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Request Nos. CRM-300800736, 300800745
American Oversight v. U.S. Department of
Justice, 19-cv-3540 (D.D.C)

Dear Mr. Evers:

This serves as the fifth interim response to your Freedom of Information Act requests dated October 4, 2019, for records concerning Rudy Giuliani, as well as other specified individuals and search terms. Your request is currently in litigation, American Oversight v. U.S. Department of Justice, 19-cv-3540 (D.D.C). You should refer to this case number in any future correspondence with this Office.

Please be advised that a search has been conducted in the appropriate section, and we are continuing to review and process potentially responsive records.

After carefully reviewing records responsive to this request, I have determined that twenty (20) pages are appropriate for release in part, pursuant to:

5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6), which concerns material the release of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of third parties; and

5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(7)(C), which concerns records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes the release of which could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of third parties.

Further, we have located one page of potentially responsive records, which originated with the Office of Information Policy (OIP). In accordance with 28 C.F.R. § 16.4(d) (2020), this Office has referred that material to OIP for processing and direct response to you.

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). 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.

For any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request, you may contact Trial Attorney Andrew F. Friedah by phone at (202) 305-0879, by email at Andrew.f.friedah@usdoj.gov, or by mail at Civil Division, Federal Programs Branch, 1100 L Street N.W., Room #12308, Washington, D.C. 20005.

Although I am aware that your request is the subject of ongoing litigation and that appeals are not ordinarily acted on in such situations, I am required by statute and regulation to inform you of your right to an administrative appeal of this determination. If you are not satisfied with the Criminal Division'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 on the following website: <https://foiastar.doj.gov>. 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."

Sincerely,



Amanda Marchand Jones
Chief
FOIA/PA Unit

Cc: Andrew Freidah (andrew.f.freidah@usdoj.gov)
Daniel McGrath – American Oversight (daniel.mcgrath@americanoversight.org)

Benczkowski, Brian (CRM)

From: Benczkowski, Brian (CRM)
Sent: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 10:24 PM
To: Engel, Steven A. (OLC)
Subject: Re: Call

Just landed and tried you.

Brian A. Benczkowski
Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division
United States Department of Justice
p (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per CRM

> On Aug 28, 2019, at 7:43 PM, Engel, Steven A. (OLC) (b) (6) Per OLC wrote:
>
> Give me a call when you get a moment. Steve
>
> 202 (b) (6) Per OLC
>
> Sent from my iPhone

Benczkowski, Brian (CRM)

From: Benczkowski, Brian (CRM)
Sent: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 10:42 PM
To: Gannon, Curtis E. (OLC)
Subject: Re: Docs

I'll come see you at 8.

Brian A. Benczkowski
Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division
United States Department of Justice
P: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per CRM

> On Aug 28, 2019, at 10:33 PM, Gannon, Curtis E. (OLC) (b) (6) Per OLC wrote:

>

> Yes and yes. They're in my office safe. Room 5218, or I could run them down to you, and you could then bring them to the 830.

>

> -----Original Message-----

> From: Benczkowski, Brian (CRM) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per CRM @CRM.USDOJ.GOV>

> Sent: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 10:26 PM

> To: Gannon, Curtis E. (OLC) (b) (6) Per OLC

> Subject: Docs

>

> I hear there are docs I need to review before tomorrow's 830am. Can I find you at 8? Will that give me enough time?

>

>

> Brian A. Benczkowski

> Assistant Attorney General

> Criminal Division

> United States Department of Justice

> P: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per CRM

>

Benczkowski, Brian (CRM)

From: Benczkowski, Brian (CRM)
Sent: Thursday, August 29, 2019 4:03 PM
To: Driscoll, Kevin (CRM)
Subject: Fwd: Docs

Brian A. Benczkowski
Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division
United States Department of Justice
P: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per CRM

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Gannon, Curtis E. (OLC)" <(b) (6) Per OLC>
Date: August 29, 2019 at 3:41:21 PM EDT
To: "Benczkowski, Brian (CRM)" <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per CRM; i@CRM.USDOJ.GOV>
Subject: RE: Docs

It's ready.

From: Gannon, Curtis E. (OLC)
Sent: Thursday, August 29, 2019 3:32 PM
To: Benczkowski, Brian (CRM) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per CRM; i@CRM.USDOJ.GOV>
Subject: RE: Docs

We're making one more copy. Should be available shortly.

From: Benczkowski, Brian (CRM) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per CRM; i@CRM.USDOJ.GOV>
Sent: Thursday, August 29, 2019 2:48 PM
To: Gannon, Curtis E. (OLC) <(b) (6) Per OLC>
Subject: Docs

Please let me know when I can send Driscoll up to review those documents. He is ready to go.

Thx,
BAB

Brian A. Benczkowski
Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division
United States Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20530
P: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per CRM

E (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per CRM@usdoj.gov

Benczkowski, Brian (CRM)

From: Benczkowski, Brian (CRM)
Sent: Monday, September 2, 2019 1:18 PM
To: Driscoll, Kevin (CRM)
Subject: Fwd: OLC draft opinion

Fyi

Brian A. Benczkowski
Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division
United States Department of Justice
p: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per CRM

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Benczkowski, Brian (CRM)" (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per CRM <CRM.USDOJ.GOV>
Date: September 2, 2019 at 1:11:39 PM EDT
To: "Engel, Steven A. (OLC)" (b) (6) Per OLC
Cc: "Whitaker, Henry C. (OLC)" (b) (6) Per OLC
Subject: Re: OLC draft opinion

If you are still in, would you mind sending a copy to K Driscoll's high side account? Thx. b

Brian A. Benczkowski
Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division
United States Department of Justice
p: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per CRM

On Sep 2, 2019, at 12:05 PM, Engel, Steven A. (OLC) (b) (6) Per OLC > wrote:

I will shortly circulate to you on the high-side a draft OLC opinion. Defer to you whether and when you want to review. While we'll need to sign it tomorrow, it is can probably fine for you review tomorrow morning.

Cronan, John (CRM)

From: Cronan, John (CRM)
Sent: Tuesday, August 27, 2019 9:10 PM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per EOUSA (USATXS)
Subject: Re: Tomorrow

Great. Thanks so much. I think that should work perfectly. I'm trying to figure out the timing of the call.

John P. Cronan
Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division
U.S. Department of Justice
Desk: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per CRM
Cell: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per CRM

On Aug 27, 2019, at 7:26 PM, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per EOUSA (USATXS) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per EOUSA @usa.doj.gov> wrote:

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Cronan, John (CRM)

From: Benczkowski, Brian (CRM)
Sent: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 6:18 AM
To: Cronan, John (CRM)
Subject: Re: USAO

Candice is working to set up the call too.

Brian A. Benczkowski
Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division
United States Department of Justice
P: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per CRM

> On Aug 27, 2019, at 11:33 PM, Cronan, John (CRM) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per CRM@crm.usdoj.gov> wrote:

>
> I emailed Curtis four hours ago asking when he is free tomorrow for a call with you. He hasn't responded yet. If he doesn't by the morning, I'll ask Candice to follow up.

>> On Aug 27, 2019, at 11:18 PM, Benczkowski, Brian (CRM) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per CRM@crm.usdoj.gov> wrote:

>> Ok. Let's talk in the morning.

>> Brian A. Benczkowski
>> Assistant Attorney General
>> Criminal Division
>> United States Department of Justice
>> P: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per CRM

>>> On Aug 27, 2019, at 7:35 PM, Cronan, John (CRM) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per CRM@crm.usdoj.gov> wrote:

>>> (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per CRM

think that should work, but I have a small amount of concern there is a chance there could be connection issues from past experience with those phones.

>>> I'll reach out to Gannon to find a time for you two to talk.

>>> John P. Cronan
>>> Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General Criminal Division U.S.
>>> Department of Justice
>>> Desk: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per CRM
>>> Cell: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per CRM

Cronan, John (CRM)

From: Gannon, Curtis E. (OLC)
Sent: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 8:33 AM
To: Cronan, John (CRM)
Cc: Wong, Candice (CRM)
Subject: RE: Call

Thanks, I'll be happy to head there.

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

From: Cronan, John (CRM) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per CRM @CRM.USDOJ.GOV>
Sent: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 8:28 AM
To: Gannon, Curtis E. (OLC) (b) (6) Per OLC
Cc: Wong, Candice (CRM) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per CRM @CRM.USDOJ.GOV>
Subject: Re: Call

Sounds good. If you do the call from CRM's SCIF on the second floor, we can have an assistant set it up. I'll get the call-in number from the USAO once people arrive here.

John P. Cronan

Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General Criminal Division U.S. Department of Justice

Desk: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per CRM

Cell: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per CRM

> On Aug 28, 2019, at 7:12 AM, Gannon, Curtis E. (OLC) (b) (6) Per OLC wrote:

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> Thanks, John. I'll probably head to the WH for part of the morning, but expect to be able to make something work in the late morning. Maybe 11:30 your time? I haven't used my STE often enough for my card to be functional. At the worst, however, I assume the JCC should be able to hook me up.

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> -----Original Message-----

> **From:** Cronan, John (CRM) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per CRM @CRM.USDOJ.GOV>
> **Sent:** Tuesday, August 27, 2019 8:38 PM
> **To:** Gannon, Curtis E. (OLC) <cegannon@jmd.usdoj.gov>
> **Cc:** Wong, Candice (CRM) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per CRM @CRM.USDOJ.GOV>
> **Subject:** Call

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> Curtis,

> I'm with Brian in Houston. I confirmed that the USAO has a SCIF (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per CRM. Is there a good time tomorrow for you to have the call with Brian? He's pretty flexible until around noon (1 your time).

>

> John

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> John P. Cronan

> Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General Criminal Division U.S.

> Department of Justice

> Desk: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

> Cell: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Cronan, John (CRM)

From: Wong, Candice (CRM)
Sent: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 8:43 AM
To: Cronan, John (CRM)
Subject: Re: Call

Hadn't heard anything but we can easily accommodate him in SCIF.

Candice C. Wong
Chief of Staff and Counselor (Acting)
Criminal Division
Office: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Cell: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

On Aug 28, 2019, at 7:54 AM, Cronan, John (CRM) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)@crm.usdoj.gov> wrote:

Has Gannon gotten back to you yet? It looks like Brian is looking to prep around the hour before the press conference.

John P. Cronan
Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division
U.S. Department of Justice
Desk: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Cell: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Begin forwarded message:

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)@CRM.USDOJ.GOV
Date: August 27, 2019 at 7:37:39 PM CDT
To: (b) (6) Per OLC
Cc: Candice Wong (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)@CRM.USDOJ.GOV>
Subject: Call

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Cronan, John (CRM)

From: Cronan, John (CRM)
Sent: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 8:54 AM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per EOUSA (USATXS)
Cc: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per EOUSA USATXS) 1
Subject: Re: Tomorrow

Excellent! Thanks again (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per EOUSA

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per EOUSA I will email you separately putting you in contact with the appropriate people on my end.

John

On Aug 28, 2019, at 7:51 AM, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per EOUSA (USATXS) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per EOUSA @usa.doj.gov> wrote:

John

Putting you in touch with our intel specialist, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per EOUSA. He can assist. Thanks and see you in a few

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per EOUSA
Assistant United States Attorney
Southern District of Texas
1000 Louisiana, Suite 2300
Houston, Texas 77002

Desk: 713 567 (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per EOUSA
Cell: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per EOUSA
Email: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per EOUSA @usdoj.gov

On Aug 28, 2019, at 7:45 AM, Cronan, John (CRM) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per CRM @crm.usdoj.gov> wrote:

Hey (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per CRM

It looks like Brian will be doing the call at 11:30. Is there someone in your office who I can put in contact with our administrative folks to coordinate the call? The person Brian needs to speak with will be calling from the SCIF over in the Criminal Division at DOJ.

Thanks again, and I look forward to seeing you in a few hours.

John

John P. Cronan
Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division
U.S. Department of Justice

Desk: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per CRM
Cell: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per CRM

On Aug 27, 2019, at 7:26 PM, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per EOUSA (USATXS)
<(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per EOUSA@usa.doj.gov> wrote:

Happy to accommodate. In our SCIF we have a STE that goes up to TS/SCI. It's an old school STE however that I imagine most USAOs have, not one of those fancy yellow phones used by most other non DOJ agencies. Is that cool? Although, I do think the CIA has STEs you can communicate with.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per EOUSA
Assistant United States Attorney
Southern District of Texas
1000 Louisiana, Suite 2300
Houston, Texas 77002

Desk: 713 567 (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Cell: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per EOUSA
Email: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per EOUSA@usdoj.gov

On Aug 27, 2019, at 6:58 PM, Cronan, John (CRM)
<(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per CRM@crm.usdoj.gov> wrote:

Very much looking forward to seeing you tomorrow!

I need to ask a favor. Some issue apparently has come up back in D.C., and Brian and I need to hope on a secure call — I think on the TS level — tomorrow, probably in the morning. Is there a SCIF at the USAO that we could use? Or would we need to go to FBI?

Thanks.

John

John P. Cronan
Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division
U.S. Department of Justice
Desk: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per CRM
Cell: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per CRM

Cronan, John (CRM)

From: Cronan, John (CRM)
Sent: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 8:54 AM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (CRM)
Cc: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (CRM); Wong, Candice (CRM)
Subject: Re: Secure Call

Great. Thanks a lot. I will send another email in a moment connecting everyone with the appropriate point of contact in the USAO.

John P. Cronan
Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General Criminal Division U.S. Department of Justice
Desk: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Cell: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

> On Aug 28, 2019, at 7:51 AM, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (CRM) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) @crm.usdoj.gov> wrote:

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> John,
>
> Yes, absolutely. We will coordinate here and be available to make sure the secure call connects.

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> (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

> -----Original Message-----

> From: Cronan, John (CRM)
> Sent: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 8:43 AM
> To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (CRM) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) @CRM.USDOJ.GOV> (b) (6), (b) (7)(C),
> (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (CRM) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) @CRM.USDOJ.GOV>
> Cc: Wong, Candice (CRM) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) @CRM.USDOJ.GOV>
> Subject: Secure Call
>

> (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

> Brian needs to have a call, at the TS level, with Curtis Gannon at OLC today at 12:30 your time, 11:30 a.m. our time out here in Houston. I will get information for the secure phone in the U.S. Attorney's Office here, but can one of you handle at DoJ's end and coordinate with Curtis so he can call from our SCIF?

> I will send you the call-in information and appropriate contact person over here once I have it.

> Thanks.

> John

> John P. Cronan
> Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General Criminal Division U.S.
> Department of Justice
> Desk: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
> Cell: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Cronan, John (CRM)

From: Cronan, John (CRM)
Sent: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 9:00 AM
To: Gannon, Curtis E. (OLC)
Cc: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (CRM); (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (CRM); Wong, Candice (CRM)
Subject: Call

Curtis,

I have cc'd (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), who will coordinate the call later on today at 12:30 your time.

I have put (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) in contact with the appropriate point of contact in the USAO in Houston, so Brian will be able to call from here. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Thanks.

John

John P. Cronan
Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General Criminal Division U.S. Department of Justice
Desk: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Cell: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Cronan, John (CRM)

From: Cronan, John (CRM)
Sent: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 9:00 AM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (CRM)
Subject: Re: Secure Call

Thanks!

John P. Cronan
Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General Criminal Division U.S. Department of Justice
Desk: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Cell: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

> On Aug 28, 2019, at 7:53 AM, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (CRM) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)@crm.usdoj.gov> wrote:

>

> Hi John,

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> Yes, we'll handle this.

>

> Kind regards,

> (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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> (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

> Office of the Assistant Attorney General Criminal Division, U.S.

> Department of Justice (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)@usdoj.gov

> Office: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

>

> -----Original Message-----

> From: Cronan, John (CRM)

> Sent: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 8:43 AM

> To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (CRM) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)@CRM.USDOJ.GOV> (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

> (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (CRM) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)@CRM.USDOJ.GOV>

> Cc: Wong, Candice (CRM) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)@CRM.USDOJ.GOV>

> Subject: Secure Call

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Duplicate Record

Cronan, John (CRM)

From: Cronan, John (CRM)
Sent: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 11:29 AM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per CRM (CRM)
Cc: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per EOUSA (USATXS) 1; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per CRM (CRM); Wong, Candice (CRM)
Subject: Re: Secure Call

Excellent. Thanks again, everyone.

John P. Cronan
Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division
U.S. Department of Justice
Desk: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per CRM
Cell: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per CRM

On Aug 28, 2019, at 9:39 AM, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per CRM (CRM) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per CRM@crm.usdoj.gov> wrote:

All,

The test call was a success (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per CRM and I will both be available to set up the call later (11:30 a.m. CDT / 12:30 p.m. EST).

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Let's set up the call at 5 minutes prior to the call time, so it will be ready for the call participants.

Thanks,

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per CRM (CRM)
Sent: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 10:32 AM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per EOUSA (USATXS) 1 (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per EOUSA@usa.doj.gov>
Cc: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per CRM (CRM) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per CRM@CRM.USDOJ.GOV>; Wong, Candice (CRM)
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per CRM@CRM.USDOJ.GOV>
Subject: RE: Secure Call

Excellent. I'm headed into ours right now, too.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per CRM

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per EOUSA (USATXS) 1
Sent: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 10:30 AM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per CRM (CRM) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per CRM@CRM.USDOJ.GOV>
Cc: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per CRM (CRM) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per CRM@CRM.USDOJ.GOV>; Wong, Candice (CRM)
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per CRM@CRM.USDOJ.GOV>
Subject: RE: Secure Call

STE number is (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per EOUSA Going to SCIF now and will be on standby.

Respectfully,

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per EOUSA, M.S.S.
Intelligence Officer
National Security Section
Department of Justice
United States Attorney's Office
Southern District of Texas
Direct: 713.567. (b) (6), (b) (7)
FBI - JTTF Houston: 713.693.5000
NIPR (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per EOUSA i@usdoj.gov
SIPR (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per EOUSA @usdoj.sgov.gov
JWICS: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per EOUSA @doj.ic.gov

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per CRM (CRM) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per CRM@CRM.USDOJ.GOV>
Sent: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 9:21 AM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per EOUSA (USATXS) 1 (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per EOUSA @usa.doj.gov>
Cc: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per CRM (CRM) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per CRM@CRM.USDOJ.GOV>; Wong, Candice (CRM)
<(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per CRM@CRM.USDOJ.GOV>
Subject: RE: Secure Call

Thanks so much, everyone!

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) - I'll be in the SCIF in the next 10 minutes. We will dial you from our vPer (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per CRM. Would you mind providing your STE phone number?

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per CRM

From: Wong, Candice (CRM)
Sent: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 9:33 AM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per EOUSA (USATXS) 1 (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per EOUSA @usa.doj.gov>; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per CRM (CRM)
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per CRM i@CRM.USDOJ.GOV>
Cc: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per CRM (CRM) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per CRM@CRM.USDOJ.GOV>
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(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) 10:30am EST works for (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Thanks!

(Dropping John from these emails)

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per EOUSA (USATXS) 1
Sent: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 9:26 AM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per CRM (CRM) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per CRM i@CRM.USDOJ.GOV>
Cc: Cronan, John (CRM) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per CRM i@CRM.USDOJ.GOV>; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per CRM (CRM)
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per CRM@CRM.USDOJ.GOV>; Wong, Candice (CRM) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per CRM@CRM.USDOJ.GOV>
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(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

We currently have a STE Phone in our SCIF. I believe the vIPer would be most compatible. Please let me know if you are available to do a test call at 9:30am local (10:30am EST).

Respectfully,

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per EOUSA, M.S.S.
Intelligence Officer
National Security Section
Department of Justice
United States Attorney's Office
Southern District of Texas
Direct: 713.567 (b) (6), (b) (7)
FBI - JTTF Houston: 713.693.5000
NIPR: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per EOUSA @usdoj.gov
SIPR: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per EOUSA @usdoj.sgov.gov
JWICS: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per EOUSA @doj.ic.gov

On Aug 28, 2019, at 8:03 AM, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per CRM (CRM) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per CRM @crm.usdoj.gov> wrote:

Thank you for connecting us, John.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) we are happy to do a test call with you whenever you are available. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Please let me know which is the most compatible to connect to your secure device at the USAO.

Thanks,

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) P
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(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per CRM
Administrative Officer
Office of the Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division, U.S. Department of Justice
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per CRM @usdoj.gov
Office: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per CRM

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From: Cronan, John (CRM)
Sent: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 8:58 AM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per EOUSA (USATXS) 1 (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per EOUSA @usa.doj.gov>; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per CRM
Stephen (CRM) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per CRM @CRM.USDOJ.GOV>; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per CRM
(CRM) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per CRM @CRM.USDOJ.GOV>
Cc: Wong, Candice (CRM) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per CRM @CRM.USDOJ.GOV>
Subject: Secure Call

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) P (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per CRM

As I mentioned, Brian, will be at the USAO in Houston today and he will need to have a secure call at the TS level at 11:30 a.m. Houston time, 12:30 p.m.

Washington time, with Curtis Gannon at OLC. Can all of you coordinate the call, and maybe give it a practice run to make sure it goes smoothly?

I will ask Curtis to come to the SCIF in the Criminal Division, and we will bring Brian to the SCIF in the USAO.

Thanks!
John

John P. Cronan
Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General Criminal Division U.S. Department
of Justice

Desk: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per CRM

Cell: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per CRM

Cronan, John (CRM)

From: Cronan, John (CRM)
Sent: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 11:53 AM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per EOUSA (USATXS)
Subject: Just arrived

Hey man. I'm with my folks in conference room 2493. Let me know when I should come to you (and where you are).

And where is your SCIF for Brian's call at 11:30?

John P. Cronan
Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General Criminal Division U.S. Department of Justice
Desk: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per CRM
Cell: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Per CRM

Wong, Candice (CRM)

From: Wong, Candice (CRM)
Sent: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 8:42 AM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (CRM)
Subject: Fwd: Call and prep

FYI we may need to set him up in our scif.

Candice C. Wong
Chief of Staff and Counselor (Acting)
Criminal Division
Office: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Cell: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Cronan, John (CRM)" (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)@CRM.USDOJ.GOV>
Date: August 28, 2019 at 8:30:54 AM EDT
To: "Benczkowski, Brian (CRM)" <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)@CRM.USDOJ.GOV>
Cc: "Wong, Candice (CRM)" <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)@CRM.USDOJ.GOV>
Subject: Call and prep

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