

# **EXHIBIT A**



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Re: DOJ-2017-002728 (AG)  
No. 1:17-cv-0599 (D.D.C.)

Dear Ms. Weismann:

This is our third response to your above-referenced Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request and related lawsuit, dated and received in this Office on March 6, 2017 seeking: (1) “all records containing or reflecting advice and/or recommendations given to Attorney General Jeff Sessions by his staff regarding whether or not he should recuse himself from any matters involving the 2016 presidential campaign;” (2) “all calendars for Attorney General Sessions for the period February 27, 2017 through March 3, 2017;” and (3) “all documents effectuating the attorney general’s recusal within the Department of Justice.” This response is made on behalf of the Office of the Attorney General (OAG).

By letter dated June 30, 2017, we provided you with an interim response on certain material within the nine pages responsive to part (2) of your request, and advised you that we would respond to you again by July 7, 2017 on the remaining material within those pages, pursuant to the Joint Status Report filed on June 21, 2017 (*See* ECF No. 15). Please be advised that our review of the remaining material within the nine pages responsive to part (2) of your request is now complete. I have determined that this material is appropriate for release with excisions made pursuant to Exemptions 5 and 6 of the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5) and (b)(6), and copies are enclosed. Exemption 5 pertains to certain inter- and intra-agency communications protected by the attorney work-product, deliberative process, and/or presidential communications privileges. Exemption 6 pertains to information the release of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of third parties.

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) (2015) (amended 2016). 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 Kathryn Davis of the Department's Civil Division, Federal Programs Branch, at (202) 616-8298.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'V-R-B', followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

Vanessa R. Brinkmann  
Senior Counsel

Enclosures

**February 27, 2017**

Monday

**7:30 AM - 7:30 AM**                      **En Route to the AG's Office**

**8:20 AM - 8:45 AM**                      **Senior Meeting -- AG's Office**  
Location: AG's office  
POC: Jody Hunt  
Attendees: Jody Hunt, Dana Boente, Jim Crowell, Jesse Panuccio

**8:45 AM - 9:15 AM**                      **Leadership Meeting -- AG's Conference Room**  
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Attendees: Jody Hunt (OAG), Dana Boente (ODAG), Jim Crowell (ODAG), Jesse Panuccio (OASG), Sam Ramer (OLA), Peter Carr (OPA), Ryan Newman (OLP), Danielle Cutrona, Rachael Tucker, David Rybicki

**9:30 AM - 10:15 AM**                      **FBI Briefing -- JCC**  
Location: JCC  
POC: Tashina Gauhar  
Attendees: OAG: Jody Hunt and Rachael Tucker, ODAG: Acting DAG Boente, James Crowell, Tashina Gauhar, NSD: Mary McCord, George Toscas, Stu Evans, Michael Mullaney

**10:15 AM - 10:45 AM**                      **Meeting with Attorney General Doug Peterson, Nebraska -- AG's Conference Room**  
Location: AG's Conference room  
AG POC: Danielle Curtrona  
POC: Dave Lopez (b) (6)  
Attendees: AG Doug Peterson, Josh Shasserre, Chief of Staff (Nebraska AG), Dave Lopez, Asst Nebraska AG, Ryan Post, Asst Nebraska AG, Mike Murray, Jim Crowell, Dana Boente, Robert Patterson, Danielle Cutrona

**11:00 AM - 11:15 AM**                      **Phone Call Mexican Attorney General, Raul Cervantes Andrade -- AG's Office**  
Location: AG's office  
POC: Rachael Tucker  
Participants: Rachael Tucker, Jody Hunt  
In MX AG's office: Raul Cervantes Andrade; (b) (6), Interpreter: (b) (6), Guillermo Fonseca  
MX AG will call Peggi to be connected

**11:15 AM - 11:45 AM**                      **FISA SIGNATURE TIME -- AG's Conference Room**  
Location: OAG conference room  
Attendees: OAG: Jody & Rachel; ODAG: James Crowell & Tashina Gauhar; NSD: Stuart Evans; (b) (6), (b) (6), (b) (6), Dana Boente

**11:45 AM - 12:30 PM**                      **LUNCH/Desk Time -- AG's Office**  
Location: AG's Office

**12:30 PM - 12:45 PM**                      **(b) (5) case discussion -- AG's Conference Room**  
Location: AG's Conference Room  
POC: Rachael Tucker  
Attendees: Jody Hunt, Rachael Tucker, Ken Blanco, Dana Boente, James Crowell, Chad Readler and Bruce Swartz

**12:45 PM - 12:45 PM**                      **En Route to Executive Office Building**

**1:00 PM - 3:00 PM**                      **FYI: Judge Neil Gorsuch, Supreme Court Nominee (No attendance required) -- OLP Conference Room**

**1:00 PM - 1:20 PM**                      **Private Appointment -- Executive Office Building; First Floor, Room 87**

**1:30 PM - 3:00 PM**                      **(b) (5)**

**February 27, 2017 Continued**

Monday

**3:00 PM - 3:15 PM**                      **En Route to AG's Office**

**3:15 PM - 3:30 PM**                      (b) (5)  
(b) (5)

**4:30 PM - 4:45 PM**                      **PRESS -- Press Room**  
Location: Press Room, DOJ  
POC: Jody Hunt

**5:00 PM - 5:45 PM**                      **Press Phone Call: Byron York (FOX News/Washington Times) -- AG's Office**  
Location: AG's Office  
POC: Peter Carr  
Participants: Peter Carr

**5:45 PM - 6:00 PM**                      **Phone Call with Justice Clarence Thomas -- AG's office**

**6:00 PM - 6:30 PM**                      **Press Phone Call: Hugh Hewitt (Radio Show) -- AG's Office**  
Location: AG's Office  
POC: Peter Carr  
Participants: Hugh Hewitt

**February 28, 2017**

Tuesday

**7:30 AM - 7:30 AM**                      **En Route to AG's Office**

**8:20 AM - 8:45 AM**                      **Senior Meeting -- AG's Office**  
Location: AG's office  
POC: Jody Hunt  
Attendees: Jody Hunt, Dana Boente, Jim Crowell, Jesse Panuccio

**8:30 AM - 8:30 AM**                      **En Route to Ritz-Carlton \*Staff attending should assemble in the AG's office**  
Location: AG's office to Ritz-Carlton  
Attendees: Sarah Flores and Danielle Tucker

**9:00 AM - 10:00 AM**                      **National Association of Attorney Generals, Speaking Engagement -- The Ritz-Carlton Hotel :1150 22nd Street, NW**  
Location: The Ritz-Carlton Hotel :1150 22nd Street, NW [Plaza Ballroom]  
POC: Noreen Courmoyer, Conference Planner (b) (6)  
AG POCs: Danielle Cutrona and Sarah Flores  
EVENT SCHEDULE  
8:45: JBS will arrive at Ritz-Carlton and proceed to the hold room. 8:50: Sen. Luther Strange and NAAG officers will meet with JBS in hold room and take a photo. Attendees: Sen. Luther Strange; NAAG President George Jepsen (AG-CT); NAAG President Elect Derek Schmidt (AG-KS); NAAG Vice President Jeff Landry (AG-LA), NAAG Immediate Past President Marty Jackley (AG-SD) 9:00: JBS will proceed to speech location 9:05: NAAG President Jepsen to introduce Sen. Strange 9:10: Sen. Strange to introduce JBS 9:15: JBS remarks 9:35: JBS concludes remarks 9:40: JBS departs

**10:00 AM - 10:00 AM**                      **En Route to AG's Office**

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Tuesday

**11:00 AM - 11:10 AM** **SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT: Remarks/ Introduction of Documentary -- DOJ Conference Center (Room 7411)**  
Location: DOJ Conference Center (Room 7411)  
AG POC: Mary Blanche Hankey  
POC: Richard Toscano  
AG Role: Introduction to film screening of "Too Important to Fail?"  
ATTENDEES: DOJ Employees  
Agenda:  
11:00-11:10am Remarks and introduction to film by AG  
11:10 AG departs and returns to his office for FISA Signature time

**12:00 PM - 1:30 PM** **Lunch/Desk Time -- AG's Office**

**1:30 PM - 1:45 PM** **Discussion on national security issue -- AG's Office**  
Location: AG's Office  
POC: Rachael Tucker

**3:00 PM - 3:45 PM** **Antitrust Briefing -- AG's Conference room**  
Location: AG's Conference Room  
POC: Jesse Panuccio  
Attendees: Jody Hunt (OAG); David Rybicki; Jesse Panuccio; Bryson Bachman (Deputy Associate AG (detailee from ATR), OASG); Rachel Parker (Chief of Staff, OASG); Brent Snyder (Acting AAG, ATR); Patty Brink (Director, Civil Enforcement, ATR); Jody Hunt; Michael Murray

**3:45 PM - 4:15 PM** **FISA SIGNATURE TIME -- AG's Conference Room**  
Location: OAG conference room  
Time: Daily at 11:00 am  
Attendees: Jody and Rachel, James Crowell, Tashina Gauhar, Stuart Evans, (b) (6), (b) (6), (b) (6)

**4:15 PM - 5:15 PM** **Budget Meeting -- AG's Conference Room**  
Location: AG's Conference Room  
POC: Jody Hunt  
Attendees: Jody Hunt, Lee Lofthus, Dana Boente, James Crowell, Jolene Lauria and Danielle Cutrona

**5:15 PM - 5:15 PM** **En Route to the White House \* Must arrive by 5:30**

**5:45 PM - 5:45 PM** **Depart from West Exec in White House Transportation**

**6:00 PM - 7:55 PM** **Cabinet Affairs escorts Cabinet to Leader Kevin McCarthy Reception, -- H-107, Capitol**  
Location: H-107, Capitol  
Attendees: Reception a small group of select Republican House and Senate members

**8:00 PM - 8:50 PM** **Cabinet Affairs will escort Cabinet to holding area -- H-219**  
Location: H-219  
\*Note that press will be set up in Statuary Hall

**8:50 PM - 8:50 PM** **Cabinet Affairs assists in lining Cabinet in Processional order (Jim Kaelin will assist, Congressional Cabinet Liaison)**

**9:01 PM - 9:01 PM** **The President enters the Hall of the House announced by the House Sergeant at Arms and escorted to the dais**

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Tuesday

- 9:10 PM - 10:10 PM**                      **Joint Session of Congress -- Capitol, House Floor**  
Location: Capitol, House Floor
- 10:00 PM - 10:00 PM**                      **Potential Press Availability-Cabinet Affairs communications, Brad Rateike and Kaelan Dorr will escort some Cabinet Members to Statuary Hall for press availability -- Statuary Hall**
- 10:30 PM - 10:30 PM**                      **Cabinet Members will depart via the Memorial Door and return to the White House West Exec**
- 10:35 PM - 10:35 PM**                      **AG to Meet detail in East Plaza of the Capitol**

**March 1, 2017**

Wednesday

- 8:20 AM - 8:45 AM**                      **Senior Meeting -- AG's Office**  
Location: AG's office  
POC: Jody Hunt  
Attendees: Jody Hunt, Dana Boente, Jim Crowell, Jesse Panuccio
- 8:45 AM - 9:15 AM**                      **Leadership Meeting -- AG's Conference Room**  
POC: Jody Hunt  
Attendees: Jody Hunt (OAG), Dana Boente (ODAG), Jim Crowell (ODAG), Jesse Panuccio (OASG), Sam Ramer (OLA), Peter Carr (OPA), Ryan Newman (OLP), Danielle Cutrona, Rachael Tucker, David Rybicki
- 9:30 AM - 10:15 AM**                      **FBI Briefing -- JCC**  
Location: JCC  
POC: Tashina Gauhar  
Attendees: OAG: Jody Hunt and Rachael Tucker, ODAG: Acting DAG Boente, James Crowell, Tashina Gauhar, NSD: Mary McCord, George Toscas, Stu Evans, Michael Mullaney
- 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM**                      **Task Force on Transnational Criminal Organization and Trafficking meeting Prep -- Situation Room in the Justice Command Center**  
Location: Situation Room in the Justice Command Center  
POC: Danielle Cutrona  
Attendees: Jody Hunt, Danielle Cutrona, David Rybicki, Rachael Tucker; Bruce Ohr, Jim Crowell and Ken Blanco
- 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM**                      **Task Force on Transnational Criminal Organization and Trafficking meeting -- Situation Room in the Justice Command Center Room 6100**  
Location: Situation Room in the Justice Command Center  
POC: Danielle Cutrona and Bruce Ohr  
Attendees:  
State: Acting Deputy Secretary Tom Shannon and Christine Ciccone  
DHS: Sec. Kelly (yes) with Kirstjen Nielsen and Ms. Dimple Shah; Mr. David Glawe, Acting Under Secretary, Intelligence and Analysis, DHS  
ODNI: National Intelligence Michael Dempsey; John Lombardi; Todd Porter; Lisa Wardach and Danielle Smallcomb  
OAG/ODAG Attendees: Jody Hunt, Danielle Cutrona, David Rybicki, Rachael Tucker; Bruce Ohr, Tasha Gauhar Jim Crowell and Ken Blanco
- 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM**                      **LUNCH/Desk Time -- AG's Office**

**March 1, 2017 Continued**

Wednesday

1:00 PM - 1:30 PM

Interview: (b) (6) -- AG's Office

(b) (6)

Location: AG's Office

Attendees: Rod Rosenstein; Rachel Brand; and Jody Hunt

1:30 PM - 2:00 PM

Interview: (b) (6) -- AG's Office

(b) (6)

Location: AG's Office

POC: Jody Hunt

Attendees:

Jody Hunt

Racheal Brand (need to have information submitted as a visitor)

Rod Rosenstein

(b) (6)

2:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Interview: (b) (6) -- AG's Office

(b) (6)

Location: AG's Office

POC: Jody Hunt

Attendees:

Jody Hunt; Racheal Brand; Rod Rosenstein; (b) (6)

2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Interview Discussion -- AG's Office

Location: AG's Office

POC: Jody Hunt

Attendees

Jody Hunt

Rachel Brand

Rod Rosenstein

3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Meeting with the AAG Ken Blanco and CRM leadership -- AG's Conference Room

Location: AG's Conference Room

POC: David Rybicki

Attendees: David Rybicki, Ken Blanco, James Mann, Trevor McFadden, Richard Downing, Denise Cheung, Bruce Swartz, (b) (6), Kendall

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NOTES:

This would be to introduce the AG to the division, learn about its components, and high-profile matters currently pending



**March 1, 2017 Continued**

Wednesday

4:30 PM - 4:45 PM

**Capital Case Review -- AG's Office**  
Location: AG's Office  
POC: David Rybicki  
Attendee: David Rybicki

5:30 PM - 6:00 PM

**FISA SIGNATURE TIME -- AG's Conference Room**  
Location: OAG conference room  
Attendees: OAG: Jody & Rachel; ODAG: James Crowell & Tashina Gauhar; NSD: Stuart Evans, (b) (6), (b) (6), (b) (6), (b) (6), Dana Boente

**March 2, 2017**

Thursday

7:00 AM - 7:00 AM

**En Route to AG's Office**

8:20 AM - 8:45 AM

**Senior Meeting -- AG's Office**  
Location: AG's office  
POC: Jody Hunt  
Attendees: Jody Hunt, Dana Boente, Jim Crowell, Jesse Panuccio

9:15 AM - 9:30 AM

**Trips and Meeting request discussion with Rachael Tucker -- AG's office**  
Location: AG's Office  
POC: Rachael  
Attendee: Rachael Tucker

10:30 AM - 11:00 AM

**National Fraternal Order of Police meeting -- AG's Office**  
Location: AG's Office  
POC: Danielle  
Attendees: Danielle Cutrona; Chuck Canterbury, National President, FOP Jim Pasco, Senior Advisor, FOP

Notes:  
The issues to be address are: asset forfeiture reform, sentencing reform, drug legalization and general anti-crime and criminals issues.

11:00 AM - 11:30 AM

**FISA SIGNATURE TIME -- AG's Conference Room**  
Location: OAG conference room  
Attendees: OAG: Jody & Rachel; ODAG: James Crowell & Tashina Gauhar; NSD: Stuart Evans, (b) (6), (b) (6), (b) (6), Dana Boente

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

**Lunch/Desk time -- AG's Office**  
Location: AG's Office

1:00 PM - 1:15 PM

**Meet/Greet: DOJ Inspector General Michael Horowitz -- AG's Office**  
Location: AG's Office  
POC: Jody Hunt

**March 2, 2017 Continued**

Thursday

Attendees: Jody Hunt and Michael Horowitz

1:30 PM - 2:30 PM

**FISA SIGNATURE TIME -- AG's Conference Room**

Attendees: OAG: Jody & Rachel; ODAG: James Crowell & Tashina Gauhar; NSD: Stuart Evans; (b) (6), (b) (6), (b) (6), Dana Boente

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

**Interview Prep -- AG's Office**

Location: AG's Office

Attendees: Jody Hunt, Sarah Flores, Peter Carr, Scott Schools, David Rybicki and Rachael Tucker

4:15 PM - 5:15 PM

**Gorsuch nomination discussion -- AG's Office**

Location: AG's Office

POC: Jody Hunt

Attendees: Jody Hunt; Jesse Panuccio, Rachel Parker; Ryan Newman Sam Ramer, Gary Barnett and Danielle Cutrona

5:15 PM - 6:15 PM

**Discussion on recusal issues -- AG's Conference Room**

Location: AG's Conference Room

POC: Jody Hunt

Attendees: Jody Hunt, Dana Boente, Jim Crowell, Tash Gauhar, Scott Schools

8:15 PM - 8:15 PM

En Route to Tucker Carlson Show

8:30 PM - 9:30 PM

**PRESS: Tucker Carlson Show -- 400 N Capitol Street;**

AG POC: Sarah Flores

Tucker Carlson POC: Charlie Couger (b) (6)

9:30 PM - 9:30 PM

En Route to the AG's home (b) (6)

**March 3, 2017**

Friday

7:30 AM - 7:30 AM

En Route to AG's Office

8:20 AM - 8:45 AM

**Senior Meeting -- AG's Office**

Location: AG's office

POC: Jody Hunt

Attendees: Jody Hunt, Dana Boente, Jim Crowell, Jesse Panuccio

8:45 AM - 9:15 AM

**Leadership Meeting -- AG's Conference Room**

POC: Jody Hunt

Attendees: Jody Hunt (OAG), Dana Boente (ODAG), Jim Crowell (ODAG), Jesse Panuccio (OASG), Sam Ramer (OLA), Peter Carr (OPA), Ryan Newman (OLP), Danielle Cutrona, Rachael Tucker, David Rybicki

**March 3, 2017 Continued**

Friday

- 9:30 AM - 10:15 AM**                      **FBI Briefing -- JCC**  
Location: JCC  
POC: Tashina Gauhar  
Attendees: OAG: Jody Hunt and Rachael Tucker, ODAG: Acting DAG Boente, James Crowell, Tashina Gauhar, NSD: Mary McCord, George Toscas, Stu Evans, Michael Mullaney
- 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM**                      **Prep for NAACP meeting -- AG's office**  
Attendee: Rachael Tucker and John Gore
- 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM**                      **Meeting with Cornell William Brook, NAACP -- AG's Office**  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Location: AG's Office  
AG POC: Rachael Tucker  
POC: (b) (6) Phone: (b) (6)  
Attendees: Rachael Tucker, John Gore  
Cornell William Brooks, President/CEO of the NAACP: Bradford Berry,  
General Counsel of the NAACP Cell: (b) (6)
- 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM**                      **FISA SIGNATURE TIME -- AG's Conference Room**  
Location: OAG conference room  
Attendees: OAG: Jody & Rachel; ODAG: James Crowell & Tashina Gauhar; NSD: Stuart Evans; (b) (6), (b) (6), (b) (6), Dana Boente
- 11:30 AM - 11:45 AM**                      **Phone Call: Kevin Sabet, President of Smart Approaches to Marijuana -- AG's Office**  
Location: AG's Office  
POC: Danielle Cutrona  
Participants: AG, Danielle Cutrona and Kevin Sabet  
Call in number: (b) (6)
- 12:00 PM - 12:20 PM**                      **LUNCH/Desk Time -- AG's Office**  
Location: AG's Office
- 12:20 PM - 12:20 PM**                      **En Route to White House**
- 12:30 PM - 2:45 PM**                      **Meeting at White House -- WHCO**  
Attendees: AG and Jody Hunt
- 2:45 PM - 2:45 PM**                      **En Route to AG's Office**
- 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM**                      **Personnel Discussion -- AG's Office**  
Location: AG's Office  
Attendees: Jody Hunt, Rod Rosenstein and Rachel Brand

**March 3, 2017 Continued**

Friday

4:30 PM - 5:00 PM

Discussion -- AG's Office

Attendees: Jody Hunt, Scott Schools and James Crowell