November 16, 2021

Jason Leopold
BuzzFeed News

Re: FOIA-2021-00565
21-cv-00558 (D.D.C.)
VRB:JMB:BPF

Dear Jason Leopold:

This is a second interim response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated and received in this Office on January 11, 2021, in which you requested records concerning the events of January 6, 2021, in Washington, DC, the potential impeachment of President Donald Trump, and the potential invocation of the 14th or 25th Amendments.

On August 13, 2021, we provided you with an interim response to your request. We have now completed the processing of an additional 106 pages. At this time, I have determined that these 106 pages are appropriate for release with excisions made pursuant to Exemptions 5, 6, 7(A), 7(C), 7(E), and 7(F) of the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), (b)(6), (b)(7)(A), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E), and (b)(7)(F), and copies are enclosed.¹

Exemption 5 pertains to certain inter- and intra-agency communications protected by the deliberative process privilege. Exemption 6 pertains to information the release of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Exemption 7(A) pertains to records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, the release of which could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings. 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. Exemption 7(E) pertains to records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, the release of which would disclose certain techniques and procedures or guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions. Exemption 7(F) pertains to records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, the release of which could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of an individual.

Please be advised that certain email communications within this production display a single question mark at the beginning of the email. This is the result of a technical error in the

¹ By letter dated October 18, 2021, the Department’s Antitrust Division informed you that it had referred materials to this Office for further review and responsiveness determinations. OIP has determined that the referred materials consist of public materials outside the scope of your request.
software used to obtain copies of emails for processing and was not placed by the author of the email or by OIP. Further, certain pages within this production contain highlighting. This highlighting was present on these pages as located by OIP and was not made as part of our FOIA review process.

Lastly, please note that the phone logs included as part of this production were processed as part of a separate case. As a result of unique circumstances limited to that case, OIP had access to some additional information indicating the identities of callers that would not ordinarily be present in call logs/registers. Accordingly, and as a matter of discretion, OIP had noted caller identities within redaction boxes on the records. This information is not routinely available and thus will not ordinarily be provided in response to requests for call logs or registers. Moreover, OIP is not able to independently verify the accuracy of the identification of individuals associated with these phone numbers.

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 Craigmyle of the Department’s Civil Division, Federal Programs Branch, at 202-616-8101.

Sincerely,

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

Enclosures
Mastropasqua, Kristina (PAO)

From: Mastropasqua, Kristina (PAO)
Sent: Friday, January 22, 2021 2:02 PM
To: Raimondi, Marc (PAO)
Cc: Morales, Arlen M. (PAO); DeBonis, Dena I. (PAO)
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - FW: Media Inquiry from Sameer Rao - Law360
Attachments: 20210122Law360CapAttack.docx

-FBI and DC

I have some suggested edits, and also sent to Ken to clear some language.

With that said, I'm not sure we should...

I have been tracking a lot of the themes in media inquiries about the riots, and I think I could put together a list of questions/topics that would interest a lot of media. I know Mike would help us get this done. We could...

I defer to you/Dena. But just a thought.

Kristina Mastropasqua
Office of Public Affairs
Department of Justice

From: Raimondi, Marc (PAO)
Sent: Friday, January 22, 2021 1:11 PM
To: Mastropasqua, Kristina (PAO)
Subject: Fwd: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - FW: Media Inquiry from Sameer Rao - Law360

Pls let me know if you have any thoughts.

Marc Raimondi
Acting Deputy Director of Public Affairs
U.S. Department of Justice

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Miller, Shelia (USADC)"
Date: January 22, 2021 at 1:07:55 PM EST
To: "Raimondi, Marc (PAO)"
I have reviewed and have no edits. Thanks.

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Plus Dena for awareness.

Team WFO/USADC, please review the attachment with draft responses to Law 360’s questions and let me know if you have any recommended edits, and put them in using tracked changes.

Please try to get this back to me by 2PM so I can make the reporter’s deadline.

Kristina, please and Arlen, please

Thanks all,
Marc

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A lot of these questions would fall to DOJ. Also, per my email yesterday, can we please go back to forwarding DOJ press requests to the NPO inbox vs. sent directly to me?

Thank you!
On Jan 22, 2021 8:21 AM, Press <Press@usdoj.gov> wrote:

-----Original Message-----
From: no-reply@usdoj.gov <no-reply@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Friday, January 22, 2021 12:03 AM
To: Press <Press@imd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Media Inquiry from Sameer Rao - Law360

Date Friday, January 22, 2021 - 12:02am EST

Name: Sameer Rao

Email Address: (b)(6)

Topic: Civil Rights

Media Outlet: Law360

Deadline: Friday, January 22 at 3:30 PM

Inquiry:
Dear DOJ public affairs personnel,

I hope this email finds you well. I'm Sameer Rao, a reporter for Law360. I'm reaching out to follow up on a similar request from a few weeks ago. I'm writing an article (whose scope evolved since I last reached out) about the legal context surrounding law enforcement's treatment of assemblies, ranging from the 1/6 Capitol insurrection to the Black Lives Matter protests of the summer and others. I seek answers to the following questions, which you're welcome to email by my deadline or address by calling me (b)(6).

1) What laws and protocol guides the way your agencies police assemblies and protests, including the way arrests and charges are made afterwards?

2) Can you explain why the response to the 1/6 events, including some of your agencies, was more hands-off and delayed as compared to what happened at Lafayette Square Park over the summer, or to J20 protesters at President Trump's inauguration, or to how federal agents handled protesters in Portland over the summer?

3) Can you discuss the scope of charges being made against those who participated in the 1/6 events?

4) Do you feel that there might be a racial or political bias in the policing of J20 or BLM protesters as compared to the pro-Trump protestors and rioters on 1/6? I'm curious if you see things that way or at least see any merit to claims of racially and politically disproportionate policing of assembly.

5) Anything else you'd like to add that my questions didn't address?

Thank you,
Sameer
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Can you review below and make sure it’s accurate?

Can you discuss the scope of charges being made against those who participated in the 1/6 events?
Mastropasqua, Kristina (PAO)

From: Mastropasqua, Kristina (PAO)
Sent: Thursday, January 21, 2021 8:14 AM
To: Maisel, Gregg (USADC)
Subject: R

Thanks!

Kristina Mastropasqua
Office of Public Affairs
Department of Justice

From: Maisel, Gregg (USAD
Sent: Thursday, January 21, 2021 8:14 AM
To: Mastropasqua, Kristina (PAO
Subject: R

Yes. There was some coverage in the Daily Beast (link below)

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

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 21, 2021, at 8:03 AM, Mastropasqua, Kristina (PA  wrote:
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Kristina Mastropasqua
Office of Public Affairs
Department of Justice

From: Kohl, Ken (USAD
Sent: Wednesday, January 20, 2021 9:58 PM
To: Mastropasqua, Kristina (PAO ; Sherwin, Michael (USADC)
Subject: F

Hi Gregg, ar ? I got some inquiries o last night. Thanks!
Ken and Crabb,

(b)(5), (b)(7)(A) per EOUSA; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI
At 2:30 am, we received an email with additional evidence from SDNY.

Forgive the long email, but I thought it would be useful for you to have the info and the timeline.

- Gregg
January 16, 2021

The Honorable Christopher A. Wray  The Honorable Steve Vanech
Director  Acting Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation  National Counterterrorism Center
935 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W.  Washington, D.C. 20535
Washington, D.C. 20535

Mr. Joseph Maher  The Honorable John Ratcliffe
Senior Official Performing the Duties  Director of National Intelligence
of the Acting Under Secretary  Office of the Director of National Intelligence
Office of Intelligence and Analysis  Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Director Wray, Acting Director Vanech, Mr. Maher, and Director Ratcliffe:

The American people continue to learn disturbing details about the horrific insurrection at the U.S. Capitol and surrounding area on January 6, and the growing public record is still far from complete. The House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence (the “Committee” or “HPSCI”), the Committee on Homeland Security, the Committee on the Judiciary, and the Committee on Oversight and Reform (collectively, the “Committees”), in exercise of their legislative and oversight jurisdictions, are reviewing the events of January 6 and related threats against the Nation’s peaceful transition of power. The Committees will conduct robust oversight to understand what warning signs may have been missed, determine whether there were systemic failures, and consider how to best address countering domestic violent extremism, including remedying any gaps in legislation or policy.

As a first step, and as described in the annex to this letter, the Committees ask that your organizations produce relevant documents, and schedule briefings, regarding specific intelligence matters associated with the insurrection and threats to the U.S. presidential inauguration.

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Security and logistical preparations before January 6 were not consistent with the prospect of serious and widespread violence. Yet, according to media accounts that have surfaced in recent days, federal and other authorities earlier on possessed — and may have shared with some parties — intelligence and other information forecasting a dire security threat against the
Congress’s meeting to certify the election results. These latter reports, if acted upon, might have prompted more extensive planning for the event, and the infusion of far greater security and other resources.

Tragically that did not happen. Emboldened by President Trump’s inciteful rhetoric and his false claims of a stolen election — at the National Mall that day and for weeks before — a pack of violent insurrectionists forced their way into the Capitol complex with the intent to stop Congress from discharging its constitutional duties to certify the results of the presidential election. The mob caused extensive damage to persons and property. They assaulted woefully under-resourced U.S. Capitol Police officers and other security personnel, a great many of whom bravely resisted. They reportedly tried to steal one officer’s gun, hoping to kill him with it, and injured another causing his death. Some of them reportedly planned to take hostages and harm lawmakers. Among the riotous mob were suspected domestic violent extremists, including neo-Nazis, white supremacists, anti-government militia, and, most shockingly, current as well as former law enforcement officers and former military servicemembers.

This still-emerging story is one of astounding bravery by some U.S. Capitol Police and other officers; of staggering treachery by violent criminals; and of apparent and high-level failures — in particular, with respect to intelligence and security preparedness.

The Committees therefore request the records and briefings described in the annex attached hereto in pursuit of the following inquiries:

- What elements of the Intelligence Community (“IC”) and federal law enforcement knew about threats of violence and destruction before, during, and after the insurrection; whether such information was shared with appropriate personnel and if so, how; whether any information was paused, delayed or withheld; and whether the insurrection had any nexus to foreign influence or misinformation efforts, and to what degree foreign powers have sought to exploit and aggravate the crisis;

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• Whether any current or former holders of security clearances and/or of positions in U.S. national security, justice, defense or homeland security organizations participated in the insurrection; and

• The policy and other responses to the insurrection, to include any measures to identify, apprehend or prevent the travel of those who committed crimes, including any Domestic Violent Extremists.

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The Committees expect and appreciate your full cooperation with this matter – while of course recognizing that resources appropriately and immediately must be allocated to efforts to counter any continuing threats to the transfer of power, including the presidential inauguration and related activities. The Committees stand ready to work with you to arrange for the requested production of documents and briefings.

Should you have any questions, please contact the Committee’s Majority Staff at (202) 225-7690.

Sincerely,

Adam B. Schiff
Chairman
Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence

Bennie G. Thompson
Chairman
Committee on Homeland Security

Carolyn Maloney
Chairwoman
Committee on Oversight and Reform

Jerrold Nadler
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
cc:  The Honorable Devin Nunes  
Ranking Member, Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence  

The Honorable John Katko  
Ranking Member, Committee on Homeland Security  

The Honorable James Comer  
Ranking Member, Committee on Oversight and Reform  

The Honorable Jim Jordan  
Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary
ANNEX - INITIAL REQUESTS FOR DOCUMENTS AND BRIEFINGS

Documents

The House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence (the “Committee” or “HPSCI”) the Committee on Homeland Security, the Committee on the Judiciary and the Committee on Oversight and Reform (collectively, the “Committees”) respectfully request that, consistent with the protection of sources and methods, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (“FBI”), the Office of Intelligence and Analysis (“I&A”) and other appropriate components of the Department of Homeland Security (“DHS”), and the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (“ODNI”) and its National Counterterrorism Center (“NCTC”) produce to the Committees, at the soonest opportunity but by no later than 5 p.m. on February 15, 2021:

- All intelligence – whether raw or finished – that refers or relates to events that could or ultimately did transpire on January 6, 2021, or refers or relates to threats in connection with the U.S. presidential inauguration, including all assessments, bulletins, notes, spot reports, situation reports, briefing materials for senior officials, or requests for assistance; and

- All documents or materials that refer or relate to events that could or ultimately did transpire on January 6, or refer or relate to threats in connection with the U.S. presidential inauguration.

Briefings

The Committees request briefings from your agencies as follows:

- FBI, DHS I&A, NCTC and others as appropriate:
  - A joint classified briefing to the Committees the week of January 22-26 regarding the extent of the Intelligence Community’s (“IC”) knowledge of a threat against the U.S. Capitol and surrounding area before, during, and after the January 6 attack; and/or in the days leading up to the U.S. Presidential inaugural. The briefing should address whether and how such information was shared with appropriate law enforcement and other counterparts; whether any was paused, delayed, or withheld; and whether the insurrection had any nexus to foreign influence or misinformation.
  - A joint classified briefing to HPSCI during the week of February 1-5 on how the Terrorism Screening Center (“TSC”) and National Vetting Center (NVC) apply screening and vetting to Domestic Violent Extremists (“DVEs”), including support from the Intelligence Community to such efforts.
- **FBI:**
  - A briefing to HPSCI during the week of February 1-5, in coordination with the National Counterintelligence and Security Center ("NCSC") and any other applicable federal department or agency, on whether current or former holders of security clearances and/or of U.S. national security, justice, defense, or homeland security positions participated in violence or other criminal activity relative to the January 6 insurrection and attacks on the U.S. Capitol; and if so, any actions taken in response.
  - A briefing to the Committees during the week of February 1-5 to answer questions on specific concerns on the FBI’s intelligence, information sharing and response.

- **DHS I&A and other appropriate components of DHS:**
  - A briefing to the Committees during the week of February 15-19 on the threat posed by DVEs and targeted violence and prevention programs to counter DVEs.

- **NCTC:**
  - A briefing to HPSCI during the week of February 8-12 on how NCTC is supporting FBI and DHS on DVEs, including but not limited to the January 6 insurrection and any transnational links between DVEs and other extremists.

- **ODNI:**
  - A briefing to HPSCI during the week of February 8-12 on the efficacy of security clearance and background investigation processes intended to identify and mitigate threats posed by violent extremists, including the ongoing transition to recurrent vetting and the integration of rigorous checks of open source information and social media.
Donoghue, Richard (ODAG)

From: Donoghue, Richard (ODAG)
Sent: Wednesday, January 20, 2021 11:32 AM
To: David L. (DO) Bowdich (FBI) (b)(7)(E) per FBI ; Shea, Timothy J; Lombardo, Regina; Carvajal, Michael (BOP); Washington, Donald (USMS)
Subject: Farewell

Dave, Tim, Reg, Mike and Director Washington,

At 12:00 p.m., I will hand over the keys, PADAG title, Acting DAG responsibilities, long days and sleepless nights to John Carlin. As I walk away, I will look back at this building and recall, once again, how incredibly lucky I have been. Serving alongside you and your teams has been the greatest honor of my professional life.

Through three government shutdowns, a worldwide pandemic, nationwide unrest, two Presidential impeachments, contentious elections, and an unprecedented and unwarranted backlash against law enforcement, you have provided superb leadership to your teams and safeguarded the American people (including those who were cursing you out as you did it). You are patriots, warriors and great Americans. When I left active duty 20+ years ago, I thought that I would never again have the privilege of serving with people as selfless, dedicated and spirited as paratroopers. I’m glad to say I was wrong.

I wish you all the best in the days and years ahead. God bless you for what you have done and for what you are going to do and may God bless the U - S - A -.

Rich

Richard P. Donoghue
Principal Associate Deputy Attorney General
Office of the Deputy Attorney General

(b)(6)
On Wednesday, January 6, an armed mob of domestic terrorists breached the walls of the United States Capitol to forcefully interfere with the certification of a free and fair national election. The terrorists, intent on executing a coup, threatened elected officials and staff, terrorized media professionals, destroyed federal property, and ultimately caused the death of five people, including a Capitol Police officer who was bludgeoned to death with a fire extinguisher. Many in the mob wore military or police tactical gear and carried zip-tie restraints, signaling a high level of preparation and coordination for the events that occurred.

This was an attack on our country. As the full extent of the insurrection unfolds, we fervently urge you to investigate the federal and state lawmakers directly involved, as well as those who, through words and conduct, aided and abetted sedition, treason or any other federal crimes.

The events of January 6 were not spontaneous, nor were they the random acts of a diffuse handful of unconnected individuals. For weeks prior to the breach, a group of Republican Arizona legislators and legislators-elect publicly advocated for the overthrow of the election results which encouraged precisely the kind of violent conduct that we witnessed.

Their own social media posts strongly suggest that Arizona State Representative Mark Finchem and former Representative Anthony Kern were present at the riot in Washington D.C. on January 6 and actively encouraged the mob, both before and during the attack on the Capitol. See, e.g., 1-6-21 Twitter Post by Rep. Kern (equating the rally to D-Day); photos on the Capitol steps. After the attack, Finchem and Kern sought to conceal the consequences of their conduct by falsely blaming "Antifa."
One of the riot's organizers, Ali Alexander, publicly claimed to have planned and organized the insurrection with Arizona Congressmen Paul Gosar and Andy Biggs; stating in a broadcast that "[W]e four schemed up putting maximum pressure on [C]ongress while they were voting..." 1-8-21 Twitter Thread Jason Paladino.

They did all of this in public. What they did outside of plain view we do not yet know. But there is evidence to indicate that Arizona Representatives Mark Finchem, Anthony Kern, Paul Gosar and Andy Biggs encouraged, facilitated, participated and possibly helped plan this anti-democratic insurrection on January 6. It is vital to any current or future federal investigations, and ultimately to the Arizona public they represent, that we learn what these elected officials knew about this planned insurrection and when they knew it.

We the undersigned members of the Arizona Legislature, urge you to fully investigate the extent of their involvement. Expeditious timing of this request is critical, as if you find any evidence that these individuals incited, encouraged, or participated in the lawless behavior that took place on that day, we believe they would be potentially criminally liable and ineligible for public office under Section 3 of the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, as having engaged in insurrection and rebellion.

Signed,

Athena Salman
Ranking Member, Government & Elections
State Representative, Legislative District 26

Rebecca Rios
Democratic Leader
State Senator, Legislative District 27

Lupe Contreras
Assistant Democratic Leader
State Senator, Legislative District 19

Martin Quezada
Democratic Whip
State Senator, Legislative District 29

Reginald Bolding
Democratic Leader
State Representative, Legislative District 27

Jennifer L. Longdon
Assistant Democratic Leader
State Representative, Legislative District 24

Domingo DeGrazia
Democratic Whip
State Representative, Legislative District 10

Victoria Steele
Democratic Whip
State Senator, Legislative District 9

1 “No Person shall...hold any office, civil or military, under the United States, or under any State...[if] having previously taken an oath, as a member of Congress, or as an officer of the United States, or as a member of any State legislature...to support the Constitution of the United States, [they] shall have engaged in insurrection or rebellion.” U.S. Const., Section 3, Amendment XIV.
Juan Mendez  
State Senator, Legislative District 26

Charlene Fernandez  
State Representative, Legislative District 4

Rosanna Gabaldon  
State Senator, Legislative District 2

Diego Rodriguez  
State Representative, Legislative District 27

Pamela Powers Hannley  
State Representative, Legislative District 9

Lorenzo Sierra  
State Representative, Legislative District 19

Andres Cano  
State Representative, Legislative District 3

Kirsten Engel  
State Senator, Legislative District 10

Daniel Hernandez, Jr.  
State Representative, Legislative District 2

Melody Hernandez  
State Representative, Legislative District 26

Raquel Terán  
State Representative, Legislative District 30

Lela Alston  
State Senator, Legislative District 24

Jennifer Pawlik  
State Representative, Legislative District 17

Randall Friese  
State Representative, Legislative District 9

Alma Hernandez  
State Representative, Legislative District 3

César Chávez  
State Representative, Legislative District 29

Richard C. Andrade  
State Representative, Legislative District 29

Sally Ann Gonzales  
State Senator, Legislative District 3
Donoghue, Richard (ODAG)

From: Donoghue, Richard (ODAG)
Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 3:45 PM
To: (b)(6) (NSD)
Subject: FW: SIR
Attachments: StopTheSteal_Potential_Violence_in_Washington_DC_area_SIR.pdf

From: Moore, Jennifer L. (WF) (FBI)  (b)(7)(E) per FBI
Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 3:33 PM
To: Donoghue, Richard (ODAG) (b)(6)
Subject: Fwd: SIR

Sir,

As requested the SIR in question.

Jennifer

Special Agent in Charge
Intelligence Division
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington Field Office
(b)(7)(E) per FBI office
(b)(7)(E) per FBI cell

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From: "(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI" (b)(7)(E) per FBI
Date: Jan 12, 2021 3:27 PM
Subject: SIR
To: "Moore, Jennifer L. (WF) (FBI)" (b)(7)(E) per FBI
Cc:

From (b)(7)(E) per FBI
Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 3:24 PM
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (WF) (FBI)
Subject: FBINET to UNET Uploaded Files
SITUATIONAL INFORMATION REPORT
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Potential Activity Alert
NORFOLK DIVISION

Approved for Release: 05 January 2021

SIR Number: (b)(7)(E) per FBI

(U//LES) Potential for Violence in Washington, D.C. Area in Connection with Planned 'StopTheSteal' Protest on 6 January 2021

SOURCE: (U//FOUO) A collaborative source.

FBI Norfolk is releasing this Situational Information Report to raise law enforcement awareness regarding the potential for violence in the Washington D.C. area in connection with a planned 'StopTheSteal' protest on 6 January 2021.

(U//LES) As of 5 January 2021, FBI Norfolk received information indicating calls for violence in response to...
Figure 1.
(b)(7)(A), (b)(7)(E) per FBI
(U//FOUO) FBI Comment. Individuals/Organizations named in this SIR have been identified as participating in activities that are protected by the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Their inclusion here is not intended to associate the protected activity with criminality or a threat to national security, or to infer that such protected activity itself violates federal law. However, based on known intelligence and/or specific historical observations, it is possible the protected activity could invite a violent reaction towards the subject individual or others in retaliation or with the goal of stopping the protected activity from occurring in the first instance. In the event no violent reaction occurs, FBI policy and federal law dictates that no further record be made of the protected activity.

(U) This report has been prepared by the NORFOLK Division of the FBI. Comments and queries may be addressed to the NORFOLK Division at 757-455-0100.
Donoghue, Richard (ODAG)

From: Donoghue, Richard (ODAG)
Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 3:44 PM
To: Rosen, Jeffrey A. (ODAG)
Cc: Moran, John (ODAG)
Subject: FW: SIR
Attachments: StopTheSteal_Potential_Violence_in_Washington_DC_area_SIR.pdf

From: Moore, Jennifer L. (WF) (FBI) [b](7)(E) per FBI
Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 3:33 PM
To: Donoghue, Richard (ODAG) [b](6)
Subject: Fwd: SIR
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From: (CID) (FBI)  
Date: January 12, 2021 at 2:40:23 PM EST  
To: "Raimondi, Marc (PAO)"  
Subject: Fw: FW  

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SIR N  
Situation report federal bureau of investigation  
Potential activity report  
Norfolk division  
ULES  
Approved for release 05 Jan 2021  
FBI Norfolk is releasing this situational information report to raise law enforcement awareness regarding the potential for violence in the Washington DC area in connection with a planned "Stop The Steal" protest on 6 January 2021.

(U/LES) As of 5 January 2021, FBI Norfolk received information indicating calls for violence in response to a protest to begin on 6 January 2021 in Washington, D.C.  

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January 8, 2021

Vice President Michael R. Pence
Office of the Vice President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Vice President,

After the horrific attack on the Capitol yesterday, instigated by President Trump, we are writing to you to request you invoke Section 4 of the 25th Amendment to determine the President as unfit if he “is unable to discharge the powers and duties of his office.”

This week’s events were shocking and unprecedented in our nation’s history. They amount to an attempted coup of our nation’s legislative body to stop the certification of the electoral college results and the peaceful transition of power from one Administration to the next. President Trump’s role leading up to and during the events have made it clear that he is unfit to remain in office for the next 13 days and poses imminent danger to our democracy.

His attacks on you, his own Vice President, his attempts to coerce the Georgia Secretary of State to illegally tamper with election results, his unfounded claims of widespread voter fraud denounced by Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell and not supported by the courts or states, and his insistence that he won the election in a landslide, all demonstrate he is a malignant narcissist and demagogue who is incapable of leading and protecting the country.

Equally alarming is his response to the rioters, from failing to provide necessary federal resources including the National Security Special Event designation; turning down the request of the DC Police to have the National Guard participate in the security of the event; failing to immediately deploy additional support once it became clear that the Capitol was breached; and calling the violent rioters “true patriots”. Therefore, we urge you to expeditiously step in and move forward with invoking the 25th Amendment. Our democracy is at risk and we must explore every measure the Constitution affords us to remove him from office.

We request an immediate response.

Sincerely,

John B. Larson
MEMBER OF CONGRESS

CC: The Honorable Sonny Perdue, Secretary of Agriculture
The Honorable Jeffrey Rosen, Acting Attorney General
The Honorable Wilbur L. Ross, Jr., Secretary of Commerce
The Honorable Christopher C. Miller, Acting Secretary of Defense
The Honorable Dan Brouillette, Secretary of Energy
The Honorable Michtell M. Zias, Acting Secretary of Education
The Honorable Alex Azar, Secretary of Health and Human Services
The Honorable Chad Wolf, Acting Secretary of Homeland Security
The Honorable Benjamin S. Carson, Sr., Secretary of Housing and Urban Development
The Honorable David Bernhardt, Secretary of the Interior
The Honorable Eugene Scalia, Secretary of Labor
The Honorable Mike Pompeo, Secretary of State
The Honorable Steven Bradbury, Acting Secretary of Transportation
The Honorable Steven T. Mnuchin, Secretary of the Treasury
The Honorable Robert Wilkie, Secretary of Veteran Affairs

List of signatories:

1. Rep. Michael Doyle
2. Rep. Mark Pocan
5. Rep. Danny K. Davis
7. Rep. Jim Cooper
16. Rep. Peter DeFazio
22. Rep. Ted Deutch
23. Rep. André Carson
27. Rep. Earl Blumenauer
28. Rep. Steven Horsford
29. Rep. Peter Welch
30. Rep. Filemon Vela
Dear Director Wray:

We write to request an immediate and urgent briefing on the steps the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) is taking to investigate and pursue for prosecution the instigation, planning, and execution of the deadly terrorist attack on the United States Capitol on January 6, 2021, by President Donald Trump, his supporters, and outside groups, as well as to disrupt any further activity designed to attack our government.

President Trump repeatedly incited his supporters to travel to the District of Columbia and carry out violence against the Capitol and Members of Congress. On December 19, 2020, President Trump published a tweet inviting his supporters to come to D.C., stating: “Statistically impossible to have lost the 2020 Election. Big protest in D.C. on January 6th. Be there, will be wild!”

At a rally yesterday morning, the President told his supporters that “we got to get rid of the weak congresspeople, the ones that aren’t any good” and that “we fight like Hell and if you don’t fight like Hell, you’re not going to have a country anymore.” President Trump ended his speech by telling his supporters, “We’re going [to] walk down to the Capitol … you’ll never take back our country with weakness. You have to show strength, and you have to be strong.”

The President’s personal lawyer, Rudolph Giuliani, also spoke at the rally, encouraging the President’s supporters to engage in “trial by combat” to overturn the results of the 2020 Presidential election. The President’s son, Donald Trump Jr. warned Republican Members who supposedly do not support the President that “we’re coming for you.”

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1 Twitter, Donald J. Trump (online at https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/1340185773220515840) (accessed on Jan. 6, 2021).

2 Transcript of President Donald J. Trump’s Speech at the Save America Rally, Rev (Jan. 6, 2021) (online at www.rev.com/blog/transcripts/donald trump speech save america rally transcript january 6).

The Honorable Christopher Wray
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Following the rally, thousands of the President’s supporters followed his direction and marched to the Capitol with the goal of preventing Congress from certifying the November 2020 election. Some of the rioters were armed and carrying Trump campaign flags.4

As the violent mob stormed the Capitol, President Trump, who reportedly was watching the carnage unfold on television and “was initially pleased by the disturbance,”5 When President Trump finally released a videotaped statement several hours later, he repeated his false claim that the election was “stolen” and praised the insurrectionists, telling them, “We love you.”6

In response to President Trump’s dangerous behavior, former Attorney General Bill Barr stated that “[o]rchestrating a mob to pressure Congress is inexcusable” and that the President’s conduct was a “betrayal of his office.”7

The attack against the United States Congress resulted in the deaths of at least four people, endangered Members and staff and law enforcement officials, caused damage to the U.S. Capitol building, and disrupted Members of Congress from fulfilling their constitutional responsibility to certify the results of the 2020 Presidential election.

Given the incendiary environment caused and exacerbated by President Trump’s rhetoric, along with the upcoming inauguration of President-Elect Joe Biden, it is imperative that the FBI leverage all available assets and resources to ensure that the perpetrators of this domestic terrorist attack and those who incited and conspired with them are brought to justice, and that this domestic terrorist group is disrupted from further actions against our government.

We request an urgent briefing for the Chairs and Ranking Members of the undersigned Committees on how the FBI is working to investigate and hold responsible the domestic terrorists who incited and executed yesterday’s attack on the Capitol, as well as how the FBI has been tracking this domestic terrorist group, how it prepared for the events on January 6, 2021, and how it plans to disrupt any further violent plans. This briefing should include detailed information about how the FBI is working to collect evidence and to track these individuals. Please contact our staffs to schedule the briefing.

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4 Id.


6 ‘Go Home. We Love You’: Trump to Protesters, ABC News (Jan 6, 2021) (online at https://abcenews.go.com/Politics/video/home love trump protesters 75094574).

7 Former Attorney General Bill Barr Says Trump’s Conduct Was ‘Betrayal of His Office,’ CNN (Jan. 7, 2021) (online at www.cnn.com/politics/live news/washington dc election riots/h 04d72ac31f3f9ac3e22b52bd1f5e8de02).
Sincerely,

Carolyn B. Maloney  
Chairwoman  
Committee on Oversight and Reform

Jerrold Nadler  
Chairman  
Committee on the Judiciary

Bennie G. Thompson  
Chairman  
Committee on Homeland Security

Adam B. Schiff  
Chairman  
Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence

Adam Smith  
Chairman  
Committee on Armed Services

Stephen F. Lynch  
Member of Congress

cc:  The Honorable James R. Comer, Ranking Member  
Committee on Oversight and Reform

The Honorable Jim Jordan, Ranking Member  
Committee on the Judiciary

The Honorable John Katko, Ranking Member  
Committee on Homeland Security

The Honorable Devin Nunes, Ranking Member  
House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence

The Honorable Mike Rogers, Ranking Member  
Committee on Armed Services
January 8, 2021

The Honorable Chad F. Wolf
Department of Homeland Security
Washington, D.C. 20528

The Honorable Christopher Wray
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
935 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Mr. Wolf and Director Wray:

We write today regarding the violent insurrectionist acts that took place at the United States Capitol on January 6, 2021, and for information into your agencies’ actions leading up to and understanding of the digital environment surrounding the attack. While it is clear that the mob of domestic terrorists, neo-Nazis, and white supremacists was directly incited by President Trump at his preceding rally on the National Mall, many of these extremists were already communicating online and on social media about potential violence and plans to occupy the United States Capitol building in the days and weeks before it unfolded.  

Since the president lost re-election, he has stoked false and unsubstantiated claims that the election was stolen from him and that actions must be taken to overturn the results. This disinformation spread across digital platforms, fomenting a sharp uptick in reactionary calls for violence. Just from January 1st, there were more than 1,250 posts from QAnon conspiracy theorists on Twitter containing terms of violence. And violence was also specifically directed at Congress. For example, on Facebook, one user wrote in a far-right private group entitled “Joe Biden is not my President” on January 5, “There will be a BIG Civil War if Congress allows the election to be stolen.” On TikTok, videos were posted with close to 279,000 views that promoted violence at the Capitol, calling for people to bring their "mother-[expletive] guns". Several threads on mainstream platforms like Reddit and Twitter, and alternative platforms friendlier to those on the far-right like Gab and Parler, contained content for weeks that specifically alluded to planning the violence that took place on January 6. Those at the helm

2 https://www.cnn.com/2021/01/06/tech/protest-violence-online/index.html
planning this insurrection even had enough time to create merchandise to wear for the event labeled with things like, “MAGA, Civil War, January 6, 2021”.

While this latest sharp increase in violent chatter online is a result of the president’s stoking of proven falsehoods, we have seen a steady increase in online extremist and domestic terrorist coordination over the past several years. In 2019, the Federal Bureau of Investigation labeled fringe political conspiracy theories as a domestic terror threat and an intelligence bulletin from the Agency warned of “anti-government, identity-based, and fringe political conspiracy theories very likely to motivate some domestic extremists to commit criminal, sometimes violent activity.” The Department of Homeland Security and Federal Bureau of Investigation are both tasked with operations to track online extremist developments and prevent their enaction. However, there have been some notable failures when it comes to preventing violent extremists from orchestrating events that lead to violence, such as at the “Unite the Right” Neo-Nazi rally that occurred in Charlottesville, Virginia in 2017 and resulted in a domestic terror attack which caused loss of life. January 6 is as another such failure, and one that placed the foundation of democracy under threat.

Fundamentally, we are concerned that law enforcement was seemingly unprepared for the mob that descended on the Capitol on January 6, despite the hundreds of thousands of posts spread about it publicly online. It is implausible that the federal law enforcement agencies tasked with defending the United States against acts of terrorism would not have been aware of and tracking the online ecosystem leading up to this attack. To that end, we respectfully request a response to the following questions by January 15, 2021, and include, if necessary, a classified addendum:

1. Did your agencies anticipate a credible threat of violent activity based on the social media posts leading up to the January 6 attack? If so, what groups were involved and how were they organizing?
2. Describe the nature of communication with the White House or any political appointees regarding the online threat landscape leading up to January 6.
3. Did your agencies notify the relevant law enforcement entities of the threats of violence, including through the dissemination of intelligence bulletins, to other law enforcement agencies? If so, when did this occur?
4. Have your agencies adequately shifted resources, personnel, and training to monitor and find domestic extremism in the online ecosystem?
5. The members of the mob were livestreaming their activities on social media. What was the level of monitoring and information sharing in realtime that your agencies provided to local law enforcement and other authorities?
6. Did your agencies have any communication with the online platforms regarding the violent extremist content? If so, what did this communication entail and when did it occur?
7. What cooperation, if any, have you received from online platforms regarding the violent extremist content shared across their sites?

4 https://twitter.com/miestessowen/status/1346932836704653114
8. How are your agencies mobilizing between now and the Presidential Inauguration on January 20 to prevent a similar act from occurring, and what resources are you dedicating to the evolving online ecosystem?

We thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Donald S. Beyer Jr.  
Member of Congress

Jennifer Wexton  
Member of Congress

Barbara Lee  
Member of Congress

Yvette D. Clarke  
Member of Congress

Jared Huffman  
Member of Congress

Derek Kilmer  
Member of Congress

André Carson  
Member of Congress

Danny K. Davis  
Member of Congress

Jackie Speier  
Member of Congress

Jim Cooper  
Member of Congress

Thomas R. Suozzi  
Member of Congress

Jim Himes  
Member of Congress

Frank Pallone, Jr.  
Member of Congress

Jamie Raskin  
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Member of Congress

Kweisi Mfume
Member of Congress

David E. Price
Member of Congress

Debbie Dingell
Member of Congress

Ami Bera, M.D.
Member of Congress

Rick Larsen
Member of Congress

Suzanne Bonamici
Member of Congress

Julia Brownley
Member of Congress

Terri A. Sewell
Member of Congress

Alan Lowenthal
Member of Congress

Mark Pocan
Member of Congress

Steven Horsford
Member of Congress

A. Donald McEachin
Member of Congress

Jake Auchincloss
Member of Congress
Our job isn’t riot control, crowd control or traffic control. It is investigating criminal violations of federal law. Our role for this protest was to ensure there was connective tissues between the lead law enforcement agencies, which we did through the SIOC, WFO Ops Center and MPD Command center.

You are till hammering the peg.

ok we are tweaking to this - we understand there was a planning call about this earlier this week in which DOJ made this decision:

On a separate call earlier this week, Justice Department officials including Acting Attorney General Jeffrey Rosen, discussed how to handle the planned protest, and concluded they saw little role for themselves in riot control, according to people familiar with the matter.

On Thu, Jan 7, 2021 at 5:34 PM Raimondi, Marc (PAO) wrote:

Yes, that is not accurate to say that the Acting AG wanted a lighter footprint. For the reasons I stated below. Please stop trying to hammer a round peg through a square hole.

When Barr was AG he ordered the clearing of Lafayette Square. BOP officers have been called to help various protests in the past year. DEA offered to send agents to assist. We are told all of this by law enforcement officials, including that DHS wanted to have a similar presence this time and DOJ disagreed. Do you want to dispute this on the record?

On Thu, Jan 7, 2021 at 4:54 PM Raimondi, Marc (PAO) wrote:

It wasn’t something for him to agree or disagree with. We don’t do crowd control. We don’t have unformed police, we have mostly criminal investigators/special agents. There is not a scenario where FBI agents are assigned to traffic control or crowd control as part of a plan, and they only respond as such as a last resort. If you want more people to do that, you activate more national guard or you leverage your
MOUs with other police departments.

From: Viswanatha, Aruna <aruna.viswanatha@wsj.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 07, 2021 4:44 PM
To: Raimondi, Marc (PAO) <Marc.Raimondi@usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: AG didn’t sign off on any plan

the point we wanted to make was just that both Bowser/MPD and DOJ agreed to go with a light footprint strategy to avoid escalating any tense situations akin to what happened in Portland or Lafayette Square. Is that wrong? This is how we had planned to include it

Washington Mayor Muriel Bowser had also urged federal law enforcement to maintain a light footprint for protests, seeking to avoid the type of show of force that had inflamed already tense situations at social justice protests last year. Acting Attorney General Jeffrey Rosen agreed, according to people familiar with the matter. Once the protesters reached the grounds of the Capitol, they were left in the hands of the quickly outmanned Capitol Police.

On Thu, Jan 7, 2021 at 4:09 PM Raimondi, Marc (PAO) <Marc.Raimondi@usdoj.gov> wrote:

There were three distinct areas with three agencies the lead for each. The Ellipse was the Park Police supported by the MPD and National Guard.

No significant issues happened at the Ellipse.

The roads between the Ellipse and the Capitol were the responsibility of the MPD, the crowd walked in a mostly orderly fashion to the Capitol with no significant issues.

The Capitol, is the domain of the Capitol Police and under the chain of command of the Legislative branch leaders.

Each of these agencies made the plans they felt were sufficient and requested assets, if any, that they thought they needed to execute on their plans.

The Department of Justice role was to make sure that coordination and communications amongst the supporting agencies was being facilitated and did so through the FBI’s SIOC, the WFO’s Command Center and the MPD Operations Center.

I am not sure what your confusion is regarding these roles?

From: Viswanatha, Aruna <aruna.viswanatha@wsj.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 07, 2021 4:00 PM
To: Raimondi, Marc (PAO) <Marc.Raimondi@usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: AG didn’t sign off on any plan

we are told there was a debate about what kind of federal officer presence to have with the protests, and the AG agreed that they should avoid deploying officers from DOJ components to be a show of force in Washington akin to the officers deployed in the summer in Portland etc. Who would be signing off on that if not the AG?
On Thu, Jan 7, 2021 at 3:55 PM Raimondi, Marc (PAO) <Marc.Raimondi@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Where did you get your info?

Marc Raimondi
Acting Director of Public Affairs
U.S. Department of Justice
Marc.raimondi@usdoj.gov

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Question  Specifically, it was President Trump, who called on people
to quote unquote fight. And you said that you know you are... anyone who may have
played a role, we will affect every actor in all criminal charges. So specifically, are
you going to be looking at the role that President Trump played at that rally?
and you know whipping up the crowd before they went to the
Capitol Building.

Sherwin
Look again I don't want to sound like a broken record
but but I'm going to stand by my earlier statement we're looking at all actors here,
and anyone that had a role, and the evidence fits the elements of a crime. They're going
to be charged.

Marc Raimondi
Acting Director of Public Affairs
U.S. Department of Justice

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DOJ Correspondence (SMO)

From: DOJ Correspondence (SMO)
Sent: Thursday, January 7, 2021 3:48 PM
To: DOJExecSec (JMD)
Cc: Tolson, Kimberly G (JMD); Antell, Kira M. (OLA); Greer, Megan L. (OLA); Thorley, Charles A. (OLA)
Subject: FW: Crist Letter to Vice President and Cabinet Members
Attachments: Crist Letter 25th Amendment Pence Cabinet_01-07-21.pdf
Importance: High

Pls log attached inquiry, Acting AG is cc’d; make appropriate info copy distribution & pls close out. Thanks.

From: Fisher, Christoph  
Sent: Thursday, January 7, 2021 12:40 PM
Subject: Crist Letter to Vice President and Cabinet Members

Good afternoon, Congressman Crist sent the attached letter. I wanted you to have an electronic copy for convenience.

Chris

Christopher Lyon Fisher (he/his) | Deputy Chief of Staff  
The Honorable Charlie Crist (FL 13) | Washington DC  
(b)(6) (cell)
January 7, 2021

The Vice President
Old Executive Office Building
Washington, DC 20501

Dear Mr. Vice President and members of the Cabinet,

Yesterday, the President of the United States and his allies sent an armed mob to attack the Capitol of the United States of America. Four people lost their lives, and the Capitol was breached for the first time in over two hundred years.

Since losing the election two months ago, the President has been peddling baseless conspiracy theories, outlandish rumors, and outright lies, warning his supporters that the election was stolen from them and that they are losing their country. Fueled by the President’s seditious words at the rally in front of the White House, armed insurrectionists stormed America’s temple of democracy to stop the Constitutionally mandated counting of electoral votes. They endangered lives of duly elected lawmakers and staff, interrupted the business of the American people, and some even sought to arrest the Vice President for treason. Along the way, they physically attacked journalists and injured members of the United States Capitol Police. Similar scenes played out in state capitals across our country. The President has successfully inspired American extremists to take violent actions in a despotic bid to cling to power. I am further disturbed by media reports that the President took pleasure in the events yesterday, as he continued to stoke the violence with tweets and a video.

In the final days of his term, President Trump still retains the awesome powers of the presidency, has the nuclear football, and is Commander in Chief of our military. After all, he is still the President. But he should not be. You know this. His closest advisers know this. He has surrounded himself with conspiracy theorists and has convinced himself of their lies. The President is unfit and unable to discharge the powers and duties of his office.

If allowed to remain in power, President Trump represents an unprecedented danger to the American people and our constitutional republic. You have the power under the 25th Amendment to the United States Constitution to defend America from this threat. It is your duty to exercise it.

Sincerely,

Charlie Crist
UNITED STATES CONGRESSMAN
CC: The Honorable Mike Pompeo, Secretary of State
The Honorable Steven Mnuchin, Secretary of the Treasury
The Honorable David Bernhardt, Secretary of the Interior
The Honorable Sonny Perdue, Secretary of Agriculture
The Honorable Wilbur L. Ross, Jr., Secretary of Commerce
The Honorable Eugene Scalia, Secretary of Labor
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The Honorable Elaine L. Chao, Secretary of Transportation
The Honorable Betsy DeVos, Secretary of Education
The Honorable Dan Brouillette, Secretary of Energy
The Honorable Robert Wilkie, Secretary of Veterans Affairs
The Honorable Christopher Miller, Acting Secretary of Defense
The Honorable Jeffrey Rosen, Acting Attorney General
The Honorable Chad Wolf, Acting Secretary of Homeland Security
Just went out -

**Acting Attorney General Jeffrey A. Rosen Statement**  “Yesterday, our Nation watched in disbelief as a mob breached the Capitol Building and required federal and local law enforcement to help restore order. The Department of Justice is committed to ensuring that those responsible for this attack on our Government and the rule of law face the full consequences of their actions under the law. Our criminal prosecutors have been working throughout the night with special agents and investigators from the U.S. Capitol Police, FBI, ATF, Metropolitan Police Department and the public to gather the evidence, identify perpetrators, and charge federal crimes where warranted. Some participants in yesterday’s violence will be charged today, and we will continue to methodically assess evidence, charge crimes and make arrests in the coming days and weeks to ensure that those responsible are held accountable under the law.”
Raimondi, Marc (PAO)

From: Raimondi, Marc (PAO)
Sent: Thursday, January 7, 2021 12:04 PM
To: Hale, Brian Patrick (OPA) (FBI)
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - FW: DC Mayor Press

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From: Hale, Brian Patrick (OPA) (FB
Sent: Thursday, January 07, 2021 9:37 AM
To: Raimondi, Marc (PAO )
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - FW: DC Mayor Press

I will raise the issue.

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On Jan 7, 2021 9:36 AM, "Raimondi, Marc (PAO)" <Marc.Raimondi@usdoj.gov> wrote:
Are you aware of this

From: Hale, Brian Patrick (OPA) (FB
Sent: Thursday, January 07, 2021 9:18 AM
To: Raimondi, Marc (PAO )
Cc: Donoghue, Richard (ODAG) Moran, John (ODAG)
Subject: DC Mayor Press

Marc,

Just heard that D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser will hold a press conference at 11:00 a.m. and has invited the FBI to participate. No further details.

Best,

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Acting Chief of Counterterrorism
Acting Attorney General Jeffrey A. Rosen Statement  “Yesterday, our Nation watched in disbelief as a mob breached the Capitol Building and required federal and local law enforcement to help restore order. The Department of Justice is committed to ensuring that those responsible for this attack on our Government and the rule of law face the full consequences of their actions under the law. Our criminal prosecutors have been working throughout the night with special agents and investigators from the U.S. Capitol Police, FBI, ATF, Metropolitan Police Department and the public to gather the evidence, identify perpetrators, and charge federal crimes where warranted. Some participants in yesterday’s violence will be charged today, and we will continue to methodically assess evidence, charge crimes and make arrests in the coming days and weeks to ensure that those responsible are held accountable under the law.”

Fbi.gov/uscapitol

#FBI is seeking info that will assist in identifying individuals who are actively instigating violence in Washington, DC. FBI is accepting tips & digital media depicting rioting & violence in the U.S. Capitol Building & surrounding area on January 6, 2021. ow.ly/2B3k50D236d

Marc Raimondi
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If you have witnessed unlawful violent actions, we urge you to submit any information, photos, or videos that could be relevant at fbi.gov/USCapitol.

Please use this form to submit any images, videos, or other multimedia files you have related to possible violations of federal law committed. Our goal is to preserve the public’s constitutional right to protest by protecting everyone from violence and other criminal activity.

You may also call 1-800-CALL-FBI (1-800-225-5324) to verbally report tips and/or information related to this investigation.

If you do not have an attachment but have information to provide, please submit it at tips.fbi.gov.

From: Raimondi, Marc (PAO) <Marc.Raimondi@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 7, 2021 10:32 AM
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - Can someone send me info on the Digital media teams that are ingesting the video and images and analyzing for crimes?

Marc Raimondi
Acting Director of Public Affairs
U.S. Department of Justice
Marc.raimondi@usdoj.gov

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We will charge the crimes that the evidence and law supports, including the charging considerations that were sent to the US Attorneys last September which is linked below.


Is there anything you want to say on record or on background re: the memo about statutes that Rosen wrote as DAG? I’m told the investigators are proceeding under the same general principal as outlined in the memo, but do you
want to say that officially in any way? Anything else I should know?
I am
(b)(5), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(A) per EOUSA
Hope this email finds you well, despite the day’s chaotic events. I’m emailing today with a profile report detailing the identification of a protester named Jacob Chansley (also known as Jacob Angeli) who was documented storming the Capitol during the Jan 6. “Stop the Steal” protest. Chansley happens to be a popular QAnon conspiracy theorist who maintains a significant presence on social media. In the report below, please find information regarding his online profiles and offline activities.

As always, I’m happy to answer any questions or concerns, and appreciate you taking the time on these matters. Hoping the evening brings some peace.

Best regards,
Liz & SITE Team

Protester Who Stormed U.S Capitol Identified as Prominent QAnon Activist, Spread Inflammatory Conspiracy Theories Across Social Media

One of the pro-Trump protesters documented breaking into the U.S Capitol building has been identified as a prominent QAnon activist from Arizona who used his presence on social media to disseminate incendiary anti-government conspiracy theories.

Sourcefeed Entry: https://sourcefeedfr.siteintelgroup.com/sourcefeed/item/18169/

Known for his attendance at previous pro-Trump protests where he often appeared dressed in fur, head dresses, and other “tribal” clothing and loudly espoused various QAnon conspiracy theories photos of Jacob Chansley (who
also goes by the name Jacob Angeli) have been circulating the internet showing the activist among the violent mob of Trump supporters who breached the U.S Capitol during the “Stop the Steal” protest in Washington D.C.

On his Facebook account, Chansley regularly posted pro-Trump and QAnon-related content: heavily pushing voter fraud, “Satanic” child sex trafficking ring, Coronavirus, “Deep State,” and other anti-government conspiracy theories. Examples of these posts follow:
On December 13, 2020, Chansley posted photos documenting his attendance at the December 12 “Million MAGA” protest in the U.S capital holding signs that read “Q Sent Me” and “Hold the Line Patriots,” seen below:
Notably, on November 30, 2020, Chansley posted photos of himself shaking Trump’s advisor and lawyer Rudy Giuliani’s hand, appearing to boast a direct connection to the President to his QAnon followers:
Chansley also ran a YouTube account to which only one 9 minute, 25 second video has been uploaded. On February 27, 2019, Chansley referring to himself in the video under the alias “Yellowstone Wolf” posted the video titled “Secrets Of The Universe: Energy, Frequency & Vibration” in which he explores spiritual and “cosmic” philosophies. The video can be accessed through SITE Multimedia here: https://sourcefeedfr.siteintelgroup.com/media/uploads/2021-01-06/Secrets_Of_The_Universe_Energy_Frequency_Vibration.mp4

Further, Chansley maintained a more active “Yellowstone Wolf” channel on the video hosting platform Bitchute, where he has uploaded 15 videos promoting anti-government conspiracies relating to topics such as CIA “sex trafficking,” alleged “crimes” of “treasonous” U.S government official and media outlets, underground “slave trades,” “leftist psychological warfare,” “communist black magic,” voter fraud, among many other outlandish theories.

He is also supposedly the author of a book known as “One Mind At A Time: A Deep State of Illusion,” which claims to “exposes the history, strategy, & goals of the Deep State in detail.”
From: Marc (PAO) <Marc.Raimondi@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, January 6, 2021 11:29 PM
To: Hoffman, Jonathan R SES OSD OSD (USA)
Subject: RE: southpaw (@nycsouthpaw) Tweeted: McCaskill points out we’ve had no kind of briefing from the Capitol Police, the FBI Dir...

As far as I’m aware, our teams did everything by the book and we shouldn’t let anyone besmirch them.

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This is crazy. I was on a phone call with the AG, Deputy AG, DOD Secretary, Vice President Pence, Senate leader McConnell, minority leader McCarthy, Sen. Schumer, and House Speaker Pelosi tonight at 7:20 and we briefed them all on this and told them that we cleared their chambers and they could go back in and restart their sessions. We launched hundreds of agents, DOD launched hundreds of citizen soldiers, DHS launched over a hundred officers, we cleared the building, set up a security perimeter, defused bombs, etc. All of this is in addition to what we were asked to do in the prior planning phases.

Thoughts?

From: Raimondi, Marc (PAO) <Marc.Raimondi@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, January 06, 2021 11:18 PM
To: Raimondi, Marc (PAO)
Subject: southpaw (@nycsouthpaw) Tweeted: McCaskill points out we’ve had no kind of briefing from the Capitol Police, the FBI Dir...
southpaw (@nycsouthpaw) Tweeted:

McCaskill points out we’ve had no kind of briefing from the Capitol Police, the FBI Director, the acting Attorney General, or anyone besides DC municipal officials.

https://twitter.com/nycsouthpaw/status/1347032835941683202?s=20
I wasn’t trying to make it about me. I was just sending you a memo you tweeted about because I thought it would be helpful. Then I responded to your follow up note. I wasn’t criticizing anything I just thought the link to the sedition memo could be useful. It’s actually the occupying a federal facility part that he was referring to. Still valid charge to consider.

Marc Raimondi
Acting Director of Public Affairs
U.S. Department of Justice

On Jan 6, 2021, at 10:12 PM, Katie Benner <katie.benner@nytimes.com> wrote:

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Marc,
The protesters said on social media for days that they were coming to Washington to incite violence. And the president himself has been inciting it as well.
Please don’t try to spin me.
The protesters this summer began to be violent on a Friday evening, May 31, when the president was rushed to his bunker. By Saturday evening the DOJ had mobilized. It was not after days or weeks of rioting. You can’t rewrite history that played out on social media and before news cameras.
The acting AG has literally had many more days than that to prepare. I understand that you are working very hard, but it is not your job to lead the DOJ. It’s his.
Appreciate your work, but this isn’t about you.
And his lack of visibility raises questions when compared to the vigorous response of this summer.
All best,
Katie

On Wed, Jan 6, 2021 at 10:02 PM Raimondi, Marc (PAO) <Marc.Raimondi@usdoj.gov> wrote:
You’re comparing responses after days or weeks of rioting which is a massively false equivalence. Also, Rosen is not Barr, and we’ve been coordinating with the USA DC, FBI, DOD, MPD, Capitol Police and others for many days prior to this and all day today. I’m still here coordinating. We have charges that will be announced in the morning and I anticipate many more will follow. Just because you don’t see Rosen walking the streets it doesn’t mean he’s not involved.

Marc Raimondi
Acting Director of Public Affairs
U.S. Department of Justice

On Jan 6, 2021, at 9:55 PM, Katie Benner <katie.benner@nytimes.com> wrote:
Marc,

The DOJ's response to today's riots is far different from its response to the protests of the summer.

We did not see Rosen walking the streets with Steve Engel in tow, directing the forces. The press didn't have phone calls with Zach Terwilliger to go through the strategy that the department was using to coordinate the response, because there was no similar coordination.

Rosen didn't have the F (b)(7)(E) per FBI to do reconnaissance of the area near the Justice Department, and he deputize guards from the Bureau of Prisons to patrol the streets and make arrests.

We also didn't see people be arrested for breaching the US Capitol and rifling through the desks of sitting lawmakers.

I think it's fair to wonder whether US attorneys have been urged to use every tool at their disposal -- on a conference call with all US Attorneys no less -- to deal with the unrest we saw today.

When I asked you about this yesterday, you said "We have no indication that things will be as violent this week as they were this summer." You said this despite warnings on Parler and the president's public request that his supporters come to DC to upend the results of the election.

All best,

Katie

On Wed, Jan 6, 2021 at 9:44 PM Raimondi, Marc (PAO) wrote:

Maybe you should include this link? We are still committed to charging in line with this memo if the evidence supports it.

https://www.justice.gov/opa/page/file/1317916/download

From: DoJ Real Time News Clips <alert-doj@rendon.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 06, 2021 6:59 PM
To: Raimondi, Marc (PAO) (b)(6)
Subject: Twitter: Katie Benner

Twitter: Katie Benner

Media: Twitter

Byline: @ktbenner

Date: January 6, 2021

URL: https://twitter.com/ktbenner/status/1346968777725005825

Remember when Justice Department leaders urged prosecutors to use the Sedition Act against BLM protestors
who defaced federal property ... will be interesting to see whether we get the same urgent call to action for the
rioters who stormed the US Capitol in support of Trump.

END

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Katie Benner
(b)(6) (m)
@ktbenner
Check out my recent stories here

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Katie Benner
(b)(6) (m)
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Check out my recent stories here
Kira: Megan shared re what below was about. Sorry I did not have more detail other than what I noted below when I emailed this morning. That is what DHS shared quickly before going into the SCIF. Wanted to make sure you knew - to keep you looped in - but then I was off comms.

> On Jan 6, 2021, at 9:38 AM, Johnson, Joanne E. (OLA) wrote:
> > Per DHS, G of 8 had a briefing this morning on threats to Capitol where FBI briefing.
Engel, Steven A. (OLC)

From: Engel, Steven A. (OLC)
Sent: Wednesday, January 6, 2021 5:56 PM
To: Raimondi, Marc (PAO)
Subject: Re: draft statement

Ok by me.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 6, 2021, at 5:57 PM, Raimondi, Marc (PAO) wrote:

I added the in front of USMS.

“...the violence at our Nation’s Capitol Building is an intolerable attack on a fundamental institution of our democracy. From the outset, the Department of Justice has been working in close coordination with the Capitol Police and federal partners from the Interior Department, the Department of Homeland Security, and the National Guard, as well as the Metropolitan Police and other local authorities. Earlier this afternoon, the Department of Justice sent hundreds of federal law enforcement officers and agents from the FBI, ATF, and the U.S. Marshals Service to assist the Capitol Police in addressing this unacceptable situation, and we intend to enforce the laws of our land.”

From: Engel, Steven A. (OLC)
Sent: Wednesday, January 06, 2021 5:32 PM
To: Rosen, Jeffrey A. (ODAG)
Cc: Raimondi, Marc (PAO)
Donoghue, Richard (ODAG)

Subject: Re: draft statement

Looks good to me. You corrected my two tweaks. Do we say “the” USMS? Or just USMS?

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 6, 2021, at 5:30 PM, Rosen, Jeffrey A. (ODAG) wrote:

“The violence at our Nation’s Capitol Building is an intolerable attack on a fundamental institution of our democracy. From the outset, the Department of Justice has been working in close coordination with the Capitol Police and federal partners from the Interior Department, the Department of Homeland Security, and the National Guard, as well as the Metropolitan Police and other local authorities. Earlier this afternoon, the Department of Justice sent hundreds of federal law enforcement officers and agents from the FBI, ATF, and U.S. Marshals Service to assist the Capitol Police in addressing this unacceptable situation, and we intend to enforce the laws of our land.”
In short, yes.

Does our coordination with DOD go beyond National Guard?

Thanks, John. I think your concerns are reasonable and what you and Kira have worked out makes sense to me.

I suggest a few tweaks below:

Looping in Steve Engel to make sure I am not off base with my concern.
On Jan 6, 2021, at 8:52 AM, Antell, Kira M. (OLA) wrote:

Thanks John and others for reviewing this incoming. Are folks comfortable with something like the below? Please feel free to edit inline or to phone (202-305-5287) with edits.

DRAFT
Good morning,

From: Antell, Kira M. (OLA)
Sent: Tuesday, January 5, 2021 11:04 PM
To: Moran, John (ODAG) Cc: Dizinno, Richard (ODAG) Creegan, Erin (ODAG)
Michel, Christopher (OAG) (NSD) ; Raimondi, Marc (PAO) (b)(6)
Subject: RE: Priority RFI on FBI Activities Related to Tomorrow’s Joint Session of Congress

Thanks John. I absolutely agree about

I do think what you’ve suggested. We also might consider

Thanks,
Kira

From: Moran, John (ODAG)
Sent: Tuesday, January 5, 2021 10:46 PM
Michel, Christopher (OAG) (NSD) ; Raimondi, Marc (PAO) (b)(6)
Subject: Re: Priority RFI on FBI Activities Related to Tomorrow’s Joint Session of Congress
Kira,

Given the fact that this is an ongoing operation [highlighted in blue at the bottom] We can handle legitimate oversight inquiries in due course, but [highlighted in yellow]

Perhaps something like this would work for tomorrow:

[I would welcome others’ thoughts on that language. [highlighted in blue]

Regards,
John

On Jan 5, 2021, at 9:08 PM, Antell, Kira M. (OLA [highlighted in green]) wrote:

? We just received the below from HPSCI Majority.

It appears as though HPSCI contacted FBI asking for information on “(1) its assessment of the various threats and (2) its overview of interagency coordination and support” [highlighted in blue at the bottom]. FBI answered #1 generally and referred questions on #2 to the Department [highlighted in green]. HPSCI is particularly interested in our coordination with DoD [highlighted in yellow below]. I do not have visibility into what that coordination may look like. My recommendation would be [highlighted in blue]. Happy to get on a call to talk this through.

Thanks,
Kira

From: Johnson, Joanne E. (OLA [highlighted in green])
Sent: Tuesday, January 5, 2021 8:48 PM
To: Greer, Megan L. (OLA [highlighted in green]) Thorley, Charles A. (OLA [highlighted in green]) Antell, Kira M. (OLA [highlighted in green])
Cc: Bergreen, Timoth [Congressional Email highlighted in green]; Williams, Douglas A. Jr.

FYI See below re protests. I am not sure who is working protest issues in OLA. Thank you, Joanne

From: Sikorskyj, Lucia [highlighted in green]
Sent: Tuesday, January 5, 2021 8:42 PM
To: Thorley, Charles A. (OLA [highlighted in green]) Johnson, Joanne E. (OLA [highlighted in green])
Cc: Bergreen, Timoth [Congressional Email highlighted in green]; Williams, Douglas A. Jr.
Subject: Re: Priority RFI on FBI Activities Related to Tomorrow’s Joint Session of Congress

Good evening Chad and Joanne,

The FBI deferred the Committee’s referenced priority request to DOJ, with respect to any communications between the Bureau and the Department of Defense on interagency coordination and support related to tomorrow’s Joint Session of Congress. As set forth below, we are particularly interested in recent discussions at the leadership level, if any, between the Bureau and the Department of Defense. Please find a full copy of our request in the below email thread and the FBI’s response.

Specifically, in that context and regarding tomorrow’s Joint Session of Congress, please also clarify whether and to what extent Department of Defense leadership, including the Acting Secretary or his staff, have sought information from or are coordinating with FBI regarding activities or support related to tomorrow’s Joint Session of Congress and/or any expected protests, rallies, or security events in the city. As you can imagine, given heightened public concern about the role of federal law enforcement and the military during this transition period, the Committee wants to ensure that the Bureau is transparent not only about its own preparations and planned activities, but also is not ensnared in any improper or questionable activities or requests for information by any other component of the government, including DOD.

Because the Joint Session of Congress is tomorrow, we respectfully request your response this evening or early tomorrow morning.

Many thanks in advance for your attention to this matter.

Best,
Lucian

Lucian D. Sikorskyj
Subcommittee Staff Director (Majority) | Counterterrorism, Counterintelligence, and Counterproliferation Subcommittee
Oversight and Budget Monitor | DEA, DHS, DOJ, FBI, and USCG
House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence
U.S. Capitol, HVC-304

From: "Sikorskyj, Lucian" [mailto:(b)(6)]
Date: January 5, 2021 at 17:56:01 EST
To: "Sikorskyj, Lucian" [mailto:(b)(6)]
Cc: "Bergreen, Timothy" [mailto:(b)(6)]
Subject: RFI on FBI Activities Related to Joint Session of Congress

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Lucian,

Good evening, relative to the Committee seeking information on the FBI’s efforts and preparations concerning tomorrow’s Joint Session of Congress, particularly on its assessment of the various threats, its overview of interagency coordination and support, and any recent discussions at the leadership level between the Bureau and the Department of Defense, please see below.

The FBI’s mission is to protect the American people and uphold the Constitution of the United States. The FBI focuses on criminal acts, threats of violence, and violations of federal law, and does not investigate solely First Amendment-protected activity. Rather, the FBI investigates those activities that threaten the safety of our communities and will use authorized methods and available charging instruments when appropriate.

The FBI prides itself on robust partnership and coordination with local, state and federal law enforcement officials. For information related to DoD communications with the Department of Justice (to include the FBI), we defer you to DOJ.

As always, the FBI will continue to advise the committee on threats consistent with our law enforcement and national security obligations.

From: [Redacted] (OCA) (FBI)
Date: January 5, 2021 at 11:50:50 EST
To: "Sikorsky, Lucian" (OCA) (FBI) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI
Cc: "Bergreen, Timothy" (b)(6) Congressional Email (b)(6) (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI
Subject: RE: Priority RFI on FBI Activities Related to Tomorrow’s Joint Session of Congress

Your request has been forwarded to the appropriate unit. Once I receive a
response, you will be notified. Attempts to have appropriate personnel on stand by for a call will be made, but their availability/logistics will determine. Any questions please advise.

Thanks,

From: Sikorskyj, Lucia
Sent: Tuesday, January 5, 2021 11:41 AM
To: [b](6) (OCA) (FB)
Cc: Bergreen, Timoth
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - Priority RFI on FBI Activities Related to Tomorrow’s Joint Session of Congress

The Committee requests a quick turn update on the FBI’s efforts and preparations concerning tomorrow’s Joint Session of Congress, including (1) its assessment of the various threats and (2) its overview of interagency coordination and support. In the latter regard, as set forth below, we are particularly interested in recent discussions at the leadership level, if any, between the Bureau and the Department of Defense.

A brief email should address the request, as the event is tomorrow; we also ask that appropriate personnel also stand ready to speak by telephone later today, and to address any follow up questions from Committee staff.

This matter is of high interest to the Committee, especially in light of recent press reporting suggesting that individuals, possibly with links to violent extremist groups, may be involved with violence or criminal activity in the vicinity of the U.S. Capitol or in relation to the event. The Committee believes it essential to ensure that security and law enforcement measures are lawful and appropriate, especially when there may be a nexus to First Amendment activities at National Special Security Events (NSSEs) or those with similar high profile characteristics.

In that context and regarding tomorrow’s Joint Session of Congress, please also clarify whether and to what extent Department of Defense leadership, including the Acting Secretary or his staff, have sought information from or are coordinating with FBI regarding activities or support related to tomorrow’s Joint Session of Congress and/or any expected protests, rallies, or security events in the city. As you can imagine, given heightened public concern about the role of federal law enforcement and the military during this transition period, the Committee wants to ensure that the Bureau is transparent not only about its own preparations and planned activities, but also is not
ensnared in any improper or questionable activities or requests for information by any other component of the government, including DOD.

Because the Joint Session of Congress is tomorrow, we respectfully request your response by COB today. Many thanks in advance for your attention and help.

Best,
Lucian

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Lucian D. Sikorskyj
Subcommittee Staff Director (Majority) | Counterterrorism, Counterintelligence, and Counterproliferation Subcommittee
Oversight and Budget Monitor | DEA, DHS, DOJ, FBI, and USCG
House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence
U.S. Capitol, HVC-304

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(b)(6) (secure)  (b)(6) (mobile)
From CTS...

There are no credible threats as of the 10:00 brief.

Finally, I have attached the updated list of predicated subject that was shared.

(b)(7)(E) per FBI
We only provided the initial blurb to one reporter and declined to comment with a number of others.

Marc Raimondi
Acting Director of Public Affairs
U.S. Department of Justice

On Jan 5, 2021, at 9:09 PM, Rosen, Jeffrey A. (ODAG) wrote:

Sir, the DC Mayor just released a letter on her twitter page that is addressed to you regarding the planned events for this week. I have attached a JPG of it. We are being asked for comment by the media.

My recommendation is

From: Raimondi, Marc (PAO)
Sent: Tuesday, January 5, 2021 9:41 PM
To: Rosen, Jeffrey A. (ODAG)
Cc: Donoghue, Richard (ODAG); Moran, John (ODAG)
Subject: Re: Acting AG statement for Jan. 6
From: Rosen, Jeffrey A. (ODAG)
Sent: Tuesday, January 05, 2021 2:00 PM
To: Raimondi, Marc (PAO); Donoghue, Richard (ODAG); Moran, John (ODAG)
Subject: RE: Acting AG statement for Jan. 6

Marc

Thanks much.

Jeff

From: Raimondi, Marc (PAO)
Sent: Tuesday, January 5, 2021 1:24 PM
To: Rosen, Jeffrey A. (ODAG); Donoghue, Richard (ODAG); Moran, John (ODAG)
Subject: RE: Acting AG statement for Jan. 6

Sir, I don’t see a need for

I suggest th

Respectfully,

Marc

From: Rosen, Jeffrey A. (ODAG)
Sent: Tuesday, January 05, 2021 1:09 PM
To: Engel, Steven A. (OLC); Michel, Christopher (OAG); Murray, Claire M. (OASG); Donoghue, Richard (ODAG); Raimondi, Marc (PAO)
Cc: Moran, John (ODAG); Burns, David P. (NSD); Demers, John C. (NSD); Sherwin, Michael (USADC)
Subject: RE: Acting AG statement for Jan. 6

Ok. , but current text would be:

(b)(5)
From: Engel, Steven A. (OL)  
To: Murray, Claire M. (OAS)  
Cc: Moran, John (ODAG)  
Subject: RE: Acting AG statement for Jan. 6

I think that would work.

From: Michel, Christopher (OAG)  
To: Rosen, Jeffrey A. (ODAG)  
Cc: Moran, John (ODAG)  
Subject: Re: Acting AG statement for Jan. 6

Chris Michel
Counselor to the Attorney General

From: Rosen, Jeffrey A. (ODAG)  
To: Murray, Claire M. (OAS)  
Cc: Moran, John (ODAG)  
Subject: RE: Acting AG statement for Jan. 6

That change seems ok to me. 

The one other question I have i
I have some concerns about [redacted], but an alternate suggestion of [redacted]
below:


Fine by me.

I think this version is fine.
Subject: RE: Acting AG statement for Jan. 6

I generally like this version, except is there any disagreement?

If we agree

From: Engel, Steven A. (OL)
Sent: Tuesday, January 5, 2021 11:14 AM
To: Michel, Christopher (OAG); Rosen, Jeffrey A. (ODAG); Raimondi, Marc (PAO); Donoghue, Richard (ODAG); Moran, John (ODAG); Demers, John C. (NSD); Burns, David P. (NSD); Murray, Claire M. (OASG)
Cc: Doonan, Richard (OAG) ; Demers, John C. (NSD); Burns, David P. (NSD); Murray, Claire M. (OASG)

Subject: RE: Acting AG statement for Jan. 6

A few suggested tweaks, for folks to take or leave:

From: Michel, Christopher (OAG) 
Sent: Tuesday, January 5, 2021 11:01 AM 
To: Rosen, Jeffrey A. (ODAG); Raimondi, Marc (PAO); Donoghue, Richard (ODAG); Moran, John (ODAG); Demers, John C. (NSD); Burns, David P. (NSD); Murray, Claire M. (OASG)
Cc: Doonan, Richard (OAG) ; Demers, John C. (NSD); Burns, David P. (NSD); Murray, Claire M. (OASG)

Subject: Re: Acting AG statement for Jan. 6

Here's a crack at a revision. I've also pasted below links to a couple of statements from May/June, which I think are generally consistent with the tone here.


Multiple air traffic controllers in New York heard a chilling threat Monday in audio obtained exclusively by CBS News: "We are flying a plane into the Capitol on Wednesday. [PII removed] will be avenged."

The FBI and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) are investigating the message.

The threat refers to an Iranian official killed last year in a U.S. drone strike ordered by the United States. It was made on the one-year anniversary of the Iranian official's death, for which Iranian officials have long vowed revenge.

It's unclear who sent the threat. While the government does not believe the warning of an attack is credible, it is being investigated as a breach of aviation frequencies, CBS News has learned.
Sources told CBS News that the Pentagon and other agencies were briefed Tuesday about the digitized voice recording. The sources said they believe the threat was designed to suggest hitting the Capitol on the same day the U.S. Congress is set to count the Electoral College results.

Experts said the intrusion is concerning because it could affect the instructions pilots get about how and where planes fly.

Sources told CBS News a message was sent to air traffic controllers on Tuesday reminding them that any threat or a plane deviating from its flight path should be reported immediately.

The FBI is not commenting but said it takes "all threats of violence to public safety seriously." The FAA said it is in contact with law enforcement.

**Traditional Media Sources** (some page content may change or not be available over time):
- CBS News
  -- [https://tinyurl.com/y3k5fwn2](https://tinyurl.com/y3k5fwn2)
- The Daily Mail
  -- [https://tinyurl.com/yxm7vv62](https://tinyurl.com/yxm7vv62)

_The above information summarizes emerging open source reporting that has not been corroborated by official government sources. It is provided to rapidly enhance situational awareness on items of interest to the homeland security enterprise._

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Christian Tabet  
Operations Analyst  
DHS NOC Media Monitoring  
Phon **(b)(6) per DHS**  
Cel **(b)(6) per DHS**  

Unclassified
From: (NSD)
Sent: Tuesday, January 5, 2021 7:01 PM
To: Donoghue, Richard (ODAG); Moran, John (ODAG); Sherwin, Michael (USADC)
Cc: (NSD)
Subject: (U//LES) 1800 WFO/SIOC briefing

This write up is from our CTS Rep at SIOC. FBI is only planning on (U//LES) 1800 WFO/SIOC briefing

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Good evening: in the first briefing, WFO reported that they continue to monitor various threat streams as well as a number of individuals who have traveled to the DC area to participate in protests tomorrow. There is a larger presence in the District as compared to some prior gatherings;

Finally, CBS News plans to report in its nightly newscast that there is a threat against the United States Capitol involving an airplane for tomorrow, 6 January 2021.
John

On Jan 5, 2021, at 12:46 PM, Moran, John (ODAG) wrote:

Pat,

As I understand it, the main driver has been the many inquiries we have been getting from the Hill and the press corps about whether DOJ is preparing for the demonstrations in light of the civil unrest this summer. At that time, AG Barr was putting out a lot of statements about response and preparedness. E.g.:


We have also been receiving specific inquiries about whether A/AG Rosen will take a similar approach to AG Barr.

Regards,

John

On Jan 5, 2021, at 12:07 PM, Philbin, Patrick F. EOP/WHO wrote:


Patrick F. Philbin
Deputy Counsel to the President
Office of White House Counsel

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

From: Moran, John (ODAG
Sent: Tuesday, January 5, 2021 11:59 AM
To: Philbin, Patrick F. EOP/WH
Cc: Donoghue, Richard (ODAG
Subject: A/AG Statement re Demonstrations

Pat,

Below is a draft statement from A/AG reason about the demonstrations this week. We wanted to share for WHCO’s awareness. And of course, if you have any thoughts we would welcome them.

Regards,
John
No inquiries yet. BOP OPA is working on vetted responses to media requests, which are expected. Deployments may be in place through Friday, if necessary.

Good morning,

BOP has about for unrest related to the protests today/tomorrow. Once this information is public, we should be prepared for Hill inquiries. Can you reach out to Jennifer to see if she had any Hill interest yet or to at least put her on notice?

As an FYSA, we expect to release a very short statement this morning describing the Department’s efforts to maintain public safety.

-K

Kira Antell
Office of Legislative Affairs
Department of Justice
Thanks Kristina! (no reporters so far have come asking)

Justin Long
Public Information Office
Federal Bureau of Prisons

Kristina Mastropasqua
Office of Public Affairs
Department of Justice

On Jan 4, 2021, at 5:43 PM, Justin B. Lon wrote:

? No hurry on my end, I don't have any media inquiries yet :)

Justin Long
Public Information Office
Federal Bureau of Prisons

Kristina Mastropasqua
Office of Public Affairs
Department of Justice

On Jan 4, 2021, at 5:38 PM, Justin B. Lon wrote:

? Thanks Kristina
"Mastropasqua, Kristina (PAO)" <Kristina.Mastropasqua@usdoj.gov> 1/4/2021 5:30 PM

Thanks for the heads up, Justin. Going to share with my team and will let you know if any issues but it looks good to me.

Kristina Mastropasqua
Office of Public Affairs
Department of Justice

On Jan 4, 2021, at 5:15 PM, Justin B. Lon <b>(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) - BOP</b> wrote:

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Kristina,

OAG and ODAG are aware BOP is assembling <b>(b)(5), (b)(7)(E), (b)(7)(F)</b> at DOJ's direction to be on site tonight in DC in case they need to be deployed over the next couple days. Backup/reserve teams may follow.

Zach Kelton approved this draft response to potential media inquiries below. I pieced this together <b>(b)(5)</b>.

Thanks,

Justin

Proposed Response:

Justi Long
Public Information Office
Federal Bureau of Prisons
<b>(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)</b>
Kira,

Thanks,

On Jan 4, 2021, at 8:00 PM, Antell, Kira M. (OLA) wrote:

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Thanks for reaching out to discuss potential briefings. My initial and overarching thought is th

You indicated that the A/AG and A/DAG are considerin

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Given the risks associated with [REDACTED], OLA’s strong recommendation [REDACTED]

Happy to talk any of this through by phone this evening.

Thanks,
Kira

Kira Antell
Office of Legislative Affairs
Department of Justice
Current CTS intel summary. Contains investigative information, please do not distribute outside of DOJ.

Date of Information: 4 January 2021 13:45

The CTS Intelligence Team has limited threat reporting from government sources at this point.

The CTS assignments distro group received a report from the district of Maryland thru the ATAC Coordinator:
• (b)(7)(E) per FBI

WUSA9, a local news site, is reporting:
• One of the websites used for organizing the event was encouraging attendees to bring guns.
• The District government has posted signs reminding members of the public and anyone attending the events that District law prohibits anyone from carrying a firearm within 1,000 feet of any First Amendment activity.

The Mayor of DC, Muriel Bowser, in a press release:
• Directed the DC Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency (HSEMA) to stand up the District’s Emergency Operations Center (EOC) beginning Monday, January 4, to coordinate the response for the upcoming First Amendment demonstrations, permitted by the National Park Service, scheduled for January 5 - 6.
• Advised Washingtonians and those who live in the region to stay out of the downtown area on Tuesday and Wednesday and not to engage with demonstrators.
• Reminded protest attendees that carrying firearms at the event was a violation of District and Federal Laws, and that DC does not have concealed carry reciprocity.
Best,

(b)(6)

Acting Chief
Counterterrorism Section
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20530

(b)(6)
Clare, we are aware of the planned event and refer you to the DC police, Capitol Hill Police and FBI washington field office.

Marc Raimondi
Acting Director of Public Affairs
U.S. Department of Justice

On Dec 30, 2020, at 4:59 PM, Nichols, Danielle (PAO) wrote:

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Also adding Nicole.

Adding Ali to this as well!

Hi Marc and Danielle,
I just wanted to check in with you both to about some protests that are expected in D.C. next week on January 6th. Are you anticipating any trouble or have been alerted to any potential threats? The President has begun tweeting about the rally so I just wanted to ask. Let me know.

Thanks,

Clare Hymes
CBS News
Rosen, Jeffrey A. (ODAG)

From: Rosen, Jeffrey A. (ODAG)
Sent: Wednesday, December 30, 2020 10:36 AM
To: Gamble, Nathaniel (ODAG)
Cc: Moran, John (ODAG); Suero, Maya A. (ODAG); Donoghue, Richard (ODAG)
Subject: RE: Meeting with Acting AG Rosen:

As an interim measure, please go ahead and set up a call with Ken Kohl for later this afternoon, though I still want to get ahold of Mike Sherwin separately. Thanks.

From: Gamble, Nathaniel (ODAG)
Sent: Tuesday, December 29, 2020 3:03 PM
To: Rosen, Jeffrey A. (ODAG)
Cc: Moran, John (ODAG); Suero, Maya A. (ODAG); Donoghue, Richard (ODAG)
Subject: FW: Meeting with Acting AG Rosen:

Sir:

Per our discussion, I’ve tried several times to reach USA Sherwin and have been unsuccessful. His Assistant returned my call this morning and stated that he was out of the office, but his Principal (Ken Kohl) was available for a meeting. In addition, I was able to get Sherwin’s cell phone (b)(6).

Thank you,

From: Gamble, Nathaniel (ODAG)
Sent: Monday, December 28, 2020 10:59 AM
To: Sherwin, Michael (USAD); Suero, Maya A. (ODAG); Fischer, Elizabeth (USADC)
Cc: Moran, John (ODAG); Donoghue, Richard (ODAG)
Subject: Meeting with Acting AG Rosen:

Good Morning, Michael:

General Rosen would like to meet with you Tomorrow to discuss “Prep for Jan 6 protest” Please let me know if you are available at 3pm?

Thanks in advance,

Nathaniel Gamble II
U.S. Department of Justice
Office of the Deputy Attorney General
1900 Call - Congressional Leaders + Acting Asst
- in HR 228 w/ RFI DD Dk + ATF SAC Asun handled
- Sec Def, Chairman M.
- Senate + House Leaders - Pelosi, Schumer
- POTUS, Up
- Num 137 - Food? - Pelosi
Call - 1800 1/6/21 Situation Room
- In HR 228 w/ FBI DD DS, NFI HRT, & joined later

1. See call prep notes -

2. (b)(7)(E) per FBI

3. Perimeters Fence - DHS will get it up in a few hours.
   - 1st St + Constitution
   - USSS says vendor can get it up in 24 hours.

(b)(5), (b)(7)(A) per DOD

6. Adjacent Police Forces - all are on standby or already helping.
(b)(5); (b)(7)(E) per FBI
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Follow-up call weekly night - 15 minutes
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**Other Calls for evening:****

- SoDef et al - multiple conversations
  - Spam, Holly, Carla, Michael
  - Sue, Sue, Dr. Austell, Dr. McDonald
  - VP, Pending

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- 2:44 pm JDD / Sue
- 5:00 pm JDD / Sue
- 6:00 pm JDD / Sue
- 7:00 pm JDD / Sue / VP cell
Wednesday Calls (1/6/2021)

9:58 a.m.  
11:29 a.m. Jeffrey Wall  
11:59 a.m. Jeffrey Wall  
12:56 p.m. Citizen  
2:44 p.m. (b)(6) per DOD  
3:18 p.m. JCC  
3:22 p.m. Winnie Brinkley  
3:37 p.m. (b)(6) (Eric Herschmann)  
3:39 p.m. Citizen  
3:45 p.m. Citizen  
3:57 p.m. JCC  
4:53 p.m. (b)(6) per DOD  
5:01 p.m.  
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6:59 p.m.  