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Re: FOIA-2021-00655
21-cv-1079 (D.D.C.)
VRB:JMB:JMS

Dear Dan McGrath:

This is the final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, dated and received in this Office on January 25, 2021, in which you requested emails sent by Jeffrey Rosen, Patrick Hovakimian, or Richard Donoghue, or anyone communicating on their behalf, that contain specific terms, from December 10, 2020, through January 20, 2021.

We previously provided you with an interim response to your request on April 27, 2022. We have now completed the processing of an additional twelve pages containing records responsive to your request. At this time, I have determined that these twelve pages are appropriate for release with certain information withheld, some on behalf of the Department's Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR) and the Office of the Inspector General (OIG), pursuant to Exemptions 5, 6, and 7(C) of the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), (b)(6), and (b)(7)(C), and copies are enclosed. Exemption 5 pertains to certain inter- and intra-agency communications protected by civil discovery privileges. Exemption 6 pertains to information the release of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Exemption 7(C) pertains to records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, the release of which could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Please be advised that we have considered the foreseeable harm standard when reviewing records and applying FOIA exemptions.

Additionally, please be advised that in our April 27, 2022 response, we withheld fifty-one pages of the 102 pages referenced as being withheld in full on behalf of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) pursuant to, inter alia, Exemption 7(A) of the FOIA. As discussed through counsel, the FBI determined that the Exemption 7(A) withholdings were no longer defensible, and reprocessed that material. As a result, the FBI has now determined that one page is appropriate for release with certain information withheld pursuant to Exemptions 6 and 7(C) of the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6) and (b)(7)(C), and a copy of that one page is also enclosed. The remaining fifty pages continue to be withheld in full by the FBI pursuant to Exemptions 6 and 7(C). For your reference, we are also enclosing a copy of the FBI's "Deleted Page Information Sheet" which documents withholdings for the material reprocessed.

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) (2018). 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.

If you have any questions regarding this response, please contact Bradley Humphreys of the Department's Civil Division, Federal Programs Branch, at (202) 305-0878.

Sincerely,



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for
Vanessa R. Brinkmann
Senior Counsel

Enclosures

Donoghue, Richard (ODAG)

From: Donoghue, Richard (ODAG)
Sent: Saturday, January 16, 2021 3:03 PM
To: Ragsdale, Jeffrey (OPR)
Cc: Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG)
Subject: RE: OPR open leak investigations

Jeff,

You may already be on this but, if not, I'm just making sure that you are aware th

(b)(5), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

I've talked to Corey Ellis at EOUSA and, obviously, they're very concerned about this. I think we all would agree that, whatever the political passions of the moment, the Department simply cannot operate this way. I'll leave it to you and Corey to figure out exactly what should be done about this, but I think initial steps should be taken quickly, if they're not already underway.

Also, what's the status of the other leak matters you're looking at?

Thanks,

Rich

From: Ragsdale, Jeffrey (O (b) (6))
Sent: Monday, December 7, 2020 5:15 PM
To: Donoghue, Richard (ODAG) <ricdonoghue@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG (b) (6))
Subject: RE: OPR open leak investigations

Richard,

Please be advised as follows:

1. In th (b) (5), (b) (7)(C), OPR is scheduled to interview a fact witness this week (b) (5)
- 2., 3., 4. and 5. (b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
6. We are scheduled to conduct interviews this week.

Please let Brad and myself know if you need to further discuss any of these matters.

Thanks.

Jeff

From: Donoghue, Richard (ODAG) <ricdonoghue@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Sent: Friday, December 4, 2020 8:13 PM
To: Ragsdale, Jeffrey (O R [REDACTED] (b) (6))
Subject: RE: OPR open leak investigations

Jeff,

By COB Monday, please provide the actual status on each of these 6 investigations. The report should include what has been done on each and what next steps are contemplated.

Thanks. Have a good weekend.

Rich

From: Ragsdale, Jeffrey (OPR) [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, December 1, 2020 1:31 PM
To: Donoghue, Richard (ODAG) <ricdonoghue@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG [REDACTED] (b) (6))
Subject: RE: OPR open leak investigations

Thanks. We will look into this as well.

Jeff

From: Donoghue, Richard (ODAG) [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, December 1, 2020 10:24 AM
To: Ragsdale, Jeffrey (O R [REDACTED] (b) (6))
Cc: Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG [REDACTED] (b) (6))
Subject: RE: OPR open leak investigations

OK, thanks for the update.

BTW sadly, we have another one for you [REDACTED] (b)(5), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Please let me know if you need additional resources to handle these investigations. Thanks.

From: Ragsdale, Jeffrey (O [REDACTED] (b) (6))
Sent: Tuesday, December 1, 2020 7:12 AM
To: Donoghue, Richard (ODAG) <ricdonoghue@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG [REDACTED] (b) (6))
Subject: RE: OPR open leak investigations

Richard and Brad,

We heard back from the OIG last night and OPR will also be working on th (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) as well.

Jeff

From: Donoghue, Richard (ODAG) <ricdonoghue@jmd.usdoj.gov>

Sent: Monday, November 30, 2020 6:52 PM

To: Ragsdale, Jeffrey (O R (b) (6))

Cc: Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG (b) (6))

Subject: RE: OPR open leak investigations

Jeff,

Thanks very much. It's depressing that so many of your open matters relate t (b) (6), but I guess this is the world we live in.

Thanks again,

Rich

From: Ragsdale, Jeffrey (O (b) (6))

Sent: Monday, November 30, 2020 4:52 PM

To: Donoghue, Richard (ODAG) <ricdonoghue@jmd.usdoj.gov>

Cc: Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG (b) (6))

Subject: OPR open leak investigations

Richard,

Pursuant to your request for information concerning OPR's review of matters involving unauthorized disclosures to the media, OPR has opened five such matters:

1. (b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

2. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

3. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

4. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

5. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Brad and I are available to speak with you should you need further information.

Jeff

(b) (6)

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Donoghue, Richard (ODAG)

From: Donoghue, Richard (ODAG)
Sent: Tuesday, January 19, 2021 5:39 PM
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per OIG (OIG)
Subject: RE: DOJ OIG Interview Request
Attachments: 9-29-20 Note.pdf

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per OIG

You asked if I may have any notes relating any meeting that may have taken place with the AG on 9/29/20. I do not have any notes based on a meeting with the AG that day. However, in packing up my records to go to archives, I did find the attached note, which may be relevant for your purposes. It is dated 9/29/20 and it is from the meeting Criminal Division AAG Brian Rabbit had with the DAG and me that evening (~1800 hrs.).

In case you cannot read my handwriting, the note reads:

1. Mtg. w/ AG re. Election Security

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(b) (5)

The remainder of that page has to do with Criminal Division reporting on unrelated criminal investigations/prosecutions and, thus, I have redacted it.

(b) (5)

Rich

Fro (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per OIG (OIG (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per OIG
Sent: Thursday, January 14, 2021 6:16 PM
To: Donoghue, Richard (ODAG) <ricdonoghue@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: DOJ OIG Interview Request

Rich,

The correction is noted; although, good luck getting all of that to fit on a name plate!

Thanks again for your time. We really appreciate it,

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per OIG

From: Donoghue, Richard (ODAG) <ricdonoghue@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 14, 2021 5:37 PM

T (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per OIG (OIG (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per OIG

Subject: RE: DOJ OIG Interview Request

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per OIG

Thanks for the conversation earlier this afternoon. You and (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per OIG were both very professional and I appreciate that.

A correction that I meant to make but forgot

At the outset of the recording, I think you referred to me as the Acting DAG. Since there is a current DAG (who is serving as the Acting AG), I believe it would be more technically correct to reflect in your report that I'm currently the Principal Associate Deputy Attorney General Exercising the Authority of the Deputy Attorney General.

A minor point, perhaps, but I meant to note it when we spoke and I think I forgot to do so.

Thanks,

Rich

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per OIG (OIG (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per OIG
Sent: Thursday, January 14, 2021 2:02 PM
To: Donoghue, Richard (ODAG) <ricdonoghue@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: DOJ OIG Interview Request

No problem. Just let us know when you're finished with the other call and we will call you back.

From: Donoghue, Richard (ODAG) <ricdonoghue@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 14, 2021 2:01 PM
To: Horowitz, Michael E. (OIG (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per OIG
Cc: Peirce, Lara (OIG (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per OIG (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per OIG (OIG (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per OIG >; Blier, William M. (OIG (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per OIG
Subject: RE: DOJ OIG Interview Request

If that's your guys calling, I'm on another line, but will be off in a minute.

From: Horowitz, Michael E. (OIG (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per OIG
Sent: Thursday, January 14, 2021 2:00 PM
To: Donoghue, Richard (ODAG) <ricdonoghue@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Peirce, Lara (OIG (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per OIG (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per OIG (OIG (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per OIG >; Blier, William M. (OIG (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per OIG
Subject: RE: DOJ OIG Interview Request

Thanks, Rich. Appreciate it and will follow up with you on the other concerns.

From: Donoghue, Richard (ODAG) <ricdonoghue@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 14, 2021 1:57 PM
To: Horowitz, Michael E. (OIG (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per OIG
Cc: Peirce, Lara (OIG (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per OIG (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per OIG (OIG (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per OIG >; Blier, William M. (OIG (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per OIG
Subject: RE: DOJ OIG Interview Request

OK, I think I've made a reasonable request but I understand your position. Given the importance of the work OIG is doing, I will still take the call.

From: Horowitz, Michael E. (OIG) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per OIG
Sent: Thursday, January 14, 2021 11:43 AM
To: Donoghue, Richard (ODAG) <ricdonoghue@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Peirce, Lara (OIG) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per OIG (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per OIG (OIG (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per OIG); Blier, William M. (OIG) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per OIG
Subject: RE: DOJ OIG Interview Request

Rich,

Thanks for your email and for your willingness to meet with my investigators today, who have already advised you that the OIG will be recording the interview. However, I cannot accommodate your request to make your own recording of the interview.

As for legal authority, in the context of unionized employees, federal courts have definitively addressed the authority of Inspectors General to determine the practicalities of investigations, ruling that “proposals which concern investigations conducted by the Inspector General...are not appropriately the subject of bargaining between an agency and a union.” *Department of Homeland Sec. Customs & Border Prot. v. Federal Labor Relations Auth.*, 751 F.3d 665, 672-73 (D.C. Cir. 2014) (citing *Nuclear Regulatory Comm’n, Washington, D.C. v. Federal Labor Relations Auth.*, 25 F.3d 229, 234 (4th Cir. 1994), as amended (June 21, 1994)). “Congress intended that the Inspector General’s investigatory authority include the power to determine when and how to investigate[,]” and bargaining about interview procedures in an OIG investigation is inconsistent with the Inspector General Act (IG Act). *Id.*

Moreover, as with other Department law enforcement and prosecutorial components, the OIG sets its own ground rules, pursuant to its authority under the IG Act, for how it conducts its interviews. No other Department investigative authority, including U.S. Attorneys, would permit a witness to make and maintain a separate video or audio recording of his or her interview. Moreover, the concern raised in your email that motivates your request – that your statements be recorded accurately – will be addressed through the audio recording by the OIG, which will be maintained as part of our investigative file. Further, even if you were allowed to make your own recording of the interview, that recording also would constitute a government record and Department property, so you would not be permitted to keep it personally or take it with you when you separate from the Department. Accordingly, I fail to see the value of you making a second recording of the interview.

In sum, the OIG’s practice of not allowing a witness to make their own audio or video recording is a long-standing one that is grounded in the IG Act, consistent with DOJ practice, and aligns with court decisions in other contexts. Further, our plan to audio tape the interview addresses the concern you’ve raised about ensuring that there is a full and complete record of the interview. Accordingly, I remain hopeful that you will still participate in the interview today at 2 pm. Although I think you know this already, I would be remiss if I did not mention that if you choose not to participate in the requested interview, we will have to note that fact, as is our practice, in our final report.

I will respond separately, likely later today, to the concerns you raised about answering questions related to t (b)(5), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per OIG We will not seek to ask you any questions at today’s interview at 2 pm about that matter. Lastly, Bill and I can discuss with you some of the items you raised in your email to me about the other, unrelated matter.

Thanks,
Michael

From: Donoghue, Richard (ODAG) <ricdonoghue@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 8:30 PM
To: Peirce, Lara (OIG (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per OIG)
C (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per OIG (OIG (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per OIG)
Subject: RE: DOJ OIG Interview Request

Lara an (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per OIG

Thanks for the heads up.

As of now, I am still available tomorrow at 2:00 p.m. so I'll look forward to talking to you about th (b)(5), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per OIG then (b)(6).

As for the expansion of the discussion, I cannot agree to that now. There are basically two reasons for that. First, and most important, th (b)(5), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per OIG relate to a discretionary personnel decision made by the President. As such, there are significant questions about whether DOJ-OIG even has the authority to investigate such a matter. Relatedly, there may well be Executive Privilege issues that would have to be navigated before I could be confident that it would be permissible for me to answer whatever questions may be asked. I will leave that analysis to lawyers expert in that field, but I assume that it would have to involve OLC and/or the White House Counsel's Office. I have briefly discussed your request that I answer questions abo (b)(5), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per OIG with the Acting AG and with others here in ODAG and OLC and the preliminary view is that I could not agree to such an interview until the authority and privilege issues are resolved. Second, and less important, I am completely swamped with managing the Department's response to last week's events and the current threat streams and the inauguration planning and, thus, I need every minute I can get between now and the inauguration. I suggest that you have the right DOJ-OIG people talk to OLC and/or the White House Counsel's Office and, if they clear such an interview, then I'll be happy to participate. Were my own personal interests controlling here, I would gladly talk about the circumstances surroundin (b)(5), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per OIG, but that's obviously not the case.

Also, unless someone can provide me with controlling authority that precludes it, I will be audio recording the interview tomorrow. I will communicate that directly to the IG and explain my reasons for that (it has nothing whatsoever to do with either of you). I fully understand and appreciate the need to maintain the integrity of your investigation and I will not share that recording with anyone who may be a witness. As I said, I'll communicate that to the IG as I do not expect you to operate as messengers on that point, but I want to be completely transparent with you about that.

Thanks again. I'll talk to you tomorrow.

Rich

From: Peirce, Lara (OIG (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per OIG) >
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 1:06 PM
To: Donoghue, Richard (ODAG) <ricdonoghue@jmd.usdoj.gov>
C (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per OIG (OIG (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per OIG)
Subject: RE: DOJ OIG Interview Request

Mr. Donoghue,

I am the Senior Counsel in the Oversight and Review Division of the OIG and the supervisor on

the matter referenced below. We greatly appreciate your willingness to speak with us about the (b)(5), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per OIG.

Given recent reporting, the OIG also is conducting a preliminary inquiry into (b)(5), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per OIG. We would like to ask you a few questions regarding information you may have about (b)(5), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per OIG. In the interest of efficiency and in consideration of your time constraints, would you be willing to answer these questions at the end of your interview on the (b)(5), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per OIG? I do not anticipate that these additional questions will take much time.

Lara M. Peirce

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Oversight and Review Division
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office 202.616.0645

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per OIG, (OIG)
Sent: Monday, January 11, 2021 9:42 PM
To: Donoghue, Richard (ODAG) <ricdonoghue@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: DOJ OIG Interview Request

Unfortunately, OIG policy does not allow witnesses to make their own recordings of the interview. The main reason for that is that we try to keep the information we develop during an investigation as closely held as possible in order to protect the integrity of the investigation. If for some reason we need to conduct a follow-up interview with you though, we would give you access to the transcript of your prior interview. Also, once our investigation is complete, you can request the transcript of your interview and that is usually handled through the usual FOIA process.

Sorry for the hassle on this,
(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per OIG

From: Donoghue, Richard (ODAG) <ricdonoghue@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Sent: Monday, January 11, 2021 9:25 PM
T: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per OIG OIG (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per OIG
Subject: Re: DOJ OIG Interview Request

OK, I'll try to look at these in advance so we're as efficient as possible. No problem with any of that. If you guys are recording (which is fine), I assume there's no objection to me doing the same just so we both have it for future reference. If that raises issues I'm not thinking of, just let me know.

On Jan 11, 2021, at 9:06 PM (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per OIG (OIG (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per OIG > wrote:

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2 p.m. on Thursday works for us. If you need to adjust the time, just let me know.

I completely understand that this matter feels like it happened in another century. There are not that

many documents or emails that I plan to ask you about, and most of the emails we have identified have very little substance. I will just read out the relevant parts to you (in hopes of jogging your memory for the most part). Here are a few emails that you may want to glance at if you have time:

- Two emails you received from (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per OIG on 9/23/20 at 10:46 a.m. and 10:48 a.m. relating to a (b)(5), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per OIG.
- A 9/23/20 email chain between you and (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per OIG with a subject line (b)(5), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per OIG. The first email is from (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) at 2:18 p.m. and the final one is also from (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) at 3:37 p.m.
- An email from CRM DAA (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per OIG to you and (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per OIG sent on 9/24/19 at 3:54 p.m. and your response at 4:27 p.m. The subject line of the email (b)(5), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per OIG.
- On 10/26/20 at 3:58 p.m. (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) forwarded you an email chain with the subject line of (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (b)(5), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per OIG. The chain included (b)(5), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per OIG from (b)(5), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per OIG.

Again, it's not a problem if you don't have time to review these, I'll plan to read any relevant parts to you over the phone. Honestly, the final two emails on the above list are the only ones with much substance. There are a few other emails we will ask you about, but those either have little content or are between other individuals.

Also, (b)(5), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per OIG

_____.

Lastly, as an FYI, our standard practice is for interviews to be audio recorded and under oath. I assume you were aware of that, but thought I'd flag it just in case.

Just let me know if you have any questions. Thanks,
(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per OIG

From: Donoghue, Richard (ODAG) <ricdonoghue@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Sent: Monday, January 11, 2021 8:25 PM
T (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per OIG (OIG (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per OIG
Subject: RE: DOJ OIG Interview Request

With the inauguration security planning, this week is very fluid and unpredictable, but let's say 2:00 on Thursday. Just call my desk (b)(6). Do I need to review anything in advance? Things that happened back in the fall will feel like talking about the Mesozoic Era at this point. Thanks.

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per OIG (OIG (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per OIG
Sent: Friday, January 8, 2021 10:18 PM
To: Donoghue, Richard (ODAG) <ricdonoghue@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: DOJ OIG Interview Request

Rich,

Thursday works for us. Feel free to pick whatever time is best for you on Thursday and we can pencil it in. I completely understand that your schedule will be fluid, so we can adjust the day and/or time as the week progresses. For maximum flexibility, let's plan on doing the interview either by phone or video as long as that's ok with you. Just let me know if you have a preference.

Once you let me know your time preference on Thursday, I'll send you a calendar invite early next week and we can see how things play out.

Hope the weekend isn't too crazy,

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per OIG

From: Donoghue, Richard (ODAG) <ricdonoghue@jmd.usdoj.gov>

Sent: Friday, January 8, 2021 9:16 PM

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Subject: RE: DOJ OIG Interview Request

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per OIG

Sorry about the delayed response, you are correct.

I'm in all next week. Let's aim for the latter part of the week if possible Thursday may be best. As I'm sure you'll understand, I am completely swamped at this point but I'll provide whatever info I can.

Rich

From (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per OIG (OI (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per OIG

Sent: Friday, January 8, 2021 1:58 PM

To: Donoghue, Richard (ODAG) <ricdonoghue@jmd.usdoj.gov>

Subject: RE: DOJ OIG Interview Request

Mr. Donoghue,

Sorry to ping you again on this, but I figured there was a good chance my email got lost in the shuffle given the events that occurred after I sent it on Wednesday. I thought I would just reach out again before the weekend. Anyway, just let me know if you have any questions or need any additional information from me.

Thanks

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per OIG

Fro (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per OIG (OIG)

Sent: Wednesday, January 6, 2021 10:16 AM

To: Donoghue, Richard (ODAG) <ricdonoghue@jmd.usdoj.gov>

Subject: DOJ OIG Interview Request

Mr. Donoghue,

I'm with DOJ's Office of the Inspector General. The OIG has opened an investigatio

(b)(5), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per OIG

We would like to interview you as part of this review. If possible, we would like to schedule the

interview for next week. We understand that you are incredibly busy, so we can be available on any day and time next week and we can also conduct the interview either telephonically or in-person, whichever is most convenient for you. The interview should take no longer than an hour.

Feel free to email or call if you have any questions. My cell (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per OIG

Thanks,

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per OIG

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per OIG

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(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per OIG

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Abbreviations

Primary language: (standard) English
UI: Unintelligible
OV: Overlapping Voice

UM: Unidentified Male
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