);
(b)(7)(C)

D.O.B.: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Offenses: 412

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COMPLAINANT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Title: CIVIL

Component: CITZN

Misc:

Home: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Phone:

Work:

Phone:

Confidential:

Pay Plan:

EOD Date:

ZIP: (b)(6);
(b)(7)(C)

ZIP:

Revealed:

Key: (b)(6);

SSNO:

D.O.B.:

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Authority:

Details:

Complaint received via the CR/CL OIG hotline email on 3/22/20.

The Complainant alleged on 3/21/20, AG Barr approached Congress in secret to ask them to suspend certain Constitutional rights and detain citizens who've been arrested indefinitely.

ALLEGATIONS: 412 Job Performance Failure

Occurrence Date: 03/21/2020

TIME:

CITY: Washington

State: DC

Zip: 20530

DISPOSITION DATA: Disposition: F Date: 03/23/2020

Approval: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Referred to Agency:

Date Sent:

Reviewer:

OGC/FBI Whistleblower: N

Qui Tam:

PREA:

Init Ackno:

Claims Whistleblower: N

Patriot Act: N

Recovery Act:

Component: OAG

Sensitive: N

Civil Rights: N

Consolidated Case Number:

Component Number:

Remarks:

3/23/20: Dispo F per ASAC (b)(6);
(b)(7)(C) Sent general thank you ackno. (b)(6);
(b)(7)(C)

Date Rec'd: 04/10/2020

How Rec'd: Hotline - Hotline Email

SUBJECT: Barr, William P

Title: ATTY

Component: OAG

Misc:

Home: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Phone: (000) -0000

Work:

Phone: (202) 514-2000

Pay Plan: EX-00905-01

EOD Date: 02/14/2019

ZIP: (b)(6)

ZIP:

Key: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) SSNO: ****-**- (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

D.O.B.: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Offenses: 412

COMPLAINANT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Title: CIVIL

Component: CITZN

Misc:

Home: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Phone:

ZIP: (b)(6);

Work:

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ZIP:

Confidential:

Revealed:

Key: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) SSNO:

D.O.B.:

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Authority:

Details:

Complaint received via OIG hotline email on 4/10/20.

The Complainant alleged AG Barr is spreading false information regarding COVID-19 and is not abiding by CDC recommended guidelines for health and safety measures.

ALLEGATIONS: 412 Job Performance Failure

Occurrence Date: 04/09/2020

TIME:

CITY: Washington

State: DC

Zip: 20530

DISPOSITION DATA: Disposition: F Date: 04/15/2020

Approval: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Referred to Agency:

Date Sent:

Reviewer:

OGC/FBI Whistleblower: N

Qui Tam:

PREA:

Init Ackno:

Claims Whistleblower: N

Patriot Act: N

Recovery Act:

Component: OAG

Sensitive: N

Civil Rights: N

Consolidated Case Number:

Component Number:

Remarks:

4/15/20: Dispo F per ASAC (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Sent general thank you ackno. (b)(6);

Date Rec'd: 05/07/2020

How Rec'd: Hotline - Hotline Email

SUBJECT: Barr, William P

Title: ATTY

Component: OAG

Misc:

Home: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Phone: (000) -0000

Work:

Phone: (202) 514-2000

Pay Plan: EX-00905-01

EOD Date: 02/14/2019

ZIP: (b)(6)

ZIP:

Key: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

SSNO: ****-**- (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

D.O.B.: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Offenses: 412

ASSOCIATED PERSON: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Title: CIVIL

Component: CITZN

Misc:

Home:

Phone:

Work:

Phone:

Pay Plan:

EOD Date:

ZIP:

ZIP:

Key: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

SSNO:

D.O.B.:

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Offenses:

COMPLAINANT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Title: CIVIL

Component: CITZN

Misc: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Home: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Phone: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Work:

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Pay Plan:

EOD Date:

ZIP: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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Revealed:

Key: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

SSNO:

D.O.B.:

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Authority:

COMPLAINANT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Title: CIVIL

Component: CITZN

Misc:

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Confidential:

Pay Plan:

EOD Date:

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Revealed:

Key: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

SSNO:

D.O.B.:

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Authority:

COMPLAINANT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Title: CIVIL

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Revealed:

Key: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

SSNO:

D.O.B.:

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Authority:

COMPLAINANT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Title: CIVIL

Component: CITZN

Misc:

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Confidential:

Pay Plan:

EOD Date:

ZIP:

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Revealed:

Key: (b)(6);
(b)(7)(C)

SSNO:

D.O.B.:

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Authority:

COMPLAINANT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Title: CIVIL

Component: CITZN

Misc:

Home: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Phone:

Work:

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Confidential:

Pay Plan:

EOD Date:

ZIP:

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Revealed:

Key: (b)(6);
(b)(7)(C)

SSNO:

D.O.B.:

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Authority:

COMPLAINANT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Title: CIVIL

Component: CITZN

Misc:

Home: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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Confidential:

Pay Plan:

EOD Date:

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Revealed:

Key: (b)(6);
(b)(7)(C)

SSNO:

D.O.B.:

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Authority:

COMPLAINANT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Title: CIVIL

Component: CITZN

Misc:

Home: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Phone:

Work:

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Confidential:

Pay Plan:

EOD Date:

ZIP: (b)(6);

ZIP:

Revealed:

Key: (b)(6);
(b)(7)(C)

SSNO:

D.O.B.:

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Authority:

Details:

Multiple complaints received 5/7/20 and 5/8/20 via OIG Hotline email.

The Complainants alleged AG Barr is acting in the interest of President Trump by dropping charges against former National Security Advisor Michael Flynn.

ALLEGATIONS: 412 Job Performance Failure

Occurrence Date: 05/07/2020

TIME:

CITY: Washington

State: DC

Zip: 20530

DISPOSITION DATA: Disposition: F Date: 05/29/2020

Approval: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Referred to Agency:

Date Sent:

Reviewer:

OGC/FBI Whistleblower: N

Qui Tam:

PREA:

Init Ackno: 05/29/2020

Claims Whistleblower: N

Patriot Act: N

Recovery Act:

Component: OAG

Sensitive: N

Civil Rights: N

Consolidated Case Number:

Component Number:

Remarks:

5/8/20: Dispo "U" per (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) pending discussion with SAC Kirdar. (b)(6);

5/11/20: Additional predicated material received via OIG hotline email. The additional complainants alleged AG Barr is acting on orders from President Trump. Update per (b)(6);

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

5/21/20: Per the Front Office, INV forwarded all citizen complaints under (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) to (b)(5) before a final dispo is rendered. (b)(6);

5/29/20: Dispo F per SAC Kirdar with concurrence from IG Horowitz. Sent general thank you acknos. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

6/4/20: Additional complaint received via OIG COVID email. Update and sent general thank you per ASAC (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Date Rec'd: 02/12/2020

How Rec'd: Hotline - Mail

SUBJECT: Barr, William P

Title: ATTY

Component: OAG

Misc:

Home: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Phone: (000) -0000

Work:

Phone: (202) 514-2000

Pay Plan: EX-00905-01

EOD Date: 02/14/2019

ZIP: (b)(6)

ZIP:

Key: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

SSNO: ****-**- (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

D.O.B.: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Offenses: 412

SUBJECT: Unidentified, FBI

Title: UNID

Component: FBI

Misc:

Home:

Phone:

Work:

Phone:

Pay Plan:

EOD Date:

ZIP:

ZIP:

Key: 385662

SSNO:

D.O.B.:

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Offenses: 412

COMPLAINANT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Title: UNID

Component: UNK

Misc: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Home: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Phone:

Work:

Phone:

Confidential:

Pay Plan:

EOD Date:

ZIP: (b)(6)

ZIP: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Revealed:

Key: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

SSNO: ****-**- (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

D.O.B.: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Authority:

Details:

Complaint was received via OIG Hotline US Mail on 2/12/20.

In a rambling correspondence, the Complainant alleged that Attorney General William Barr refused to consider specific evidence proving that the former Governor of Texas, with the assistance of federal and state agents and prosecutors, concealed massive malpractice fraud, microwave radiation, provocation of mass shootings, and that America's national security is being privatized and sold to the "wireless lobby."

The Complainant alleged that federal judicial officials, state officials, and federal agents falsified government records, testimonies, and medical records to cover up discrimination and retaliation against children.

ALLEGATIONS: 412 Job Performance Failure

Occurrence Date:

TIME:

CITY: Washington

State: DC

Zip: 20535

DISPOSITION DATA: Disposition: M Date: 06/01/2020

Approval: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Referred to Agency: FBI

Date Sent: 06/01/2020

Reviewer:

OGC/FBI Whistleblower: N

Qui Tam:

PREA:

Init Ackno: 06/01/2020

Claims Whistleblower: N

Patriot Act: N

Recovery Act:

Component: MULTI

Sensitive: N

Civil Rights: N

Consolidated Case Number:

Component Number:

Remarks:

6/1/20: Dispo M per ASAC (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Referred to (b)(5) Ackno sent
advising of referral. Predicate scanned into iManage. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Date Rec'd: 06/02/2020

How Rec'd: Hotline - Hotline Email

SUBJECT: Barr, William P

Title: ATTY

Component: OAG

Misc:

Home: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Phone: (000) -0000

Work:

Phone: (202) 514-2000

Pay Plan: EX-00905-01

EOD Date: 02/14/2019

ZIP: (b)(6)

ZIP:

Key: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) SSNO: ****-**- (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

D.O.B.: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Offenses: 606

COMPLAINANT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Title: CIVIL

Component: CITZN

Misc:

Home: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Phone:

Work:

Phone:

Confidential:

Pay Plan:

EOD Date:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

ZIP: (b)(6);

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Revealed:

Key: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) SSNO:

D.O.B.:

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Authority:

COMPLAINANT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Title: CIVIL

Component: CITZN

Misc:

Home:

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Key: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) SSNO:

D.O.B.:

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Authority:

COMPLAINANT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Title: CIVIL

Component: CITZN

Misc:

Home: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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Work:

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Confidential:

Pay Plan:

EOD Date:

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Revealed:

Key: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) SSNO:

D.O.B.:

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Authority:

COMPLAINANT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Title: CIVIL

Component: CITZN

Misc:

Home: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Phone:

Work:

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Confidential:

Pay Plan:

EOD Date:

ZIP: (b)(6);

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Revealed:

Key: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) SSNO:

D.O.B.:

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Authority:

COMPLAINANT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Title: CIVIL

Component: CITZN

Misc:

Home: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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Key: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

SSNO:

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Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Authority:

COMPLAINANT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Title: CIVIL

Component: CITZN

Misc:

Home: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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Key: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

SSNO:

D.O.B.:

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Authority:

COMPLAINANT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Title: CIVIL

Component: CITZN

Misc:

Home: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Phone:

ZIP: (b)(6);

Work:

Phone:

Confidential:

Pay Plan:

EOD Date:

ZIP:

Revealed:

Key: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

SSNO:

D.O.B.:

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Authority:

COMPLAINANT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Title: CIVIL

Component: CITZN

Misc:

Home: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Phone:

ZIP: (b)(6);

Work:

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Confidential:

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ZIP:

Revealed:

Key: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

SSNO:

D.O.B.:

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Authority:

COMPLAINANT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Title: CIVIL

Component: CITZN

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Revealed:

Key: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

SSNO:

D.O.B.:

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Authority:

COMPLAINANT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Title: CIVIL

Component: CITZN

Misc:

Home: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Phone:

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ZIP:

(b)(6);
(b)(7)(C)

ZIP:

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Key: (b)(6);
(b)(7)(C)

SSNO:

D.O.B.:

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Authority:

COMPLAINANT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Title: CIVIL

Component: CITZN

Misc:

Home: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Phone:

Work:

Phone:

Confidential:

Pay Plan:

EOD Date:

ZIP:

(b)(6);
(b)(7)(C)

ZIP:

Revealed:

Key: (b)(6); SSNO:

D.O.B.:

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Authority:

COMPLAINANT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(3):5 U.S.C. App. 3 Section
7(b) (Inspector General Act of 1978)

Title: ATTY

Component: EUSA

Misc:

Home: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(3):5 U.S.C. App. 3 Section 7(b) (Inspector
General Act of 1978)

Phone: (000) -0000

Work:

Phone: (202) 514-2000

Confidential:

Pay Plan:

EOD Date:

ZIP:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(3):5 U.S.C. App. 3
Section 7(b) (Inspector General Act of

ZIP:

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Key: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); SSNO: ****-**-

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D.O.B.:

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

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D/L No.:

Authority:

COMPLAINANT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Title: CIVIL

Component: CITZN

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Confidential:

Pay Plan:

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Revealed:

Key: (b)(6); SSNO:

(b)(7)(C)

D.O.B.:

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Authority:

COMPLAINANT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Title: CIVIL

Component: CITZN

Misc:

Home: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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Confidential:

Pay Plan:

EOD Date:

ZIP:

(b)(6);
(b)(7)(C)

ZIP:

Revealed:

Key: (b)(6); SSNO:

(b)(7)(C)

D.O.B.:

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Authority:

COMPLAINANT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Title: CIVIL

Component: CITZN

Misc:

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Confidential:

Pay Plan:

EOD Date:

ZIP:

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Revealed:

Key: (b)(6);
(b)(7)(C)

SSNO:

D.O.B.:

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Authority:

COMPLAINANT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(3); 5 U.S.C. App. 3 Section 7(b) (Inspector General Act of 1978)

Title: ATTY

Component: EUSA

Misc:

Home: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(3); 5 U.S.C. App. 3 Section 7(b) (Inspector General Act of 1978)

Phone: (000) -0000

Work:

Phone: (202) 514-2000

Confidential:

Pay Plan: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(3); 5 U.S.C. App. 3 Section 7(b) (Inspector General Act of 1978)

EOD Date:

ZIP:

ZIP:

Revealed:

Key: (b)(6);
(b)(7)(C);

SSNO: *****

D.O.B.:

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Authority:

COMPLAINANT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(3); 5 U.S.C. App. 3 Section 7(b) (Inspector General Act of 1978)

Title: ATTY

Component: EUSA

Misc:

Home: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(3); 5 U.S.C. App. 3 Section 7(b) (Inspector General Act of 1978)

Phone: (000) -0000

Work:

Phone: (202) 514-2000

Confidential:

Pay Plan: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(3); 5 U.S.C. App. 3 Section 7(b) (Inspector General Act of 1978)

EOD Date:

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Key: (b)(6);
(b)(7)(C);

SSNO: *****

D.O.B.:

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Authority:

COMPLAINANT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Title: CIVIL

Component: CITZN

Misc:

Home: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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Authority:

COMPLAINANT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Title: CIVIL

Component: CITZN

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(b)(7)(C)

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Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

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D/L No.:

Authority:

COMPLAINANT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Title: CIVIL

Component: CITZN

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SSNO:

D.O.B.:

Alien No.:

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B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Authority:

COMPLAINANT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Title: CIVIL

Component: CITZN

Misc:

Home: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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Work:

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Key: (b)(6);

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Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Authority:

COMPLAINANT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Title: CIVIL

Component: CITZN

Misc:

Home: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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Pay Plan:

EOD Date:

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Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Authority:

COMPLAINANT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Title: CIVIL

Component: CITZN

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Home: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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Confidential:

Pay Plan:

EOD Date:

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ZIP: (b)(6);

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Revealed:

Key: (b)(6);

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Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

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D/L No.:

Authority:

COMPLAINANT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Title: CIVIL

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Key: (b)(6);

SSNO:

D.O.B.:

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Authority:

COMPLAINANT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Title: CIVIL

Component: CITZN

Misc:

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(b)(7)(C)

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Key: (b)(6);

(b)(7)(C)

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D.O.B.:

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Authority:

COMPLAINANT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Title: CIVIL

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Key: (b)(6);

(b)(7)(C)

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Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Authority:

COMPLAINANT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Title: CIVIL

Component: CITZN

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F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Authority:

COMPLAINANT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Title: CIVIL

Component: CITZN

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EOD Date:

ZIP: (b)(6);

(b)(7)(C)

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Key: (b)(6);

SSNO:

D.O.B.:

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Authority:

COMPLAINANT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Title: CIVIL

Component: CITZN

Misc:

Home: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Phone:

Work:

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Confidential:

Pay Plan:

EOD Date:

ZIP: (b)(6);

(b)(7)(C)

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Key: (b)(6);

SSNO:

D.O.B.:

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Authority:

COMPLAINANT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Key: (b)(6); SSNO:
Title: CIVIL Pay Plan: D.O.B.:
Component: CITZN EOD Date: Alien No.:
Misc: F.B.I.No.:
Home: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) B.O.P.No.:
Phone: (b)(6); ZIP: (b)(6); D/L No.:
Work: ZIP:
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Confidential: Revealed: Authority:

COMPLAINANT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Key: (b)(6); SSNO:
Title: CIVIL Pay Plan: D.O.B.:
Component: CITZN EOD Date: Alien No.:
Misc: F.B.I.No.:
Home: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) B.O.P.No.:
Phone: ZIP: D/L No.:
Work: ZIP:
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COMPLAINANT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Key: (b)(6); SSNO:
Title: CIVIL Pay Plan: D.O.B.:
Component: CITZN EOD Date: Alien No.:
Misc: F.B.I.No.:
Home: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) B.O.P.No.:
Phone: ZIP: (b)(6); D/L No.:
Work: ZIP:
Phone: ZIP:
Confidential: Revealed: Authority:

COMPLAINANT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Key: (b)(6); SSNO:
Title: CIVIL Pay Plan: D.O.B.:
Component: CITZN EOD Date: Alien No.:
Misc: F.B.I.No.:
Home: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) B.O.P.No.:
Phone: ZIP: (b)(6); D/L No.:
Work: ZIP:
Phone: ZIP:
Confidential: Revealed: Authority:

Details:

Multiple complaints received via OIG hotline email on 6/2/20 and 6/3/20.

The Complainant alleged AG Barr illegally removed protestors from Lafayette Square through means of violent force, at the behest of President Trump. The Complainants alleged this violated the constitutional rights of the protestors by inciting violence against them and preventing citizens from protesting peacefully.

ALLEGATIONS: 606 Denial of Rights, Due Process

Occurrence Date: 06/01/2020

TIME:

CITY: Washington

State: DC

Zip: 20530

DISPOSITION DATA: Disposition: F Date: 06/04/2020 Approval: KIRDAR, JIM M
Referred to Agency: Date Sent: Reviewer: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
OGC/FBI Whistleblower: N Qui Tam: PREA: Init Ackno: 06/04/2020
Claims Whistleblower: N Patriot Act: N Recovery Act: Component: OAG
Sensitive: N Civil Rights: N
Consolidated Case Number: Component Number:

Remarks:

6/3/20: Dispo "U" per ASAC (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) pending discussion with SAC Kirdar. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

6/3/20: Referred to (b)(5)
(b)(5) (b)(6);

6/4/20: Dispo "F" per SAC Kirdar with IG's concurrence. Sent general thank you acknos. If further complaints are received, (b)(5) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

6/4/20: Additional complaints received via the OIG hotline email and CR/CL email and referred (b)(5) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

6/11/20: Additional complaints received via OIG hotline email and CR/CL email. Sent general thank you acknos to all complainants per (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) SAC Kirdar will continue to refer complaints (b)(5) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

6/18/20: Additional correspondence received via OIG CR/CL email on 6/17/20. Sent general thank you ackno. (b)(6);

6/22/20: Additional correspondence received via OIG hotline fax on 6/8/20. Sent general thank you ackno. (b)(6);

8/11/20: Numerous additional correspondence received via USPS in June. Added additional complainants and uploaded the predicate. Sent general thank you acknos per ASAC (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6);

Date Rec'd: 06/12/2020

How Rec'd: Hotline - Hotline Fax

PRIME SUBJECT: Barr, William P

Title: ATTY

Component: OAG

Misc:

Home: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Phone: (000) -0000

Work:

Phone: (202) 514-2000

Pay Plan: EX-00905-01

EOD Date: 02/14/2019

ZIP: (b)(6)

ZIP:

Key: (b)(6);

SSNO: ****-**- (b)(6);

D.O.B.: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Offenses: 412

SUBJECT: Bash, John F

Title: ATTY

Component: EUSA

Misc:

Home: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Phone: (000) -0000

Work: 1100 L ST NW, WASHINGTON, DC

Phone: (202) 514-2000

Pay Plan:

EOD Date: 12/11/2017

ZIP: (b)(6);

ZIP: 20530

Key: (b)(6);

SSNO: ****-**- (b)(6);

D.O.B.: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Offenses: 907

ASSOCIATED PERSON: Flynn, Michael T.

Title: CIVIL

Component: CITZN

Misc:

Home:

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Work:

Phone:

Pay Plan:

EOD Date:

ZIP:

ZIP:

Key: (b)(6);

SSNO:

D.O.B.:

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Offenses:

COMPLAINANT: Democracy 21

Title: CIVIL

Component: CITZN

Misc:

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Work:

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Confidential:

Pay Plan:

EOD Date:

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Revealed:

Key: 642688

SSNO:

D.O.B.:

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Authority:

Details:

Complaint received via OIG hotline fax on 6/12/20.

The Complainant requests an investigation into AG Barr's appointment of U.S. Attorney John Bash to lead the criminal investigation into Michael Flynn. The Complainant alleged Barr's appointment does not reflect a fair and impartial justice decision and that USA Bash cannot conduct a fair investigation into Flynn due to a conflict of interest.

ALLEGATIONS: 412 Job Performance Failure

Occurrence Date: 05/28/2020

TIME:

CITY: Washington

State: DC

Zip: 20530

DISPOSITION DATA: Disposition: T Date: 09/03/2020

Approval: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Referred to Agency:

Date Sent:

Reviewer:

OGC/FBI Whistleblower: N

Qui Tam:

PREA:

Init Ackno:

Claims Whistleblower: N

Patriot Act: N

Recovery Act:

Component: OAG

Sensitive: N

Civil Rights: N

Consolidated Case Number:

Component Number:

Remarks:

6/22/20: Dispo "U" pending ASAC (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) review for disposition. (b)(6);

9/3/20: (b)(5)

(b)(6);
(b)(7)(C)

Date Rec'd: 06/20/2020

How Rec'd: Hotline - Hotline Email

SUBJECT: Barr, William P

Title: ATTY

Component: OAG

Misc:

Home: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Phone: (000) -0000

Work:

Phone: (202) 514-2000

Pay Plan: EX-00905-01

EOD Date: 02/14/2019

ZIP: (b)(6)

ZIP:

Key: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

SSNO: ****-**- (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

D.O.B.: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Offenses: 412

COMPLAINANT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Title: CIVIL

Component: CITZN

Misc:

Home: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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Work:

Phone:

Confidential:

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EOD Date:

ZIP: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Authority:

COMPLAINANT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Title: CIVIL

Component: CITZN

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Revealed:

Key: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

SSNO:

D.O.B.:

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Authority:

COMPLAINANT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Title: CIVIL

Component: CITZN

Misc:

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SSNO:

D.O.B.:

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Authority:

COMPLAINANT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Title: CIVIL

Component: CITZN

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D.O.B.:

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Authority:

OIG - INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION - Complaint Form

OIG NO.: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

COMPLAINANT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Title: CIVIL

Component: CITZN

Misc:

Home: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Phone:

Work:

Phone:

Confidential:

Pay Plan:

EOD Date:

ZIP: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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Revealed:

Key: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

SSNO:

D.O.B.:

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Authority:

COMPLAINANT: Unidentified, Unknown

Title: UNID

Component: UNK

Misc:

Home:

Phone:

Work:

Phone:

Confidential:

Pay Plan:

EOD Date:

ZIP:

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Revealed:

Key: 392086

SSNO:

D.O.B.:

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Authority:

VICTIM: Berman, Geoffrey S

Title: ATTY

Component: EUSA

Misc:

Home: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Phone: (000) -0000

Work:

Phone: (202) 514-2000

Pay Plan:

EOD Date: 01/05/2018

ZIP: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

ZIP:

Key: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

SSNO: ****-**-

D.O.B.:

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Offenses:

Details:

Multiple complaints received via OIG hotline email starting from 6/20/20.

The Complainants alleged AG Barr fired USA Geoffrey Berman at the request of President Trump. The Complainants alleged USA Berman investigated President Trump's business friends and allies and that the AG and President viewed this action as a way to protect the President from further investigations and/or prosecutions.

ALLEGATIONS: 412 Job Performance Failure

Occurrence Date: 06/20/2020

TIME:

CITY: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

State: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Zip: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

DISPOSITION DATA: Disposition: F Date: 09/03/2020

Approval: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Referred to Agency:

Date Sent:

Reviewer:

OGC/FBI Whistleblower: N

Qui Tam:

PREA:

Init Ackno: 09/03/2020

Claims Whistleblower: N

Patriot Act: N

Recovery Act:

Component: OAG

Sensitive: N

Civil Rights: N

Consolidated Case Number:

Component Number:

Remarks:

6/24/20: Dispo "U" per ASAC (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) pending discussion with SAC Kirdar. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

9/3/20: Additional anonymous predicate received. The predicate is a cartoon that indicates AG Barr's preferential treatment towards President Trump's friends. Uploaded into iManage.
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

9/3/20: Dispo F per SAC Kirdar and sent citizen complaints general thank you acknos. (b)(5)

(b)(5)

(b)(5)

(b)(5)

(b)(6);

Date Rec'd: 05/26/2020

How Rec'd: Hotline - Mail

SUBJECT: Barr, William P

Title: ATTY

Component: OAG

Misc:

Home: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Phone: (000) -0000

Work:

Phone: (202) 514-2000

Pay Plan: EX-00905-01

EOD Date: 02/14/2019

ZIP: (b)(6)

ZIP:

Key: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

SSNO: ****-**- (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

D.O.B.: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Offenses: 412

SUBJECT: DURHAM, JOHN H

Title: ATTY

Component: EUSA

Misc:

Home: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Phone: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Work: 157 CHURCH ST, NEW HAVEN, CT

Phone: (203) 821-3700

Pay Plan:

EOD Date: 12/20/1982

ZIP: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

ZIP: 06510

Key: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

SSNO: ****-**- (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

D.O.B.: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Offenses: 412

COMPLAINANT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Title: CIVIL

Component: CITZN

Misc:

Home: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Phone:

Work:

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Confidential:

Pay Plan:

EOD Date:

ZIP: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

ZIP:

Revealed:

Key: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

SSNO:

D.O.B.:

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Authority:

Details:

Complaint received via USPS on 5/26/20.

The Complainant alleged AG Barr, USA Durham, and the OIG are failing to vindicate the President and Michael Flynn. The Complainant alleged that all the unfair press and treatment towards the President requires justice.

ALLEGATIONS: 412 Job Performance Failure

Occurrence Date:

TIME:

CITY: Washington

State: DC

Zip: 20530

DISPOSITION DATA: Disposition: F Date: 08/07/2020

Approval: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Referred to Agency:

Date Sent:

Reviewer:

OGC/FBI Whistleblower: N

Qui Tam:

PREA:

Init Ackno: 08/07/2020

Claims Whistleblower: N

Patriot Act: N

Recovery Act:

Component: DOJ

Sensitive: N

Civil Rights: N

Consolidated Case Number:

Component Number:

Remarks:

8/7/20: Dispo F per ASAC (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Sent general thank you ackno. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Date Rec'd: 08/14/2020

How Rec'd: Hotline - Hotline Email

PRIME SUBJECT: Barr, William P

Title: ATTY

Component: OAG

Misc:

Home: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Phone: (000) -0000

Work:

Phone: (202) 514-2000

Pay Plan: EX-00905-01

EOD Date: 02/14/2019

ZIP: (b)(6)

ZIP:

Key: (b)(6);

SSNO: ****-**- (b)(6);

D.O.B.: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Offenses: 906

SUBJECT: Sessions, Jefferson B

Title: ATTY

Component: OAG

Misc:

Home: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Phone: (000) -0000

Work:

Phone: (202) 514-2000

Pay Plan: EX-00905-01

EOD Date: 02/09/2017

ZIP: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

ZIP:

Key: (b)(6);

SSNO: ****-**- (b)(6);

D.O.B.: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Offenses: 906

COMPLAINANT, WHISTLEBLOWER DEFINED: Unidentified, Employee

Title: UNID

Component: UNK

Misc:

Home:

Phone:

Work:

Phone:

Confidential:

Pay Plan:

EOD Date:

ZIP:

ZIP:

Revealed:

Key: (b)(6);

SSNO:

D.O.B.:

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Authority:

Details:

An anonymous complainant represented by the Government Accountability Project submitted a whistleblower disclosure alleging improper political interference by Attorney General William Barr, former Attorney General Jeff Sessions, and other political appointees. Specifically, the complainant alleges interference in DOJ Civil Rights Division prosecutions and investigations in police brutality cases where deaths resulted, including those of Tamir Rice and Eric Garner.

ALLEGATIONS: 906 Misuse of Position

Occurrence Date:

TIME:

CITY: Washington

State: DC

Zip: 20530

DISPOSITION DATA: Disposition: T Date: 09/03/2020

Approval: KIRDAR, JIM M

Referred to Agency:

Date Sent:

Reviewer: KIRDAR, JIM M

OGC/FBI Whistleblower: N

Qui Tam:

PREA:

Init Ackno:

Claims Whistleblower: Y

Patriot Act: N

Recovery Act:

Component: CRT

Sensitive: N

Civil Rights: N

Consolidated Case Number:

Component Number:

Remarks:

8/14/2020: Anonymous Whistleblower Disclosure received from the Government Accountability Project via email. Entered and designed U per AIG Lake. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

8/18/20: (b)(5) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

9/3/20: (b)(5) (b)(5) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Date Rec'd: 10/04/2019

How Rec'd: Hotline - Hotline Fax

SUBJECT: Barr, William P

Title: ATTY

Component: OAG

Misc:

Home: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Phone: (000) -0000

Work:

Phone: (202) 514-2000

Pay Plan: EX-00905-01

EOD Date: 02/14/2019

ZIP: (b)(6)

ZIP:

Key: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

SSNO: ****-**- (b)(6);

D.O.B.: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Offenses: 412

COMPLAINANT: Democracy 21

Title: CIVIL

Component: CITZN

Misc:

Home:

Phone:

Work:

Phone:

Confidential:

Pay Plan:

EOD Date:

ZIP:

ZIP:

Revealed:

Key: 642688

SSNO:

D.O.B.:

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Authority:

COMPLAINANT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Title: CIVIL

Component: CITZN

Misc:

Home: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Phone:

Work:

Phone:

Confidential:

Pay Plan:

EOD Date:

ZIP: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

ZIP:

Revealed:

Key: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

SSNO:

D.O.B.:

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Authority:

Details:

The complaint was received via OIG hotline fax on 10/4/19.

The complainant alleges Attorney General Barr is involved with President Trump's request to the Ukrainian government to intervene in the 2020 presidential election. Specifically, the complainant alleges AG Barr acted the president's personal representative in President Trump's effort to solicit a foreign government to intervene in the election.

ALLEGATIONS: 412 Job Performance Failure

Occurrence Date:

TIME:

CITY: Washington

State: DC

Zip: 20036

DISPOSITION DATA: Disposition: F Date: 10/23/2019

Approval: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Referred to Agency:

Date Sent:

Reviewer:

OGC/FBI Whistleblower: N

Qui Tam:

PREA:

Init Ackno: 10/24/2019

Claims Whistleblower: N

Patriot Act: N

Recovery Act:

Component: OAG

Sensitive: N

Civil Rights: N

Consolidated Case Number:

Component Number:

Remarks:

10/23/19: Complaint dispositioned F per ASAC (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Sent general thank you ackno. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

3/17/20: Correspondence received from new Complainant alleging AG Barr is acting as President Trump's personal lawyer. Update per ASAC (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Complainant did not provide return address, unable to send ackno. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Date Rec'd: 09/23/2019

How Rec'd: Hotline - Hotline Fax

SUBJECT: Barr, William P

Title: ATTY

Component: OAG

Misc:

Home: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Phone: (000) -0000

Work:

Phone: (202) 514-2000

Pay Plan: EX-00905-01

EOD Date: 02/14/2019

ZIP: (b)(6)

ZIP:

Key: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) SSNO: ****-**- (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

D.O.B.: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Offenses: 412

COMPLAINANT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Title: CIVIL

Component: CITZN

Misc:

Home:

Phone:

Work: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Phone:

Confidential:

Pay Plan:

EOD Date:

ZIP:

ZIP:

Revealed:

Key: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) SSNO:

D.O.B.:

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Authority:

Details:

The complaint was received via OIG hotline fax on 9/23/19.

The complainant alleges AG Barr has failed to respond to his letters regarding (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Wyndham Vacation Resorts, Inc.

ALLEGATIONS: 412 Job Performance Failure

Occurrence Date:

TIME:

CITY: Palm Beach Gardens

State: FL

Zip: 33410

DISPOSITION DATA: Disposition: F Date: 10/08/2019

Approval: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Referred to Agency:

Date Sent:

Reviewer:

OGC/FBI Whistleblower: N

Qui Tam:

PREA:

Init Ackno: 10/09/2019

Claims Whistleblower: N

Patriot Act: N

Recovery Act:

Component: OAG

Sensitive: N

Civil Rights: N

Consolidated Case Number:

Component Number:

Remarks:

10/8/19: Complaint dispositioned F per ASAC (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Sent general thank you ackno. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

11/8/19: Ackno dated 10/9/19 return to sender. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Date Rec'd: 02/25/2019

How Rec'd: Hotline - Mail

SUBJECT: Barr, William P

Title: ATTY

Component: OAG

Misc:

Home: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Phone: (000) -0000

Work:

Phone: (202) 514-2000

Pay Plan: EX-00905-01

EOD Date: 02/14/2019

ZIP: (b)(6)

ZIP:

Key: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

SSNO: ****-**- (b)(6);

D.O.B.: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Offenses: 907

COMPLAINANT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Title: CIVIL

Component: CITIZN

Misc:

Home:

Phone:

Work: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Phone:

Confidential:

Pay Plan:

EOD Date:

ZIP:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

ZIP: (b)(6);

Revealed:

Key: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

SSNO:

D.O.B.:

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Authority:

Details:

The complaint was received via OIG hotline mail on 2/25/19.

The complainant alleges that Attorney General William Barr is legally required to recuse himself from the investigation of Caterpillar Inc., but has yet to indicate this action. The complainant alleges Barr is in violation of DOJ rules and regulations for not recusing himself from the investigation of Caterpillar Inc, despite being asked by the Senate during his confirmation hearings to affirm his recusal. Additionally, the complainant alleges Barr noted during his Senate hearings that there is likely to be a conflict of interest regarding this investigation and that certain conflicts cannot be waived. The complainant also states Barr was required to report the matter and all attendant facts to OPR, but alleges there is no indication of this. The complainant states Barr has instead provided vague promises to recuse himself from former client matters.

The conflict of interest with Caterpillar Inc. refers to the ongoing investigation that commenced on January 8, 2015, in which the USAO for the Central District of Illinois issued Grand Jury Subpoenas. The complainant states the investigation led to a highly publicized multi-agency raid by the FDIC, IRS, and Department of Commerce at Caterpillar Inc.'s global headquarters. The complainant alleges that immediately following the raid, Caterpillar Inc.'s CEO personally asked Barr to provide legal representation regarding the matter. The complainant states at the time Barr was associated with the law firm Kirkland & Ellis and has been paid approximately \$1.2 million in fees.

ALLEGATIONS: 907 Conflict of Interest

Occurrence Date:

TIME:

CITY: Washington

State: DC

Zip: 20530

DISPOSITION DATA: Disposition: M Date: 03/06/2019

Approval: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Referred to Agency: OAG

Date Sent: 03/06/2019

Reviewer:

OGC/FBI Whistleblower: N

Qui Tam:

PREA:

Init Ackno: 03/13/2019

Claims Whistleblower: N

Patriot Act: N

Recovery Act:

Component: OAG

Sensitive: N

Civil Rights: N

Consolidated Case Number:

Component Number:

Remarks:

3/5/19: Complaint dispositioned "U" per ASAC (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) pending discussion with SAC Kirdar.
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

William Barr has been vetted and confirmed by the U.S. Senate and is the Attorney General.
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

3/12/19: Complaint dispositioned M per ASAC (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Sent to OPR, ackno sent. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

5/3/19: Additional correspondence received via OIG hotline mail on 4/24/19. The complainant alleges his allegations fall under OIG jurisdiction because it involves DOJ policies and procedures that allow the AG to engage in activity contrary to the law. Per ASAC (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) update and sent additional memo to OPR, and additional ackno sent. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

7/2/2019: Additional correspondence received via USPS on 6/26/2019. Complainant states that AG Barr's confirmation as AG is a conflict of interest due to the other cases he was working on before being confirmed. Complaint update, further memo sent to OPR and ackno letter sent to complainant per ASAC (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Date Rec'd: 03/19/2019

How Rec'd: Hotline - Hotline Fax

SUBJECT: Barr, William P

Title: ATTY

Component: OAG

Misc:

Home: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Phone: (000) -0000

Work:

Phone: (202) 514-2000

Pay Plan: EX-00905-01

EOD Date: 02/14/2019

ZIP: (b)(6)

ZIP:

Key: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

SSNO: ****-**- (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

D.O.B.: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Offenses: 498

SUBJECT: Trump, Donald

Title: FEDEM

Component: OTHFD

Misc:

Home:

Phone:

Work:

Phone:

Pay Plan:

EOD Date:

ZIP:

ZIP:

Key: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

SSNO:

D.O.B.:

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Offenses: 498

COMPLAINANT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Title: CIVIL

Component: UNK

Misc:

Home: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Phone:

Work:

Phone:

Confidential:

Pay Plan:

EOD Date:

ZIP: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

ZIP:

Revealed:

Key: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

SSNO:

D.O.B.:

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Authority:

Details:

Complaint was received via OIG Hotline fax on March 20, 2019.

The complainant alleges Attorney General Williams Barr has allowed for President Trump to be "immune from any legal consequence by the Department of Justice". (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

ALLEGATIONS: 498 Non-DOJ Issue

Occurrence Date:

TIME:

CITY: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

State: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Zip: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

DISPOSITION DATA: Disposition: X Date: 03/20/2019

Approval:

Referred to Agency:

Date Sent:

Reviewer:

OGC/FBI Whistleblower: N

Qui Tam:

PREA:

Init Ackno: 03/22/2019

Claims Whistleblower: N

Patriot Act: N

Recovery Act:

Component: OTHFD

Sensitive: N

Civil Rights: N

Consolidated Case Number:

Component Number:

Remarks:

03/20/2019: Complaint dispo X per IS (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) ackno 2 sent out. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Date Rec'd: 04/11/2019

How Rec'd: Hotline - Hotline Email

SUBJECT: Barr, William P

Title: ATTY

Component: OAG

Misc:

Home: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Phone: (000) -0000

Work:

Phone: (202) 514-2000

Pay Plan: EX-00905-01

EOD Date: 02/14/2019

ZIP: (b)(6)

ZIP:

Key: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

SSNO: ****-**- (b)(6);

D.O.B.: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Offenses: 412

COMPLAINANT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Title: CIVIL

Component: CITZN

Misc:

Home: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Phone:

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Pay Plan:

EOD Date:

ZIP: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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Key: (b)(6);

SSNO:

D.O.B.:

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Authority:

COMPLAINANT: American, FNU

Title: CIVIL

Component: CITZN

Misc:

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Confidential:

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EOD Date:

ZIP:

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Revealed:

Key: 642481

SSNO:

D.O.B.:

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Authority:

COMPLAINANT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Title: CIVIL

Component: CITZN

Misc:

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EOD Date:

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Revealed:

Key: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

SSNO:

D.O.B.:

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Authority:

COMPLAINANT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Title: CIVIL

Component: CITZN

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Alien No.:

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Authority:

COMPLAINANT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Title: CIVIL

Component: CITZN

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Confidential:

Revealed:

Key: (b)(6);
(b)(7)(C) SSNO:

D.O.B.:

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Authority:

COMPLAINANT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Title: CIVIL

Component: CITZN

Misc:

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(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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Confidential:

Revealed:

Key: (b)(6);
(b)(7)(C) SSNO:

D.O.B.:

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Authority:

COMPLAINANT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Title: CIVIL

Component: CITZN

Misc:

Home: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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ZIP: (b)(6);

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Confidential:

Revealed:

Key: (b)(6);
(b)(7)(C) SSNO:

D.O.B.:

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Authority:

COMPLAINANT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Title: CIVIL

Component: CITZN

Misc:

Home: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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Confidential:

Revealed:

Key: (b)(6);
(b)(7)(C) SSNO:

D.O.B.:

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Authority:

COMPLAINANT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Title: CIVIL

Component: CITZN

Misc:

Home: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

ZIP: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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Key: (b)(6);
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D.O.B.:

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Authority:

OIG - INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION - Complaint Form

OIG NO.:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

COMPLAINANT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Key: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

SSNO:

Title: CIVIL

Pay Plan:

D.O.B.:

Component: CITZN

EOD Date:

Alien No.:

Misc:

F.B.I.No.:

Home: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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ZIP: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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Revealed:

Authority:

COMPLAINANT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Key: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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Component: CITZN

EOD Date:

Alien No.:

Misc:

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Home: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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B.O.P.No.:

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Authority:

COMPLAINANT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Key: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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Title: CIVIL

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EOD Date:

Alien No.:

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Authority:

COMPLAINANT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Key: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

SSNO:

Title: CIVIL

Pay Plan:

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Component: CITZN

EOD Date:

Alien No.:

Misc:

F.B.I.No.:

Home: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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B.O.P.No.:

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ZIP: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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Authority:

COMPLAINANT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Key: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

SSNO:

Title: CIVIL

Pay Plan:

D.O.B.:

Component: CITZN

EOD Date:

Alien No.:

Misc:

F.B.I.No.:

Home: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

B.O.P.No.:

Phone:

ZIP: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

D/L No.:

Work:

Phone:

ZIP:

Confidential:

Revealed:

Authority:

COMPLAINANT: Unidentified, Unknown

Key: 392086 SSNO:

Title: UNID

Pay Plan:

D.O.B.:

Component: UNK

EOD Date:

Alien No.:

Misc:

F.B.I.No.:

Home:

B.O.P.No.:

Phone:

ZIP:

D/L No.:

Work:

Phone:

ZIP:

Confidential:

Revealed:

Authority:

Details:

Multiple complaints were received via OIG hotline e-mail on 4/11/19.

The twelve complainants allege that Attorney General William Barr is being less than candid with his summary of the Office of Special Counsel's Report on the investigation into President Trump. The complainants allege the subject is acting biased towards the President and acting in the interests of the President rather than the people of the U.S. Lastly, the complainants allege moral and ethical corruption by AG Barr.

ALLEGATIONS: 412 Job Performance Failure

Occurrence Date: 04/11/2019

TIME:

CITY: Washington

State: DC

Zip: 20005

DISPOSITION DATA: Disposition: F Date: 04/15/2019

Approval:

Referred to Agency:

Date Sent:

Reviewer:

OGC/FBI Whistleblower: N

Qui Tam:

PREA:

Init Ackno: 04/16/2019

Claims Whistleblower: N

Patriot Act: N

Recovery Act:

Component: OAG

Sensitive: N

Civil Rights: N

Consolidated Case Number:

Component Number:

Remarks:

4/15/19: Complaint dispositioned F per ASAC (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Sent general thank you ackno. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

4/17/19: Additional correspondence received via OIG hotline mail on 4/9/19 from (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) The complainant alleges AG Barr is biased towards President Trump. Update per ASAC (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) sent general thank you ackno and uploaded into iManage. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

5/21/19: Additional correspondence received via OIG hotline mail on 5/9/19 from (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) The complainant alleges AG Barr's comments on the Mueller report directly contradict the statements within the report and states this is a deliberate attempt to shield the President. Update per ASAC (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) sent general thank you ackno. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

5/21/19: Additional correspondence received via OIG hotline mail on 5/9/19 from an anonymous complainant. The complainant alleges AG Barr has lied to the American people and Congress. Ackno sent anonymously; unable to send ackno. Uploaded additional into iManage per ASAC (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

7/9/20: Additional correspondence received via USPS from (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) The Complainant reiterated allegations that AG Barr is acting at the behest of President Trump. Update per ASAC (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and sent thank you ackno. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Date Rec'd: 04/17/2019

How Rec'd: Hotline - Hotline Fax

SUBJECT: Barr, William P

Title: ATTY

Component: OAG

Misc:

Home: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Phone: (000) -0000

Work:

Phone: (202) 514-2000

Pay Plan: EX-00905-01

EOD Date: 02/14/2019

ZIP: (b)(6)

ZIP:

Key: (b)(6);
(b)(7)(C)SSNO: ****-(b)(6);
(b)(7)(C)

D.O.B.: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Offenses: 906

COMPLAINANT: Democracy 21

Title: CIVIL

Component: CITZN

Misc:

Home:

Phone:

Work:

Phone:

Confidential:

Pay Plan:

EOD Date:

ZIP:

ZIP:

Revealed:

Key: 642688

SSNO:

D.O.B.:

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Authority:

Details:

The complaint was received via OIG hotline fax on 4/17/19.

On April 17, 2019, the complainant forwarded a letter previously submitted to the Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR). In the letter, the complainant alleges that on April 10, 2019, Attorney General William Barr violated Justice Department (DOJ) norms and standards of conduct by publicly testifying, without any substantiation, that FBI and Justice Department officials engaged in "spying" on the Trump campaign during the 2016 presidential election. AG Barr's comments were during a public testimony at a congressional hearing before a Senate Appropriations sub-committee. The complainant also alleges the AG has not retracted his statements and are now being used by President Trump to attack the legitimacy of the Mueller investigation. Lastly, the complainant alleges AG Barr has inserted himself into a fierce public debate in a way "that can only be interpreted as siding with President Trump in the President's repeated false attacks on the legality of the Mueller investigation."

ALLEGATIONS: 906 Misuse of Position

Occurrence Date: 04/10/2019

TIME:

CITY: Washington

State: DC

Zip: 20036

DISPOSITION DATA: Disposition: F Date: 04/25/2019

Approval: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Referred to Agency:

Date Sent:

Reviewer:

OGC/FBI Whistleblower: N

Qui Tam:

PREA:

Init Ackno: 04/26/2019

Claims Whistleblower: N

Patriot Act: N

Recovery Act:

Component: OAG

Sensitive: N

Civil Rights: N

Consolidated Case Number:

Component Number:

Remarks:

4/22/19: Complaint dispositioned "U" per ASAC (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

4/25/19: Complaint dispositioned F per (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Sent general thank you ackno. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

6/20/19: Additional correspondence was received via OIG Hotline fax on 6/4/19. No new information, update only per SIS (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

1/29/2020: Additional correspondence received via USPS on 1/22/2020, no new information provided, update only per ASAC (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Date Rec'd: 04/17/2019

How Rec'd: Hotline - Hotline Fax

SUBJECT: Barr, William P

Key: 643660

SSNO: ****-*

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Title: ATTY

Pay Plan: EX-00905-01

D.O.B.: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Component: OAG

EOD Date: 02/14/2019

Alien No.:

Misc:

F.B.I.No.:

Home: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

B.O.P.No.:

Phone: (000) -0000

ZIP: (b)(6)

D/L No.:

Work:

Offenses: 412

Phone: (202) 514-2000

ZIP:

COMPLAINANT: Unidentified, Unknown

Key: 392086

SSNO:

Title: UNID

Pay Plan:

D.O.B.:

Component: UNK

EOD Date:

Alien No.:

Misc:

F.B.I.No.:

Home:

B.O.P.No.:

Phone:

ZIP:

D/L No.:

Work:

Phone:

ZIP:

Confidential:

Revealed:

Authority:

Details:

Complaint received via OIG Hotline Fax on 4/17/2019.

Complainant sent a print out of a tweet from Laurence Tribe that states "It's hard to call someone in Trump's orbit even more dishonorable than Trump himself, but Bill Barr might meet that test: unlike totally unmoored and immortal Trump, this Attorney General clearly knows better. He has to know how badly he is betraying the rule of law". There was then a response from Jill Wine-Banks who tweeted "The Barr is really low".

ALLEGATIONS: 412 Job Performance Failure

Occurrence Date:

TIME:

CITY: N/A

State:

Zip:

DISPOSITION DATA: Disposition: F Date: 04/26/2019

Approval:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Referred to Agency:

Date Sent:

Reviewer:

OGC/FBI Whistleblower: N

Qui Tam:

PREA:

Init Ackno: 04/29/2019

Claims Whistleblower: N

Patriot Act: N

Recovery Act:

Component: DOJ

Sensitive: N

Civil Rights: N

Consolidated Case Number:

Component Number:

Remarks:

4/26/2019: Dispo F per ASAC (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) no address provided, unable to send ackno letter. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Date Rec'd: 04/25/2019

How Rec'd: Hotline - Mail

SUBJECT: Barr, William P

Title: ATTY

Component: OAG

Misc:

Home: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Phone: (000) -0000

Work:

Phone: (202) 514-2000

Pay Plan: EX-00905-01

EOD Date: 02/14/2019

ZIP: (b)(6)

ZIP:

Key: 643660

SSNO: ***** (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

D.O.B.: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Offenses: 412

SUBJECT: Benczkowski, Brian A

Title: OAG

Component: CRM

Misc: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Home: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Phone: (000) -0000

Work: , WASHINGTON, DC

Phone: (202) 514-2000

Pay Plan: EX-00905-04

EOD Date: 07/12/2018

ZIP: (b)(6)

ZIP:

Key: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

SSNO: ***** (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

D.O.B.: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Offenses: 412

SUBJECT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Title: ATTY

Component: VA

Misc:

Home:

Phone:

Work:

Phone:

Pay Plan:

EOD Date:

ZIP:

ZIP:

Key: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

SSNO:

D.O.B.:

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Offenses: 498

SUBJECT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Title: ATTY

Component: VA

Misc:

Home:

Phone:

Work:

Phone:

Pay Plan:

EOD Date:

ZIP:

ZIP:

Key: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

SSNO:

D.O.B.:

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Offenses: 498

SUBJECT: HOROWITZ, MICHAEL

Title: INSP

Component: DOJ

Misc: INSPECTOR GENERAL, OIG

Home:

Phone:

Work:

Phone: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Pay Plan:

EOD Date:

ZIP:

ZIP:

Key: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

SSNO:

D.O.B.:

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Offenses: 412

COMPLAINANT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Title: CIVIL

Component: CITIZEN

Misc:

Home: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Phone:

Work:

Phone:

Confidential:

Pay Plan:

EOD Date:

ZIP: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

ZIP:

Revealed:

Key: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

SSNO:

D.O.B.:

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Authority:

Details:

The complaint was received via OIG hotline mail on 4/25/19.

The complainant alleges the Attorney General William Barr, Inspector General Michael Horowitz, CRM Assistant Attorney General Brian Benczkowski, and two VA Attorneys (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) have failed to register as a foreign agent under the FARA Act. The complainant demands copies of the OMB form No. 1121-0001 for the subjects and also alleges that each subject believes they are above the Constitution.

In addition, the complainant alleges the federal government and various state and local committees have failed to investigate the genocide of US Veterans. The genocide stems from gross negligence and inadequate health care for veterans.

ALLEGATIONS: 412 Job Performance Failure

Occurrence Date:

TIME:

CITY: Washington

State: DC

Zip: 20530

DISPOSITION DATA: Disposition: F Date: 06/04/2019

Approval: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Referred to Agency:

Date Sent:

Reviewer: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

OGC/FBI Whistleblower: N

Qui Tam:

PREA:

Init Ackno: 06/05/2019

Claims Whistleblower: N

Patriot Act: N

Recovery Act:

Component: MULTI

Sensitive: N

Civil Rights: N

Consolidated Case Number:

Component Number:

Remarks:

5/2/19: Complaint dispositioned "U" per ASAC (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) pending discussion with SAC Kirdar.

6/4/19: Complaint dispositioned "F" per ASAC (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Uploaded additional work product and sent general thank you ackno. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

7/1/2019: Additional correspondence received via USPS on June 19, 2019. Complainant sent back previous Thank You letter with "corrections" and objections to our letter. Complaint updated per ASAC (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

7/18/2019: Additional correspondence received via USPS on 7/2/2019. No new information provided, update only per ASAC (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

7/19/2019: Additional correspondence received via USPS on 7/11/2019. No new information provided, update and general thank you letter sent to complainant per ASAC (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Date Rec'd: 04/25/2019

How Rec'd: Hotline - Mail

SUBJECT: Barr, William P

Title: ATTY

Component: OAG

Misc:

Home: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Phone: (000) -0000

Work:

Phone: (202) 514-2000

Pay Plan: EX-00905-01

EOD Date: 02/14/2019

ZIP: (b)(6)

ZIP:

Key: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

SSNO: ****-**-

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

D.O.B.: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Offenses: 412

COMPLAINANT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Title: CIVIL

Component: CITZN

Misc:

Home: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Phone:

ZIP: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Work:

Phone:

ZIP:

Confidential:

Revealed:

Key: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

SSNO:

D.O.B.:

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Authority:

Details:

Complaint received via USPS on 4/25/2019.

The complainant raises concerns about the alleged partisan activities of the subject and his interactions with the President of the United States.

ALLEGATIONS: 412 Job Performance Failure

Occurrence Date:

TIME:

CITY: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

State:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Zip: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

DISPOSITION DATA: Disposition: F Date: 05/10/2019

Approval:

Referred to Agency:

Date Sent:

Reviewer:

OGC/FBI Whistleblower: N

Qui Tam:

PREA:

Init Ackno: 05/13/2019

Claims Whistleblower: N

Patriot Act: N

Recovery Act:

Component: DOJ

Sensitive: N

Civil Rights: N

Consolidated Case Number:

Component Number:

Remarks:

5/10/2019: Dispo F per ASAC (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) General Thank You ackno sent to complainant (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

6/11/2019: Additional predicated material received via USPS on 6/4/2019. No new information provided, update only per ASAC (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Date Rec'd: 04/26/2019

How Rec'd: Hotline - Mail

SUBJECT: Barr, William P

Title: ATTY

Component: OAG

Misc:

Home: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Phone: (000) -0000

Work:

Phone: (202) 514-2000

Pay Plan: EX-00905-01

EOD Date: 02/14/2019

ZIP: (b)(6)

ZIP:

Key: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

SSNO: ****-**-

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

D.O.B.: 05/23/1950

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Offenses: 412

SUBJECT: Mueller, Robert S

Title: ATTY

Component: OSCIR

Misc:

Home: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Phone: (000) -0000

Work: , WASHINGTON, DC

Phone: (202) 514-2000

Pay Plan: GS-00905-15

EOD Date: 05/19/2017

ZIP: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

ZIP:

Key: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

SSNO: ****-**-

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

D.O.B.: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Offenses: 412

COMPLAINANT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Title: INMAT

Component: LEA

Misc:

Home: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Phone:

Work:

Phone:

Confidential:

Pay Plan:

EOD Date:

ZIP: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

ZIP:

Revealed:

Key: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

SSNO:

D.O.B.:

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Authority:

Details:

Complaint was received via OIG Hotline US Mail on 4/26/2019.

The Complainant allege that Attorney General William Barr and former FBI-Director and Special Counsel Robert Mueller covered up crimes committed by local officials towards the Complainant. The Complainant also alleged that local officials bribed FBI officials to cover up the misconduct that targeted the Complainant. The Complainant further alleged that the things done to him and the subsequent cover up led to the terror attacks on 9/11 and the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq.

ALLEGATIONS: 412 Job Performance Failure

Occurrence Date:

TIME:

CITY: Saint Petersburg

State: FL

Zip: 33733

DISPOSITION DATA: Disposition: F Date: 05/14/2019

Approval: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Referred to Agency:

Date Sent:

Reviewer:

OGC/FBI Whistleblower: N

Qui Tam:

PREA:

Init Ackno: 05/17/2019

Claims Whistleblower: N

Patriot Act: N

Recovery Act:

Component: FBI

Sensitive: N

Civil Rights: N

Consolidated Case Number:

Component Number:

Remarks:

5/14/2019: Dispo F per ASAC (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Ackno sent advising of disposition. Predicate scanned into iManage. (JTK)

9/4/2019 UPDATE

Additional correspondence was received via OIG Hotline US Mail on 6/4/2019.

In additional correspondence, the Complainant alleged that the OIG is concealing FBI and DOJ criminal activity. The Complainant also alleged that former Vice President Joe Biden was bribed by officials in Lancaster County, PA to cover up crimes committed against him. The Complainant alleged that former FBI Director Robert Mueller and others were also bribed.

Additional predicate scanned into iManage. No further action per SAC Bidwell. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

11/13/19 UPDATE

Additional correspondence was received via OIG Hotline US Mail on 9/12/19.

In additional correspondence, the Complainant reiterated his previous allegations. No new information provided.

Additional predicate scanned into iManage. No further action per ASAC (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

6/5/20 UPDATE

Additional correspondence was received via the OIG Hotline U.S. Mail.

The Complainant sent similar allegations as those previously sent to DOJ OIG with not new information provided. Disposition and additional predicated information scanned into iManage. No further action taken. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Date Rec'd: 05/09/2019

How Rec'd: Hotline - Mail

SUBJECT: Barr, William P

Title: ATTY

Component: OAG

Misc:

Home: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Phone: (000) -0000

Work:

Phone: (202) 514-2000

Pay Plan: EX-00905-01

EOD Date: 02/14/2019

ZIP: (b)(6)

ZIP:

Key: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

SSNO: ****-**-****

D.O.B.: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Offenses: 906

ASSOCIATED PERSON: Cohen, Michael

Title: CIVIL

Component: CITZN

Misc: former attorney for President Trump

Home:

Phone:

Work:

Phone:

Pay Plan:

EOD Date:

ZIP:

ZIP:

Key: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

SSNO:

D.O.B.: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Offenses:

ASSOCIATED PERSON: Kushner, Jared

Title: FEDEM

Component: OTHFD

Misc: Senior Advisor to President Trump

Home:

Phone:

Work:

Phone:

Pay Plan:

EOD Date:

ZIP:

ZIP:

Key: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

SSNO:

D.O.B.: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Offenses:

ASSOCIATED PERSON: Trump, Donald

Title: FEDEM

Component: OTHFD

Misc:

Home:

Phone:

Work:

Phone:

Pay Plan:

EOD Date:

ZIP:

ZIP:

Key: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

SSNO:

D.O.B.:

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Offenses:

COMPLAINANT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Title: CIVIL

Component: CITZN

Misc: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Home:

Phone:

Work:

Phone:

Confidential:

Pay Plan:

EOD Date:

ZIP: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

ZIP:

Revealed:

Key: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

SSNO:

D.O.B.:

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Authority:

Details:

The complaint was received via OIG hotline mail on 5/9/19.

The complainant alleges AG Barr committed illegal acts to protect the legal and political interests of President George H.W. Bush in 1992. Subsequently, upon AG Barr's confirmation hearings under the Trump Administration, President Trump and Jared Kushner conspired to cover up this information from the Senate Judiciary Committee. Lastly, the complainant alleges this information is quietly entangled in Michael Cohen's federal court case in NY.

ALLEGATIONS: 906 Misuse of Position

Occurrence Date:

TIME:

CITY: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

State: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Zip:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

DISPOSITION DATA: Disposition: F Date: 05/29/2019

Approval:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Referred to Agency:

Date Sent:

Reviewer:

OGC/FBI Whistleblower: N

Qui Tam:

PREA:

Init Ackno: 05/31/2019

Claims Whistleblower: N

Patriot Act: N

Recovery Act:

Component: OAG

Sensitive: N

Civil Rights: N

Consolidated Case Number:

Component Number:

Remarks:

5/16/19: Complaint dispositioned "U" per ASAC (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) pending discussion with SAC Kirdar.

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

5/24/19:

(b)(5)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

5/24/19:

(b)(5)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

5/28/19: Complainant will be disposed as F per AIGI Lake's concurrence with "thank you" ackno to Complainant (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

7/8/19: Additional correspondence received via USPS on 6/26/19. Complainant resubmitted original correspondence with an addendum stating that his allegations against AG Barr are of national importance and requests a staff member to call him. Update per ASAC (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) sent general thank you ackno (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

9/6/19: Additional correspondence received via USPS on 8/5/19. The complainant re-submitted the original correspondence and included OIG ackno letters demanding the OIG return his phone calls instead. Update only per ASAC (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Date Rec'd: 05/22/2019

How Rec'd: Hotline - Hotline Fax

SUBJECT: Barr, William P

Key: 643660

SSNO: ****-**-****

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Title: ATTY

Pay Plan: EX-00905-01

D.O.B.: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Component: OAG

EOD Date: 02/14/2019

Alien No.:

Misc:

F.B.I.No.:

Home: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

B.O.P.No.:

Phone: (000) -0000

ZIP: (b)(6)

D/L No.:

Work:

Offenses: 412

Phone: (202) 514-2000

ZIP:

COMPLAINANT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Key: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

SSNO:

Title: CIVIL

Pay Plan:

D.O.B.:

Component: CITZN

EOD Date:

Alien No.:

Misc:

F.B.I.No.:

Home:

B.O.P.No.:

Phone:

ZIP:

D/L No.:

Work:

Phone:

ZIP:

Confidential:

Revealed:

Authority:

Details:

Complaint received via OIG Hotline Fax on 5/22/2019.

The complainant states that Attorney General Barr has violated the Hatch Act by engaging in partisan political acts while employed by the DOJ.

ALLEGATIONS: 412 Job Performance Failure

Occurrence Date:

TIME:

CITY: Washington

State: DC

Zip: 20005

DISPOSITION DATA: Disposition: F Date: 05/29/2019

Approval:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Referred to Agency:

Date Sent:

Reviewer:

OGC/FBI Whistleblower: N

Qui Tam:

PREA:

Init Ackno: 05/31/2019

Claims Whistleblower: N

Patriot Act: N

Recovery Act:

Component: DOJ

Sensitive: N

Civil Rights: N

Consolidated Case Number:

Component Number:

Remarks:

5/29/2019: Dispo F per ASAC (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) general thank you letter sent to complainant (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

6/5/19: Additional correspondence received 5/24/19 via OIG Hotline Fax. Complainant reiterates complaints against AG Barr under the assumption that his previous complaint had not been received. Update only per SIS (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

6/11/2019: Additional correspondence received via USPS on 5/29/2019. No new information provided, update only per ASAC (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Date Rec'd: 05/24/2019

How Rec'd: Hotline - Mail

SUBJECT: Barr, William P

Title: ATTY

Component: OAG

Misc:

Home: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Phone: (000) -0000

Work:

Phone: (202) 514-2000

Pay Plan: EX-00905-01

EOD Date: 02/14/2019

ZIP: (b)(6)

ZIP:

Key: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

SSNO: ****-**-

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

D.O.B.: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Offenses: 412

SUBJECT: Kupec, Kerri Ann

Title: PUBLIC

Component: PAO

Misc:

Home: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Phone: (000) -0000

Work:

Phone: (202) 514-2000

Pay Plan: GS-01035-14

EOD Date: 01/07/2018

ZIP: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

ZIP:

Key: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

SSNO: ****-**-

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

D.O.B.: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Offenses: 412

SUBJECT: ROSENSTEIN, ROD J

Title: OAG

Component: DAG

Misc:

Home: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Phone: (000) -0000

Work: 6500 CHERRYWOOD LANE, GREENBELT, MD

Phone: (202) 514-2000

Pay Plan: EX-00905-02

EOD Date: 04/27/2017

ZIP: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

ZIP: 20770

Key: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

SSNO: ****-**-

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

D.O.B.: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Offenses: 412

COMPLAINANT: Unidentified, Unknown

Title: UNID

Component: UNK

Misc:

Home:

Phone:

Work:

Phone:

Confidential:

Pay Plan:

EOD Date:

ZIP:

ZIP:

Revealed:

Key: 392086

SSNO:

D.O.B.:

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Authority:

Details:

The complaint was received via OIG hotline mail on 5/24/19.

The anonymous complainant alleges the Director of Public Affairs, Kerri Kupec, Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein, and Attorney General William Barr, failed to adequately report and communicate the details of the Mueller Report. Specifically, the complainant alleges Kupec lacked candor when she implied that every page of the Mueller Report contained content that is protected under Fed. R. Crim. P. 6(e), a law that protects confidential grand jury information. DAG Rosenstein also failed to communicate the processes surrounding the investigation and release of the report and allowed the FBI to be labeled as "spies," and "scum." Finally, AG Barr failed to communicate the contents of the Mueller Report and provocatively used the terms "spying" and "collusion."

ALLEGATIONS: 412 Job Performance Failure

Occurrence Date: 05/02/2019

TIME:

CITY: Washington

State: DC

Zip: 20530

DISPOSITION DATA: Disposition: F Date: 06/06/2019

Approval: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Referred to Agency:

Date Sent:

Reviewer:

OGC/FBI Whistleblower: N

Qui Tam:

PREA:

Init Ackno:

Claims Whistleblower: N

Patriot Act: N

Recovery Act:

Component: DOJ

Sensitive: N

Civil Rights: N

Consolidated Case Number:

Component Number:

Remarks:

6/5/19: Complaint dispositioned "U" per ASAC (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) pending discussion with SAC Kirdar. (TCC)

6/5/19: (b)(5)

(b)(6);
(b)(7)(C)

6/5/19: (b)(5)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

6/6/19: Dispositioned F per SAC Kirdar. Complaint was sent anonymously, unable to send ackno. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Date Rec'd: 05/28/2019

How Rec'd: Hotline - Mail

SUBJECT: Barr, William P

Title: ATTY

Component: OAG

Misc:

Home: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Phone: (000) -0000

Work:

Phone: (202) 514-2000

Pay Plan: EX-00905-01

EOD Date: 02/14/2019

ZIP: (b)(6)

ZIP:

Key: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

SSNO: ****-**-

D.O.B.: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Offenses: 412

COMPLAINANT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Title: CIVIL

Component: CITZN

Misc:

Home: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Phone: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Work:

Phone:

Confidential:

Pay Plan:

EOD Date:

ZIP:

ZIP:

Revealed:

Key: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

SSNO:

D.O.B.:

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Authority:

Details:

The complaint was received via OIG hotline mail on 5/28/19.

The complainant alleges AG Barr, President Trump, and the GOP are staging a coup to overthrow the U.S. democratic government and replace it with a fascist one. The complainant also alleges President Trump and Barr are obstructing Congress from looking into security clearances, Russia interference and financial connections with Trump. The complainant also alleges the Trump family and AG Barr have relationships with foreign countries that pose a risk to our national security.

ALLEGATIONS: 412 Job Performance Failure

Occurrence Date:

TIME:

CITY: Washington

State: DC

Zip: 20530

DISPOSITION DATA: Disposition: F Date: 06/05/2019

Approval:

Referred to Agency:

Date Sent:

Reviewer:

OGC/FBI Whistleblower: N

Qui Tam:

PREA:

Init Ackno: 06/06/2019

Claims Whistleblower: N

Patriot Act: N

Recovery Act:

Component: OAG

Sensitive: N

Civil Rights: N

Consolidated Case Number:

Component Number:

Remarks:

6/5/19: Complaint dispositioned F per ASAC (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Sent general thank you ackno. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Date Rec'd: 05/24/2019

How Rec'd: Hotline - Mail

SUBJECT: Barr, William P

Title: ATTY

Component: OAG

Misc:

Home: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Phone: (000) -0000

Work:

Phone: (202) 514-2000

Pay Plan: EX-00905-01

EOD Date: 02/14/2019

ZIP: (b)(6)

ZIP:

Key: (b)(6);
(b)(7)(C)

SSNO: ****-**-

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

D.O.B.: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Offenses: 412

COMPLAINANT: Unidentified, Unknown

Title: UNID

Component: UNK

Misc:

Home:

Phone:

Work:

Phone:

Confidential:

Pay Plan:

EOD Date:

ZIP:

ZIP:

Revealed:

Key: 392086

SSNO:

D.O.B.:

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Authority:

Details:

Complaint received via USPS 5/24/2019.

The complainant stated that Attorney General William Bar has lied to congress and the American people on multiple occasions and he would like AG Barr investigated.

ALLEGATIONS: 412 Job Performance Failure

Occurrence Date:

TIME:

CITY: Washington

State: DC

Zip: 20005

DISPOSITION DATA: Disposition: F Date: 06/05/2019

Approval:

Referred to Agency:

Date Sent:

Reviewer:

OGC/FBI Whistleblower: N

Qui Tam:

PREA:

Init Ackno: 06/07/2019

Claims Whistleblower: N

Patriot Act: N

Recovery Act:

Component: OAG

Sensitive: N

Civil Rights: N

Consolidated Case Number:

Component Number:

Remarks:

6/5/2019: Dispo F per ASAC (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) unable to send thank you letter due to lack of address.

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6);
(b)(7)(C)

Date Rec'd: 06/04/2019

How Rec'd: Hotline - Mail

SUBJECT: Barr, William P

Title: ATTY

Component: OAG

Misc:

Home: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Phone: (000) -0000

Work:

Phone: (202) 514-2000

Pay Plan: EX-00905-01

EOD Date: 02/14/2019

ZIP: (b)(6)

ZIP:

Key: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

SSNO: ****-**-

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

D.O.B.: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Offenses: 412

COMPLAINANT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Title: CIVIL

Component: CITZN

Misc:

Home: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Phone: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) ZIP: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Work: Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics i, Washington, DC

Phone: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

ZIP: 20001

Confidential:

Revealed:

Key: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

SSNO: ****-**-

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

D.O.B.: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Authority:

COMPLAINANT (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Title: CIVIL

Component: CITZN

Misc:

Home: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Phone: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) ZIP: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Work:

Phone:

ZIP:

Confidential:

Revealed:

Key: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

SSNO:

D.O.B.:

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Authority:

Details:

Complaints received via USPS on 6/4/2019.

The complainants both state the subject has committed multiple ethics violations in relation to the Mueller Investigation.

ALLEGATIONS: 412 Job Performance Failure

Occurrence Date:

TIME:

CITY: Washington

State: DC

Zip: 20005

DISPOSITION DATA: Disposition: F Date: 06/19/2019

Approval:

Referred to Agency:

Date Sent:

Reviewer:

OGC/FBI Whistleblower: N

Qui Tam:

PREA:

Init Ackno: 06/20/2019

Claims Whistleblower: N

Patriot Act: N

Recovery Act:

Component: OAG

Sensitive: N

Civil Rights: N

Consolidated Case Number:

Component Number:

Remarks:

6/10/2019: Dispo U per ASAC (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) awaiting discussion with SAC Kirdar. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

6/19/19: Complaint dispositioned F per ASAC (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Sent general thank you acknos to both complainants. Uploadded additional work product into iManage. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

3/17/20: Additional correspondence received from (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Complainant requests an investigation into AG Barr's public statements prejudicial to persons subject to a pending to a Justice Department investigation. Update and thank you ackno pending. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

7/23/20: Additional correspondence received from (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Complainant requests an investigation in AG Barr;s involvement in a whistleblower complaint alleging President Trump solicited foreign interference in the 2020 Election. Update and sent general thank you ackno per ASAC (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Date Rec'd: 06/07/2019

How Rec'd: Hotline - Mail

SUBJECT: Barr, William P

Title: ATTY

Component: OAG

Misc:

Home: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Phone: (000) -0000

Work:

Phone: (202) 514-2000

Pay Plan: EX-00905-01

EOD Date: 02/14/2019

ZIP: (b)(6)

ZIP:

Key: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

SSNO: ****-**- (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

D.O.B.: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Offenses: 412

COMPLAINANT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Title: CIVIL

Component: CITZN

Misc:

Home: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Phone:

Work:

Phone:

Confidential:

Pay Plan:

EOD Date:

ZIP: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

ZIP:

Revealed:

Key: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

SSNO:

D.O.B.:

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Authority:

Details:

Complaint received via USPS on 6/7/2019.

The complainant alleged misconduct by AG Barr including obstruction of justice, refusal to enforce the affordable car act, abuse of power, and defiance of congressional subpoena.

ALLEGATIONS: 412 Job Performance Failure

Occurrence Date:

TIME:

CITY: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

State: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Zip: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

DISPOSITION DATA: Disposition: F Date: 06/19/2019

Approval:

Referred to Agency:

Date Sent:

Reviewer:

OGC/FBI Whistleblower: N

Qui Tam:

PREA:

Init Ackno: 06/20/2019

Claims Whistleblower: N

Patriot Act: N

Recovery Act:

Component: OAG

Sensitive: N

Civil Rights: N

Consolidated Case Number:

Component Number:

Remarks:

6/12/2019: Dispo U per ASAC (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) pending discussion with SAC Kirdar. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

6/19/19: Complaint dispositioned F per ASAC (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Sent general thank you ackno. Uploaded additional work product into iManage. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Date Rec'd: 07/15/2019

How Rec'd: Hotline - Mail

SUBJECT: Barr, William P

Title: ATTY

Component: OAG

Misc:

Home: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Phone: (000) -0000

Work:

Phone: (202) 514-2000

Pay Plan: EX-00905-01

EOD Date: 02/14/2019

ZIP: (b)(6)

ZIP:

Key: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

SSNO: ****-**-**

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

D.O.B.: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Offenses: 412

COMPLAINANT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Title: CIVIL

Component: CITZN

Misc:

Home: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Phone:

Work:

Phone:

Confidential:

Pay Plan:

EOD Date:

ZIP: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

ZIP:

Revealed:

Key: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

SSNO:

D.O.B.:

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Authority:

Details:

Complaint received via USPS on 7/15/2019.

The complainant states that AG William Barr is failing to perform his job by lying to congress, failing to appear in front of congress and is "acting as a personal lawyer to president Donald trump".

ALLEGATIONS: 412 Job Performance Failure

Occurrence Date:

TIME:

CITY: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

State: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Zip: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

DISPOSITION DATA: Disposition: F Date: 07/19/2019

Approval: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Referred to Agency:

Date Sent:

Reviewer:

OGC/FBI Whistleblower: N

Qui Tam:

PREA:

Init Ackno: 07/22/2019

Claims Whistleblower: N

Patriot Act: N

Recovery Act:

Component: OAG

Sensitive: N

Civil Rights: N

Consolidated Case Number:

Component Number:

Remarks:

7/19/2019: Dispo F per ASAC (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) general thank you letter sent to the complainant. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Date Rec'd: 08/02/2019

How Rec'd: Hotline - Mail

SUBJECT: Barr, William P

Title: ATTY

Component: OAG

Misc:

Home: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Phone: (000) -0000

Work:

Phone: (202) 514-2000

Pay Plan: EX-00905-01

EOD Date: 02/14/2019

ZIP: (b)(6)

ZIP:

Key: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

SSNO: ****-**-****

D.O.B.: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Offenses: 412

COMPLAINANT (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Title: CIVIL

Component: CITZN

Misc:

Home:

Phone:

Work:

Phone:

Confidential:

Pay Plan:

EOD Date:

ZIP:

ZIP:

Revealed:

Key: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

SSNO:

D.O.B.:

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Authority:

Details:

The complaint was received via USPS on 8/2/19.

The complainant alleges AG Barr represents President Trump and not the citizens of the U.S. Additionally, the complainant requests AG Barr be removed from office.

ALLEGATIONS: 412 Job Performance Failure

Occurrence Date:

TIME:

CITY: Washington

State: DC

Zip: 20530

DISPOSITION DATA: Disposition: F Date: 09/05/2019

Approval: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Referred to Agency:

Date Sent:

Reviewer:

OGC/FBI Whistleblower: N

Qui Tam:

PREA:

Init Ackno:

Claims Whistleblower: N

Patriot Act: N

Recovery Act:

Component: OAG

Sensitive: N

Civil Rights: N

Consolidated Case Number:

Component Number:

Remarks:

9/5/19: Complaint dispositioned F per ASAC (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Complainant did not provide return address, no ackno sent. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Date Rec'd: 09/03/2019

How Rec'd: Hotline - Hotline Email

SUBJECT: Barr, William P

Title: ATTY

Component: OAG

Misc:

Home: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Phone: (000) -0000

Work:

Phone: (202) 514-2000

Pay Plan: EX-00905-01

EOD Date: 02/14/2019

ZIP: (b)(6)

ZIP:

Key: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

SSNO: ****-**-****

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

D.O.B.: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Offenses: 907

COMPLAINANT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Title: CIVIL

Component: CITZN

Misc:

Home: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Phone: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) ZIP: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Work:

Phone:

Confidential:

Pay Plan:

EOD Date:

ZIP:

Revealed:

Key: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

SSNO:

D.O.B.:

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Authority:

COMPLAINANT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Title: CIVIL

Component: CITZN

Misc:

Home: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Phone: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) ZIP: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Work:

Phone:

Confidential:

Pay Plan:

EOD Date:

ZIP:

Revealed:

Key: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

SSNO:

D.O.B.:

Alien No.:

F.B.I.No.:

B.O.P.No.:

D/L No.:

Authority:

Details:

Two complaints were received via the OIG hotline email on 8/31/19 and 9/3/19.

The two separate complainants allege AG Barr has contracted with Trump Hotels to host a party and use \$30,000 of federal funds.

ALLEGATIONS: 907 Conflict of Interest

Occurrence Date: 08/27/2019

TIME:

CITY: Washington

State: DC

Zip: 20530

DISPOSITION DATA: Disposition: F Date: 09/12/2019

Approval:

Referred to Agency:

Date Sent:

Reviewer:

OGC/FBI Whistleblower: N

Qui Tam:

PREA:

Init Ackno: 09/16/2019

Claims Whistleblower: N

Patriot Act: N

Recovery Act:

Component: OAG

Sensitive: N

Civil Rights: N

Consolidated Case Number:

Component Number:

Remarks:

9/12/19: Complaint dispositioned F per ASAC (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Sent general thank you acknos. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

NEW YORK CITY BAR

February 12, 2020

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Ranking Member, Judiciary Committee
U.S. Senate
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Washington, D.C. 20510

Hon. Michael Horowitz
Inspector General
U.S. Department of Justice
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Washington, D.C. 20530

Re: The Prosecution of Roger Stone and Related Actions by the Department of Justice

Dear Representative Nadler, Representative Collins, Senator Graham, Senator Feinstein and Inspector General Horowitz:

We write to express our deep concerns about the impartial administration of justice in connection with the prosecution of Roger Stone in federal court in Washington, D.C., and to call for immediate investigations by Congress and by the Department of Justice Office of the Inspector General. Recent actions by the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia, a component of the United States Department of Justice, raise serious questions about whether the Department of Justice is making prosecutorial decisions based not on neutral principles but in order to protect President Trump's supporters and friends. In our criminal justice system, a single standard must apply to all who are accused or convicted of violating the law—unequal treatment based on political influence is to be deplored in all cases but is especially dangerous if it emanates from the presidency.

THE ASSOCIATION OF THE BAR OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK
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The Stone Sentencing

Roger Stone was convicted after a jury trial in 2019 and is scheduled to be sentenced later in February 2020. On Monday, the federal prosecutors responsible for the Stone prosecution filed a sentencing brief endorsing the imposition of a sentence of between 87 and 108 months, consistent with the Federal Sentencing Guidelines (the “Guidelines”) range recommended by the United States Probation Office.¹ This is consistent with usual Department of Justice practice, which is to ask the district court to follow the advisory Guidelines. Early on Tuesday morning, just after 1:00 a.m., President Trump tweeted that a sentence of this length would be “horrible and very unfair.”²

Just a few hours later, an unidentified Department of Justice spokesperson stated that the Department of Justice found the recommendation “extreme and excessive and disproportionate to Stone’s offenses.” Later on Tuesday, the Department of Justice filed a new sentencing brief that stated—without explanation—that the prior sentencing brief “does not accurately reflect the Department of Justice’s position on what would be a reasonable sentence in this matter.” The new brief stated that the Guidelines range of 87 to 108 months’ imprisonment “would not be appropriate or serve the interests of justice.”³

In the aftermath of these events, the four career prosecutors involved in the Stone prosecution filed notices of withdrawal from the case; one of them also resigned from the Department of Justice. The Department of Justice has acknowledged that these withdrawals were meant to protest the about-face in Tuesday’s sentencing submission. Later on Tuesday, the former U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia, Jessie Liu, who had supervised the Stone prosecution after Special Counsel Mueller completed his tenure, was withdrawn as the Administration’s nominee for a senior position in the Department of Treasury. It was further reported on Tuesday evening that Attorney General Barr has taken personal control over cases of interest to President Trump, including the prosecution of Michael Flynn, in which prosecutors originally sought a sentence of imprisonment, but then in a reply brief advised the court that a sentence of probation would also be reasonable. It has been reported that this notable change of position came only after the intervention of senior Department of Justice officials.⁴

These Unusual Events Reflect Disregard for the Rule of Law

The events that have transpired in the past two days are highly unusual and irregular. The Department of Justice is not in the habit of taking one position in court and then, without explanation, taking a startling different position on the very next day. This sudden turnabout is itself disturbing. In addition, the Department of Justice is known for rarely asking the sentencing court to impose a sentence below the Guidelines range, other than when the defendant is a cooperating witness or when the defendant’s case presents unusual mitigating factors. Neither

¹ United States Sentencing Commission Guidelines, <https://www.ussc.gov/guidelines>.

² @realDonaldTrump. (Feb. 11, 2020) “This is a horrible and very unfair situation. The real crimes were on the other side, as nothing happens to them. Cannot allow this miscarriage of justice!” [Tweet]. <https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/1227122206783811585?s=20>.

³ *United States v. Stone*, 19-cr-18 (ABJ) (D.D.C.), Dkt. No. 286, at 1.

⁴ Carol Lee et al., “Barr takes control of legal matters of interest to Trump, including stone Sentencing,” NBC News (Feb. 11, 2020), at <https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/justice-department/barr-takes-control-legal-matters-interest-trump-including-stone-sentencing-n1135231>.

circumstance exists here. To be clear, the Guidelines can produce recommendations of incarceration that exceed what is warranted. We would applaud a generalized initiative by the Department of Justice that encourages judges to depart from those recommendations when justice requires.

But this is not what the Department of Justice has done here. There is no broad effort to address the over-punishment of the Guidelines. Rather, this appears from all external circumstances to be an instance of President Trump and Attorney General Barr acting in concert to protect Stone from punishment. Stone is a lifelong friend and advisor of President Trump. Indeed, Stone's conviction was for obstructing an investigation into President Trump, his family, and his advisors for encouraging Russian interference with the 2016 election. While the connecting events may never be fully known, the mere fact and timing of the Department of Justice decision to overrule the prosecutors who handled the case—just hours after President Trump's tweet—is itself suggestive of improper influence. Even this appearance of improper influence is detrimental to the fair administration of justice, the rule of law and the public's trust in the justice system.

The City Bar Calls for Investigation of these Events

The City Bar has previously criticized the Attorney General for his failure to recuse himself from the Department of Justice's review of the whistleblower complaint, in which the Attorney General was himself mentioned during the Trump-Zelensky phone call of July 25, 2019.⁵ We also have also called for congressional investigation of several public pronouncements by the Attorney General that we believe were inconsistent with the independence required of his office.⁶ The present case raises more direct, and more serious, questions concerning the role of presidential influence in prosecuting individual criminal cases. All prior Presidents, at least since Watergate, made it a practice to decline to comment on ongoing cases being handled by the Department of Justice. This practice protected the criminal justice system from improper presidential influence. The new practice, in which the President makes public comments that are critical of prosecutions of his allies and in which the Department of Justice contradicts the sentencing recommendations of the prosecutors who handled the case to advance the President's personal and political ends, cannot be tolerated. If it is tolerated, it will undermine the rule of law on which our nation was founded and on which we rely as a foundation of our democracy.

For this reason, we call for Congress and the Department of Justice Office of the Inspector General to begin immediate investigations into these unusual and troubling events. Only a thorough public investigation can lay bare the true facts relating to the Stone sentencing. Nothing is more important to safeguarding the proper functioning and reputation of our criminal justice system than its commitment—and ability—to deliver justice impartially for all. Special treatment for the President's friends cannot be reconciled with the ideals that govern that system.

⁵ Attorney General Barr Should Recuse Himself from Department of Justice Review of Ukraine Matter, Statement of the New York City Bar Association (Oct. 23, 2019), <https://www.nycbar.org/media-listing/media/detail/attorney-general-barr-should-recuse-himself-from-department-of-justice-review-of-ukraine-matter>.

⁶ Letter requesting formal Congressional inquiries into conduct of Attorney General William P. Barr (Jan. 9, 2020), http://documents.nycbar.org/files/Exercising_Congressional_Oversight_AG_Barr_01082020.pdf.

Respectfully,

Roger Juan Maldonado
President

Harry Sandick
Chair, Committee on Federal Courts

Stephen L. Kass
Chair, Task Force on the Rule of Law

Christopher M. Pioch
Jessenia Vazcones-Yagual
Co-Chairs, Task Force on the Independence
of Lawyers and Judges⁷

Cc: Hon. William P. Barr
Attorney General of the United States
U.S. Department of Justice
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CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS

February 14, 2020

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Dear Inspector General Horowitz:

On behalf of the Congressional Black Caucus, I write to express our deep concern surrounding a pattern of potential misconduct and prosecutorial abuse within the Department of Justice (DOJ) involving United States Attorney General William P. Barr. According to public press reports and presidential communication, Attorney General Barr may have improperly intervened in criminal prosecutions counter to the interest of justice and in the advancement of political ends. We request that the Office of Inspector General (OIG) work to independently and impartially investigate these allegations of misconduct and provide its findings to Congress. Further, we request that all findings on Attorney General Barr's conduct be made available to the public.

On Friday, February 14, 2020, various media outlets reported that Attorney General William Barr has ordered an outside prosecutor to review the criminal case against Michael Flynn, President Trump's former national security adviser. As you know, such reviews are uncommon and raise suspicion about potential political inference by DOJ personnel into cases.

In addition, on Tuesday, February 11, 2020, several news outlets also reported Attorney General Barr's unprecedented and public intervention into a federal felony sentencing recommendation for a friend and political ally of the president – Roger Stone. The Washington Post reported that, "All four career prosecutors handling the case against Roger Stone withdrew from the legal proceedings Tuesday – and one quit his job entirely – after the Justice Department signaled it planned to undercut their sentencing recommendation for President Trump's longtime friend and confidant."¹ Those front-line prosecutors' sentencing recommendation for Roger Stone of seven to nine years in prison appears to have been superseded in a new

¹ https://www.washingtonpost.com/national-security/justice-dept-to-reduce-sentencing-recommendation-for-trump-associate-roger-stone-official-says-after-president-calls-it-unfair/2020/02/11/ad81fd36-4cf0-11ea-bf44-f5043eb3918a_story.html

filing. This new filing expressed the previous recommendation by nonpolitical attorneys, "does not accurately reflect the Department of Justice's position on what would be a reasonable sentence in this matter."² Further, the filing expressed that the previously recommended sentence "could be considered excessive and unwarranted under the circumstances," and requested the judge consider an "appropriate" sentence. This reversal came less than 24 hours after a presidential communication stating, "This is a horrible and very unfair situation. The real crimes were on the other side, as nothing happens to them. Cannot allow this miscarriage of justice!"³ Following the DOJ's sentencing reversal, another presidential communication was released stating "Congratulations to Attorney General Bill Barr for taking charge of a case that was totally out of control and perhaps should not have been brought."⁴

This highlights a pattern of highly unusual interventions into criminal investigations by Attorney General Barr. According to an NBC news report on Tuesday, February 11, 2020, this was not the first instance in which senior political appointees have intervened to influence the federal felony prosecutions and sentencing in coordination with Attorney General Barr. The report highlighted the intervention into the sentencing recommendation of former national security advisor Michael Flynn, who pleaded guilty to lying to the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI). We understand that Federal prosecutors previously recommended up to six months in prison and their recent filing recommends probation. This recommendation follows several presidential communications condemning the prosecution.

News reports further indicate a possible connection between The White House's abrupt withdrawal of the nomination for Jessie Liu, the former US attorney who headed the office that oversaw Roger Stone's prosecution and a number of other cases linked to Special Counsel Muller's investigation, and Attorney General Barr's intervention into the Stone case. Reports indicate that there was possible coordination with the White House to remove former US Attorney Liu through the nomination so that Attorney General Barr could exert greater control over the case by appointing a U.S. attorney that would fulfill the political aims of the White House.⁵

Furthermore, reports indicate that on Wednesday, February 5, 2020, Attorney General Barr issued an order restricting the opening of politically sensitive investigations – an unprecedented and unusual requirement. The memo said that the FBI and all other divisions under the Justice Department's purview must receive Attorney General Barr's approval before investigating any of the 2020 presidential candidates and established a series of requirements governing whether investigators could open preliminary or full "politically sensitive" criminal and counterintelligence investigations into candidates or their donors.⁶ This uncommon order came on the heels of a number of presidential communications highlighting the president's displeasure with investigations and federal indictments of associates of his campaign and frustration over his impeachment.

Since its establishment in 1971, the Congressional Black Caucus has been committed to using the full Constitutional power, statutory authority, and financial resources of the federal government to ensure that African Americans and other marginalized communities in the United States have the opportunity to achieve the American Dream. Critical to this dream is the fair and impartial justice under the law. Too often the scales of our criminal justice system have weighed heavy on lives and families of marginalized communities. Black and brown communities frequently find themselves facing an unbalanced and often overly harsh criminal justice system. It has been our consistent and unwavering position that all Americans deserve fair and equal justice under the law.

² <https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/justice-department/barr-takes-control-legal-matters-interest-trump-including-stone-sentencing-n1135231>

³ <https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/1227122206783811585>

⁴ https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/1227561237782855680?ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw%7Ctwcamp%5Etweetembed%7Ctwter m%5E1227561237782855680&ref_url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.nbcnews.com%2Fpolitics%2Fjustice-department%2Fbarr-takes-control-legal-matters-interest-trump-including-stone-sentencing-n1135231

⁵ <https://www.cnn.com/2020/02/11/politics/jesse-liu-treasury-nomination-withdrawn/index.html>

⁶ <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/02/05/us/politics/barr-2020-investigations.html>

In the spirit of the CBC's 49-year history on this point, and as the "Conscience of the Congress," we request that the OIG work to independently and impartially investigate all allegations of misconduct in violation of U.S. law, regulations and prosecutorial standards with all deliberate speed. We request that this investigation be conducted thoroughly and completely, including interviews of all relevant persons within the DOJ, federal government officials, or anyone with knowledge of possible misconduct in these areas. We request that you pursue any and all investigative leads and prosecutorial decisions and furnish your findings to Congress upon completion. Further, we request that all findings on Attorney General Barr's conduct be made available to the public to the maximum extent possible, so that we are free to make any necessary referrals to the appropriate law enforcement authorities or to the New York State and District of Columbia bar associations for possible adjudication and disposition.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter and we look forward to your response.

Sincerely,


Karen Bass (CA-37)
Chair, Congressional Black Caucus

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

February 18, 2020

Hon. Michael Horowitz
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Dear Inspector General Horowitz,

We write to request that you expand your ongoing investigation into Rudolph Giuliani's contacts with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) to examine whether Mr. Giuliani has had improper communications with other senior Department of Justice (DOJ) officials

As outlined in the attached appendix, there has been significant reporting on Mr. Giuliani's contacts with DOJ officials and his efforts to influence ongoing investigations to benefit his clients, including President Trump. These reports suggest that Mr. Giuliani has used his relationship with the President, including his representation of the President as a private citizen, to gain improper access to attorneys and investigators in the agency, particularly political appointees who serve at the President's pleasure.

Various federal laws and regulations, as well as DOJ policies and procedures, are in place to prevent improper influence and actual or apparent conflicts of interest. For example:

- DOJ guidelines limit disclosures about ongoing investigations to the public. *See* U.S. Dep't of Justice, Justice Manual § 1-7.400.
- DOJ policy strictly limits contacts between DOJ and the White House about law enforcement investigations and prosecutions. *See* Holder Memo, *Communications with the White House and Congress*, May 11, 2009. DOJ officials are not authorized under this policy to speak with a President's personal attorney. If Mr. Giuliani is serving as intermediary for communications between the President and DOJ officials that would be inappropriate to have directly, this may raise concerns that go to the heart of prosecutorial independence and judgment.
- The Foreign Agents Registration Act requires attorneys engaged in legal representation of a non-U.S. person or company "to disclose the identity of his principal as a matter of established agency procedure . . . to each of the agency's personnel or officials before whom and at the time his legal representation is undertaken." 28 C.F.R. § 5.306(b).

- DOJ attorneys are governed by ethical rules and standards, including rules requiring that DOJ employees perform their official duties impartially. *See, e.g.*, 5 C.F. R. § 2635.101; 5 C.F. R. § 2635.501 – 503; 28 C.F.R. § 45.2.; U.S. Dep’t of Justice, Justice Manual § 1-4.010.

We are concerned that Mr. Giuliani’s interactions with senior DOJ officials may have unduly influenced or created conflicts of interests with regard to DOJ activities. At a minimum, Mr. Giuliani’s access creates an appearance of impropriety that could undermine trust in the agency. If his contacts do not violate one or more of these provisions, further internal guidance may be needed to ensure that DOJ delivers “fair and impartial administration of justice for all Americans.”

As Inspector General, your statutory authority uniquely positions you to conduct the necessary investigation and keep “Congress fully and currently informed about problems and deficiencies relating to the administration of [the Department] and the necessity for and progress of corrective action.” We urge you to review the facts outlined in this letter and issue a public report on your findings and whether corrective action is needed.

Sincerely,

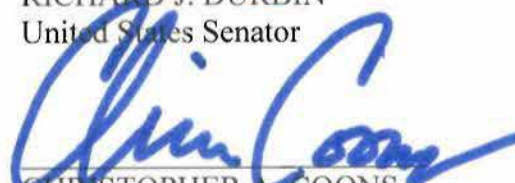

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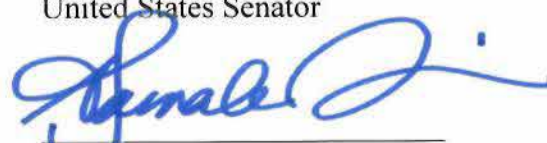

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Mr. Giuliani's recent contacts with DOJ raise concerns about improper influence and actual or apparent conflict of interests.¹

- Mr. Giuliani has access to senior DOJ officials to discuss cases against his clients. In early 2017, Mr. Giuliani sought to involve then-Attorney General Jeff Sessions and then-U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara in his efforts to arrange a prisoner swap that would return his client, Reza Zarrab, to Turkey.² At the time, the Southern District of New York was prosecuting Mr. Zarrab for funneling \$10 billion to Iran in defiance of U.S. sanctions.³ Mr. Giuliani also sought a meeting with then-Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein to press Mr. Zarrab's case, saying that he was "coming from the White House" to meet with Department officials.⁴

In August 2019, Mr. Giuliani traveled to Spain to meet with a top aide to Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelensky on the President's behalf. While there, Mr. Giuliani – along with associates Lev Parnas and Igor Fruman, who have since been indicted by prosecutors in the Southern District of New York – stayed at an estate that belongs to Alejandro Betancourt Lopez, a Venezuelan energy executive.⁵ The next month, September 2019, Mr. Giuliani met with Assistant Attorney General Benczkowski, the head of DOJ's Criminal Division, and other government lawyers on Mr. Lopez's behalf.⁶

¹ Concerns about Mr. Giuliani's influence at DOJ are not new. In 2002, Purdue Pharma hired Mr. Giuliani—who was then a DOJ subcontractor—and his consulting firm, Giuliani Partners, to influence officials at DOJ and other federal agencies. At the time, the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District of Virginia was investigating Purdue Pharma. Then-Deputy Chief of the Fraud Section of DOJ's Criminal Division, Paul Pelletier, has stated, "There [was] no justification for which you shouldn't prosecute those individuals. None." Nevertheless, Mr. Giuliani was able to convince DOJ's political appointees to reject career prosecutors' recommendation to pursue felony charges against Purdue Pharma executives and accept a guilty plea to less serious misdemeanor charges of intentionally "misbranding" OxyContin. See Barry Meier, *Origins of an Epidemic: Purdue Pharma Knew Its Opioids Were Widely Abused*, N.Y. Times, May 29, 2018, available at

<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/05/29/health/purdue-opioids-oxycontin.html>; Barry Meier & Eric Lipton, *Opioid's Maker Hid Knowledge of Wide Abuse*, N.Y. Times, Dec. 28, 2007, available at

<https://www.nytimes.com/2007/12/28/us/politics/28oxycontin.html>; *The Weekly: Episode 10: 'The Memo'*, N.Y. Times, Aug. 16, 2019, available at <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/08/16/the-weekly/opioid-crisis-epidemic.html>.

² Jo Becker, Maggie Haberman, & Eric Lipton, *To Free Client, Giuliani Pushed Tillerson for Help*, N.Y. Times, Oct. 11, 2019, at A1, available at <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/10/10/us/politics/giuliani-trump-rex-tillerson.html>.

³ *Id.*

⁴ *Trump asked Tillerson to help broker deal to end U.S. prosecution of Turkish trader represented by Giuliani*, Wash. Post, Oct. 10, 2019, https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/trump-asked-tillerson-to-help-broker-deal-to-end-us-prosecution-of-turkish-trader-represented-by-giuliani/2019/10/10/fbe16976-eb6b-11e9-9306-47cb0324fd44_story.html.

⁵ *A wealthy Venezuelan hosted Giuliani as he pursued Ukraine campaign. Then Giuliani lobbied the Justice Department on his behalf*, Wash. Post, Nov. 26, 2019, https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/a-wealthy-venezuelan-hosted-giuliani-as-he-pursued-ukraine-campaign-then-giuliani-lobbied-the-justice-department-on-his-behalf/2019/11/26/272105a2-0ec5-11ea-b0fc-62cc38411ebb_story.html.

⁶ Aram Roston, Matt Spetalnick, & Brian Ellsworth, *Exclusive: Giuliani told U.S. his client deserves leniency for financing Venezuela's opposition – Parnas*, Reuters, Jan. 22, 2020, <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-venezuela->

Attorney General Barr also briefly attended the meeting.⁷ Mr. Lopez was under investigation for his involvement in a scheme to embezzle \$1.2 billion from Venezuela's government-owned oil company and launder it through false real estate and security deals.⁸ Mr. Giuliani reportedly urged DOJ to drop its investigation, arguing that Mr. Lopez had provided financial assistance to Juan Guaido, the head of Venezuela's opposition government, who President Trump supports.⁹

The *New York Times* also reported that former Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs John Bolton "warned White House lawyers last year that Mr. Giuliani might have been using his work representing the president as leverage to help his private clients."¹⁰

- DOJ may be pursuing politically motivated investigations initiated by Mr. Giuliani. Mr. Giuliani claims to be "investigating" alleged corruption in connection with then-Vice President Joe Biden's role in Ukraine policy, as well as claims that Ukraine, not Russia, interfered in the 2016 election.¹¹ President Trump has long pushed Attorney General Barr to initiate his own investigations into these matters.¹² In a call on July 25, 2019, President Trump told Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky that both Mr. Giuliani and Attorney General Barr would call him about these investigations.¹³ Shortly after the call transcript was released in September, DOJ acknowledged that U.S. Attorney Durham is currently investigating Ukraine's alleged interference into the 2016 election.¹⁴ U.S. Attorney Durham may also be investigating Vice President Biden.¹⁵

[politics-guaido-giuliani/exclusive-giuliani-told-u-s-his-client-deserves-leniency-for-financing-venezuelas-opposition-parnas-idUSKBN1ZL1AR](#).

⁷ Evan Perez & David Shortell, *Barr dropped into Giuliani meeting at Justice Department in previously undisclosed encounter*, CNN, Jan. 17, 2020, <https://www.cnn.com/2020/01/17/politics/barr-giuliani-justice-department-meeting/index.html>.

⁸ Roston, Spetalnick, & Ellsworth, *supra* note 6.

⁹ *Id.*

¹⁰ Noah Weiland, *5 Takeaways From a Book That Could Complicate Trump's Impeachment Trial*, N.Y. Times, Jan. 27 2020, at A12, available at <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/01/26/us/politics/john-bolton-trump-book-takeaways.html>

¹¹ Kenneth P. Vogel, *Giuliani Plans to Prod Ukraine In Cases That Might Aid Trump*, N.Y. Times, May 9, 2019, at A1, available at <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/05/09/us/politics/giuliani-ukraine-trump.html>.

¹² Eliana Johnson, Darren Samuelsohn, Andrew Restuccia, & Daniel Lippman, *Trump: Discussing a Biden probe with Barr would be 'appropriate'*, May 11, 2019, <https://www.politico.com/story/2019/05/10/trump-biden-ukraine-barr-1317601>; Gregg Re, *Clinton-Ukraine collusion allegations 'big' and 'incredible,' will be reviewed, Trump says*, Fox News, Apr. 25, 2019, <https://www.foxnews.com/politics/trump-barr-will-look-at-incredible-possibility-of-ukraine-clinton-collusion>.

¹³ Transcript of Call Between President Donald J. Trump & President Volodymyr Zelensky, July 25, 2019, <https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Unclassified09.2019.pdf>.

¹⁴ Kerri Kupec, Statement on Behalf of the Dep't of Justice, Sept. 25, 2019, available at https://www.cnn.com/politics/live-news/trump-impeachment-inquiry-09-25-2019/h_619f3c67775916f27e22898fbcd210f2.

¹⁵ Letter to Hon. Richard Burr & Hon. Adam Schiff from Unnamed Whistleblower, Aug. 12, 2019, at 5, available at https://intelligence.house.gov/uploadedfiles/20190812_-_whistleblower_complaint_unclass.pdf; Alexander Bolton, *Cornyn makes waves with tweet about Justice investigating Biden*, The Hill, Oct. 4, 2019, <https://thehill.com/homenews/senate/464401-cornyn-makes-waves-with-tweet-about-justice-investigating-biden>.

- Mr. Giuliani may be trading on his relationship with President Trump to “fix” DOJ cases for clients and pursue politically-motivated investigations on Trump’s behalf. In August 2019, Attorney General Barr reportedly met with Victoria Toensing and Joseph diGenova, two attorneys collaborating with Mr. Giuliani on his efforts in the Ukraine, on behalf of Dmytro Firtash, an indicted Ukrainian oligarch awaiting extradition to the United States who has claimed to have damaging information about Vice President Biden.¹⁶ Lev Parnas, another Giuliani associate, says he witnessed other conversations between Attorney General Barr and Mr. diGenova, as well as conversations between Attorney General Barr and Mr. Giuliani.¹⁷ On December 7, 2019, President Trump said Mr. Giuliani was planning to send Attorney General Barr a report on the information he gathered on a December trip to Ukraine, indicating that Mr. Giuliani may be using his access to top DOJ officials to leverage information for the President from legally vulnerable Oligarchs with deep ties to the Kremlin.¹⁸ On February 9, 2020, Sen. Lindsey Graham confirmed that DOJ had begun receiving information from Mr. Giuliani about former Vice President Joe Biden and his son, Hunter Biden, indicating that Mr. Giuliani is using his access to top DOJ officials to leverage information for the President and encourage DOJ to pursue investigations of his political rivals.¹⁹
- Mr. Giuliani appears to have inside information about DOJ’s investigations. On August 8, 2019, Mr. Giuliani told Fox News that U.S. Attorney Durham is “spending a lot of time in Europe. He spent a lot of time investigating Ukraine, Italy, U.K., and Australia.”²⁰ Durham’s interest in Ukraine did not become public knowledge until more than six weeks later, when DOJ confirmed Durham was “exploring the extent to which a number of countries, including Ukraine, played a role in the counterintelligence investigation directed at the Trump campaign during the 2016 election.”²¹

¹⁶ Andrew Prokop, *Lev Parnas’s dramatic new claims about Trump and Ukraine, explained*, Vox, Jan. 16, 2020, <https://www.vox.com/policy-and-politics/2020/1/16/21068446/lev-parnas-maddow-trump-barr>.

¹⁷ *Id.*

¹⁸ Colby Itkowitz, *Trump: Giuliani will report to Justice Department, Congress on his investigations in Ukraine*, Wash. Post, Dec. 7, 2019, https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/trump-giuliani-will-report-to-justice-department-congress-on-his-investigations-in-ukraine/2019/12/07/c8cbabae-192f-11ea-8406-df3e54b3253e_story.html.

¹⁹ Catie Edmondson, *Justice Dept. Reviewing Information from Giuliani on the Bidens, Graham Says*, N.Y. Times, Feb. 9, 2020.

²⁰ Transcript of “Hannity,” Aug. 8, 2019, available at <https://www.foxnews.com/transcript/rep-jordan-you-do-302s-because-youre-out-to-get-someone-they-were-out-to-get-trump>.

²¹ Devlin Barrett, Matt Zapotosky, Carol D. Leonnig, & Shane Harris, *Trump offered Ukrainian president Justice Dept. help in an investigation of Biden, memo shows*, Wash. Post, Dec. 26, 2019, https://www.washingtonpost.com/national-security/transcript-of-trumps-call-with-ukrainian-president-shows-him-offering-us-assistance-for-biden-investigation/2019/09/25/16aa36ca-df0f-11e9-8dc8-498eabc129a0_story.html

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

February 27, 2020

The Honorable Michael E. Horowitz
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Dear Inspector General Horowitz:

We write to request that you investigate an apparent pattern of political interference in Justice Department matters of personal or political interest to the President.

The Department's mission to "ensure fair and impartial administration of justice for all Americans" requires that its prosecutorial decisions be insulated from political influence, including interference from the White House. Yet when Attorney General Barr appeared before the Senate Judiciary Committee on May 1, 2019, he did not provide a clear answer when Senator Harris asked whether he had received or acted upon requests or suggestions from President Trump or the White House to open specific investigations.

The public record provides a number of reasons to believe that President Trump or other White House officials are seeking to influence the Justice Department's handling of certain investigations, civil lawsuits, and criminal prosecutions. For example:

- Attorney General Barr and other political appointees overruled the sentencing recommendation made by career prosecutors in the Roger Stone case. This caused all four career prosecutors to withdraw from the case, with one resigning from the Department.¹
- The Attorney General reportedly assigned an outside prosecutor to scrutinize career prosecutors' handling of the case against Michael Flynn, President Trump's former National Security Adviser. The President has repeatedly called Flynn's prosecution "unfair."²
- Former U.S. Attorney Jessie Liu reportedly pursued a case against former FBI Deputy Director Andrew McCabe even after a team of career prosecutors concluded they could not win a conviction. According to recent reports, the replacement of Liu with a new U.S.

¹ Matt Zapotosky, *et al.*, *Prosecutors quit amid escalating Justice Dept. fight over Roger Stone's prison term*, WASH. POST (Feb. 11, 2020), https://www.washingtonpost.com/national-security/justice-dept-to-reduce-sentencing-recommendation-for-trump-associate-roger-stone-official-says-after-president-calls-it-unfair/2020/02/11/ad81fd36-4cf0-11ea-bf44-f5043eb3918a_story.html.

² Aaron Blake, *Another case Trump meddled in. Another unorthodox intervention from Barr*, WASH. POST (Feb. 15, 2020), <https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2020/02/15/barr-told-trump-stop-meddling-legal-cases-it-sure-seems-have-worked/>.

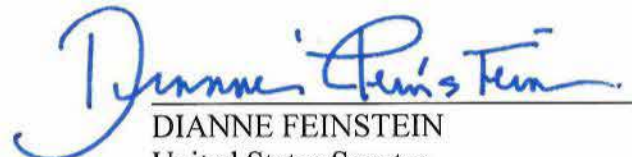
Attorney was related to her failure to indict McCabe—a frequent target of the President’s “deep state allegations.”³

These actions, along with those detailed in the attached appendix, suggest political interference in the Justice Department’s work. A number of Justice Department policies and regulations exist to prevent this from happening.⁴ Our concern is that politically motivated enforcement of federal law could become standard practice. This would permanently damage the integrity and independence of the Justice Department.

We therefore request that your office investigate whether these incidents are indicative of a pattern of abuse or misconduct in Department programs, or by Department employees.

Sincerely,


KAMALA D. HARRIS
United States Senator

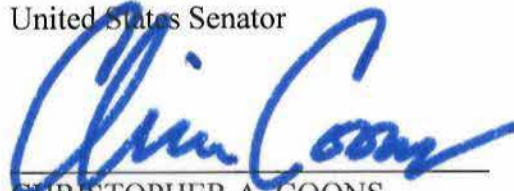

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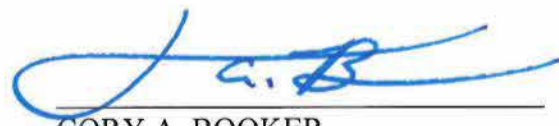

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³ Katie Benner and Adam Goldman, *D.C. prosecutors’ tensions with Justice Dept. began long before Stone sentencing*, N.Y. TIMES (Feb. 23, 2020), <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/02/23/us/politics/justice-department-dc-prosecutors.html>.

⁴ See, e.g., Memorandum for Heads of Department Components, All United States Attorneys re: Communications with the White House and Congress (May 11, 2009), https://www.justice.gov/oip/foia-library/communications_with_the_white_house_and_congress_2009.pdf/download; U.S. Dep’t of Justice, Justice Manual § 1-7.400; 5 C.F.R. § 2635.101; 5 C.F.R. § 2635.501 – 503; 28 C.F.R. § 45.2.; U.S. Dep’t of Justice, Justice Manual § 1-4.010.

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President Trump's efforts to investigate his political rival, Hillary Clinton. Volume II of Special Counsel Robert Mueller's report on Russian interference in the 2016 election detailed three separate occasions on which President Trump asked or suggested that then-Attorney General Jeff Sessions investigate the president's former opponent, Hillary Clinton.⁵ The Special Counsel's report also described a series of tweets in which the president suggested or openly called for criminal investigations into Clinton. In November 2017, Sessions tasked U.S. Attorney John Huber with investigating allegations by Trump and his allies that the FBI had not adequately pursued investigations into the Clinton Foundation and Uranium One. The investigation reportedly concluded with no charges after Huber "found nothing worth pursuing."⁶

Prior to his confirmation, Attorney General William Barr claimed that there was a stronger predicate for investigating the Clinton Foundation and Uranium One than there was for investigating the Trump campaign's ties with Russia—although he was unable to detail that predicate during his confirmation hearing, instead referring to "smoke around the issue."⁷ The Office of the Inspector General recently completed an exhaustive investigation into whether the Crossfire Hurricane investigation had an adequate factual and legal predicate, and should similarly evaluate whether the Huber investigation was adequately predicated.

President Trump's efforts to investigate his political rival, Joe Biden. As documented in a rough transcript of a phone call released by the White House, on July 25, 2019, President Trump not only attempted to coerce the newly-elected president of Ukraine into assisting with investigations into his political rival—a scheme orchestrated by his personal attorney, Rudy Giuliani—but President Trump also suggested that he would work through the Justice Department and instruct Attorney General Barr to follow up with Ukrainian officials about the investigations. Despite receiving a criminal referral from the CIA General Counsel and the National Security Council's top lawyer, the Department quickly concluded "there was no campaign finance violation and that no further action was warranted."⁸

A Justice Department spokesperson later denied that the attorney general had knowledge of or spoke to the president about the July 25 call, but public reports subsequently established that he did in fact meet with individuals involved in the Ukraine scheme. In August 2019, Attorney General Barr met with two lawyers who, working with Giuliani, had reportedly offered to "fix" federal criminal investigations of Ukrainian oligarchs in exchange for the oligarchs' assistance in digging up dirt on President Trump's political rivals.⁹ The outcome of that meeting remains unknown.

⁵ U.S. DEP'T OF JUSTICE, SPECIAL COUNSEL ROBERT S. MUELLER, III, REPORT ON THE INVESTIGATION INTO RUSSIAN INTERFERENCE IN THE 2016 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION (2019) vol. II, at 107, 109.

⁶ Devlin Barrett and Matt Zapotosky, *Justice Dept. winds down Clinton-related inquiry once championed by Trump. It found nothing of consequence*, WASH. POST. (Jan. 9, 2020), https://www.washingtonpost.com/national-security/justice-dept-winds-down-clinton-related-inquiry-once-championed-by-trump-it-found-nothing-of-consequence/2020/01/09/ca83932e-32f9-11ea-a053-dc6d944ba776_story.html.

⁷ Transcript of Jan. 15, 2019 Senate Judiciary Committee Hearing.

⁸ Ken Dilanian and Julia Ainsley, *CIA's top lawyer made 'criminal referral' on complaint about Trump Ukraine call*, NBC NEWS (Oct. 4, 2019), <https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/trump-impeachment-inquiry/cia-s-top-lawyer-made-criminal-referral-whistleblower-s-complaint-n1062481>.

⁹ Jo Becker, Walt Bogdanich, Maggie Haberman, and Ben Protess, *Why Giuliani singled out 2 Ukrainian oligarchs to help dig up dirt*, N.Y. TIMES (Nov. 25, 2019), <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/11/25/us/giuliani-ukraine-oligarchs.html>.

Efforts to exonerate President Trump's political allies.

- It appears that President Trump's personal and political interests influenced the Justice Department's sentencing recommendation for Roger Stone, a longtime adviser to President Trump. On February 10, 2020, career prosecutors filed a sentencing memorandum recommending that Stone be sentenced to seven to nine years in prison after a jury convicted him of seven felonies for obstructing Congress, lying under oath to investigators, and interfering with witness testimony related to his efforts to learn about hacked Democratic emails during the 2016 U.S. presidential election. On February 11, 2020, the morning after the sentencing memorandum was filed, President Trump criticized the proposed sentence on Twitter, saying "This is a horrible and very unfair situation. The real crimes were on the other side, as nothing happens to them. Cannot allow this miscarriage of justice!" Just hours after President Trump's disapproving tweet, a senior Justice Department official announced that the Department planned to overrule its career prosecutors and reduce the sentence recommendation.¹⁰ After the decision was announced, four career prosecutors who handled the case against Roger Stone withdrew from the case, and one resigned from the Department altogether.¹¹
- According to recent reports, Attorney General Barr has also intervened in the case against President Trump's former National Security Adviser Michael Flynn, whose prosecution Trump has repeatedly criticized as "unfair."¹² Flynn pleaded guilty in 2017 to lying to the FBI but moved to withdraw his guilty plea in January 2020. On January 7, 2020, prosecutors filed a memorandum recommending a prison sentence between zero and six months. The Department weakened that recommendation in a new filing on January 29, which indicated that a sentence of probation would be "reasonable."¹³ Earlier this month, it was reported that Barr had assigned U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Missouri Jeff Jensen to review the handling of Flynn's case, which was prosecuted by career attorneys on the Special Counsel's team and in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia.¹⁴

Rudy Giuliani wields undue influence over the actions of the Justice Department.

- **Giuliani peddles his influence at the Justice Department as leverage in his smear campaign against President Trump's political rival, Joe Biden.** As documented in a rough transcript of a phone call released by the White House, on July 25, 2019, President Trump attempted to coerce the newly-elected president of Ukraine into assisting with investigations into his political rival—a

¹⁰ Matt Zapotosky, et al., *Justice Dept. to reduce sentencing recommendation for Trump associate Roger Stone, official says, after president calls it 'unfair'*, WASHINGTON POST (Feb. 11, 2020), https://www.washingtonpost.com/national-security/justice-dept-to-reduce-sentencing-recommendation-for-trump-associate-roger-stone-official-says-after-president-calls-it-unfair/2020/02/11/ad81fd36-4cf0-11ea-bf44-f5043eb3918a_story.html.

¹¹ Matt Zapotosky, et al., *Prosecutors quit amid escalating Justice Dept. fight over Roger Stone's prison term*, WASHINGTON POST (Feb. 11, 2020), https://www.washingtonpost.com/national-security/justice-dept-to-reduce-sentencing-recommendation-for-trump-associate-roger-stone-official-says-after-president-calls-it-unfair/2020/02/11/ad81fd36-4cf0-11ea-bf44-f5043eb3918a_story.html.

¹² Aaron Blake, *Another case Trump meddled in. Another unorthodox intervention from Barr*, WASH. POST (Feb. 15, 2020), <https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2020/02/15/barr-told-trump-stop-meddling-legal-cases-it-sure-seems-have-worked/>.

¹³ Carol E. Lee, Ken Dilanian and Peter Alexander, *Barr takes control of legal matters of interest to Trump, including Stone sentencing*, NBC NEWS (Feb. 11, 2020), <https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/justice-department/barr-takes-control-legal-matters-interest-trump-including-stone-sentencing-n1135231>.

¹⁴ Charlie Savage, Adam Goldman and Matt Apuzzo, *Barr installs outside prosecutor to review case against Michael Flynn, ex-Trump adviser*, N.Y. TIMES. (Feb. 14, 2020), <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/02/14/us/politics/michael-flynn-prosecutors-barr.html>.

scheme orchestrated by his personal attorney, Rudy Giuliani. In August 2019, Attorney General Barr met with two lawyers who, working with Giuliani, had reportedly offered to “fix” federal criminal investigations of Ukrainian oligarchs in exchange for the oligarchs’ assistance in digging up dirt on President Trump’s political rivals.¹⁵ The outcome of that meeting remains unknown.

- **Giuliani provides Ukrainian propaganda and misinformation to the Justice Department.** On February 11, 2020, Attorney General Barr confirmed a claim made by Senator Lindsey Graham that the Justice Department has “created a process that Rudy could give information [about President Trump’s desired investigation into former Vice President Biden and his son Hunter Biden] and they would see if it’s verified.” A Justice Department official later confirmed that Giuliani—who is currently being investigated in the Southern District of New York—had “recently” shared information obtained from multiple Ukrainian officials related to former Vice President Joe Biden and his family through this “process.”¹⁶
- **President Trump pressures the Justice Department to drop cases against Giuliani’s clients.** Reports suggest that efforts by allies of the president to influence federal criminal investigations are not limited to Ukraine. For example, it was reported that, during a 2017 Oval Office meeting with President Trump and then-Secretary of State Rex Tillerson, Giuliani sought to secure the release of his jailed client, an Iranian-Turkish gold trader named Reza Zarrab, as part of a potential prisoner swap with Turkey.¹⁷ According to reports, President Trump urged Tillerson to pressure the Justice Department to drop its case against Giuliani’s client.¹⁸

Improper communications between the Justice Department and the White House. President Trump has not acted alone in improperly suggesting that the Justice Department be used to settle his personal and political scores. During Matthew Whitaker’s tenure as Chief of Staff to former Attorney General Jeff Sessions, he reportedly “frequently spoke by phone with both [President] Trump and Chief of Staff John Kelly” and “privately provided advice to the president . . . on how the White House might be able to pressure the Justice Department to investigate the president’s political adversaries.”¹⁹ Mr. Whitaker was reportedly “seen by Department officials as a partisan and a White House spy”²⁰ who was “counseling the White House on how the President and his aides might

¹⁵ Jo Becker, Walt Bogdanich, Maggie Haberman, and Ben Protess, *Why Giuliani singled out 2 Ukrainian oligarchs to help dig up dirt*, N.Y. TIMES (Nov. 25, 2019), <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/11/25/us/giuliani-ukraine-oligarchs.html>.

¹⁶ Matt Zapotosky & Devlin Barrett, *Barr acknowledges Justice Dept. has created ‘intake process’ to vet Giuliani’s information on Bidens*, WASHINGTON POST (Feb. 10, 2020), https://www.washingtonpost.com/national-security/barr-acknowledges-justice-dept-has-created-intake-process-to-vet-giulianis-information-on-bidens/2020/02/10/0fba553a-4c1e-11ea-bf44-f5043eb3918a_story.html.

¹⁷ Jo Becker, Maggie Haberman & Eric Lipton, *Giuliani pressed for Turkish prisoner swap in Oval Office meeting*, N.Y. TIMES (Oct. 10, 2019), <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/10/10/us/politics/giuliani-trump-rex-tillerson.html>.

¹⁸ John Santucci, *Trump pushed Tillerson to help Giuliani’s client out of DOJ probe: Source*, ABC NEWS, Oct. 10, 2019, <https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/trump-pushed-tillerson-giulianis-client-doj-probe/story?id=66193540>.

¹⁹ Murray Waas, *Exclusive: Trump loyalist Matthew Whitaker was counseling the White House on investigating Clinton*, VOX (Nov. 9, 2018), <https://www.vox.com/policy-and-politics/2018/11/9/18080656/matthew-whitaker-trump-hillary-clinton-sessions-attorney-general>.

²⁰ Adam Goldman & Edward Wong, *Trump installs a critic of the Mueller investigation to oversee it*, N.Y. TIMES (Nov. 7, 2018), <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/11/07/us/politics/whitaker-mueller-trump.html>.

successfully pressure Sessions and [former Deputy Attorney General Rod] Rosenstein to give in to Trump's demands."²¹

Targeting states that use their sovereign powers to minimize the damage of President Trump's regressive policies and positions. President Trump has repeatedly expressed an animus toward the state of California,²² and that animus appears to have played a role in the Department's decisions to challenge the state's carbon-cutting pact with Quebec and open an antitrust inquiry into a deal California made with four automakers to reduce carbon emissions.²³

Targeting companies that President Trump dislikes. President Trump has repeatedly expressed his disdain for CNN, and in late summer 2017, President Trump reportedly ordered then-director of the National Economic Council Gary Cohn to pressure the Justice Department to intervene in AT&T's acquisition of Time Warner, which owns CNN.²⁴ The Department later filed suit to block the merger.

The Office of Legal Counsel's use of its power and status to insulate President Trump from accusations of wrongdoing. Over the past three years, OLC has provided questionable legal justifications and political cover for some of the Trump Administration's most controversial and politically fraught actions.

- **The Whistleblower:** On September 24, 2019, OLC issued a memorandum that overruled a decision made by the Inspector General of the Intelligence Community ("ICIG") that a whistleblower complaint outlining President Trump's misconduct was not an "urgent concern" as defined in the Intelligence Community Whistleblower Protection Act, 50 U.S.C. § 3033(k)(5)(G).²⁵ The complaint outlined President Trump's attempt to pressure the newly-elected president of Ukraine to announce investigations into President Trump's political rival and a debunked conspiracy theory that Ukraine—not Russia—had interfered in the 2016 election—serious accusations that ultimately resulted in President Trump's impeachment.

After OLC overruled the ICIG, the whistleblower complaint was referred to the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice for "appropriate review."²⁶ The OLC memorandum and subsequent actions taken by the Department of Justice were resoundingly criticized by dozens of Inspectors General, including yourself. You, and your fellow inspectors general, wrote, "OLC

²¹ Katie Benner & Maggie Haberman, *Matthew Whitaker, a Trump loyalist, is seen as ascendant amid Rosenstein chaos*, N.Y. TIMES (Sept. 26, 2018), <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/09/26/us/politics/matthew-whitaker-justice-department.html>.

²² Michael Grunwald, *Trump's war on California*, POLITICO (Feb. 21, 2019), <https://www.politico.com/magazine/story/2019/02/21/trump-california-attacks-economy-225191>

²³ Lisa Friedman & Katie Benner, *Justice Dept. sues California to stop climate initiative from extending to Canada*, N.Y. TIMES (Oct. 23, 2019) <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/10/23/climate/trump-california-climate-change.html>; Hiroko Tabuchi & Coral Davenport, *Justice Dept. investigates California emissions pact that embarrassed Trump*, N.Y. TIMES (Sept. 6, 2019), <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/09/06/climate/automakers-california-emissions-antitrust.html>.

²⁴ Jane Mayer, *The making of the Fox News White House*, NEW YORKER (Mar. 4, 2019), <https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2019/03/11/the-making-of-the-fox-news-white-house>.

²⁵ "Urgent concern" determination by the Inspector General of the Intelligence Community, U.S. DEP'T OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL (Sept. 24, 2019), <https://www.lawfareblog.com/olc-issues-opinion-about-urgent-concern-determination-whistleblower-complaint-dni>.

²⁶ *Id.*

substituted its judgement and reversed a determination the statute specifically entrusted to the ICIG” and that the opinion was “wrong as a matter of law and policy.”²⁷

- **President Trump’s So-Called Border Wall:** OLC bowed to political pressure to legitimize President Trump’s decision to invoke a national emergency to secure funding for a border wall. Despite the fact that OLC lawyers were “frustrated” and “skeptical” of the decision, OLC “ultimately gave its blessing, people familiar with the matter said.”²⁸
- **President Trump’s Tax Returns:** OLC again bowed to political pressure when it provided a legal justification for Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin’s refusal to produce President Trump’s tax returns—despite a contrary legal opinion issued by the Internal Revenue Service—and cautioned the judicial branch that intervention in the dispute would be inappropriate.²⁹
- **Online Gambling:** In January 2019, bowing to political pressure and political donors, OLC released an opinion that restricted online gambling. The opinion appears to have been influenced in part by Sheldon Adelson, a casino owner and political donor who spent millions of dollars to elect President Trump.³⁰

²⁷ Gordon Ahl, *Inspectors general criticize OLC whistleblower opinion*, LAWFARE (Oct. 25, 2019), <https://www.lawfareblog.com/inspectors-general-criticize-olc-whistleblower-opinion>.

²⁸ Matt Zapotosky & Josh Dawsey, *How President Trump came to declare a national emergency to fund his border wall*, WASHINGTON POST (Feb. 15, 2019), https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/how-president-trump-came-to-declare-a-national-emergency-to-fund-his-border-wall/2019/02/15/3e9f4348-3152-11e9-8ad3-9a5b113ecd3e_story.html.

²⁹ Devlin Barrett & Matt Zapotosky, *Justice Dept. issues memo backing Mnuchin’s refusal to give Trump’s tax returns to Congress*, WASHINGTON POST (June 15, 2019), https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/justice-dept-issues-memo-backing-mnuchins-refusal-to-provide-trumps-tax-returns-to-congress/2019/06/14/3c8b3376-8ee7-11e9-b08e-cfd89bd36d4e_story.html.

³⁰ Tom Hamburger, *Justice Dept. decision to issue legal opinion long sought by casino magnate Sheldon Adelson draws criticism*, WASHINGTON POST (Feb. 7, 2019), https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/justice-department-decision-to-issue-legal-opinion-long-sought-by-casino-magnate-sheldon-adelson-draws-criticism/2019/02/07/fb705da6-2ae8-11e9-b011-d8500644dc98_story.html; Tom Hamburger, Matt Zapotosky, & Josh Dawsey, *Justice Dept. issues new opinion that could further restrict online gambling*, WASHINGTON POST (Jan. 14, 2019), https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/justice-department-issues-new-opinion-that-could-further-restrict-online-gambling/2019/01/14/a501e2da-1857-11e9-8813-cb9dec761e73_story.html; *Reconsidering whether the Wire Act applies to non-sports gambling*, U.S. DEP’T OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL (Nov. 2, 2018), <https://www.justice.gov/olc/file/1121531/download>.

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Dear Mr. Ragsdale and Mr. Horowitz:

We write to express concern about statements made by Attorney General William Barr regarding the firing of Intelligence Community Inspector General (ICIG) Michael Atkinson. In defending the President, the Attorney General misstated key facts. This is a disservice to ICIG Atkinson. It also raises broader questions about whether Attorney General Barr is following Department policies and rules of professional conduct that demand candor and impartiality from lawyers, particularly those who serve the public trust.

In a recent press interview, Attorney General Barr said that ICIG Atkinson had “ignored” guidance from the Department of Justice that “he is obliged to follow”—namely, a determination that the Ukraine whistleblower’s complaint should not be transmitted to Congress. [Fox News 4/9/2020] Thus, according to Attorney General Barr, the President “was correct” and “did the right thing” by firing ICIG Atkinson.

In fact, ICIG Atkinson did not transmit the complaint or reveal its contents to Congress. Rather, after determining that the Ukraine whistleblower complaint involved an “urgent concern,” he forwarded it to the Director of National Intelligence (DNI) as required by the Intelligence Community Whistleblower Protection Act. [50 U.S.C. § 3033 (k)(5)] When ICIG Atkinson and DNI Joseph Maguire then disagreed on whether to transmit the complaint to Congress, ICIG Atkinson followed the law and notified Congress of this disagreement. [50 U.S.C. § 3033 (k)(3)(A)(i)]

Moreover, the Attorney General gravely misrepresents the legal opinion issued by his own Department concerning the complaint. When the Office of Legal Counsel opined that the complaint did not qualify as an “urgent concern,” it only stated that the law did not *require* DNI Maguire to forward the complaint to Congress. [OLC Op. 9/24/2019] The opinion left DNI Maguire with the *discretion* to do so, and it was ultimately DNI Maguire, not ICIG Atkinson, who transmitted the complaint to Congress. [HPSCI Tr. 9/26/2019] According to DNI Maguire, ICIG Atkinson “followed the law every step of the way.” [HPSCI Tr. 9/26/2019] And his summary termination by the President may have violated the law. [Bipartisan Letter 4/8/2020; see also 50 U.S.C. § 3033(c)(4)]

This is not the only time that the Attorney General has misstated the facts in defense of the President. In the same interview where he falsely portrayed ICIG Atkinson as insubordinate, Attorney General Barr also asserted that the FBI opened its 2016 investigation into the Trump campaign's ties to Russia "without any basis." To the contrary, the Department's Office of Inspector General concluded that the FBI had a legitimate legal and factual basis to investigate the Trump campaign's ties to Russia. [OIG Report 12/9/2019]

Attorney General Barr has also repeatedly mischaracterized key aspects of Special Counsel Mueller's findings in letters to Congress and public statements. In a recent opinion examining these "misleading" statements, D.C. District Court Judge Reggie Walton found that Attorney General Barr had "distorted the findings in the Mueller Report," causing "the Court to seriously question whether Attorney General Barr made a calculated attempt to influence public discourse about the Mueller Report in favor of President Trump." [*Elec. Privacy Info. Ctr. v. United States Dep't of Justice*, No. CV 19-810 (RBW), 2020 WL 1060633, at *8-9 (D.D.C. Mar. 5, 2020)] Judge Walton's finding that Attorney General Barr may have intentionally distorted facts to further the President's interests warrants your attention.

It is critical that the American people have confidence in the work of the Justice Department, which requires that all of its employees—and most importantly, the Attorney General—be truthful and impartial. Accordingly, we request that you investigate whether Attorney General Barr's statements in matters involving the interests of the President violate applicable Justice Department policies and rules of professional conduct.

We appreciate your prompt attention to this request.

Sincerely,



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Dear Mr. Ragsdale and Mr. Horowitz:

We write to request that you investigate whether recent public statements by Attorney General William Barr regarding former Inspector General of the Intelligence Community (ICIG) Michael Atkinson violated applicable Department of Justice (DOJ) policies and rules of professional conduct.

In a televised interview on April 9, 2020, Mr. Barr blatantly mischaracterized Mr. Atkinson's conduct and DOJ's own actions relating to the complaint filed last summer by an Intelligence Community whistleblower.¹ The complaint detailed President Trump's efforts to coerce Ukraine to announce a politically-motivated investigation of his rival in the 2020 presidential election. Mr. Barr's remarks followed the President's admission on April 4 that he fired Mr. Atkinson in retaliation for Mr. Atkinson's handling—in accordance with the law—of the whistleblower complaint.² The House of Representatives' investigation independently confirmed the whistleblower's account of the President's abuse of power, for which the President was subsequently impeached. Mr. Barr's misleading remarks appear to have been aimed at justifying the President's retaliatory decision to fire Mr. Atkinson.

As Senators Diane Feinstein and Mark Warner underscored in their April 17 letter to you, Mr. Atkinson neither "ignored" DOJ guidance, nor acted contrary to his legal and professional

¹ Interview with Attorney General William Barr, Fox News, April 9, 2020 ("I think the president did the right thing in removing Atkinson. From the vantage point of the Department of Justice, he had interpreted his statute, which is a fairly narrow statute, that gave him jurisdiction over wrongdoing by Intelligence people, and tried to turn it in to a commission to explore anything in the government and immediately report to Congress without letting the Executive Branch look at it and determine whether there was any problem. He was told this in a letter from the Department of Justice, and he is obliged to follow the interpretation of the Department of Justice, and he ignored it. So I think the president was correct in firing him.").

² The White House, *Remarks by President Trump, Vice President Pence, and Members of the Coronavirus Task Force in Press Briefing*, April 4, 2020 (Remarks of President Trump) ("I thought he [Mr. Atkinson] did a terrible job. Absolutely terrible. He took a whistleblower report, which turned out to be a fake report — it was fake. It was totally wrong. It was about my conversation with the President of Ukraine. He took a fake report and he brought it to Congress, with an emergency. Okay? Not a big Trump fan — that, I can tell you."), available at: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefings-statements/remarks-president-trump-vice-president-pence-members-coronavirus-task-force-press-briefing-19>.

obligations in handling the whistleblower complaint, as Mr. Barr alleged.³ To the contrary, Mr. Atkinson faithfully discharged his legal obligations as an independent and impartial Inspector General in accordance with federal law.

Then-acting Director of National Intelligence (DNI) Joseph Maguire affirmed this in his sworn testimony before the House Intelligence Committee on September 26, 2019. Mr. Maguire testified that Mr. Atkinson handled the Ukraine whistleblower complaint “by the book” and in strict accordance with statutory requirements.⁴ Mr. Atkinson never transmitted the whistleblower complaint to the House or Senate Intelligence Committees, nor did he reveal its contents to Congress. Instead, Mr. Atkinson properly alerted the congressional intelligence committees to the existence of the whistleblower complaint after he was unable to resolve a difference with acting DNI Maguire about whether the complaint should be transmitted to Congress.⁵ Mr. Maguire testified that he supported Mr. Atkinson’s decision to alert the congressional intelligence committees. In short, President Trump fired Mr. Atkinson simply for doing his job and following the law.

In maligning Mr. Atkinson and falsely portraying him as insubordinate, Mr. Barr misrepresented DOJ’s legal opinion concerning the whistleblower complaint. Mr. Barr’s remarks also ignored the impropriety of DOJ’s coordination with the White House to prevent a whistleblower complaint concerning presidential misconduct from reaching Congress. In order to keep Congress in the dark about the existence of the complaint, the White House and DOJ collaborated to develop meritless justifications designed to circumvent the clear statutory requirement that all such complaints “shall” be transmitted to the congressional intelligence committees.⁶

Specifically, DOJ’s Office of Legal Counsel (OLC) issued a secret opinion that absurdly concluded that the statute—contrary to its plain text—did not require acting DNI Maguire to

³ Interview with Attorney General William Barr, Fox News, April 9, 2020. *See also* Letter from Senators Dianne Feinstein and Mark R. Warner to Jeffrey R. Ragsdale, Office of Professional Responsibility, and Michael E. Horowitz, Inspector General, Department of Justice, April 17, 2020, *available at*: https://www.feinstein.senate.gov/public/_cache/files/7/4/74cc2af5-a011-41fe-b8a7-af3fa9a1f97c/97EA40385B91689933EAC2099710A202.2020.04.17-df-mw-letter-to-opr-oig-re-ag-barr-misleading-statements-final-pdf-.docx.pdf.

⁴ Testimony of Acting Director of National Intelligence Joseph Maguire before the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, September 26, 2019, *available at*: <https://docs.house.gov/meetings/IG/IG00/20190926/110027/HHRG-116-IG00-Transcript-20190926.pdf>.

⁵ *See* 50 U.S.C. § 3033(k)(3)(A)(i) (“In the event that—the Inspector General is unable to resolve any differences with the Director affecting the execution of the duties or responsibilities of the Inspector General; [...] the Inspector General *shall immediately* notify, and submit a report to, the congressional intelligence committees on such matter.”) (emphasis added).

⁶ 50 U.S.C. § 3033 (k)(5)(C) (“Upon receipt of a transmittal from the Inspector General under subparagraph (B), the Director shall, within 7 calendar days of such receipt, forward such transmittal to the congressional intelligence committees, together with any comments the Director considers appropriate.”).

forward the whistleblower complaint to Congress.⁷ For its part, the White House asserted that the complaint involved information subject to executive privilege that acting DNI Maguire was not authorized to release to Congress—even though executive privilege cannot be invoked to shield misconduct and was, in fact, never invoked by the President.⁸

Contrary to Mr. Barr’s false assertion that Mr. Atkinson “ignored” DOJ’s legal guidance, Mr. Atkinson explicitly acknowledged being bound by OLC’s opinion, while strongly disagreeing with it. In a non-public letter to OLC, Mr. Atkinson highlighted the contorted reasoning and troubling national security and oversight implications of OLC’s opinion that “election interference by foreign actions ... would not involve an activity or program of the intelligence community under the DNI’s supervision.”⁹ Mr. Atkinson correctly observed that the DNI is expressly charged by statute and executive orders—including one issued by President Trump himself—to lead the Intelligence Community’s effort to protect the nation from foreign election interference. After OLC’s opinion and Mr. Atkinson’s objections were made public, the Council of Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE) sent a letter to OLC strongly backing Mr. Atkinson’s position.¹⁰

Notwithstanding Mr. Atkinson’s meritorious objections, the coordinated efforts by the White House and DOJ succeeded—temporarily—in preventing Congress from receiving the whistleblower complaint. Only after immense public pressure and a subpoena issued by the House Intelligence Committee did acting DNI Maguire produce the complaint to the congressional intelligence committees in late September 2019. The role of Attorney General Barr and other senior DOJ officials, in coordination with the White House, in attempting to prevent the whistleblower complaint from reaching Congress—as required by law—warrants your attention.

Moreover, Mr. Barr’s recent remarks are part of a disturbing pattern of misrepresenting facts and falsely alleging misconduct by other government officials in order to defend the

⁷ Office of Legal Counsel, Department of Justice, “Slip Opinion: ‘Urgent Concern’ Determination by the Inspector General of the Intelligence Community,” September 3, 2020, *available at*: <https://www.justice.gov/olc/opinion/file/1205711/download>.

⁸ Testimony of Acting Director of National Intelligence Joseph Maguire before the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, September 26, 2019, *available at*: <https://docs.house.gov/meetings/IG/IG00/20190926/110027/HHRG-116-IG00-Transcript-20190926.pdf>.

⁹ Letter from Michael Atkinson, Inspector General of the Intelligence Community, to Steven Engel, Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Counsel, Department of Justice, September 17, 2019, *available at*: https://www.ignet.gov/sites/default/files/files/ICIG_letter_to_OLC.pdf.

¹⁰ See Letter from the Council of Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency to Steven A. Engel, Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Counsel, Department of Justice, October 22, 2019, *available at*: https://www.ignet.gov/sites/default/files/files/CIGIE_Letter_to_OLC_Whistleblower_Disclosure.pdf. (“This letter from the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency, on behalf of the undersigned federal Inspectors General (IG), expresses our support for the position advanced by the ICIG and our concern that the OLC opinion, if not withdrawn or modified, could seriously undermine the critical role whistleblowers play in coming forward to report waste, fraud, abuse, and misconduct across the federal government. Further, as addressed in detail below, OLC’s interpretation regarding the ICWPA procedure in question, which mirrors the procedure that Congress included in Section 5(d) of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (IG Act), has the potential to undermine IG independence across the federal government.”)

President's own misconduct. In the year since Special Counsel Robert Mueller concluded his investigation of Russian interference in the 2016 presidential election, Mr. Barr has persistently sought to mislead the American public in an effort to undermine the Special Counsel's investigation and findings, as well as those of the Department's own Office of Inspector General.¹¹ Indeed, a federal judge recently examined Mr. Barr's "lack of candor" and concluded that Mr. Barr "distorted the findings in the Mueller Report," which "cause[d] the Court to seriously question whether Attorney General Barr made a calculated attempt to influence public discourse about the Mueller Report in favor of President Trump."¹²

Public confidence in our system of justice depends on the integrity, fairness, and impartiality of DOJ's leadership. It is, therefore, imperative that the Attorney General be held to the same high standard expected of all Department personnel, particularly in matters involving the President's own interests. We appreciate your prompt attention to this request.

Sincerely,



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¹¹ For example, in the same April 9 interview, Mr. Barr claimed that the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) initiated its 2016 investigation into the Trump campaign's links to Russia "without any basis," despite the Special Counsel's Office's finding that "the Russian government interfered in the 2016 presidential election in sweeping and systematic fashion" and the Office of Inspector General's exhaustive review, which found that the FBI in fact had an authorized purpose and legitimate predicate for the investigation. *See* Department of Justice, Special Counsel's Office, *Report on the Investigation into Russian Interference in the 2016 Presidential Election*, March 2019, available at: <https://www.justice.gov/storage/report.pdf>; Department of Justice, Office of the Inspector General, *Review of Four FISA Applications and Other Aspects of the Crossfire Hurricane Investigation*, December 2019, available at: <https://oig.justice.gov/reports/2019/o20012.pdf>. In a grave departure from DOJ practice and policy, Mr. Barr has also prejudged a separate DOJ probe he initiated by insinuating criminal wrongdoing by officials involved in identifying and defending the country against Russian interference in the 2016 election. *See* Interview with Attorney General William Barr, Fox News, April 9, 2020.

¹² *Elec. Privacy Info. Ctr. v. United States Dep't of Justice*, No. 19 Civ. 810 (RBW), 2020 WL 1060633 (D.D.C. Mar. 5, 2020).

May 8, 2020

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Dear Inspector General Horowitz and Director Ragsdale:

We write to request that you immediately open an investigation into the Department of Justice's unprecedented decision to drop charges against former National Security Advisor Michael T. Flynn, as well as the Department's pattern of politicized decision making. As you know, Flynn twice pled guilty to lying to federal investigators and repeatedly admitted his guilt in court. The Department's decision thus appears to be based solely on President Trump's clear desire to shield his political allies from responsibility for their actions and to reject the clear reality that his Administration broke the law in its effort to obstruct legitimate investigations into its conduct. If this decision is not investigated, it poses a clear and present threat to the rule of law.

In January of 2017, Michael Flynn lied to federal investigators about contacts with the Russian government. He did so despite investigators giving him multiple opportunities to correct his statements and despite the fact that investigators were examining serious accusations of Russian interference in U.S. elections and Trump Administration complicity in that interference. Specifically, Flynn falsely denied that he had encouraged Russian Ambassador Sergey Kislyak to delay responding to U.S. sanctions against Russia, implying that the Trump Administration would take a friendlier approach to the Putin government than had President Obama.

On December 1, 2017, Special Counsel Robert Mueller announced a plea bargain with Flynn under which Flynn admitted to "willfully and knowingly" making false statements to investigators that "impeded and otherwise had a material impact on the FBI's ongoing investigation into the existence of any links or coordination between individuals associated with the [Trump] Campaign and Russia's efforts to interfere with the 2016 presidential election." Pursuant to that agreement, Flynn was not prosecuted for other federal crimes he may have committed, provided he cooperate with investigators in their ongoing probe into the Trump Administration. It was reported that Flynn had been in contact with senior members of the Trump Administration about his clandestine communications with Russia but had lied to others within the Administration, including Vice President Mike Pence, potentially opening himself up

to blackmail. Despite being warned about Flynn's lies, however, President Trump acted to remove Flynn only when his actions became public.

Flynn's sentencing was deferred as Judge Emmet Sullivan expressed concerns that the gravity of Flynn's crimes might deserve a more serious penalty than the government had initially requested. As President Trump made clear that he was inclined to support allies who broke the law to cover up the president's own misdeeds, Flynn became less cooperative with federal investigators. Ultimately, his defense lawyers began to echo President Trump's rhetoric, claiming without evidence that their client had been set up.

The facts of the Flynn case are clear. Flynn broke the law. The Justice Department's claim that it would be unable to prove Flynn's lies were "material" to their investigation defies belief. Flynn lied about contact with Russia at the beginning of an investigation into Russian coordination with the Trump Administration. He took this dangerous step because he knew that the truth would lead investigators to evidence of his own criminal conduct and potentially to evidence of crimes committed by other members of the Administration. If powerful individuals can lie to investigators with impunity, law enforcement will be unable to protect the public.

Any reasonable American witnessing the actions of the last several weeks must seriously question whether the Department of Justice can any longer claim its proud tradition of professionalism and independence from political influence. First, President Trump criticized the Flynn investigation based on misleading descriptions of Flynn's investigators' actions. After it became clear that no reasonable judge – and certainly not Judge Sullivan – would accept President Trump's claims, the president indicated that he might pardon Flynn but hoped that something would happen first to relieve him of that decision. Then the Department dropped its charges, in a filing signed only by a political appointee who President Trump has not even bothered to submit for Senate confirmation. Every career prosecutor involved in the case declined to participate in this mockery of justice, and no Justice Department official or outside expert can find a precedent for such a blatant abdication of the Department's responsibilities.

This latest outrage is part of a pattern. First, Attorney General Barr misrepresented the outcome of the Mueller investigation while withholding the actual Mueller report from the American people. Since then, Barr has eagerly investigated the investigators of President Trump while ignoring the Trump Administration's own wrongdoing. At times, the link between President Trump's tweets and Barr's actions has been so tight that even Barr has urged the president to be more circumspect.

This politicization of the Justice Department cannot be allowed to continue without scrutiny. We ask that you immediately open an investigation into Justice Department policies, procedures, and practices related to politically sensitive prosecutions. As part of this investigation, we ask that you determine why the Department chose to drop its charges against Flynn, why no career prosecutor joined in that decision, and what role Attorney General Barr and President Trump played. The American people deserve to know whether the Justice Department has become a tool of political manipulation.

Thank you for your consideration. Please contact Sam Simon at Sam_Simon@judiciary-dem.senate.gov and Joe Gaeta at Joe_Gaeta@whitehouse.senate.gov with any questions.

Sincerely,



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Dear Inspector General Horowitz:

Like many Americans, we are deeply concerned by the Department's decision to move to dismiss the criminal case against Michael Flynn, who briefly served as President Trump's National Security Advisor. Under a generous plea deal with Special Counsel Robert Mueller, Mr. Flynn was allowed to plead guilty to a single charge of making false statements to federal investigators and avoid prosecution for other serious alleged crimes.¹

In measuring the impact of the decision to dismiss these charges, it is important to observe the divide between Attorney General William Barr and the career staff at the Department of Justice. Hours before the government moved to dismiss the case, Brandon Van Grack—an experienced prosecutor who had worked the Flynn case from its inception—abruptly withdrew from the matter. On the merits, the government's argument for dismissing the case appears to be inaccurate, politically biased, and inconsistent with the Department's own guidelines.² The government's brief is signed only by Timothy Shea—the acting U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia, promoted from the Attorney General's personal staff to his current post earlier this year—and not by a single career prosecutor.³

¹ Michael D. Shear and Adam Goldman, *Michael Flynn Pleads Guilty to Lying to the F.B.I. and Will Cooperate with Russia Inquiry*, N.Y. TIMES, Dec. 1, 2017; see also James V. Grimaldi, et al., *Mueller Probes Flynn's Role in Alleged Plan to Deliver Cleric to Turkey*, WALL ST. JOURNAL, Nov. 10, 2017.

² Susan Hennessey et al., *An ugly day for the Justice Department*, LAWFARE, May 7, 2020.

³ *U.S. v. Flynn*, Crim. No 17-232 (*Government's Motion to Dismiss the Criminal Information against the Defendant Michael T. Flynn*) (D.D.C. 2020). See also, Matt Zapotosky and Devlin Barrett, *Barr faces fresh scrutiny over Stone sentencing controversy*, WASH. POST, Feb. 12, 2020.

By itself, the decision to dismiss charges against Mr. Flynn would smack of corruption and unacceptable political influence in an ongoing criminal matter: President Trump tweeted in defense of his former advisor, and one week later Mr. Flynn is poised to walk free.⁴

But this is hardly the first time that Attorney General Barr has appeared to reach into an ongoing criminal case to do the President's political bidding:

- On March 24, 2019, the Attorney General sent a four-page “summary” of the Mueller Report to the House and Senate Judiciary Committees—a summary that sought to minimize the Special Counsel’s findings about the President and his associates. Special Counsel Mueller later wrote in protest: the gross mischaracterizations in Barr’s memo sought to create “public confusion” and threatened “to undermine a central purpose for which the Department appointed the Special Counsel.”⁵
- On July 17, 2019, the Department quietly closed its investigation into certain campaign finance crimes allegedly committed by President Trump and his longtime attorney Michael Cohen.⁶
- On February 11, 2020, the Department abruptly reversed course and argued for a more lenient sentence for Roger Stone, a longtime confidant to President Trump. As with the Flynn case, the Department appeared to have reacted to a series of public statements from the President.⁷ As with the Flynn case, all four assistant U.S. Attorneys prosecuting Roger Stone chose to withdraw from the case rather than support the Department’s position.⁸
- On March 16, 2020, the Department suddenly dropped its two-year prosecution of a Russian company alleged to have interfered in the 2016 presidential election and charged with conspiring to defraud the United States.⁹

And these are merely instances related to the Attorney General’s work to undermine the findings of the Special Counsel. In many other cases, both criminal and civil, the current leadership of

⁴ Quint Forgey, *‘Dirty, filthy cops’: Trump blasts Michael Flynn investigation after new FBI documents released*, POLITICO, Apr. 30, 2020.

⁵ Natasha Bertrand et al., *Mueller complained to Barr about Russia report memo*, POLITICO, Apr. 30, 2019.

⁶ Kristine Phillips and Kevin Johnson, *Justice Department ends inquiry of hush-money payments in final months of Donald Trump’s campaign, judge says*, USA TODAY, July 17, 2019.

⁷ Morgan Chalfant, *Trump criticizes ‘very unfair’ sentencing recommendation for Roger Stone*, THE HILL, Feb. 11, 2020.

⁸ Matt Zapotsky, et al., *Prosecutors quit amid escalating Justice Dept. fight over Roger Stone’s prison term*, WASH. POST, Feb. 11, 2020.

⁹ Spencer S. Hsu, *Justice Dept. abandons prosecution of Russian firm indicted in Mueller election interference probe*, WASH. POST, Mar. 16, 2020.

the Department has taken extraordinary steps to protect the President's allies and punish his enemies, real and imagined.¹⁰ In our view, these cases represent a systematic breakdown of impartial justice at the Department of Justice and suggest overt political bias, if not outright corruption.

Of course, the Hatch Act prohibits Department of Justice employees from engaging in partisan political activities in the course of official business.¹¹ The Department applies the most rigorous such restrictions to its senior leadership "to ensure that there is not an appearance that politics plays any part in the Department's day-to-day operations."¹² Federal law also disqualifies any DOJ employee "from participation in a particular investigation or prosecution if such participation may result in a personal, financial, or political conflict of interest, or the appearance thereof."¹³ Simply put, the Attorney General is prohibited from putting his thumb on the scale in favor of the President, time and time again.

We write to request an investigation by your office into a pattern of conduct that includes improper political interference, ignoring standards for recusal, and abrogating Attorney General guidelines, among other improper considerations. We ask that your office review the events highlighted above, as well as any other related actions you find during the course of your investigation. The American people deserve to know the full extent of the politicization of the Department of Justice. They deserve a Department that is guided by the facts and the law, and not by the President's political interests.

Sincerely,



Jerrold Nadler
Chairman



Zoe Lofgren
Member of Congress

¹⁰ See, e.g., William K. Rashbaum and Katie Benner, *Paul Manafort Seemed Headed to Rikers. Then the Justice Department Intervened*, N. Y. TIMES, June 17, 2019; Jesse Eisinger and Kevin Wack, *How Trump's Political Appointees Overruled Tougher Settlements With Big Banks*, PROPUBLICA, Aug. 2, 2019; Devlin Barrett, et al., *William Barr personally asked foreign officials to aid inquiry into CIA, FBI activities in 2016*, WASH. POST, Sep. 30, 2019; Hiroko Tabuchi, *General Motors Sides With Trump in Emissions Fight, Splitting the Industry*, N. Y. TIMES, Oct. 28, 2019; Matt Zapotosky and Devlin Barrett, *Barr acknowledges Justice Dept. has created 'intake process' to vet Giuliani's information on Bidens*, WASH. POST, Feb. 10, 2020; Jesse Eisinger and James Bandler, *Walmart Was Almost Charged Criminally Over Opioids. Trump Appointees Killed the Indictment*, PROPUBLICA, Mar. 25, 2020.

¹¹ 5 U.S.C. §§ 7323(a) and 7324(a).

¹² *Memorandum for All Department of Justice Non-Career Employees*, Lee J. Lotfthus, Asst. Attorney General for Administration, Aug. 16, 2018.

¹³ 28 U.S.C. § 528; 28 C.F.R. § 45.2.



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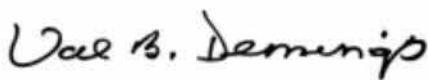
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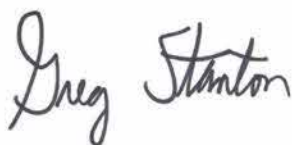
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cc: The Honorable Jim Jordan, Ranking Member, House Committee on the Judiciary

June 2, 2020

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Dear Mr. Horowitz:

I am writing to seek an investigation of the involvement of Department of Justice (DOJ) leadership and law enforcement personnel in suppressing peaceful domestic protests in response to the unjust killing of George Floyd by a Minneapolis police officer on May 25, 2020. I am specifically concerned about DOJ personnel's involvement in last night's incidents outside the White House in which "federal law enforcement officers fired rubber bullets and chemical gas at peaceful protesters."¹ This "ambush" of American citizens who were protesting the killing of Mr. Floyd at the hands of a police officer was created to allow the President to partake in a blatantly political photo opportunity.² These attacks on peaceful American protesters steps from the White House were sickening and appalling.

According to a report in the Washington Post, "Attorney General William P. Barr personally ordered law enforcement officials on the ground to clear the streets around Lafayette Square ... a directive that prompted a show of aggression against a crowd of largely peaceful protesters."³ In addition, according to a DOJ press release, agency law enforcement personnel participating in activities in Washington, D.C. included the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Federal Bureau of Prisons, and the U.S. Marshals Service.⁴

The role of Attorney General Barr in ordering this attack and then participating in a political propaganda event with the President, and the potential roles of DOJ law enforcement personnel, raise troubling questions about how and why this attack against law-abiding citizens occurred.

¹ Washington Post, "Before Trump vows to end 'lawlessness,' federal officers confront protesters outside White House," June 2, 2020, https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/washington-dc-protest-white-house-george-floyd/2020/06/01/6b193d1c-a3c9-11ea-bb20-ebf0921f3bbd_story.html.

² *Id.*

³ Washington Post, "Barr personally ordered removal of protesters near White House, leading to use of force against largely peaceful crowd," June 2, 2020, https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/barr-personally-ordered-removal-of-protesters-near-white-house-leading-to-use-of-force-against-largely-peaceful-crowd/2020/06/02/0ca2417c-a4d5-11ea-b473-04905b1af82b_story.html.

⁴ Department of Justice, Attorney General William P. Barr's Statement on Protests in Washington, D.C., June 2, 2020, <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/attorney-general-william-p-barrs-statement-protests-washington-dc>.

To address these questions, I am requesting that you conduct an immediate investigation of the role of DOJ leadership and DOJ law enforcement personnel in the attack on peaceful protesters and the response to the nationwide protests of the killing of Mr. Floyd that began in May 2020. This investigation should address the following questions:

1. To what extent were DOJ law enforcement personnel involved in the attack on peaceful protesters in Lafayette Square the evening of on June 1, 2020? If they were involved:
 - a. What was the exact scope and nature of their involvement?
 - b. Under what legal authority were they operating?
 - c. Under what rules of engagement were they operating?
2. To what extent were and are DOJ law enforcement personnel involved in responding to ongoing protests in other locations in Washington D.C.? If they were or are involved:
 - a. What is the exact scope and nature of their involvement?
 - b. Under what legal authority are they operating?
 - c. Under what rules of engagement are they operating?
3. To what extent were and are DOJ law enforcement personnel involved in responding to ongoing protests in other cities throughout the country? If they were involved:
 - a. What is the exact scope and nature of their involvement?
 - b. Under what legal authority are they operating?
 - c. Which officials are providing orders to these personnel?
 - d. Under what rules of engagement are they operating?
4. What was the specific role of Attorney General Barr in the events at the White House and in Lafayette Square?
 - a. Did Mr. Barr give the order to clear Lafayette Square?
 - b. If so, what was the rationale for providing this order, and was this rationale legitimate?
 - c. What was the role of other officials in DOJ leadership?
 - d. What was the specific chain of command? Were other military or non-DOJ civilian law enforcement officials operating under the command of Mr. Barr or any other DOJ official?

Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth Warren
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United States Senate

June 15, 2020

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Dear Inspector General Horowitz,

We write to request an immediate investigation into Attorney General William Barr's and the Department of Justice's (DOJ) roles in directing the use of force – including the use of tear gas or a similar gas, rubber bullets, pepper balls, and batons – to suppress peaceful protesters around Lafayette Square in Washington, D.C., on June 1, 2020.¹ This misuse of force is all the more alarming given that the Attorney General appears to have issued this order to allow President Trump to walk across the street from the White House for a political photo-op in front of St. John's Church.² Notably, Attorney General Barr was not only on the scene less than an hour before the use of force to clear peaceful protesters, but he also participated in President Trump's photo op, posing for pictures in front of the church.

We further ask that you investigate Attorney General Barr's and DOJ's roles in deploying federal law enforcement and security agencies to seemingly suppress protests and intimidate protesters throughout the country who are peacefully exercising their First Amendment rights.³ In the wake of the brutal murders of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and Ahmaud Arbery, Americans all across our country are calling for an end to police brutality and a transformation of systems that perpetuate injustice and inequality. In response, President Trump has vowed to “dominate” the protesters.

The Attorney General and his Justice Department appear to be following through on the President's vow by mobilizing agents from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI); the Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP); the U.S. Marshals; the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives; the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA); and possibly other agencies, against peaceful protests. Some of these federal agents appear to have participated in using force

¹ Carol D. Leonnig, Matt Zapotosky, Josh Dawsey and Rebecca Tan, *Barr personally ordered removal of protesters near White House, leading to use of force against largely peaceful crowd*, WASH. POST (June 2, 2020), https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/barr-personally-ordered-removal-of-protesters-near-white-house-leading-to-use-of-force-against-largely-peaceful-crowd/2020/06/02/0ca2417c-a4d5-11ea-b473-04905b1af82b_story.html.

² Matt Zapotosky, *Barr seeks to dissociate himself from move on demonstrators outside Lafayette Square*, N.Y. TIMES (June 5, 2020), https://www.washingtonpost.com/national-security/barr-seeks-to-dissociate-himself-from-move-on-demonstrators-outside-lafayette-park/2020/06/05/47cb96b6-a78e-11ea-bb20-ebf0921f3bbd_story.html.

³ Zolan Kanno-Youngs and Katie Benner, *Trump Deploys the Full Might of Federal Law Enforcement to Crush Protests*, N.Y. TIMES (June 3, 2020), <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/06/02/us/politics/trump-law-enforcement-protests.html>.

to remove protesters from the area around Lafayette Square on June 1, 2020. According to eyewitness accounts and video footage, federal agents from these agencies, and other agencies, advanced on peaceful protesters with smoke canisters, pepper balls, riot shields, batons, and officers on horseback, with little warning before the 7 p.m. curfew. They fired rubber bullets at protesters, even as the protesters were retreating. They dropped canisters of gas to explode within several feet of a hundred people or more. They pushed protestors over and even struck a news camera crew with batons. These actions warrant an immediate investigation.

Moreover, we are concerned by the deployment of federal agents who are trained to deal with prison riots, hostage situations, or other similar circumstances, but not adequately trained in protecting the constitutional rights of Americans engaged in peaceful protests. These concerns are amplified by the fact that some of the federal officers were deployed in generic riot gear without displaying any identifying insignia and refused to identify themselves when asked. The lack of identifying information undermines accountability and furthers the distrust of law enforcement.

We are also deeply troubled by reports that the Justice Department has temporarily expanded the authority of DEA to “conduct covert surveillance” and collect intelligence on Americans exercising their constitutional rights to protest the murder of George Floyd.⁴ According to Buzzfeed News, the Justice Department also authorized DEA to share intelligence with local and state law enforcement authorities and intervene in a law enforcement role at protests. This expansion of DEA authority appears to be a misuse of DOJ’s powers that warrants further investigation.

We believe that the concerning actions we have identified warrant immediate investigation by your office, as they raise serious questions about misconduct, abuse of power, and waste by the Justice Department. Moreover, there appears to be no question about your office’s jurisdiction in this matter.

Therefore, as detailed above, we urge your office to investigate the roles of Attorney General Barr and the Department of Justice in directing the use of force, including tear gas and rubber bullets, against peaceful protesters near Lafayette Square on June 1, 2020; deploying federal agents to suppress protests and intimidate peaceful protesters; and expanding the authority of DEA to conduct covert surveillance of protesters.

Sincerely,



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Richard Blumenthal
United States Senator

⁴ Jason Leopold and Anthony Cormier, *The DEA Has Been Given Permission To Investigate People Protesting George Floyd's Death*, BUZZFEED NEWS (June 3, 2020), <https://www.buzzfeednews.com/article/jasonleopold/george-floyd-police-brutality-protests-government?bfsource=relatedmanual>.



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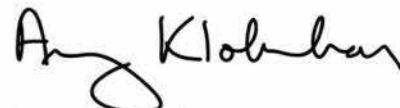
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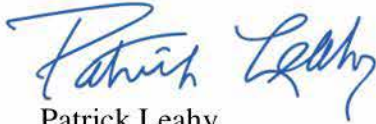
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/s/ Mark R. Warner
United States Senator

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Christopher A. Coons
United States Senator

/s/ Cory A. Booker
United States Senator

Congress of the United States
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July 19, 2020

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Dear Mr. Horowitz and Mr. Cuffari:

As we continue to stand with our fellow citizens protesting systemic racism and police brutality throughout the country, we are increasingly alarmed at the Trump Administration's use of federal law enforcement to violate the civil rights of our constituents. The Department of Justice (DOJ) and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) appear to have increasingly abused emergency authorities to justify the use of force against Americans exercising their right to peaceful assembly.

Reports from Oregon this week make clear that this misuse of resources and personnel remains a growing threat. Accordingly, we write to request an investigation by your offices into the use of federal law enforcement agencies by the Attorney General and the Acting Secretary of Homeland Security to suppress First Amendment protected activities in Washington, D.C., Portland, and other communities across the United States.

To understand the gravity of the government's actions, it is important to recognize the scope of the problem. Shortly after the death of George Floyd, protestors flocked to major cities, including the nation's capital, to advocate for police reform. On June 1, 2020, horse-mounted federal authorities in riot gear used chemical agents, smoke, and rubber bullets to violently remove protestors from Lafayette Square—so that the President could have a photo-op in front of the historic St. John's Church.¹ As part of his strategy to take control of the city, Attorney General William Barr directed various federal law enforcement personnel to “flood the zone” and assert control over the region.² Bureau of Prisons Crisis Management Teams, including

¹ See e.g., Phillip Bump, *Timeline: The clearing of Lafayette Square*, WASH. POST, June 5, 2020; Aaron Davis et. al, *Officials familiar with Lafayette Square confrontation challenge Trump administration claim of what drove aggressive expulsion of protesters*, WASH. POST, June 14, 2020.

² See Devlin Barrett, *Barr seeks to subdue D.C. protests by 'flooding the zone' with federal firepower*, WASH. POST, June 3, 2020; Ryan Lucas, *Attorney General Steps Up Federal Law Enforcement Response to Protests*, NPR, June 1, 2020.

Special Operations Response Teams (SORT), and Department of Homeland Security personnel from Customs and Border Protection (CBP), Immigration & Customs Enforcement (ICE), and the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) were all given special deputation to detain and arrest individuals. This special deputation was meant to last only thirty days. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) agents were also granted authority that allowed them to enforce federal law, as necessary, in response to the protests,³ which was meant to last only 14 days.

The news from Oregon this week is equally alarming. “Federal law enforcement officers have been using unmarked vehicles to drive around downtown Portland and detain protesters since at least July 14.”⁴ In some cases, citizens could not tell the difference between law enforcement and far-right extremists in the region who wore similar military gear. CBP officials have been reported as grabbing Americans in the dark; not providing any form of identification; arresting, searching, and detaining individuals in cells before even properly reading their Miranda Rights⁵ Not only is this irresponsible and dangerous, but it is a violation of Constitutional rights.

Although the scale of this response to the social movement spurred by George Floyd’s murder is disturbing, this is not the first time the Trump Administration has used force to suppress dissent. For example, in 2017, federal officials assisted local law enforcement officers⁶ in deploying cold water cannons, pepper spray, and tear gas on Americans protesting the construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline across the Standing Rock Reservation.⁷

We support the U.S. Attorney for the District of Oregon’s request for a DHS IG investigation into the incidents in Portland⁸ and the referral to the DOJ IG of the U.S. Marshals Service use of less-lethal munitions.⁹ However, a broader concern must be addressed.

The legal basis for this use of force has never been explained—and, frankly, it is not at all clear that the Attorney General and the Acting Secretary are authorized to deploy federal law

³ See 21 U.S.C. § 878.

⁴ Jonathan Levinson & Conrad Wilson, *Federal Law Enforcement Use Unmarked Vehicles to Grab Protesters Off Portland Streets*, OREGON PUBLIC BROADCASTING, July 16, 2020.

⁵ Katie Shepherd & Mark Beman, *‘It was like being preyed upon’: Portland protesters say federal officers in unmarked vans are detaining them*, WASH POST, July 17, 2020.

⁶ See Alleen Brown, Will Parrish, & Alice Speri, *The Battle of Treaty Camp Law Enforcement Descended On Standing Rock A Year Ago And Changed the DAPL Fight Forever*, THE INTERCEPT, Oct. 27, 2017; Alleen Brown, Will Parrish, & Alice Speri, *Standing Rock Documents Expose Inner Workings of “Surveillance-Industrial Complex,”* THE INTERCEPT, June 3, 2017.

⁷ See e.g., Alan Taylor, *Water Cannons and Tear Gas Used Against Dakota Access Pipeline Protesters*, THE ATLANTIC, Nov. 21, 2016; Julie Carrie Wong, *Dakota Access pipeline: 300 protesters injured after police use water cannons*, THE GUARDIAN, Nov. 21, 2016.

⁸ Ryan Haas & Conrad Wilson, *US Attorney for Oregon Calls for Investigation into Portland Protester Arrests*, OREGON PUBLIC BROADCASTING, July 17, 2020; Amir Vera, Konstantin Toropin, & Josh Campbell, *US attorney requests DHS investigation after video shows masked, camouflaged federal authorities arresting protestors in Portland*, CNN, July 18, 2020.

⁹ U.S. Attorney for the District of Oregon, Press Release, U.S. Marshals Service Investigation Referred to Department of Justice Office of the Inspector General, July 13, 2020.

enforcement officers in this manner. The Attorney General of the United States does *not* have unfettered authority to direct thousands of federal law enforcement personnel to arrest and detain American citizens exercising their First Amendment rights. The Acting Secretary appears to be relying on an ill-conceived executive order meant to protect historic statues and monuments as justification for arresting American citizens in the dead of night.¹⁰ The Administration's insistence on deploying these forces over the objections of state and local authorities suggest that these tactics have little to do with public safety, but more to do with political gamesmanship.¹¹

In connection with this requested review, we also ask that your offices investigate the events highlighted above; the existing statutory authorities; and the extent special deputations are used in response to First Amendment protected activity, including the Floyd protests. We ask that any final report include a description of the length, breadth, number, and location of federal law enforcement authorized by these special deputations to arrest and detain individuals. Finally, we ask that you also review the use of force, crowd-control, and civil rights training these forces received prior to their deployments.¹²

This is a matter of utmost urgency. Citizens are concerned that the Administration has deployed a secret police force, not to investigate crimes but to intimidate individuals it views as political adversaries, and that the use of these tactics will proliferate throughout the country. Therefore, we ask that you commence your review of these issues immediately.

Sincerely,



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Chairman
House Committee on the Judiciary



Bennie G. Thompson
Chairman
House Committee on Homeland Security



Carolyn B. Maloney
Chairwoman
House Committee on Oversight and Reform

¹⁰ Dep't of Homeland Security, Press Release, DHS Announces New Task Force to Protect American Monuments, Memorials, and Statues, July 1, 2020; Marty Johnson, *DHS head knocks 'failed response' to 'rampant' violence in Portland*, THE HILL, July 16, 2020.

¹¹ See e.g., Greg Sargent & Paul Waldman, *The Oregon governor wants federal officers out of Portland. Trump officials won't listen. Why?*, WASH. POST, July 17, 2020.

¹² Sergio Olmos, Mike Baker, & Zolan Kanno-Youngs, *Federal Officers Deployed in Portland Didn't Have Proper Training*, D.H.S. Memo Said, N.Y. TIMES, July 18, 2020.

cc: The Honorable Jim Jordan, Ranking Member, House Committee on the Judiciary
The Honorable Mike Rogers, Ranking Member, House Committee on Homeland Security
The Honorable James Comer, Ranking Member, House Committee on Oversight and Reform

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

July 24, 2020

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Dear Inspector General Horowitz:

Thank you for opening an investigation into the actions of the Department of Justice (DOJ) in both Washington, D.C., and Portland, Oregon. Attorney General Bill Barr has a record of suppressing the First Amendment rights of Americans, and his use of unmarked federal units to overpower protestors in D.C. and in Portland raises serious concerns.

Unfortunately, we have now learned that DOJ imprisoned Michael Cohen because he wanted to exercise his First Amendment rights. During a July 23 hearing on the circumstances surrounding Mr. Cohen's imprisonment, Judge Alvin Hellerstein found: "[T]he purpose of transferring Mr. Cohen from furlough and home confinement to jail is retaliatory and it's retaliation because of his desire to exercise his First Amendment rights to publish a book and discuss anything about the book or anything else he wants on social media and with others." Judge Hellerstein then ordered the Federal Bureau of Prisons to release Mr. Cohen to home confinement.

It is a core responsibility for our Department of Justice to execute the law in an equal and impartial manner. We cannot have a justice system where friends of President Donald Trump, such as Roger Stone and Michael Flynn, get special treatment, while those who speak out against him are wrongfully punished. No one is above the law: not this President, not the Attorney General, and not the officials at the Federal Bureau of Prisons.

We respectfully request you to investigate the potentially unlawful actions of Mr. Barr and officials at the Federal Bureau of Prisons in depriving Michael Cohen of his freedom in order to silence him. Thank you for your full and fair consideration.

Sincerely,



Ted W. Lieu
Member of Congress



Hakeem Jeffries
Member of Congress

cc: The Honorable William Barr, Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

September 18, 2020

The Honorable Michael E. Horowitz
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Dear Inspector General Horowitz:

We write to ask that you open an emergency investigation into whether U.S. Attorney General William Barr, U.S. Attorney John Durham, and other Department of Justice (“DOJ”) political appointees are following DOJ’s longstanding policy to avoid taking official actions or other steps that could improperly influence the upcoming presidential election. We also request that you evaluate the authority and scope under which U.S. Attorney Durham is operating, as Attorney General Barr has only provided vague and shifting statements about the purpose and scope of the investigation.

We are concerned by indications that Attorney General Barr might depart from longstanding DOJ principles to take public action related to U.S. Attorney Durham’s investigation that could impact the presidential election. Under longstanding DOJ policy, the Attorney General is expected to refrain from commenting on an ongoing investigation. Attorney General Barr and U.S. Attorney Durham have made several public comments that could violate this Department policy and related guidelines.¹ Attorney General Barr has signaled repeatedly that he is likely to allow DOJ to take prosecutorial actions, make public disclosures, and even issue reports before the presidential election in November. Such actions clearly appear intended to benefit President Trump politically. Specifically, Attorney General Barr has indicated that he would consider taking such steps in the Durham investigation—including the issuance of a report or other summary—within 60 days of the upcoming election. These concerns are even more pressing in light of the resignation of Assistant U.S. Attorney Nora Dannehy, who reportedly resigned

¹ In April 2020, for example, Attorney General Barr characterized the investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 presidential election—an investigation conducted initially by the FBI and subsequently by Special Counsel Robert Mueller III and that led to the indictment or conviction of 34 people and three companies—as “one of the greatest travesties in American history.” *See* Attorney General Barr’s Fox News interview with Laura Ingraham (Apr. 10, 2020). These and other impermissible comments on an open criminal investigation followed Attorney General Barr and Mr. Durham’s public rejection in December 2019 of some of the central findings of your report concerning certain aspects of the FBI’s investigation of Russian interference in the 2016 election. In a striking break with precedent, the Attorney General publicly mischaracterized your conclusion that the decision to open the investigation was properly predicated, claiming “[t]he Inspector General’s report now makes clear that the FBI launched an intrusive investigation of a U.S. presidential campaign on the thinnest of suspicions that, in my view, were insufficient to justify the steps taken.” *See* Statement by Attorney General William P. Barr on the Inspector General’s Report of the Review of Four FISA Applications and Other Aspects of the FBI’s Crossfire Hurricane Investigation (Dec. 9, 2019). Mr. Durham, in a serious breach of protocol for a U.S. Attorney, also sought to undermine your report, stating “we advised the Inspector General that we do not agree with some of the report’s conclusions as to predication and how the FBI case was opened.” *See* Statement of U.S. Attorney John H. Durham (Dec. 9, 2019).

due to political pressure from Attorney General Barr on the investigative team to produce a report before the election.²

DOJ's *Justice Manual* states that "DOJ generally will not confirm the existence of or otherwise comment about ongoing investigations," and further provides that "DOJ personnel shall not respond to questions about the existence of an ongoing investigation or comment on its nature or progress before charges are publicly filed."³ The Hatch Act prohibits a federal employee from using "official authority or influence for the purpose of interfering with or affecting the result of an election."⁴ At DOJ, the law has been understood to prohibit DOJ employees from using their authority "for the purpose of affecting election results."⁵

A DOJ memorandum provides that "prosecutors may never select the timing of investigative steps or criminal charges for the purpose of affecting any election, or for the purpose of giving an advantage or disadvantage to any candidate or political party."⁶ As you noted in your June 2018 report reviewing various actions by the Federal Bureau of Investigation ("FBI") in advance of the 2016 election, the Department has a longstanding practice "to avoid overt law enforcement and prosecutorial activities close to an election, typically within 60 or 90 days of Election Day."⁷ Attorney General Barr himself had previously strongly supported a strict interpretation of this policy.⁸

² Edmund H. Mahony, *Nora Dannehy, Connecticut Prosecutor Who Was Top Aide to John Durham's Trump-Russia Investigation, Resigns Amid Concern About Pressure From Attorney General William Barr*, Hartford Courant (Sept. 11, 2020).

³ U.S. Dep't of Justice, *Justice Manual*, Rule 1-7.400, last revised Apr. 2018. Paragraph C contains an exception for public comment "[w]hen the community needs to be reassured that the appropriate law enforcement agency is investigating a matter, or where release of information is necessary to protect the public safety" subject to the approval of the appropriate U.S. Attorney or Assistant Attorney General, neither of which would appear applicable in the present instance.

⁴ 5 U.S.C. § 7323(a)(1) (2020).

⁵ Eric Holder, Attorney General, U.S. Dep't of Justice, Memorandum for all Department Employees, Election Year Sensitivities, Mar. 9, 2012 at 2.

⁶ Loretta Lynch, Attorney General, U.S. Dep't of Justice, Memorandum for all Department Employees, Election Year Sensitivities, Apr. 11, 2016 at 1. *See also* Michael Mukasey, Attorney General, U.S. Dep't of Justice, Memorandum for all Department Employees, Election Year Sensitivities (Mar. 5, 2008); Eric Holder, Attorney General, U.S. Dep't of Justice, Memorandum for all Department Employees, Election Year Sensitivities (Mar. 9, 2012).

⁷ Office of Inspector General, U.S. Dep't of Justice, *A Review of Various Actions by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Department of Justice in Advance of the 2016 Election*, Jun. 2018 at 16.

⁸ During his nomination hearing, Mr. Barr testified he "completely" agreed with the conclusions reached by then Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein in the memo justifying the firing of former FBI Director Comey which cited his violation of the guidance laid out by previous Attorneys General regarding investigations during an election season. *See Confirmation Hearing on the Nomination of Hon. William Pelham Barr to be Attorney General of The United States: hearing before the S. Comm. on the Judiciary*, 116th Cong (2019); *See also* Ryan Goodman, *Bill Barr's Hidden Truths About Justice Department's Rule of Forbearance in an Election*, Just Security (Aug. 31, 2020). Attorney General Barr also supported the policy when he served as Attorney General under President George H.W. Bush. At that time, Mr. Barr agreed that it would be improper for a U.S. Attorney's Office to take any overt step prior to the 1992 presidential election in connection with the Whitewater Savings and Loan investigation, even though Bill Clinton—then a candidate for President—was not at that time considered a target. When Independent Counsel Lawrence Walsh supplemented a previous indictment against then Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger shortly before the 1992 presidential election in the Iran-Contra matter, Mr. Barr even went so far as to refer Mr. Walsh's actions to the criminal division for possible prosecution. Mr. Barr's concerns were shared by Senate

A series of high ranking former Department officials have also confirmed that prosecutors should not take overt investigative and prosecutorial actions or disclosures in the run up to an election if there is a possibility the action could impact the election, even if a candidate or a proxy is not the subject or target.⁹

With potentially devastating consequences for our democracy, Attorney General Barr appears to have changed his position and no longer supports the longstanding DOJ policy of refraining from taking overt actions or disclosures in the run up to an election if there is a possibility the action could impact the election. During an April 2020 interview, Attorney General Barr explained that he now interprets election sensitivity policies only to apply to investigative or prosecutorial actions specifically targeting candidates or their close proxies.¹⁰

The Attorney General's vague answers and apparent departure from precedent come in the context of DOJ's apparent failure to follow your 2018 report's recommendations. In particular, two recommendations appear relevant to Attorney General Barr's conduct, as well as any report that Mr. Durham may issue:

- We recommend that the Department and the FBI consider adopting a policy addressing the appropriateness of Department employees discussing the conduct of uncharged individuals in public statements.
- We recommend that the Department consider providing guidance to agents and prosecutors concerning the taking of overt investigative steps, indictments, public

Judiciary Committee Republicans, including Senator Chuck Grassley, who formally requested an independent counsel investigation into Mr. Walsh's actions. *Id.*

⁹ See *inter alia* interviews with Chris Mattei, former Chief of the Financial Fraud & Public Corruption Unit, U.S. Attorney's Office, Dist. of Conn. ([b]ecause this [forbearance] policy aims to steer DOJ clear of elections generally, it does not apply only to DOJ actions towards candidates and their inner circle.); Jennifer Rodgers, former Deputy Chief Appellate Attorney, U.S. Attorney's Office for Southern Dist. of NY (forbearance policy "encompass[es] any actions that would affect an election, not just actions against a candidates personally" citing a series of legal actions that were brought well in advance of relevant elections). Ryan Goodman, *Bill Barr's Hidden Truths About Justice Department's Rule of Forbearance in an Election*, Just Security (Aug. 31, 2020).

¹⁰ Hugh Hewitt, *Attorney General William Barr on the Crisis*, Hugh Hewitt Show (Apr. 21, 2020). The Attorney General's new view even surprised his interviewer.

Hewitt: And so it would not matter, in your view, if there is an investigation, and the day before the election, someone is indicted?

Barr: Well, you know, I think in its core, the idea is you don't go after candidates. You don't indict candidates or perhaps someone that's sufficiently close to a candidate, that it's essentially the same, you know, within a certain number of days before an election. But you know, as I say, I don't think any of the people whose actions are under review by Durham fall into that category.

Hewitt: That's big news to me. I had assumed that they would be in the category of people that could not be indicted given the obvious connection to President Trump, but I'll take the news and I'll put it away.

announcements, or other actions that could impact an election.¹¹

On June 11, 2018, the Department responded to your office that it “concur[s]” in those recommendations.¹²

For these reasons, we ask that you conduct an emergency review examining the following issues related to Attorney General Barr’s actions and U.S. Attorney Durham’s work:

1. Whether the statements, any directives given, or other actions taken by Attorney General Barr related to U.S. Attorney Durham’s investigation comply with Department policy, procedures, guidance, or other practice, including with the *Justice Manual*, relevant memoranda by Attorney General Barr and predecessors, and the practices identified in your 2018 report regarding DOJ and FBI actions preceding the 2016 presidential election relating to an ongoing investigation or election year sensitivities;
2. Whether the Department implemented the recommendations on election year sensitivities in your 2018 report regarding DOJ and FBI actions preceding the 2016 presidential election;
3. If U.S. Attorney Durham issues a report in advance of the 2020 election, how this report and any statements or other actions by U.S. Attorney Durham comply with Department policy, procedures, guidance, or other practice, including with the *Justice Manual*, relevant memoranda by Attorney General Barr and predecessors on election year sensitivities, and the practices identified in your 2018 report regarding DOJ and FBI actions preceding the 2016 presidential election;
4. Whether and to what extent the Department has implemented the recommendations from your 2018 report regarding DOJ and FBI actions preceding the 2016 presidential election, and to what extent the implementation of—or failure to implement—those recommendations has impacted the actions of Attorney General Barr and U.S. Attorney Durham related to U.S. Attorney Durham’s investigation;
5. The legal authority under which U.S. Attorney Durham has operated in this investigation, including complying with any scoping memorandum or similar documents, and whether such legal authority, if any, allows any future actions that U.S. Attorney Durham takes pursuant to the investigation, including issuance of a report or any criminal or civil legal proceedings; and
6. Whether, apart from regulations authorizing the public release of a report by a duly-appointed Special Counsel,¹³ a Department prosecutor has the authority to issue a public report about a subject who has not yet been charged in a federal court and the basis for

¹¹ Office of Inspector General, U.S. Dep’t of Justice, *A Review of Various Actions by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Department of Justice in Advance of the 2016 Election*, Jun. 2018 at XIV.

¹² *Id.*, at Attachment A.

¹³ See 28 CFR § 600.8-9.

such authority.

Our request that you investigate these matters while Mr. Durham's investigation remains ongoing falls well within the ambit of past Office of Inspector General precedent. In 1997, the Office of Inspector General investigated allegations of wrongdoing within the FBI laboratory in the midst of the prosecution and then trial of Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh.¹⁴ And when terminating U.S. Attorney Geoffrey Berman in the Southern District of New York, Attorney General Barr himself authorized your office to investigate any claims of improper interference in ongoing SDNY investigations.¹⁵

Few actions would prove more damaging to public confidence in the integrity of the DOJ and our democratic process than the perception that federal prosecutorial power can be used to prejudice a pending investigation or influence an upcoming election. As such, we believe it is imperative that this matter be immediately investigated, that you inform our Committees of your decision to open an investigation, and that you report the results promptly to our Committees.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this urgent matter and your continuing commitment to transparency and accountability on behalf of Congress, the Department of Justice, and the American people.

Sincerely,



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House Committee on the Judiciary



Adam B. Schiff
Chair
House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence



Carolyn B. Maloney
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House Committee on Oversight and Reform



Zoe Lofgren
Chair
House Committee on House Administration

¹⁴ Richard A. Serrano, *FBI Issued Flawed Bombing Analysis, U.S. Probe Finds*, L.A. Times, Mar. 22, 1997.

¹⁵ Letter to Geoffrey S. Berman, from William Barr, Attorney General, U.S. Dep't of Justice, Jun. 20, 2020.

cc: The Honorable Jim Jordan, Ranking Member, House Committee on the Judiciary
The Honorable Devin Nunes, Ranking Member, House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence
The Honorable James Comer, Ranking Member, House Committee on Oversight and Reform
The Honorable Rodney Davis, Ranking Member, House Committee on House Administration

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

April 30, 2019

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Dear Inspector General Horowitz and Director Amundson:

We write regarding the serious concerns that have been raised about the actions of Attorney General William Barr with respect to his handling of Special Counsel Robert Mueller's report. Attorney General Barr's actions raise significant questions about his decision not to recuse himself from overseeing the Special Counsel's investigation, whether his actions with respect to the release of the report complied with Department of Justice policies and practices, and whether he has demonstrated sufficient impartiality to continue overseeing the fourteen criminal matters related to the Special Counsel's investigation that were referred principally to other components of the Department of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).¹ In light of these concerns, we respectfully request that the Office of the Inspector General and the Office of Professional Responsibility immediately begin investigations of these issues.

Six months before his nomination to be Attorney General, Mr. Barr wrote an unsolicited 19-page memo to Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein and Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Legal Counsel Steve Engel criticizing Special Counsel Mueller's investigation of obstruction of justice by Donald Trump.² In his memo, Mr. Barr conceded that he was "in the dark about many facts," and yet he asserted that "Mueller's obstruction theory is fatally misconceived" and premised on a "legally insupportable reading of the law."³ Mr. Barr also argued that "Mueller should not be permitted to demand that the President submit to interrogation about alleged obstruction."⁴ Despite this memo, which presents, at the very least, an appearance of bias, Mr. Barr refused to recuse himself from directly overseeing Special Counsel Mueller's investigation when he was confirmed as Attorney General.⁵ While the Justice Department stated that Attorney General Barr's decision to not recuse was consistent with the advice of senior ethics attorneys, it provided few details about the nature of this seemingly anomalous decision. Given the Attorney General's subsequent troubling actions in handling the Special Counsel's report, further investigation of the process leading to his non-recusal decision is warranted.

¹ Department of Justice, *Report On The Investigation Into Russian Interference In The 2016 Presidential Election*, Appendix D, <https://www.justice.gov/storage/report.pdf>.

² Memo from Bill Barr to Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein and Assistant Attorney General Steve Engel, June 8, 2018, available at <https://int.nyt.com/data/documenthelper/549-june-2018-barr-memo-to-doj-mue/b4c05e39318dd2d136b3/optimized/full.pdf#page=1>.

³ *Id.* at 1.

⁴ *Ibid.*

⁵ See Josh Gerstein, *Barr won't recuse himself from Mueller oversight*, POLITICO (March 4, 2019), <https://www.politico.com/story/2019/03/04/barr-wont-recuse-mueller-1203210>.

Attorney General Barr's actions following the completion of Special Counsel Mueller's report raise further questions regarding his impartiality towards the Special Counsel's investigation and the appropriateness of his conduct as the chief law enforcement officer of the United States. After notifying Congress and the public on Friday, March 22, 2019, that he had received the Special Counsel's report,⁶ Attorney General Barr released a four-page letter on March 24, 2019, that purported "to summarize the principal conclusions reached by the Special Counsel."⁷ The letter, however, selectively quoted fragments from the Special Counsel's report. Moreover, the subsequent release of the redacted report revealed that the Attorney General's letter had presented quotations from the report out of context or with key words omitted to suggest that the President had been cleared of wrongdoing.⁸ Given that the Special Counsel's report included executive summaries that seem to have been readily available for public release, we found the letter particularly concerning as a possible effort to mislead the public.

We are also troubled by the Attorney General's use of his March 24 letter to summarily conclude that the "evidence developed during the Special Counsel's investigation is not sufficient to establish that the President committed an obstruction-of-justice offense."⁹ The letter asserts, without any justification, that the Special Counsel's decision not to reach "any legal conclusions leaves it to the Attorney General to determine whether the conduct described in the report constitutes a crime."¹⁰ It is unclear what statute, regulation, or policy led the Attorney General to interject his own conclusion that the President's conduct did not amount to obstruction of justice, particularly when he had not yet released the redacted Special Counsel's report, which explicitly noted that "if we had confidence after a thorough investigation of the facts that the President clearly did not commit obstruction of justice, we would so state."¹¹ The Attorney General's conduct is even more concerning given that the report itself identifies Congress's impeachment authority and future prosecution once the President leaves office as possible ways to address the obstruction of justice evidence. But the report does not refer to a purported role of the Attorney General to make legal conclusions that the Special Counsel expressly declined to make.¹²

In addition, we found disturbing that Attorney General Barr provided the President's personal attorneys access to the Special Counsel's report before Congress and the public. News reports indicate that the Attorney General granted Rudy Giuliani, Jay Sekulow and two other Trump lawyers access to review the full redacted report for two days before providing the redacted report to Congress and the public.¹³ While the Attorney General asserted that the President's personal attorneys' *request* to review the redacted report before its public release "was consistent with the practice followed under the Ethics in Government Act," we have serious concerns about

⁶ Letter from Attorney General William Barr (March 22, 2019), available at <https://int.nyt.com/data/documenthelper/708-attorney-general-william-barr-letter-mueller/b7fd3a05ab618bad8544/optimized/full.pdf#page=1>.

⁷ Letter from Attorney General William Barr (March 24, 2019), available at <https://www.documentcloud.org/documents/5779688-AG-March-24-2019-Letter-to-House-and-Senate.html>.

⁸ See Charlie Savage, *How Barr's Excerpts Compare to the Mueller Report's Findings*, N.Y. TIMES (April 20, 2019), <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/04/19/us/politics/mueller-report-william-barr-excerpts.html>.

⁹ *Supra* note 7.

¹⁰ *Ibid.*

¹¹ *Supra* note 1, at vol. 2, p. 8.

¹² See, e.g., *supra* note 1, at vol. 2, p. 8, 178.

¹³ See, e.g., Karen Freifeld, *Trump lawyers reviewed Mueller report for 10 hours before it was made public*, REUTERS (April 19, 2019), <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-trump-russia-lawyers-idUSKCN1RV18M>.

the propriety of the Attorney General's decision to grant access to the full redacted report, particularly when he did not appear to grant other individuals named in the report similar access and he did not limit review to the portions of the report referencing Donald Trump.¹⁴ This decision to purportedly act "consistent with the practice" under an expired law merits exacting review to determine whether the Attorney General's action was appropriate and justified, given that he ignored other provisions of this law, such as those requiring Congress to be provided with information necessary to enable it to conduct proper oversight.¹⁵

We further believe that Attorney General Barr's decision to hold a press conference to assert his own views regarding the report well before releasing the redacted report and his statements at the press conference warrant serious scrutiny as to whether they were proper and consistent with Justice Department policies and practices. At the press conference, Attorney General Barr appeared to make statements that were inconsistent with the Special Counsel's findings and demonstrated a lack of impartiality. For example, the Attorney General claimed that "the White House fully cooperated with the Special Counsel's investigation," despite the Special Counsel's detailed findings of President Trump's efforts to obstruct the investigation, refusal to be interviewed by the Special Counsel, and submission of "inadequate" written responses.¹⁶ The Attorney General also repeatedly asserted that there was "no collusion," defending the President as "frustrated and angered by a sincere belief that the investigation was undermining his presidency."¹⁷

Moreover, the Attorney General's statements at the press conference compounded the misleading impression he created in his March 24 letter regarding the Special Counsel's determinations regarding the criminality of the President's conduct. In both his March 24 letter and his statements at the press conference, Attorney General Barr gave the misimpression that the guidelines from the Justice Department's Office of Legal Counsel (OLC) against indicting a sitting president played little to no role in the Special Counsel's decision to not charge the President with obstruction of justice.¹⁸ The redacted report, however, makes clear that the OLC's guidelines played a significant role in the Special Counsel's decision, stating that the Special Counsel's office "accepted OLC's legal conclusion for the purpose of exercising prosecutorial jurisdiction."¹⁹ These statements and actions, along with the Attorney General's prior statements, such as his claim that the federal government's investigation of the Trump campaign constituted "spying," also indicate that he lacks the impartiality to continue overseeing ongoing matters stemming from the Special Counsel's investigation.²⁰

¹⁴ Attorney General William P. Barr Delivers Remarks on the Release of the Report on the Investigation into Russian Interference in the 2016 Presidential Election, April 18, 2019, <https://www.justice.gov/opa/speech/attorney-general-william-p-barr-delivers-remarks-release-report-investigation-russian>.

¹⁵ See, e.g., 28 U.S.C. 595(c); 28 U.S.C. 594(h).

¹⁶ Compare *ibid.* with *supra* note 1, Appendix C.

¹⁷ *Supra* note 15.

¹⁸ Aaron Blake, *How William Barr successfully pre-spun the Mueller report for Trump*, N.Y. TIMES (April 19, 2019), https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2019/04/19/how-william-barr-successfully-pre-spun-mueller-report-trump/?utm_term=.122c1c6362ba.

¹⁹ *Supra* note 1, at vol. 1, p. 1.

²⁰ See, e.g., Nicholas Fandos and Adam Goldman, *Barr Asserts Intelligence Agencies Spied on the Trump Campaign*, N.Y. TIMES (April 10, 2019), <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/04/10/us/politics/barr-trump-campaign-spying.html>.

Given these concerns, we therefore urge the Office of the Inspector General and the Office of Professional Responsibility to initiate immediately investigations of the following matters:

- Whether Attorney General Barr's decision not to recuse himself from overseeing the Special Counsel's investigation was proper and consistent with ethical rules and practices within the Department of Justice;
- Whether Attorney General Barr's four-page letter dated March 24, 2019, regarding Special Counsel Mueller's report was misleading and whether it was consistent with Department of Justice policies and practices;
- Whether Attorney General Barr's actions in permitting President Trump's private attorneys to review the entire Special Counsel's report at length before sharing the report with Congress, other individuals named in the report, and the public, was appropriate and consistent with Department of Justice policies and practices;
- Whether Attorney General Barr's press conference on April 18, 2019, regarding Special Counsel Mueller's report, which took place well before he released a redacted version of the report, was misleading and consistent with Department of Justice policies and practices;
- Whether Attorney General Barr has demonstrated sufficient impartiality to continue overseeing the ongoing matters related to the Special Counsel's investigation referenced in Appendix D of the Special Counsel's report;
- Whether Attorney General Barr took any steps related to the transfers and referrals listed in Appendix D of the report that were contrary to the advice of career prosecutors at the Justice Department or the Department's policies; and
- Whether any of Attorney General Barr's other actions or statements call into question his impartiality such that they warrant his recusal from particular matters or are relevant to the Senate Judiciary Committee's oversight into the Department of Justice.

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter. We look forward to a prompt response.

Sincerely,



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United States Senator



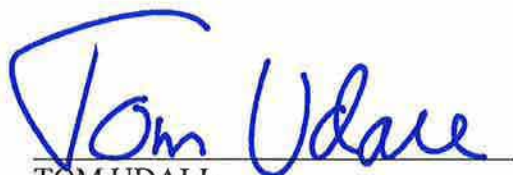
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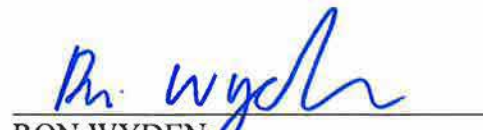


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Dear Inspector General Horowitz:

I write to express grave concern about the independence of the Department of Justice under the leadership of Attorney General William Barr. On May 1, Attorney General Barr appeared before the Senate Judiciary Committee to discuss the conclusion of Special Counsel Robert Mueller's investigation. In response to my questions during the hearing, Attorney General Barr proved unable or unwilling to state whether he had been directed to open investigations at the request or suggestion of the President or other White House officials—an alarming response that strikes at the very heart of the rule of law and threatens to undermine the longstanding independence of the Justice Department. I request that the Office of the Inspector General investigate whether the Attorney General has received or acted upon such improper requests.

Such inappropriate requests by the President have been well documented. For instance, in addition to investigating the Russian influence operation, Special Counsel Mueller also examined the President's conduct with regard to the Russia probe and documented a disturbing pattern of behavior on the part of the President—repeated attempts to target his perceived opponents using the power of federal law enforcement.¹

Volume II of the Special Counsel's report, which details his investigation of whether the President obstructed justice, describes three separate occasions on which the President asked or suggested that then-Attorney General Jeff Sessions open an investigation into the President's former opponent, Hillary Clinton.² The Special Counsel's report also catalogues a series of tweets in which the President suggests or openly calls for criminal and congressional investigations into Clinton's conduct—anti-democratic rhetoric designed to erode law enforcement's time-honored freedom from political pressure.³

However, when I asked Attorney General Barr whether the President or other White House officials had ever made similar requests or suggestions to him, he was unable or unwilling answer the question.

¹ Michael S. Schmidt, *Mueller Report Reveals Trump's Fixation on Targeting Hillary Clinton*, N.Y. TIMES, Apr. 24, 2019, at <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/04/24/us/politics/jeff-sessions-hillary-clinton-donald-trump.html>.

² U.S. DEP'T OF JUSTICE, SPECIAL COUNSEL ROBERT S. MUELLER, III, REPORT ON THE INVESTIGATION INTO RUSSIAN INTERFERENCE IN THE 2016 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION (2019) vol. II, at 107, 109.

³ *Id.* at 95, 96, 109, 110, 111.

Senator Harris: Attorney General Barr, has the President or anyone at the White House ever asked or suggested that you open an investigation of anyone?

Attorney General Barr: Um, I wouldn't ... I wouldn't, uh—

Senator Harris: Yes or No?

Attorney General Barr: Could you ... could you repeat that question?

Senator Harris: I will repeat it. Has the President or anyone at the White House ever asked or suggested that you open an investigation of anyone? Yes or no please, sir.

Attorney General Barr: Um, the President or anybody else...

Senator Harris: Seems you would remember something like that and be able to tell us.

Attorney General Barr: Yeah, but I'm, I'm trying to grapple with the word "suggest." I mean, there have been discussions of, of matters out there that, uh—they have not *asked* me to open an investigation, but...

Senator Harris: Perhaps they've suggested?

Attorney General Barr: I don't know, I wouldn't say suggest...

Senator Harris: Hinted?

Attorney General Barr: I don't know.

Senator Harris: Inferred? You don't know?

Attorney General Barr: No.

There must be no doubt that the Department of Justice and its leadership stand apart from partisan politics, and resist improper attempts to use the power of federal law enforcement to settle personal scores. In light of the disturbing conduct documented in the Special Counsel's report, as well as Attorney General Barr's failure to demonstrate his own independence from the President on such matters, I urge the Office of Inspector General to investigate whether the Attorney General has received or acted upon requests or suggestions, whether implied or explicit, to investigate the President's perceived enemies.

Sincerely,


KAMALA D. HARRIS
United States Senator

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

May 6, 2019

The Honorable Michael Horowitz
Inspector General
U.S. Department of Justice
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Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Mr. Horowitz:

We write to request that your office conduct an investigation of whether any unlawful or improper communications have occurred between the Justice Department and the White House or other entities. We also request that you review the Justice Department's current policy regarding communications with the White House and address the questions identified below.

Late last year, Senate Democratic Leader Schumer requested that your office investigate then-Acting Attorney General Matthew Whitaker's unusual history of contacts with the White House, including whether he engaged in communications intended to undermine or obstruct Special Counsel Robert Mueller's investigation or that otherwise may have been in violation of law or policy. You declined to act on that request because of your concerns about the potential of such an inquiry to overlap with Special Counsel Mueller's investigation.

Since this request, the Special Counsel has concluded its investigation and additional instances of potentially unlawful or improper communications between the Justice Department and the White House have come to light. At a February 8, 2019 hearing before the House Judiciary Committee, former Acting Attorney General Matthew Whitaker denied having conversations with the President about certain proceedings in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York. Later, after Mr. Whitaker's testimony was contradicted both by media accounts and witnesses who claimed to have direct knowledge of these conversations, Mr. Whitaker at a March 13th meeting with the House Judiciary Committee no longer denied speaking to the President. Mr. Whitaker also described a flurry of activity at the Department that appears to have been focused on matters involving Michael Cohen and the Southern District—all of it prompted by phone calls from the President.

In addition, Deputy Attorney General Rosenstein, who was responsible for overseeing Special Counsel Mueller's investigation, reportedly sought to assure President Trump that he was on his team and that he could "land the plane" if permitted to remain in his job.

Most recently, at a May 1, 2019 hearing before the Senate Judiciary Committee, Attorney General Barr was asked by Senator Kamala Harris: "Has the President or anyone at the White House ever asked or suggested that you open an investigation of anyone?" Mr. Barr refused to provide a direct answer during his testimony and ultimately replied "I don't know" while also acknowledging that "there have been discussions of – of matters out there...."

As you are aware, it has been the policy of the Justice Department across administrations that the rule of law depends upon the evenhanded administration of justice, that legal judgments must be impartial and insulated from political influence, and that investigatory and prosecutorial powers be exercised free from partisan consideration. While under these policies certain communications related to pending or contemplated criminal investigations or prosecutions are permitted in limited circumstances, they may occur only when it is important for the performance of the President's duties and appropriate from a law enforcement perspective.

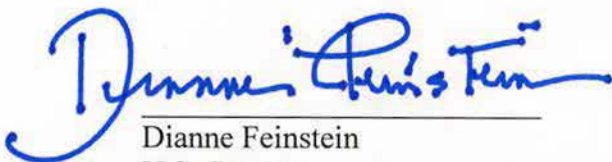
If Mr. Barr or any Justice Department official has acted on requests from the President or White House officials to obstruct or influence ongoing investigations, use partisan considerations to target specific individuals for criminal investigation or prosecution, or provide information regarding cases that implicate the President or those connected to him, such actions would be highly inappropriate, potentially unlawful, and raise fundamental constitutional concerns regarding the Justice Department's independence and impartiality.

In light of these concerns, we request that you address the following questions:

1. What is the Justice Department's current policy regarding communications with the White House and how is it enforced? Is the policy and its enforcement adequate to ensure the Department's independence and impartiality?
2. Have there been any violations or allegations of violations by Mr. Barr, Mr. Rosenstein, Mr. Whitaker, or other Justice Department officials of the policy regarding communications with the White House? If so, please describe the instances where violations or allegations occurred and explain the actions taken in response.
3. In response to any contacts by the President or White House officials regarding pending or contemplated criminal cases, has any Justice Department official taken steps to obstruct or influence ongoing investigations, use partisan considerations to target specific individuals for criminal investigation or prosecution, or provide information regarding cases that implicate the President or those connected to him?

If you believe your office does not have the authority or jurisdiction to conduct this investigation, we ask that you refer this request to the appropriate Justice Department official, including officials within the Office of Professional Responsibility. Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,



Dianne Feinstein
U.S. Senator



Charles E. Schumer
U.S. Senator

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May 23, 2019

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Dear Inspector General Horowitz and Director Amundson:

I write today about misleading and inaccurate statements made by Attorney General William P. Barr during his testimony in front of the House Appropriations Committee on April 9, 2019. In light of his testimony, and subsequent reports contradicting that testimony, I respectfully request that the Office of the Inspector General and the Office of Professional Responsibility immediately begin investigations into Mr. Barr's conduct.

During the hearing, I asked Mr. Barr about his conclusions and interactions with Special Counsel Robert Mueller and members of his team as I tried to discern how Mr. Barr was able to conclusively state that President Trump did not commit obstruction of justice.

Below is the transcript of my exchange with the Attorney General:

CRIST:

Okay. Reports have emerged recently, general, that members of the Special Counsel's team are frustrated at some level with the limited information included in your March 24th letter, that it does not adequately or accurately, necessarily, portray the report's findings. Do you know what they are referencing with that?

BARR:

No, I don't—

However, the Washington Post and the New York Times later reported that Mr. Mueller wrote Mr. Barr twice because he was concerned that Mr. Barr's public statements "did not fully capture the context, nature, and substance" of the investigation¹. Additionally, Mr. Mueller was concerned that Mr. Barr's public statements undermined "[...] public confidence in the outcome

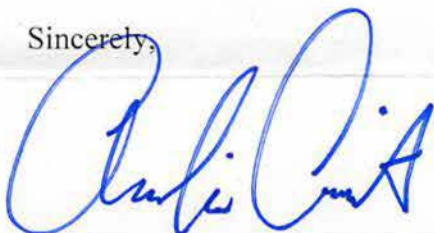
¹ https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/mueller-complained-that-barrs-letter-did-not-capture-context-of-trump-probe/2019/04/30/d3c8fdb6-6b7b-11e9-a66d-a82d3f3d96d5_story.html?utm_term=.b9541dc390ae

of the investigation.”² Mr. Mueller feared that misinformation released by Mr. Barr was skewing the report and muddying facts.

Mr. Barr’s continued insistence that his statements were not misleading during his testimony is particularly egregious considering his previous experience serving as Attorney General. Mr. Barr’s flippant responses ignore the gravity of this investigation and its impact on our nation and national security. Congress depends on truthful information in order to make informed decisions. As the chief law enforcement officer in the nation, Mr. Barr’s allegiance is not to President Trump but to the American people who deserve transparency and truth.

I look forward to hearing from your offices regarding this request.

Sincerely,



Charlie Crist
UNITED STATES CONGRESSMAN

² https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/mueller-complained-that-barrs-letter-did-not-capture-context-of-trump-probe/2019/04/30/d3c8fdb6-6b7b-11e9-a66d-a82d3f3d96d5_story.html?utm_term=.464f3f4737e2

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July 15, 2019

Mr. Stephen Boyd
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Dear Mr. Boyd,

I am writing on behalf of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) in regards to the complaint she filed with the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ). She has several questions regarding the DOJ's processing of her complaint. First, she would like to know why no one signed the letters of acknowledgement that her complaints have been received by the DOJ and if this is the accepted practice? Secondly, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) would like to know the status of her complaint and when a final response will be sent to her? Finally she outlines her other questions concerning Attorney General Barr's actions and appropriate consequences in the attached privacy release form.

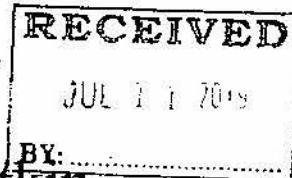
Your review and response to this inquiry is greatly appreciated. Please feel free to communicate directly with my aide, Gina Shireman, at my Lansing district office, or at gina.shireman@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,

Elissa Slotkin
Member of Congress

ES/gs

Enclosure



The Honorable Elissa Slotkin
8th Congressional District, Michigan

PRIVACY AUTHORIZATION FORM

Last Name: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) First Name: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Middle Name: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

ID #: _____ Check one: ☒ SSN ☐ Alien # ☐ Other (please specify) *On Hold for Security Reasons*

Date of Birth: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Street Address: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

City: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) State: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Zip: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Home Phone: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Work Phone: _____

Email Address: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Pursuant to the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. § 552a), I hereby authorize appropriate governmental agencies to release information about me and relevant to this inquiry to Representative Elissa Slotkin (MI-8) and her staff.

Signature: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Date: 7/8/19

Please print and return the **original** signed form to the following office:

Lansing District Office

1100 W. Saginaw Street
Suite 3A
Lansing, MI 48915

Case information

1. Description of problem:

I filed the enclosed amended complaint against AG William Barr, which includes at the top the original complaint plus an amendment below. Also below the dotted line is the text of yet another letter I sent in regards to getting an incomplete response back from the DOJ acknowledging my complaint but in an unsigned letter. To date I have received nothing back in regards to why they haven't yet assigned any file number to my complaint nor sent me any response back as to the status of my complaint. As I state in my last response I won't allow my complaint to slip into a black hole never to be heard from or seen again. It is my belief that the DOJ has been corrupted at the top now with Barr running that agency. My belief is based on these observations: 1. Several Mueller investigations that were still ongoing were put to an end right after Barr took over. Some of these may have been justified but likely not all. 2. Most importantly Barr was implicated in the decision to not have the Treasury Dept. and IRA release any of Trump's tax returns to the House Ways and Means Committee in violation of existing tax law, which is very clear on this point. If this is true and I have good reason to believe it is, Mr. Barr violated the Commonwealth of Virginia attorney bar ethics rules by advising others to break the law. Barr is a total scumbag as more detailed in my complaint. If Congress won't impeach him than I feel I must make an attempt to have his law license taken away by filing a written grievance with the Virginia Bar Association. Assuming this won't take forever, it could effectively remove him from the AG position since he could not serve in that position without a law license. But even if I can't get his license taken away, at least there will be a permanent grievance that's attached to his law license and this could be made public at any time.

2. Have I contacted other government agencies or organizations to seek assistance?

NO. But I likely made some calls to various Democratic members on the Judiciary and Oversight Committees and the Committees themselves. But these calls were made to get them to take action against Barr to remove him from his office. Not in regards to my complaint to the DOJ.

3. How can Rep. Slotkin assist me?

I would like her to do whatever followup she can in regards to my complaint with the DOJ-OIG to find out these ~~two~~ things:

- a. Why did no one sign any of the two letters they sent back to me acknowledging receipt of my complaint? Any why was this considered accepted practice?
- b. What is the status of my complaint and when do they expect there will be a decision made? And when there's a decision made will I be informed of it fully? If not, why not?
- c. How do they justify someone who publicly perjured themselves twice before Congress being allowed to remain as AG?
- d. How do they justify the AG telling both the Treasury Secretary and the head of the IRS to break the law by not complying with both a lawful and valid request for Trump's tax returns by the House Ways and Means Committee?

e. How ^{do} they justify not doing anything about an AG who refuses a valid subpoena to appear before Congress to testify?

4. Please make any other Committee members and Chairs on the Judiciary, Banking and Finance, Ways and Means, and Oversight or members of those Committees aware of my efforts if you feel this might be helpful to them or others.

April 5, 2019

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AMENDED COMPLAINT AGAINST ATTORNEY GENERAL WILLIAM BARR

Dear Sirs,

I found it extremely troubling that AG William P. Barr thought it prudent to attend a partisan, political, photo op-lovefest with Individual-1 and other human props in the Oval Office on March 15, 2019 celebrating Individual-1's veto of bipartisan legislation passed overwhelmingly by both Houses of Congress that overturned his declaration of a national emergency in order to take monies previously appropriated by Congress and for use by other agencies and Departments to fund a small border wall...money that both Houses of Congress had already refused to grant to him for that purpose.

First, it was clear to almost everyone that Individual-1's border wall was not a national emergency because in prior statements and non actions by Individual-1, had it been a real national emergency, he could have acted much sooner. Also had it been a real national emergency versus his fake campaign one, he would have gotten support from Congress. In addition, building a border wall along the southern border with Mexico would take many billions more dollars then he requested and decades to complete because of the need to seize lots of land under eminent domain. Individual-1's voters never were told their land could be seized by the government for his wall and they would have to pay for his wall. So by attending this meeting in the Oval Office, AG Barr was lending his credence and stamp of approval to a massive fraud perpetrated on Individual-1's voters by Individual-1 during his 2016 campaign.

Secondly, many well-respected Constitutional legal scholars including Lawrence Tribe have already weighed in on this issue to claim this particular declaration of a national emergency by Individual-1 is unconstitutional. So it's clear this issue is not "solidly grounded in law" and already has created many challenges to its constitutionality in the courts by at least 16 states and several other groups like Public Citizen, The ACLU, and Citizens for Ethics and Responsibility in Government, who sued the DOJ.

Thirdly, since there were already many ongoing legal challenges to Individual-1's declaration of a national emergency in various Federal Courts that surely Mr. Barr would have been aware of because they all proceeded his statement below, Mr. Barr acted recklessly and incompetently by making such an absurdly false public statement to prove his loyalty to Individual-1 as quoted below.

"Barr said the president's emergency order was 'clearly authorized under the law' and 'solidly grounded in law.'"

Mr. Barr needs to be sanctioned or found in violation of Departmental ethics and/or DOJ policies and practices or both. Also Mr. Barr should be advised to recuse himself from any ongoing and future investigation of the Trump Administration, The Trump Organization, The Trump Foundation, The Trump Inaugural Committee, The Trump campaign, Mr. Trump himself and any of his family members, and any and all individuals associated with Mr. Trump, who are still under investigation or could be under investigation by any Federal agency or by Special Counsel Robert Mueller's former staff or other prosecutors now following up on his report. If Mr. Barr refuses to take DOJ advice to recuse himself, a report of this must be immediately sent to Congress so they can decide what actions they must take in response.

Also Mr. Barr should be recused from taking any actions or being involved with any decision-making in the DOJ based on the Mueller report. He should be barred [no pun intended] from only editing or summarizing or by any other means blocking the full Mueller report from members of Congress and the public except where applicable such as: Preventing undo interference in any and all investigations of Trump and his family that sprang from the Mueller investigations or other investigations, or that contain highly classified information that should be redacted but not for the Gang of Eight, or salacious information whose primary purpose would be to embarrass someone not a party to any of these investigations, or for grand jury testimony where a court order is needed to have it released. In the case of Grand Jury testimony where the Grand Jury has completed its term, its work is finished, and they have been dismissed, the DOJ must seek an order from these courts asking for the Grand Jury testimony to be turned over to Congress. Everything must be released including all the underlying investigative reports and evidence and all the assessments and summaries by Mueller and his team. All documents related to that report must be released. Everything related to why the Special Counsel refused to indict or did indict must also be released. For anything not being released ample justification should be put in writing and sent to House Committee chairs and they should be allowed to see all of the redacted material in a secure location upon request and with just cause.

Mr. Barr should never have attended a meeting in the Oval Office like this particular one referenced supra to support someone under several ongoing criminal and intelligence investigations by both state and federal authorities and who also is an un-indicted co-conspirator in a criminal case unless he was wearing a wire in support of ongoing DOJ's investigations. But it's much worse. While Mr. Barr was attending this Individual-1 lovefest in the Oval Office, he publicly said this about Individual-1's actions in vetoing the legislation over his national emergency declaration:

"...the president's emergency order was 'clearly authorized under the law' and 'solidly grounded in law.'"

Oh, Really! While the first part of his statement could be vague enough to mean the President has the authority to declare a national emergency, the second part of his statement is blatantly false based on the already large numbers of ongoing court challenges to the national emergency of which Barr had prior notice. And even though a President can order a National Emergency he cannot do this for any reason whatsoever nor for corrupt or strictly political purposes. Nor can he call a National Emergency just to sidestep Congress because they refused to give him the money he wanted. So Mr. Barr was also not correct either on the first part of his statement under the current set of facts. No matter how broadly written the statute granting the President authority to declare a National Emergency, it was never meant as a means to take away or erode the exclusive power of the purse of Congress under the Constitution.

No one should tolerate the AG, the highest ranking federal law enforcement officer of the United States blatantly lying to the American people in order to curry favor with a known criminal. I don't use the term "criminal" lightly either in talking about Individual-1 because criminal fraud could have just as easily been charged against Trump and Trump University instead of only allowing these fraud charges to proceed and settle as class action lawsuits. And Individual-1 already is the un-indicted co-conspirator in multiple felonies in the Southern District of New York to which his own personal attorney, Michael Cohen plead guilty and will be going to prison.

More importantly before most of the lawsuits challenging Individual-1's national emergency are even heard on this issue, the AG has already weighed in on how the courts should decide this issue. And according to recent reports from prosecutors who were part of Mueller's team, Mr Barr gave a very misleading summary of their report. Mr. Barr has aligned himself already with Individual-1 -- a known criminal -- and against the Constitution and Congress in order to do Individual-1's bidding. He's behaving like a lackey and a member of Individual-1's clown show. Thus he has irreparably

compromised himself and is therefore not a fair and impartial arbiter of facts and law. He should have stayed away from any staged partisan political photo op and kept his big mouth shut and allowed other courts to decide the "national emergency declaration" issue based on facts and law. What next? Is he going to appear at Individual-1's campaign rallies and urge his crowd to yell: "Lock them up!" In my opinion his display of extreme and excessive partisanship while AG, should be automatically disqualifying. If allowed to persist it will eventually infect the entire Justice Department.

Americans should not have known where Mr. Barr stood on the litigation over a declaration of a national emergency while it was being litigated if at all. Nor should they have been lied to by their own AG who called it "solid law." Nothing he says or does anymore can undo the damage he has done to the Justice Department and himself. He's become a national disgrace. Mr. Barr's decision to pose with all the props brought into the Oval Office will forever cast a dark shadow over any decisions he will have to make over Special Counsel Mueller's report and any future or on-going investigations related to that report. That's why he needs to recuse himself....NOW!!!

Americans should not have an AG up to his neck in protecting Individual-1's scandals and criminality in charge of all investigations emanating from the Mueller report going forward until Congress is satisfied they have the full Mueller report. And Congress needs everything else they ask for to continue with their own investigations for as long as it takes. And Congress needs the assurance that Mr. Barr will not interfere or has not interfered to hinder or damage any ongoing investigations at the Federal level regarding Individual-1 and his businesses, himself, his family, campaign and inauguration or anything else they are pursuing based on evidence a crime was committed.

Lots of Americans including public officials have been questioning whether Mr. Barr could act independently while running the DOJ, since we all know Individual-1 would only pick someone for that position he thought he could control and do his bidding to block or hinder any investigations both ongoing and future ones of himself and his family. Why? Because Individual-1 forced Jeff Sessions out of the AG position because he recused himself. And he fired the head of the FBI, James Comey because Comey wouldn't do his bidding in protecting Michael Flynn. I was willing to give Mr. Barr the benefit of the doubt initially despite having serious reservations based upon his past history and testimony before the Senate and his obvious attempt to get the AG job by casting himself as an antagonist to the Special Counsel's appointment in a letter he sent to the DOJ for the White House to use for consideration of his nomination as Attorney General, containing his stated belief that the President is above the law and can't be charged with obstruction of justice. So I'm offering in my complaint additional recent evidence that Mr. Barr shouldn't be involved with the Mueller report or any other potential federal investigations of Individual-1 and his accomplices in crime. Mr. Barr came out of "retirement" to protect individual-1 just like he protected President George H.W. Bush and other Iran-contra criminals by promoting early pardons for many of them. In my view those pardons were an act of obstruction of justice by Mr. Barr, even if it would be hard to prove criminal intent. Mr. Barr's not Individual-1's defense counsel. So he shouldn't be allowed to behave like one while acting as Attorney General.

New addendum: I now wish to add one more item to my charges against Mr. Barr that wasn't known at the time I wrote my original complaint: Mr. Barr's behavior with regards to writing a controversial four-page opinion/summary of the Mueller report while deliberately being unwilling to disclose for almost a week about how many pages were in the Mueller report although he never gave anyone a correct and exact number, then weighing in with his fraudulent attempt to clear Individual-1 of obstruction of Justice, which Mr. Mueller declined to do because he felt he couldn't do it, should also disqualify Mr. Barr from holding the position of U.S. Attorney General. His premature first decisions on the Mueller report were nothing more than a clear and blatant attempt to poison the well of American public opinion to favor Individual-1 without providing any reasons or facts to support his summary and decision. Also as we now know his summary grossly misrepresented the findings of the Mueller team. I would also add these were very poor decisions by someone who should be trying very hard to convince everyone he's not the President's lackey. Instead he did just the opposite and doubled down on proving he is that

lackey. Who should trust Mr. Barr to be impartial? No one!

If you really care about protecting the institution of the Federal Judiciary system in this country, you must do whatever it takes to at minimum remove Mr. Barr from his role over the investigation of Individual-1 wherever it is taking place throughout the Federal court system and his handling of the Mueller report.

At least AG Jeff Sessions had the good sense to recuse himself from any ongoing investigations regarding the Trump campaign, et. al. Mr. Barr seems to lack that good sense, which makes him much more likely to act corruptly going forward.

I am requesting an open investigation into my charges and for a case or file number to be assigned to my complaint for future reference.

Sincerely,

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

only place a copy was sent
cc: House Judiciary Committee, Senators Gary Peters and Debbie Stabenow, and Rep. Ellisa Slotkin
-----followup letter to the DOJ IOG regarding receipt of their letters acknowledging receipt of mine-----

May 24, 2019

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RE: WILLIAM P. BARR COMPLAINTS PREVIOUSLY FILED

Dear whoever,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 13, 2019 enclosed herein. The same letter was also sent to me on April 18, 2019 regarding my original complaint. As you must know my amended complaint was sent to you before everyone had knowledge that Mr. Barr also committed perjury before both the House and Senate in testimony he gave in answers to Congressman Christ of Florida, and Sen. Van Hollen of Maryland regarding his foreknowledge of Robert Mueller's objections to Mr. Barr's characterization of his finding. You can watch the videos of his testimony and judge for yourself whether or not he committed perjury or if you prefer, lied to both chambers of Congress. Also not included in either of my complaints was more recent knowledge that Mr. Barr has engaged in Obstruction of Congress and Contempt of Congress likely in a conspiracy with the White House by refusing to testify before the House Judiciary Committee under subpoena regarding his prior testimony to Congress. Also he deliberately put out false and misleading information and his own outlandish legal theories and conclusions about the Mueller report to everyone, conclusions that about 900 former federal prosecutors and judges have already publicly disagreed with on the obstruction of justice portion. In other words my original and amended complaints are already ancient history in describing Mr. Barr's unethical, unlawful, possibly criminal, behavior.

YOU ARE HEREBY PUT ON NOTICE that someone must sign your letter to me enclosed and add some

kind of office identification to it like a file number or complaint number and time and date stamp and resend it back to me. None of your letters were signed by anyone and I consider that to be not only abnormal but unprofessional. Without some reference number attached to my complaint there is no way anyone including members of Congress can follow up on it. Nor can I. Nor is an unsigned letter from your office acknowledgement of anything. I will not allow my complaint to fall into an administrative black hole. So please do what I ask and send the same back to me signed and time and date stamped with a file number. And while you're at it, add my first paragraph in this letter to my amended complaint. God only knows how many more amendments to my complaint will be required the way this AG has been acting. It's already too late to salvage his already severely damaged reputation. If he can't be recused from all investigations dealing with Trump and his family and associates, the DOJ will go down with him. And Mr. Barr will go down too eventually as more Republican members of Congress realize they are violating their own oaths of office trying to protect him.

Sincerely,

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July 31, 2019

The Honorable Michael E. Horowitz
Inspector General
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Dear Inspector General Horowitz,

On behalf of Eric Garner's family and the people of New York, I write to request that the Office of the Inspector General conduct a review of Attorney General William Barr's decision not to prosecute anyone in connection with the death of Eric Garner. Mr. Garner died in 2014 after being placed in an illegal chokehold during his arrest. Given that Mr. Garner's death, which was ruled a homicide, was captured on video and the Civil Rights Division reportedly recommending charges be filed, it is in the public's interest to have an independent review of the Garner investigation and the ultimate decision not to file charges.

As you are aware, the investigation into Mr. Garner's death spanned five years, two Administrations, four U.S. Attorneys General, and five U.S. Attorneys for the Eastern District of New York. I am deeply troubled by the length of time it took the Department to come to a final decision and am concerned by media reports that have outlined the internal disputes between the Justice Department and Eastern District investigators and prosecutors involved in this case. It was publicly reported that under former Attorney General Jeff Sessions, "(The) Civil rights division prosecutors recommended to the deputy attorney general, Rod Rosenstein, that charges be brought, but he declined to move forward."¹ Moreover, according to statements made by US Attorney Richard P. Donohue on July 16, 2019, in announcing the Department's decision, Attorney General Barr "made the decision himself" not to press charges against anyone, suggesting a disregard for the recommendations of career federal civil rights prosecutors.²

When allegations of police misconduct and excessive use of force are reported, it is imperative that the Justice Department uphold its duty to conduct oversight over local law enforcement and ensure that communities of color are protected from racial profiling and excessive use of force. Moreover, it is important that the public is able to have confidence in the

¹ Katie Benner, *Eric Garner's Death Will Not Lead to Federal Charges for N.Y.P.D. Officer*, N.Y. Times (July 16, 2019) <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/07/16/nyregion/eric-garner-case-death-daniel-pantaleo.html>

² Amber Jamieson and Tasneem Nashrulla, *The Police Officer Who Killed Eric Garner Will Officially Not Be Charged With Any Crimes*, BuzzFeed News (July 16, 2019) <https://www.buzzfeednews.com/article/amberjamieson/nypd-officer-eric-garner-federal-charges>

Department leadership's willingness to conduct unbiased investigations and engage in fair prosecutorial decision-making based on the evidence in the case, even where—indeed, especially where—the accused party is a member of law enforcement.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kirsten Gillibrand". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kirsten" and last name "Gillibrand" clearly distinguishable.

Kirsten Gillibrand
United States Senator



October 1, 2019

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Re: Democracy 21 complaint requesting Inspector General to investigate Attorney General Barr's activities relating to the Ukraine affair

Dear Inspector General Horowitz:

Attorney General William Barr is prominently named in the complaint filed by a whistleblower alleging that President Trump, working with others, solicited and sought to pressure the government of Ukraine into intervening in the 2020 presidential election by providing derogatory information about former Vice President Joe Biden, a potential Democratic Party presidential nominee in the 2020 election in which President Trump is running for reelection.

The second paragraph of the whistleblower complaint states that "the President of the United States is using the power of his office to solicit interference from a foreign country in the 2020 U.S. election." The complaint then says, "Attorney General Barr appears to be involved as well."

The complaint describes a July 25, 2019 telephone call that President Trump had with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky in which President Trump "sought to pressure the Ukrainian leader to take actions to help the President's 2020 reelection bid." According to the complaint, President Trump urged Zelensky to meet or speak with Attorney General Barr, whom the President referred to multiple times during the call.

Thus, according to the whistleblower complaint, Attorney General Barr was named by President Trump to serve as the president's personal representative in his effort to solicit a foreign government to intervene in the 2020 election.

The principal allegations in the complaint are confirmed by the memorandum released by the White House on September 25, 2019 describing the contents of the July 25 phone call between President Trump and President Zelensky.

Both the whistleblower complaint and the White House report describing the Zelensky call contain multiple references to statements by President Trump saying that he is involving Attorney General Barr in his efforts to press a foreign country to investigate his political opponent. For that reason, the allegations in the complaint directly implicate the institutional integrity of the Justice Department and raise the question of whether the Attorney General, named by the President as a participant in this matter, has failed to carry out the mission of the Justice Department “to ensure fair and impartial administration of justice for all Americans.”

Accordingly, Democracy 21 calls on you to promptly conduct an investigation to determine what role Attorney General William Barr played in President Trump’s efforts to pressure Ukraine to interfere in the 2020 presidential election by gathering derogatory information on President Trump’s potential opponent in that election.

This investigation also needs to determine if Attorney General Barr engaged in improper conduct by failing to immediately and formally recuse himself from *any* role in the Department’s subsequent actions and decisions on the whistleblower complaint as soon as Attorney General Barr learned that he was named in the complaint.

Further, the investigation needs to determine whether Attorney General Barr played any role in attempting to cover up the whistleblower complaint by participating in the discussions or decisions by the Justice Department that initially prevented the complaint from being transmitted to Congress, as the Inspector General of the Intelligence Community apparently believed was required by law, or in determining that the complaint presented no violations of federal law that warranted further investigation.

In particular, the investigation by your office should examine:

- Whether and to what extent Attorney General Barr has discussed with President Trump, his attorney Rudy Giuliani or with any other White House, Justice Department or Trump campaign official the subject of encouraging, soliciting or pressuring the government of Ukraine to investigate and provide derogatory information about Vice President Biden or his family.
- Whether Attorney General Barr has had any contact, in person, by telephone or by other means, with any official or agent of the government of Ukraine about an investigation of Vice President Biden or his family.
- Whether Attorney General Barr or the Justice Department has conducted or is conducting any investigation of Vice President Biden or his family, and whether Attorney General Barr has discussed with President Trump, with his attorney Rudy Giuliani or with any other White House or Trump campaign official, or with any officer or employee of the Justice Department, the subject of having the Justice Department open and/or conduct an investigation of Vice President Biden or his family.

- When and under what circumstances Attorney General Barr learned of the existence of the whistleblower complaint about President Trump's efforts to solicit Ukraine to provide derogatory information about Vice President Biden or his family, and whether Attorney General Barr should have formally recused himself from any Departmental consideration of or decisions about the complaint upon learning that he is named in the complaint.
- Whether and to what extent Attorney General Barr or the office of the Attorney General was involved in the Department's discussions or decision-making process regarding the whistleblower complaint, including whether the complaint should have been transmitted to Congress by the Acting Director of National Intelligence.
- Whether and to what extent Attorney General Barr or the office of the Attorney General was involved in the Department's discussions or decision-making process regarding the issue of whether efforts by President Trump and others to solicit or pressure the government of Ukraine to provide derogatory information about Vice President Biden or his family constituted a violation of the federal campaign finance laws.

The fact that the whistleblower complaint and the White House summary of the President's call to President Zelensky both state that the President identified Attorney General Barr as a participant in what appears to be a gross abuse of power by the President makes this a matter of urgent institutional importance for the Department of Justice.

A prompt investigation by your office to determine the facts in this matter and to determine whether the Attorney General was involved in any improper conduct is essential in order for the American people to have confidence in the Department of Justice and in Attorney General Barr's integrity and ability to credibly conduct the impartial administration of the law as the nation's chief law enforcement officer.

Additional Background and Issues

The statement in the whistleblower complaint that President Trump named Attorney General Barr as a participant in his effort to solicit the government of Ukraine to provide derogatory information about Vice President Biden is confirmed by the White House summary of the July 25 telephone call between President Trump and President Zelensky.

According to the official White House account, President Trump specifically mentioned Attorney General Barr five times during that call (emphases added):

"I would like to have *the Attorney General* call you or your people and I would like you to get to the bottom of it."

"I will ask him [Giuliani] to call you along with *the Attorney General*."

“There’s a lot of talk about Biden’s son, that Biden stopped the prosecution and a lot of people want to find out about that so whatever you can do with *the Attorney General* would be great.”

“I will have Mr. Giuliani give you a call and I am also going to have *Attorney General Barr* call and we will get to the bottom of it.”

“I will tell Rudy and *Attorney General Barr* to call. . . .”

These quotes—from the official White House memorandum on the July 25 call—by themselves raise a host of questions that require investigation about the role that Attorney General Barr may have played in President Trump’s efforts to use a foreign government to obtain derogatory information about a political opponent. Your office should determine whether the President, the White House or any agent of the President or White House at any time communicated to the Attorney General any instruction or suggestion that the Attorney General call President Zelensky or his “people” about investigating Vice President Biden.

If you determine that any such communication was made to the Attorney General, you should then determine what instructions or suggestions were given and whether Attorney General Barr took any actions in response to such instructions or suggestions. Beyond the question of whether the Attorney General was asked or instructed to call any Ukrainian official or agent following the July 25 call, your office should more broadly investigate whether the Attorney General has participated in any discussions or taken any actions related to soliciting the government of Ukraine to investigate Vice President Biden or to provide derogatory information about him, either before or after the July 25 call.

The investigation also should determine whether the Attorney General has authorized or participated in any investigation of Vice President Biden or his son, Hunter Biden; whether President Trump or his agents requested or instructed the Attorney General or the Department to undertake any such investigation as well as whether any such investigation either was conducted or is currently being conducted, and if so, whether there are legitimate grounds for the Department to investigate a leading potential opponent of President Trump in the 2020 presidential election.

Your investigation should also determine whether Attorney General Barr complied with Justice Department recusal requirements by immediately and formally recusing himself from any discussions and decisions regarding the whistleblower complaint. 28 C.F.R. § 45.2, *see also* 25 C.F.R. § 2635.502. Because the complaint states that Attorney General Barr “appears to be involved” in the allegations made in the complaint, the Attorney General’s participation in or oversight of the Department’s handling of the complaint would, at a minimum, “create an appearance of a conflict of interest likely to affect the public perception of the integrity of the investigation or prosecution.” 28 C.F.R. § 45.2(b)(2).

According to published reports, the whistleblower complaint was initially filed with Michael K. Atkinson, the Inspector General of the Intelligence Community, on August 12, 2019. According to a letter dated September 17, 2019 to the chairman and vice chairman of the House Permanent

Select Committee on Intelligence, Mr. Atkinson determined that the complaint met the statutory definition of expressing an “urgent concern” as set forth in 50 U.S.C. § 3033(k)(5)(G)(i). This triggered Mr. Atkinson’s statutory obligation to forward the complaint to Acting DNI Joseph Maguire, along with his “urgent concern” determination, which he did on August 26, 2019. This transmittal in turn triggered the DNI’s obligation, within seven days, to forward the complaint to the congressional intelligence committees along with any comments he considers appropriate. *Id.* § 3033(k)(5)(C).

The Acting DNI, however, did not forward the complaint to Congress, as required by statute. Instead he sought guidance from the White House and the Department of Justice as to whether he should do so. According to a report in *The Washington Post*:

Maguire said he first sought guidance from the White House Counsel’s Office and next from the Office of Legal Counsel at the Justice Department. Officials raised the possibility that the complaint could be covered by executive privilege, but no one reached a definitive ruling on that, Maguire said.

In an opinion released on September 24, 2019 but initially made on September 3, 2019, the Office of Legal Counsel (OLC) concluded that the whistleblower complaint did not meet the statutory definition of an “urgent concern” and therefore that the Acting DNI did not have a statutory obligation to transmit the complaint to the Congress. Instead, the OLC determined that the complaint should be referred to the Department’s Criminal Division for review of whether the actions described in the complaint constituted violations of the federal campaign finance laws. The Department announced that the Criminal Division subsequently concluded that the complaint did not present any violations of federal law that warranted further investigation.

According to a report in *The Washington Post*:

Senior Justice Department officials said the director of national intelligence referred concerns about the [Zelensky] call to the Justice Department in late August, after the intelligence community inspector general found that it was a possible violation of campaign finance laws. Days later, the inspector general referred the matter to the FBI.

Career prosecutors and officials in the Justice Department’s criminal division reviewed the rough transcript, which they obtained voluntarily from the White House, and determined the facts “could not make” the appropriate basis for an investigation, a senior Justice Department official said Wednesday. The final decision was made by Brian Benczkowski, who leads the Justice Department’s criminal division. As part of their reasoning, Justice Department lawyers determined that help with a government investigation could not be quantified as “a thing of value” under the law, officials said. . . .

Thus, by determining both that the law did not require the whistleblower complaint to be forwarded to Congress and that the complaint did not present any potential violations of federal law that warranted investigation, the Department of Justice took two separate actions that

collectively had the result of shielding the complaint from public or congressional scrutiny and which, if successful, would have ensured that there would not be a full investigation of the allegations in the complaint. The fact that Congress subsequently learned of the complaint and that congressional and public pressure led to its ultimate disclosure does not mitigate the impact of the Department's prior decisions to shield the complaint from public scrutiny and to quickly terminate any investigation of the allegations made in the complaint.

While in the normal case there should be a presumption of regularity given to decisions made by the Department, this is not a normal case. Here, as set forth multiple times in the White House summary of the Zelensky call, President Trump names Attorney General Barr as a participant in the activities that form the substance of the whistleblower complaint. The naming of the Attorney General in the allegations of the complaint overcomes any presumption of regularity for decisions about the complaint that were made by either the Attorney General or by his subordinates in the Department. It requires that there be an investigation of those decisions, especially where those decisions initially had the effect of blocking the transmittal of the complaint to Congress by the Acting DNI, and then terminating any investigation into the complaint by the Justice Department.

Accordingly, we believe it is essential that you investigate the process followed by the OLC in issuing its ruling that the complaint did not constitute an "urgent matter" under the whistleblower statute. We also urge you to investigate the process followed by the Criminal Division in concluding that the complaint did not present any violation of federal law that required a full investigation by the Department.

In both instances, you should determine whether Attorney General Barr, or any member of his office, participated in discussions relating to the complaint or had any input into the decisions reached by the Department about the complaint, and whether the Department's decision-making process was in any way tainted by the Attorney General's self-interest in the matter.

According to a published report, "Department officials played down Barr's role [in this matter], saying that he was 'generally knowledgeable' of the discussions about the O.L.C. decision to find the complaint not urgent, but was not involved in the Criminal Division's decision to decline to investigate the allegations."

These characterizations by "Department officials" should not be accepted at face value and should be subject to careful scrutiny, including whether under DOJ recusal requirements, Attorney General Barr should not have been even "generally knowledgeable" about any Justice Department discussions relating to the OLC decision. You should also determine what role, if any, the President and the White House, or their agents, played in these Justice Department decisions, given the fact that President Trump is the subject of the whistleblower complaint.

As noted earlier, a core mission of the Department of Justice is "to ensure fair and impartial administration of justice for all Americans." President Trump's repeated statements to a foreign leader that he will have Attorney General Barr work directly with that leader to obtain derogatory information about a U.S. presidential candidate implicates the Attorney General in a gross abuse of power by the President. It also casts public doubt on the institutional integrity and

fairness of the Department itself with regard to the Department's decisions about the handling of the whistleblower complaint, and decisions with regard to the criminal referral made to the Justice Department in this matter.

Democracy 21 calls on you to promptly investigate the matters raised in our complaint and to determine whether the Attorney General engaged in improper conduct in the actions he took (or failed to take) regarding President Trump's efforts to have a foreign country interfere in the 2020 presidential election for the President's personal political benefit, at the expense of the integrity of our elections and the national security of our country.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fred Wertheimer", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Fred Wertheimer
President

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

December 4, 2019

The Honorable Michael E. Horowitz
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Dear Inspector General Horowitz:

On November 25, 2019, *The New York Times* reported that the president's personal attorney, Rudolph Giuliani, and his associates engaged in a scheme whereby they offered to help Ukrainian oligarchs favorably resolve pending federal investigations in exchange for the oligarchs' assistance in digging up dirt on the president's political rivals.¹ In at least one case, Mr. Giuliani's scheme reportedly resulted in a meeting between Attorney General William Barr and attorneys representing a Ukrainian energy tycoon facing bribery and racketeering charges.² Described as a "strategy clearly aimed at leveraging information from politically powerful but legally vulnerable foreign citizens,"³ such overtures once again raise legitimate questions about whether and to what extent the attorney general and Department of Justice allow political considerations to influence federal law enforcement actions, including criminal investigations. We therefore request that the Office of the Inspector General investigate the incidents described in this reporting to determine whether Justice Department decisions were influenced by political motives.

Following Volodymyr Zelensky's upset win in the 2019 Ukrainian presidential election, Mr. Giuliani allegedly dispatched two associates—Lev Parnas and Igor Fruman, both of whom have since been indicted on charges of illegally funneling foreign donations to political candidates—to meet Ihor Kolomoisky, a Ukrainian banking and media tycoon.⁴ Mr. Kolomoisky, known as a supporter of President Zelensky, was reportedly under investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) for money laundering⁵—a situation that Mr. Giuliani allegedly believed made him vulnerable to pressure.⁶ During the meeting, Mr. Parnas and Mr. Fruman requested that Mr. Kolomoisky arrange a meeting between President Zelensky and Mr. Giuliani, who had already been working to dredge up damaging information about President Trump's political opponents.⁷ After Mr. Kolomoisky rebuffed the overture, Mr. Giuliani tweeted about an alleged FBI investigation into his business dealings⁸ and publicly urged President Zelensky to distance himself from Mr. Kolomoisky.

¹ Jo Becker, Walt Bogdanich, Maggie Haberman, and Ben Protess, *Why Giuliani Singled Out 2 Ukrainian Oligarchs to Help Dig Up Dirt*, N.Y. TIMES, Nov. 25, 2019, <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/11/25/us/giuliani-ukraine-oligarchs.html>.

² *Id.*

³ *Id.*

⁴ *Id.*

⁵ See Betsy Swan, *Billionaire Ukrainian Oligarch Ihor Kolomoisky Under Investigation by FBI*, DAILY BEAST, Apr. 8, 2019, <https://www.thedailybeast.com/billionaire-ukrainian-oligarch-ihor-kolomoisky-under-investigation-by-fbi>.

⁶ *Supra* note 1.

⁷ *Id.*

⁸ Rudy Giuliani (@RudyGiuliani), TWITTER, (May 18, 2019, 7:30 a.m.), <https://twitter.com/rudygiuliani/status/1129756189707984898> ("Billionaire Ukrainian Oligarch Ihor Kolomoisky Under

After failing to secure Mr. Kolomoisky's assistance, Mr. Giuliani reportedly directed Mr. Parnas and Mr. Fruman to meet with Dmitry Firtash,⁹ a Ukrainian energy magnate facing extradition to the United States on charges of bribery and racketeering.¹⁰ In June 2019, the two men met with Mr. Firtash in Vienna. At Mr. Giuliani's direction, the men persuaded Mr. Firtash to retain Victoria Toensing and Joseph diGenova as counsel to assist with his legal problems; both lawyers are longtime associates of Mr. Giuliani and strong supporters of President Trump.¹¹ According to Mr. Firtash, the two men said, "We may help you, we are offering to you good lawyers in D.C. who might represent you and deliver this message to the U.S. D.O.J.," referring to, and exploiting, Mr. Firtash's desire for American prosecutors to withdraw evidence central to his prosecution for bribery.¹² Mr. Firtash was told that Ms. Toensing and Mr. diGenova were "in a position to correct the record and call back [the] evidence."¹³

During their meeting with Mr. Firtash, Mr. Giuliani's associates also delivered a second message. According to Mr. Parnas, at Mr. Giuliani's instruction, he "informed Mr. Firtash that Toensing and diGenova were interested in collecting information on the Bidens."¹⁴ Mr. Firtash hired Ms. Toensing and Mr. diGenova, who in August 2019 met with Attorney General Barr at the Justice Department and reportedly asked that he assist with Mr. Firtash's request that evidence in his bribery prosecution be withdrawn.¹⁵ When asked about the attorney general's meeting with Ms. Toensing and Mr. diGenova, the Justice Department declined to comment.¹⁶

Reports that Mr. Giuliani and his associates, two of whom are currently in federal custody, not only peddled leniency in federal criminal investigations in exchange for political dirt, but succeeded in securing a meeting with the United States Attorney General, raise concerns that the Justice Department is susceptible to manipulation at the hands of the president and his personal lawyer. However disturbing, such concerns are hardly surprising, given President Trump's history of pressuring the Justice Department to investigate his political opponents,¹⁷ and the president's desire for Attorney General Barr to assist with potential Ukrainian investigations into his political rivals.¹⁸

Investigation by FBI He has now returned to Ukraine from exile in Israel and the first thing he did is threaten American citizens. This is real test for President. Will he be arrested?"; Rudy Giuliani (@RudyGiuliani), TWITTER, (May 18, 2019, 7:50 a.m.), <https://twitter.com/rudygiuliani/status/1129761193755910144> ("An American analyst describes Kolomoisky as 'super dangerous.' The notorious oligarch returned from a long exile and immediately threatened and defamed two Americans, Lev Parnas and Igor Fruman. They are my clients and I have advised them to press charges.").

⁹ *Supra* note 1.

¹⁰ See David M. Herszenhorn, *As U.S. Presses for Extradition of Ukrainian Magnate, His Lawyers Cry Foul*, N.Y. TIMES, Apr. 29, 2015, <https://www.nytimes.com/2015/04/30/world/europe/as-us-presses-for-extradition-of-ukrainian-magnate-his-lawyers-cry-foul.html>.

¹¹ *Supra* note 1.

¹² *Id.*

¹³ *Id.*

¹⁴ *Id.*

¹⁵ *Id.*

¹⁶ *Id.*

¹⁷ Michael S. Schmidt, *Mueller Report Reveals Trump's Fixation on Targeting Hillary Clinton*, N.Y. TIMES, Apr. 24, 2019, <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/04/24/us/politics/jeff-sessions-hillary-clinton-donald-trump.html>.

¹⁸ Aaron Blake, *The full, rough transcript of Trump's call with Ukraine's president, annotated*, WASH. POST, Sept. 25, 2019, <https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2019/09/25/rough-transcript-trumps-call-with-ukraines-president-annotated/>.

Partisan politics have no place in federal law enforcement decisions, especially criminal investigations. The continued involvement of the Justice Department and the attorney general in matters that stand to benefit the president politically undermines the longstanding independence of the Department and the integrity of its investigations. We have repeatedly urged you to investigate reports of politicization at the Justice Department.¹⁹ In light of reports that Mr. Giuliani sought to trade political dirt digging for assistance with blunting federal criminal investigations, we again request that your office investigate the Justice Department's involvement in politically motivated investigations. We also request that you respond to this letter prior to your scheduled appearance before the Senate Judiciary Committee on December 11, 2019.

Sincerely,



KAMALA D. HARRIS
United States Senator



SHELDON WHITEHOUSE
United States Senator



RICHARD BLUMENTHAL
United States Senator

¹⁹ See Letter from Kamala D. Harris, U.S. Senator, to Michael E. Horowitz, Inspector General, U.S. Dep't of Justice (May 3, 2019), <https://www.harris.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/Harris%20DOJ%20OIG%20Letter%20.pdf>; Letter from Kamala D. Harris, Sheldon Whitehouse, and Richard Blumenthal, U.S. Senators, to Michael E. Horowitz, Inspector General, U.S. Dep't of Justice (Nov. 12, 2019), <https://www.harris.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/11.12.19%20Harris%20DOJ%20OIG%20Letter%20re%20AG%20Barr%20FINAL.pdf>.