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March 15, 2022

SENT BY ELECTRONIC MAIL TO: foia@americanoversight.org

Austin Evers
American Oversight
1030 15th Street, NW
Suite B255
Washington, DC 20005

Re: 2019-HQFO-00956

Dear Mr. Evers:

This is the electronic final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), dated July 3, 2019, and received by this office on July 3, 2019. You are seeking email communications and associated attachments sent by Elaine Duke, Claire Grady, Kathy Nuebel Kovarik, Dimple Shah, Miles Taylor, Evelyn Lim, Tracy Short, Ryan Scudder, Allen Blume, James McCament, Briana Petyo, Kate Nichols, Chip Fulghum, Jonathan Hoffman, David Wonnenberg, Joe Maher, Nader Baroukh, Victoria Lester-Saura, Rear Admiral Eric Jones, David Glawe, and Brian Murphy containing any of the following terms: “family separations”, “family separation”, “separate family”, “separate families”, “separating families”, “separating family”, “families separated”, “separate a family”, “separating a family”, “separate adults”, “separate adult”, “separating an adult”, “separating children”, “separating a child”, “separate children”, “separated family”, “separated families”, “separated child”, “separated children”, “separated adult”, “separated parent”, “child separation”, FMU, “zero tolerance”, “prosecution initiative”, “catch and release”, “catch & release”, “releasing adults”, “releasing adult”, “release adult”, “release adults”, “releasing parents”, “release parents”, DNA, “American Academy of Pediatrics”, AAP, “HHS MOU”, “MOU with HHS”, “Refugee Resettlement”, “Detention policy”, and Flores (Date Range for Record Search: From 3/1/2018 To 7/1/2018).

A search of the Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) for documents responsive to your request produced a total of 23 pages. Portions of these pages are partially releasable pursuant to Title 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(5) (b)(6) and (b)(7)(C), FOIA Exemptions 5, 6, and b7(C).

FOIA Exemption 5 protects from disclosure those inter- or intra-agency documents that are normally privileged in the civil discovery context. The three most frequently invoked privileges are the deliberative process privilege, the attorney work-product privilege, and the attorney-client

privilege. After carefully reviewing the responsive documents, we determined that portions of the responsive documents qualify for protection under the Deliberative Process Privilege. The deliberative process privilege protects the integrity of the deliberative or decision-making processes within the agency by exempting from mandatory disclosure opinions, conclusions, and recommendations included within inter-agency or intra-agency memoranda or letters. The release of this internal information would discourage the expression of candid opinions and inhibit the free and frank exchange of information among agency personnel.

FOIA Exemption 6 exempts from disclosure personnel or medical files and similar files the release of which would cause a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. This requires a balancing of the public's right to disclosure against the individual's right to privacy. The privacy interests of the individuals in the records you have requested outweigh any minimal public interest in disclosure of the information. Any private interest you may have in that information does not factor into the aforementioned balancing test.

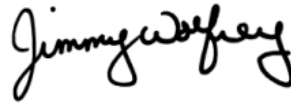
Exemption 7(C) protects records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes that could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. This exemption takes particular note of the strong interests of individuals, whether they are suspects, witnesses, or investigators, in not being unwarrantably associated with alleged criminal activity. That interest extends to persons who are not only the subjects of the investigation, but those who may have their privacy invaded by having their identities and information about them revealed in connection with an investigation. Based upon the traditional recognition of strong privacy interest in law enforcement records, categorical withholding of information that identifies third parties in law enforcement records is ordinarily appropriate. As such, I have determined that the privacy interest in the identities of individuals in the records you have requested clearly outweigh any minimal public interest in disclosure of the information.

You have a right to appeal the above withholding determination. Should you wish to do so, you must send your appeal and a copy of this letter, within 90 days of the date of this letter, to: Privacy Office, Attn: FOIA Appeals, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, 245 Murray Lane, SW, Mail Stop 0655, Washington, D.C. 20528-0655, following the procedures outlined in the DHS FOIA regulations at 6 C.F.R. Part 5 § 5.8. Your envelope and letter should be marked "FOIA Appeal." Copies of the FOIA and DHS FOIA regulations are available at www.dhs.gov/foia.

If you need any further assistance or would like to discuss any aspect of your request, please send an e-mail to foia@hq.dhs.gov, or call 202-343-1743 or toll free 1-866-431-0486, or you may contact our FOIA Public Liaison in the same manner, and refer to **2019-HQFO-00956**. Additionally, you have a right to seek dispute resolution services from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) which mediates disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. If you are requesting access to your own records (which is considered a Privacy Act request), you should know that OGIS does not have the authority to handle requests made under the Privacy Act of 1974. You may contact OGIS as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at

ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jimmy Wolfrey". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jimmy" and last name "Wolfrey" clearly distinguishable.

Jimmy Wolfrey
Senior Director, FOIA Operations and Management
(Acting)

Enclosures: 23 pages

From:	Wonnenberg, David </O=DHS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (b)(6)>
To:	LADOWICZ, JOHN P </O=DHS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)>
CC:	(b)(6)
Subject:	RE: Follow up
Date:	2018/06/25 17:33:39
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V/r,
David Wonnenberg
Acting Assistant Secretary

(b)(6)

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

From: LADOWICZ, JOHN P

Sent: Monday, June 25, 2018 5:31 PM

To: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); Wonnenberg, David

(b)(6)

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

Subject: RE: Follow up

Bottom line, this is with our front office. (b)(5)

(b)(5)

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

Sent: Monday, June 25, 2018 5:29:02 PM

To: Wonnenberg, David; LADOWICZ, JOHN P

Cc: (b)(6)

Subject: RE: Follow up

Not yet, I'll have more information tonight / first thing tomorrow morning.

(b)(6)

From: Wonnenberg, David
Sent: Monday, June 25, 2018 5:14:30 PM
To: LADOWICZ, JOHN P; (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
Cc: (b)(6)
Subject: RE: Follow up

Is there final word we can relay to

(b)(6)

V/r,
David

David Wonnenberg
Acting Assistant Secretary
DHS Office of Legislative Affairs

(b)(6)

From: LADOWICZ, JOHN P
Sent: Friday, June 22, 2018 4:40:22 PM
To: Wonnenberg, David; (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
Cc: (b)(6)
Subject: RE: Follow up

(b)(5)

(b)(5) I expect we'll have that decision on Monday.

Pete Ladowicz
Assistant Commissioner
Office of Congressional Affairs
U.S. Customs and Border Protection

(b)(6)

From: Wonnenberg, David
Sent: Friday, June 22, 2018 4:34 PM

To: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
Cc: (b)(6); LADOWICZ, JOHN P; (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
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Per our convo, see inquiry from SJC majority below. Monday response doable?

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

(b)(6)

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

From: Watts, Brad (Judiciary-Rep) [mailto:Brad_Watts@judiciary-rep.senate.gov]

Sent: Friday, June 22, 2018 10:29 AM

To: Wonnenberg, David (b)(6)

James M (b)(6)

Subject: FW: Follow up

Can someone call me on this asap.

From: Haro, Tamar Magarik (b)(6)

Sent: Friday, June 22, 2018 10:26 AM

To: Watts, Brad (Judiciary-Rep) <Brad_Watts@judiciary-rep.senate.gov>

Subject: Follow up

Hi Brad,

Thank you for offering to check with DHS. The current visit is planned for June 27th and June 28th but we can work with our president Dr. Colleen Kraft's schedule so that she can be available on any day should CBP identify a date that works for her to visit the processing center. She would be happy to do such a visit as the AAP alone. At the very bottom of this email is the Politico story where we learned that Women's Refugee Commission and Human Rights Watch were granted access this week.

This was the request that was submitted to CBP Rio Grande Valley Sector Chief (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) on June 11 to which Chief (b)(6); responded back that day to say that he would forward the request to headquarters and have a response soon:

Dear Chief (b)(6);

I am Co-Chair of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Immigrant Health Special Interest Group. In that role, I frequently help arrange visits by pediatricians and other leading child advocates to the Border. The CEO of UNICEF, Caryl Stern, and the President of the American Academy of Pediatrics, Dr. Colleen Kraft, are coming to the Valley June 27th and June 28th for such a visit. I was asked by Dr. Kraft to facilitate the upcoming visit. Dr. Kraft was here in April and toured an ORR shelter, Sacred Heart, and other locations, but we were unable to tour the CBP Processing Center at that time. If you and your staff could assist with facilitating a tour of the CBP Processing Center on June 27th, we would greatly

appreciate it. They would each be bringing two of their senior staff and I would accompany them. I have the personal information needed for background checks.

I also contacted Representative Filemon Vela and his staff regarding this request.

Thanks so much for your assistance with this.

Respectfully,

Marsha Griffin, MD



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Marsha Griffin, MD, FAAP

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"You can do great things, if you don't care who gets the credit."

Reverend & Activist, Ed Kreuger

Here is the response we received from CBP on June 13:

Good morning, Marsha,

We received your inquiry from Congressman Vela's office regarding a possible tour of CBP facilities for UNICEF and American Academy of Pediatrics leadership later this month. My office—Intergovernmental Public Liaison (IPL)—helps coordinate relationships with our various civil society, non-governmental, and other partner organizations. While we certainly appreciate

AAP and UNICEF's interest in our operations in the Rio Grande Valley, unfortunately, we do not typically offer individual tours or operations briefings to private or non-governmental organizations. As you can imagine, we field a fair number of these requests, and coordinating all of them would present a significant burden for our field leadership and agents, who are already dealing with a high operational tempo in their respective areas of responsibility.

Given the interest in these types of tours, we do occasionally schedule dedicated days to brief outside and non-governmental organizations, and we will certainly add AAP and UNICEF to the list of interested parties for the next one we schedule. Please extend our apologies to Dr. Kraft and Caryl Stern, and let us know how we can work more closely with AAP or UNICEF in other ways. Thanks, Marsha.

Regards,

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

Chief of Staff, Intergovernmental Public Liaison (IPL)

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) | U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)

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

From: POLITICO Pro <politicoemail@politicopro.com>

Sent: Wednesday, June 20, 2018 12:56 PM

To: Haro, Tamar Magarik <(b)(6)>

Subject: 'Some of the kids I spoke to were traumatized. Some could barely speak.'

'Some of the kids I spoke to were traumatized. Some could barely speak.'

By Renuka Rayasam

06/20/2018 12:54 PM EDT

Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen defended the treatment of migrant children in federal custody on Monday, telling the nation's sheriffs they are well cared for after they are apprehended and separated from their parents.

But immigrant-rights advocates touring migrant holding and processing facilities in south Texas describe a different reality — children held by the dozens in barracks-like facilities with lights kept on 24 hours a day and Mylar sheets for nights spent on the floor. Often separated from relatives and surrounded by strangers, they lack caregivers to look after them, space to run around in, or even books, games or videos to distract them.

Advocates slam the conditions as inappropriate for children and say the Trump administration's policy to criminally prosecute all migrants crossing into the United States illegally and its attendant family separations are overwhelming holding and processing centers, forcing migrants - including young children -- to stay in them for far longer than the permitted 72 hours before they are transferred to shelters.

"Some of the kids I spoke to were traumatized, some could barely speak," said Michelle Brané, director at Detention and Asylum Program at the Women's Refugee Commission, who toured CBP facilities last Thursday.

CBP is supposed to hold migrants at its centers no longer than three days, before transferring adults to court hearings and children into shelters run by private contractors for HHS' Office of Refugee Resettlement. But the new zero tolerance border policy is stretching resources thin, with advocates saying some migrants are staying many days longer than allowed in facilities that are ill-equipped to handle lengthy detentions.

"There is not only a lack of capacity on the part of CBP to provide the kind of care that's needed, but real unwillingness to address what's needed," said Michael Garcia Bochenek, senior counsel in the Children's Rights Division of Human Rights Watch who visited the facilities with Brané.

"The younger boys are frightened, bewildered, lost," he said. "They are surrounded by people they don't know."

CBP resources have been stretched in prior administrations, but in this case, the Trump administration's "zero-tolerance" prosecution policy precipitated the crisis by splitting more than 2,300 children apart from their parents. Under the policy, all people suspected of crossing the border illegally are referred for federal prosecution, even if they're traveling with children or seeking asylum.

But the processing center in McAllen, known as "Ursula" after the avenue where its located, began holding unaccompanied minors during the Obama administration, during a surge of young migrants from Central America.

From September 2014 to August 2015, 14 percent of migrants in nine border patrol sectors were held in CBP facilities for 72 hours or more, some as long as 104 hours, according to the American Immigration Council, which obtained [documents on CBP detentions](#) through a Freedom of Information Act request. In South Texas, in Laredo, more than half of migrants were detained longer than 72 hours.

On Sunday, reporters touring Ursula saw migrants housed in groups of as many as 35 or 40 adults and children for each cage-like cell, even though it has yet to reach its full capacity of 1,500 adults and children, according to Border Patrol officials.

A mounted chart in the center listed 42 restrooms for 4 pods of 22 cells, each listed at a capacity of 250 individuals, which Brané estimates are between 15 to 20 square feet in size. Unaccompanied children of both sexes were grouped together in separate cells for each gender, as were mothers with children.

CBP policy states that "reasonable efforts will be made to provide showers, soap, and a clean towel to detainees who are approaching 72 hours" at the facility. During Sunday's press visit to the center, a reporter saw no indication of readily available showers but viewed a laundry room where, officials say, the mattresses migrants sleep on are cleaned daily.

Officials at Ursula declined to describe the Trump-led family separations as an undue burden. Ten permanent agents are on staff in addition to contractors, and officials described a round of new hires in the works.

Bochenek said that because CBP refuses to acknowledge that migrants are being detained in holding and processing facilities for longer periods, they aren't making suitable accommodations.

Even before migrants get to Ursula, Bochenek and Brané said that kids and families detained at the border are sent to holding facilities known as the "Freezer," a semi-circle of concrete cells with concrete benches along the wall, sometimes in wet clothes if they crossed the Rio Grande River or got caught in a storm, which they may have to stay in for days.

Their possessions, including medications, are taken away. Bochenek said that he saw only one toilet, separated with a half-wall, in each cell. Reporters touring the facility on Sunday saw similar conditions in cells where adult men were held but also viewed separate toilets that were more enclosed in spaces where families with young children were held.

While efforts are made to separate people into appropriate groups, in some cases Bochenek said fathers are held with daughters meaning that young girls had little privacy because they were packed in with men besides their fathers. Lopez told reporters on Sunday that girls were not necessarily always housed with fathers.

Brané said she has spoken to kids who had spent a day or two in the "Freezer," charging that parents and children were sometimes separated there. Officials at Ursula said that separations occur when parents are sent from their center to court for prosecution, with children transferred to a shelter.

The lack of a firmly enforced 72-hour limit and murky process for handling migrants remains a major concern for advocates. One Guatemalan asylum-seeker sued the administration on Tuesday, charging that she had been separated from her child in the process.

"They are creating complete chaos and they are doing it on purpose," said Brané, who also toured the children's wing of the Ursula processing facility with Bochenek.

Temperatures at Ursula are warmer and migrants get access to one shower, dry clothes and basic hygiene facilities such as a toothbrush and toothpaste with toilet facilities across the hangar. Kids get meals of rice, tortillas and beans and apples, said Bochenek, instead of bologna sandwiches they get in the "Freezer."

While CBP is supposed to provide them mats to sleep on, Brané and Bochenek said there's often a shortage that causes fights among the kids. Lights in the windowless facility stay on 24 hours a day there as well, prompting kids to ask Brané and Bochenek what time it was during their visit.

Brané said that kids can make one phone call, but often their parents are in Immigration and Customs Enforcement detention centers where they don't have access to a phone. In addition, younger kids often had no way of figuring out how to locate their parents.

Megan McKenna at Kids in Need of Defense, which represents unaccompanied migrant children in immigration proceedings, said that when her organization interviewed on 12-year-old boy

about his experience a couple of weeks ago, he explained the physical abuse he endured in his home country, but began to cry when he talked about being separated from his parent in a CBP facility.

"This is very trauma-inducing," she said. "Kids are describing very sudden separations and are not being told when they will see their parents again."

Elana Schor contributed to this report.

To view online:

<https://subscriber.politicopro.com/health-care/article/2018/06/some-of-the-kids-i-spoke-to-were-traumatized-some-could-barely-speak-638329>

TAMAR MAGARIK HARO

Senior Director, Federal and State Advocacy

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CC:	Wonnenberg, David </O=DHS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (b)(6)> Micone, Vincent </O=DHS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (b)(6)>
Subject:	RE: S1 - Chairman McCaul Capitol Hill National Security Forum Documents 6 21 2018
Date:	2018/06/18 12:36:59
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Got it. If I get anything before 1pm I will add in.

V/r,

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From: (b)(6)

Sent: Monday, June 18, 2018 12:36:08 PM

To: Nusraty, Jeffrey; Dinh, Uyen

Cc: Wonnenberg, David; (b)(6) Micone, Vincent (b)(6)

Subject: RE: S1 - Chairman McCaul Capitol Hill National Security Forum Documents 6 21 2018

Thanks (b)(6) On the Hill for the next hour or so, but will forward anything I receive from CBP.

Best,

(b)(6)

Senior Legislative Advisor
Office of Legislative Affairs
Department of Homeland Security

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From: Nusraty, Jeffrey
Sent: Monday, June 18, 2018 12:29:54 PM
To: Dinh, Uyen; (b)(6)
Cc: Wonnenberg, David; (b)(6) Micone, Vincent; (b)(6)
(CTR)
Subject: S1 - Chairman McCaul Capitol Hill National Security Forum Documents 6 21 2018

Uyen/(b)(6)

Please see updated documents for S1's engagement on Thursday 21 Jun.

I have incorporated TPs on UAC, Legal Loopholes, 100 % Prosecution, and Child Separation. We are waiting on additional input from CBP on the status of the border wall to date (Question 25).

(b)(6) I will be offline until after 1pm. If you could add in the CBP information once it is received from Kim, I would appreciate it.

V/r,

Jeffrey H. Nusraty

Director, DHS I&A Legislative Affairs
NAC Bldg 19, 01-135-36

(b)(6)

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From: Dinh, Uyen
Sent: Monday, June 18, 2018 11:36 AM
To: Nusraty, Jeffrey <(b)(6)>
Subject: FW: 100 Prosecution and Family Separation Documents

JEFF—see if you can pull some data points out of here for S1's talkers/Q&A for the June 21 McCaul event.

From: Wonnenberg, David
Sent: Monday, June 18, 2018 11:28 AM
To: Dinh, Uyen <(b)(6)>
Subject: FW: 100 Prosecution and Family Separation Documents

FYI – THESE REMAIN DRAFT DOCS.

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

(b)(6)

With honor and integrity, we will safeguard the American people, our homeland,
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From: Taylor, Miles

Sent: Monday, June 18, 2018 10:57 AM

To: Wonnenberg, David <(b)(6)>

(b)(6) <(b)(6)> Houlton, Tyler <(b)(6)>; Claffey, Lauren

(b)(6) <(b)(6)> Lansing, Christyn <(b)(6)>; Scudder, Ryan

(b)(6) <(b)(6)> Hoffman, Jonathan

(b)(6)

Cc: Wolf, Chad <(b)(6)>

Subject: FW: 100 Prosecution and Family Separation Documents

Looping in Ryan on these earlier draft documents. White House has called and is looking for
additional stats/data for their comms. Ryan, some of what they're looking for might be in here.
Will defer to you to list out when (b)(6) requested.

M

Miles Taylor

Deputy Chief of Staff

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

(b)(6)

From: Houlton, Tyler

Sent: Sunday, June 17, 2018 12:09 PM

To: Taylor, Miles <(b)(6)>; Wonnenberg, David

(b)(6) <(b)(6)> Ciccone, Christine <(b)(6)>

Cc: Claffey, Lauren <(b)(6)> Lansing, Christyn

(b)(6)

Subject: FW: 100 Prosecution and Family Separation Documents

See attached. Defer to OLA on which one/s should be sent to Lankford

From: Hoffman, Jonathan
Sent: Sunday, June 17, 2018 1:18:30 AM
To: Waldman, Katie; Claffey, Lauren; Lansing, Christyn; Houlton, Tyler
Subject: FW: 100 Prosecution and Family Separation Documents

FYI. These documents are all here. Changed the naming to make them easier to identify enmass.

From: Hoffman, Jonathan
Sent: Sunday, June 17, 2018 1:18 AM
To: Wolf, Chad <(b)(6)>; S1KMN <(b)(6)>
Subject: 100 Prosecution and Family Separation Documents

Ma'am –

Here are all of the documents I have right now that we are using on 100 Prosecution, Family Separation and the Loopholes.

I will not say all of the language is 100% consistent as they are drafted at different times over the last few weeks. We will work on updating everything.

- Op-Ed – DHS Loopholes Legislative Fix (pending WH COS clearance)
- Op-Ed – HHS Congress can fix UAC Crisis (need COS approval)
- Fact Sheet – Loopholes (Final)
- Fact Sheet – Families (Final)
- Backgrounder - Process of Separating and Reunifying Families
- Internal message - Correct the Record on Family Separation
- FAQ – Family Separation (CBP)
- FAQ – Family Separations and Reunification (ICE Document)
- Myth vs Fact – WH Family Separation
- Myth vs Fact – DHS Family Separation (has three new Myths being updated)
- Narrative – Family Separation at the border
- Narrative – Catch and Release

There may be others. Will look again in the morning.
Jonathan

Jonathan Rath Hoffman
Assistant Secretary
Department of Homeland Security

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Thanks,
Vince

Vince Micone
Acting Chief of Staff, Office of Legislative Affairs
Senior Counselor for Management, Management Directorate

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From: Wonnenberg, David
Sent: Thursday, June 14, 2018 6:47:21 PM
To: Blume, Allen; (b)(6)
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(b)(6); Mulghum, Chip; (b)(6)
Subject: RE: DHS/HHS/DOJ Briefings - Border/UACs/Family Separations - Talking Points/Q&A

Just sent.

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

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

From: Blume, Allen

Sent: Thursday, June 14, 2018 6:39 PM

To: (b)(6)

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Cc: (b)(6); Wonnemberg, David

(b)(6); Dinh, Uyen (b)(6) Micone, Vincent

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(b)(6)

Chip <(b)(6)>

Marcott, Stacy <(b)(6)>

Subject: RE: DHS/HHS/DOJ Briefings - Border/UACs/Family Separations - Talking Points/Q&A

(b)(6)

Chip spoke with Vince earlier. He wants OLA to get these to Front Office.

Thanks,

Allen

From: (b)(6)

Sent: Thursday, June 14, 2018 6:08 PM

To: Blume, Allen <(b)(6)>

Cc: (b)(6); Wonnemberg, David

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Subject: RE: DHS/HHS/DOJ Briefings - Border/UACs/Family Separations - Talking Points/Q&A

Allen:

Following up on our discussion earlier, request you forward the attached talking points/Q&A to DHS Front Office for clearance. While I understand the Department is working on clearing a related, more comprehensive set of materials, these documents will likely not be prepared prior to the HAC/SAC briefing, and it's important that our folks are on message tomorrow.

The attached draws from recently cleared materials, including Issue Papers, S1 briefing memoranda, and Public Affairs Guidance.

Standing by to discuss per your request.

Very Respectfully,

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Office of Legislative Affairs
Department of Homeland Security

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From: (b)(6)

Sent: Wednesday, June 13, 2018 11:55 PM

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Subject: RE: DHS/HHS/DOJ Briefings - Border/UACs/Family Separations (6/15, 6/18)

Allen:

Good evening. Per the Front Office's request, I've attached proposed talking points and Q&A for the Friday and Monday briefings with appropriators and authorizers. Everything in the attached has been drawn from recently cleared material, including Issue Papers, S1 briefing memoranda, and Public Affairs Guidance.

As of this evening, we have received no additional material/read aheads from components for these briefings. Of note, the attached does include talking points/Q&A on family separation and reunification. However, the components will need to speak in greater depth when briefing on these issues.

Standing by to discuss as requested. Including OLA leadership for visibility as well.

Very Respectfully,

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All:

Thank you for flexibility in coordinating SMEs and aligning schedules for these briefings. It looks like we now have one confirmed (HAC/SAC), but are still confirming for the second. Details are as follows:

- HAC/SAC:
 - o **Date:** Friday (6/15)
 - o **Time:** 1:30-2:30
 - o **Venue:** In person (room TBD)
 - o **Scope:** Emphasis of the briefing will be on family reunification post-separation, after parents have completed their criminal proceedings. It is likely that the discussion will also include family separations at/between Ports of Entry, given the focus on reunification.
 - o **SMEs:** DHS PLCY, DHS CFO, CBP, ICE, USCIS, HHS
- CHS/HSGAC/HJC/SJC:
 - o **Date:** Monday (6/18)
 - o **Time:** TBD (preferably AM) *If you haven't already, please provide SME availability for Monday's briefing with CHS/HSGAC/HJC/SJC as soon as possible.*
 - o **Venue:** Moderated Phone Briefing

- **Scope:** As mentioned previously, this briefing will cover issues spanning 100% prosecutions, asylum claims, family separations and reunification, and UAC processing/accountability. As we've fielded numerous requests for data on family separations, Hill staff are seeking better clarity on: 1.) what data we collect; 2.) how we collect and share it; and 3.) why DHS and HHS data differ.
- **Briefers:** DHS PLCY, CBP, ICE, USCIS, HHS, DOJ
- **Pre-Brief:** We'll hold a combined coordination call/pre-brief tomorrow, as follows:
 - **Date:** Thursday (6/14)
 - **Time:** 2:00-3:00 PM
 - **Purpose:** As both briefings will involve many of the same SMEs and issues, this pre-brief cover both briefings. We'll talk through scope, run of show, and anticipated Q&A.
 - **Participation:** Prefer to have SMEs participate, but if they're unavailable, please have appropriate legislative affairs/CFO staff on-line.
- **Read Aheads/Talking Points:** Please provide any component talking points or read aheads as soon as possible, and **no later than noon tomorrow**. Given the timeliness of these briefings, DHS Front Office will be reviewing all briefing materials prior to the briefings, so it's important that we have the talking points and Q&A you'll be bringing.

Again, for the Monday briefing with authorizers, please advise as to SME availability as soon as possible.

Greatly appreciate everyone's responsiveness as we get everyone aligned for these briefings. This evening, you'll see calendar invites for tomorrow's pre-brief and Friday's briefing.

Very Respectfully,

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Thank you, Ray and Alexis.

Best Regards,

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DHS PLCY's availability is as follows:

HAC/SAC – Thursday (6/14) or Friday (6/15) (In-Person Briefing): Assistant Secretary Michael Dougherty

6/14: 1:00pm-4:00pm
6/15: 11:00am-2:00pm

CHS/HSGAC/HJC/SJC – Friday (6/15) (Moderated Phone Briefing): Assistant Secretary Michael Dougherty

6/15: 11:00am-2:00pm

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Good Morning (b)(6)

ICE availability is as follows:

HAC/SAC – Thursday (6/14) or Friday (6/15) (In-Person Briefing): D-EAD Nathalie Asher;

CHS/HSAC/HJC/SJC – Friday (6/15) (Moderated Phone Briefing): EAD Matt Albence -
Available telephonically between 12p-3p.

Please be advised HAC/SAC briefings are being coordinated through ICE/CFO (copied).

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All:

After clarifying the many requests we've received for briefings and information related to 100% prosecutions, UACs, and family separation/reunification, we'll hold two separate briefings this week – one for appropriators (HAC/SAC), and one for authorizers (CHS/HSGAC/HJC/SJC) – as follows:

- **HAC/SAC – Thursday (6/14) or Friday (6/15) (In-Person Briefing)**: Requested briefing is on the process to reunify families post-separation, after the criminal case/proceedings have concluded for parents who entered illegally and were separated from their children.
 - o Requested Participants: DHS CFO, DHS PLCY, CBP, ICE, USCIS, HHS, DOJ
- **CHS/HSGAC/HJC/SJC – Friday (6/15) (Moderated Phone Briefing)**: In response to numerous requests, this briefing will cover 100% prosecutions, asylum claims, family separations, UAC processing/accountability, and data associated with each.
 - o Requested Participants: DHS PLCY, CBP, ICE, USCIS, HHS, DOJ

Two requests as we coordinate these briefings:

- 1.) **SME/Availability**: As soon as possible tomorrow, request each component or office reply with: 1.) SME(s) for each briefing, and 2.) their availability on Thursday and Friday. We'll also schedule a coordination call in advance to ensure all are aligned with messaging, run of show, and Q&A.
- 2.) **Read Aheads**: If your component/office intends to provide any read-aheads/briefing materials for either briefing, please provide them by 9:00 Wednesday, as they'll need to be cleared by DHS Front Office.

Glad to address any questions. Thanks to all in advance for your effort in pulling these together.

Very Respectfully,

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