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Re: FOIA-2021-00656
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 certain specified records from Patrick Hovakimian related to the potential removal of Acting Attorney General Jeffrey Rosen, from January 2 to January 4, 2021.

Please be advised that a search in response to the above-referenced request has been conducted, and three pages were located that contain records responsive to your request. At this time, I have determined that these three pages are appropriate for release with certain information withheld pursuant to Exemption 6 of the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6), and copies are enclosed. Exemption 6 pertains to information the release of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Please note that the enclosed pages also contain records that are not responsive to your request, which have not been processed and are marked accordingly.

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 M. Andrew Zee of the Department's Civil Division, Federal Programs Branch, at (415) 436-6646.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Breyan
Senior Supervisory Attorney
for
Vanessa R. Brinkmann
Senior Counsel

Enclosures

From: Hovakimian, Patrick (ODAG)
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To: Murray, Claire M. (OASG)
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(OSG)
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Cc: Donoghue, Richard (ODAG)
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Bcc:

Subject: RE: Call this afternoon

Date: Sun Jan 03 2021 21:07:08 EST

Attachments:

I have only limited visibility into this, but it sounds like Rosen and the cause of justice won. We will convene a call when Jeff is back in the building (hopefully shortly). Thanks.

From: Hovakimian, Patrick (ODAG)
Sent: Sunday, January 3, 2021 4:28 PM

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Apologies for the Sunday reach-out. Please join Rich and me for a call at 4:45 p.m. Dial-in below.

(b) (6), participant passcode: (b) (6)

Patrick Hovakimian
Associate Deputy Attorney General
United States Department of Justice
(b) (6)

Chat with Claire Murray

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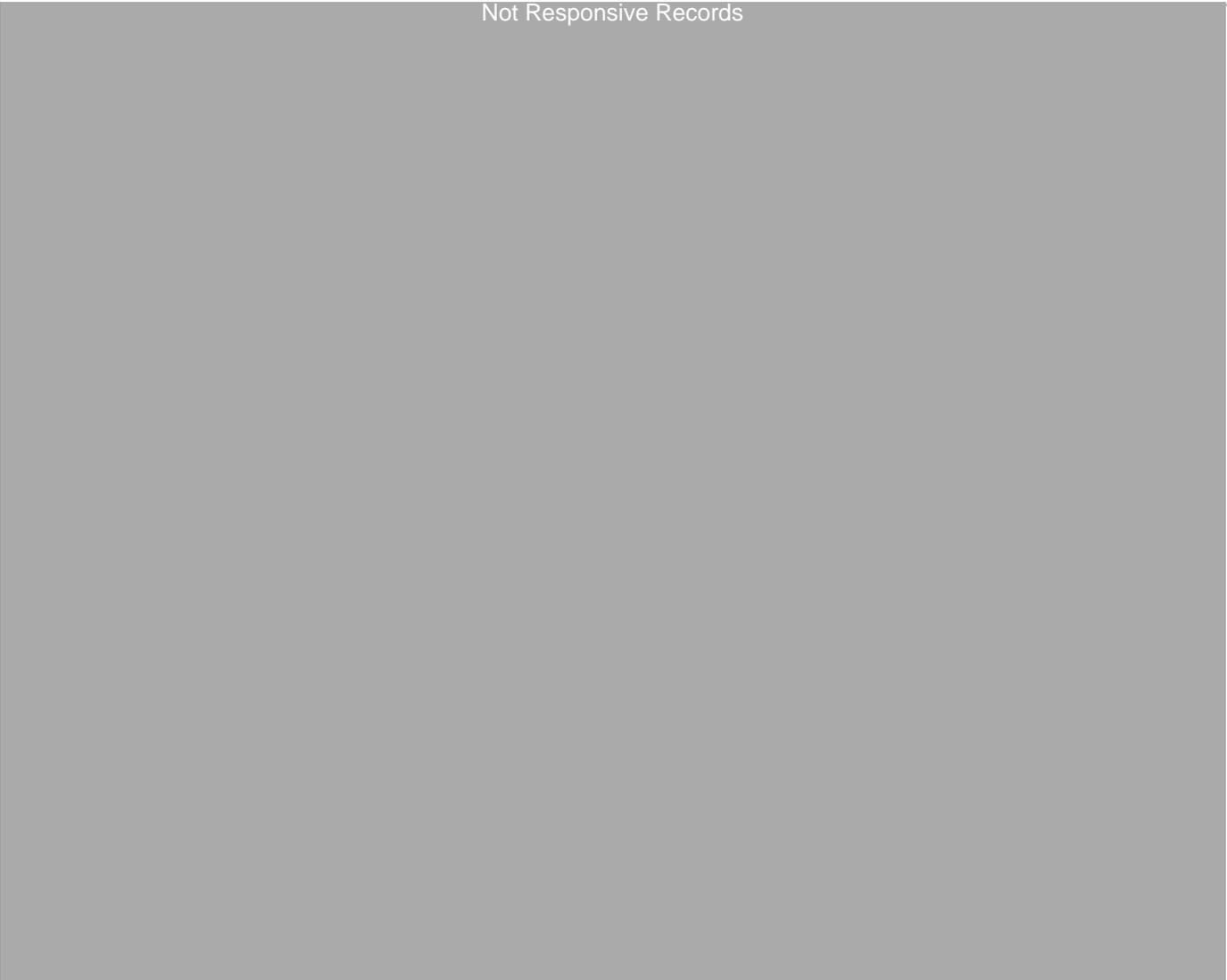
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Sunday, January 03, 2021

Claire Murray

Team Rosen.

5:30 PM

Claire Murray

Justice is our client.

5:30 PM

Claire Murray

If the DAG gets fired for not publicly espousing a falsehood, I walk.

5:31 PM

Me

I agree. Hands down I'll be gone too. I passed your decision onto DAG Rosen. Thanks Claire.

5:36 PM

Claire Murray

No word?

8:40 PM

Me

None yet. Called Rich twice and he didn't pick up.

8:41 PM