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Subject: Recent FOIA Requests

TO ALL AGENCY GC's from OMB GC:

1. Ken Vogel, a POLITICO reporter, submitted two broad FOIA requests to OMB on July. We have learned that many other agencies besides OMB may have received similar requests.

-- The first request asks for, roughly speaking, all emails and correspondence between a long list of media outlets and OMB regarding questions by the media and the responses by agency employees and officials. The request also encompasses communications between OMB and the White House Press Office regarding any media organizations or their officials.

-- The second request asks for all ethics waivers granted to all political appointees, letters of recusal and related matters, and specifically includes a ny and all communications received from or sent to the White House Counsel's office concerning the same. **The request appears to be seeking waivers concerning the President's Executive Order on Ethics.**

In response to our questions about the breadth and burdensomeness of the first request, the version of POLITICO's first request to OMB has narrowed considerably, and may narrow some more. Moreover, we are working to ensure that the second request does not result in the production of attorney-client **or other** privileged communications. In both cases, we will work with the WH Counsel's office to ensure that WH - related documents are produced only in coordination with WH Counsel's advance review.

2. We are happy to compare notes with you in responding to the requests.
3. Moreover, as a reminder, to the extent that these requests implicate documents with White House equities, agency GC offices should consult in advance with White House Counsel, consistent with the memorandum sent by White House Counsel to all agencies. Agencies can contact their usual White House Counsel point of contact or Blake Roberts [Exemption 6]).

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