

From: Herrington, Mark H CIV OSD OGC (US) mark.h.herrington2.civ@mail.mil 
Subject: Final Release Regarding "Tweet FOIA" 17-2707 (D.D.C.)
Date: September 14, 2018 at 9:52 AM
To: cerissa.cafasso@americanoversight.org
Cc: Kahn, Matthew (USADC) Matthew.Kahn@usdoj.gov



Cerissa,

Please find attached the combined final response to the tweet FOIA from OSD/JS and the service branches. Some redactions have been taken pursuant to b(5), for deliberative process and attorney / client privileges. All b(5) redactions are marked. All other redactions were taken under b(6), some of which are marked. The others are in similar areas, such as email to/from sections and signature blocks. Exemption 6, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6), permits the Government to withhold information about individuals when the disclosure of such information "would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy." DoD has a practice to withhold personally identifying information of those members of DoD who are at the military rank of Colonel or below and at the rank of GS-15 or below. See O'Keefe v. DoD, 463 F. Supp. 2d 317, (E.D.N.Y. 2006) (holding that "the probative value of this personally identifying information is nominal and does not overcome the privacy interest of the employees involved. The employees who conducted the investigation are of relatively low rank"). An exception to this rule allows the names of those personnel who routinely deal with the press to be released. The rationale for this practice is that disclosing the names of the individuals involved could subject such individuals to annoyance or harassment in their private lives. Thus, this policy protects significant personal privacy interests. Moreover, release of these low-level individuals' names would not serve the "core purpose" of the FOIA, as it would not show "what the government is up to." As these individuals were not the decision makers who are typically held accountable by the public, their identities are not typically relevant or of interest to the public. Thus, there is no public interest outweighing the significant personal privacy interests involved. DoD attempted to consistently redact any personally identifying information of those members of DoD who do not routinely deal with the press and who were not senior level employees, as well as the contact information for all employees. These redactions included email addresses, signature blocks, names within emails, phone numbers, and office locations.

Please let Matt Kahn know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Mark

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Subject: FW: Transgender tweets by POTUS (UNCLASSIFIED)
Date: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 9:23:57 AM
Attachments: [transgender tweets POTUS.PPTX](#)

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From: Higgins, Sarah C CDR USN OSD PA (US) [[[mailto:\(b\) \(6\)]](mailto:(b) (6))]
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 9:15 AM
To: SD - DepSecDef SAs & MAs (b) (6) >
Subject: Transgender tweets by POTUS (UNCLASSIFIED)

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V/R, Sarah

Cmdr. Sarah C. Higgins, USN

Deputy Secretary of Defense Spokesperson

Pentagon, Room [REDACTED]

Office: (b) (6)

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From: [Hicks, Gregory L CAPT USN JS OCJCS \(US\)](#)
To: [Dunford, Joseph F Jr Gen USMC JS \(US\)](#); [Selva, Paul J Gen USAF JS OCJCS \(US\)](#)
Cc: [JS Pentagon DoM List JDir Directors](#); [JS Pentagon DoM List JDir Vice Directors](#); [Dumont, Michael J \(Mike\) RADM USN JS ODJS \(US\)](#)
Subject: POTUS Tweet on Transgender (UNCLASSIFIED)
Date: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 9:15:33 AM

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VR/ CAPT Greg Hicks
Special Assistant for Public Affairs
To the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff
Room [REDACTED] The Pentagon
Washington, DC 20318-9999
www.jcs.mil

(b) (6)

Cell: [REDACTED]

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From: [Kremer, Kyle J Brig Gen USAF JS J1 \(US\)](#)
To: [Dunford, Joseph F Jr Gen USMC JS \(US\)](#); [Selva, Paul J Gen USAF JS OCJCS \(US\)](#)
Cc: [JS Pentagon DoM List JDir Directors](#); [JS Pentagon DoM List JDir Vice Directors](#); [Dumont, Michael J \(Mike\) RADM USN JS ODJS \(US\)](#); [Hicks, Gregory L CAPT USN JS OCJCS \(US\)](#)
Subject: RE: POTUS Tweet on Transgender (UNCLASSIFIED)
Date: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 9:42:00 AM

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

Chairman/Vice Chairman,

We are working with OSD (P&R) on the issue. Everyone was caught flat-footed. More to follow.

V/R
Kyle

KYLE J. KREMER, Brig Gen, USAF
Director for Manpower & Personnel
The Joint Staff, J-1
Pentagon, Room (b) (6)
Comm (b) (6) DSN (b) (6)

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

From: Hicks, Gregory L CAPT USN JS OCJCS (US)
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 9:16 AM
To: Dunford, Joseph F Jr Gen USMC JS (US) <(b) (6)>; Selva, Paul J Gen USAF JS OCJCS (US) <(b) (6)>
Cc: JS Pentagon DoM List JDir Directors <(b) (6)>; JS Pentagon DoM List JDir Vice Directors <(b) (6)>; Dumont, Michael J (Mike) RADM USN JS ODJS (US) <(b) (6)>
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From: [Kremer, Kyle J Brig Gen USAF JS 11 \(US\)](#)
To: [Barna, Stephanie A SES OSD OUSD P-R \(US\)](#)
Cc: [Hebert, Lernes J SES OSD OUSD P-R \(US\)](#) (b) (6)
Subject: Transgender Policy (UNCLASSIFIED)
Date: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 10:17:00 AM
Importance: High

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

Ma'am,

I realize you are still working this, but I need to touch base with you briefly regarding the Transgender Policy way ahead following the POTUS tweets this morning. My team has been unsuccessful in reaching anyone to coord a quick phone call. Do you have a moment for a very brief sync?

V/R
Kyle

KYLE J. KREMER, Brig Gen, USAF
Director for Manpower & Personnel
The Joint Staff, J-1
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From: (b) (6)
To: [Sweeney, Kevin SES SD](#); [Donnelly, Sally SES SD](#); [Walsh, Laurel Col SD](#)
Cc: [DeMartino, Tony SES SD](#); [McFarlane, Matthew BG SD](#)
Subject: FW: Transgender tweets by POTUS (UNCLASSIFIED)
Date: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 9:17:27 AM
Attachments: [transgender tweets POTUS.PPTX](#)

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From: [Kurta, Anthony M SES OSD OUSD P-R \(US\)](#)
To: [REDACTED] [Lt Col USAF OSD OASD LA \(US\); \[REDACTED\] Jr CIV \(US\)](#)
Cc: [Giambastiani, Pete SES OSD OASD LA \(US\)](#); [Penrod, Virginia S SES OSD OUSD P-R \(US\)](#); (b) (6)
[\[REDACTED\] LCDR USN OSD OUSD P-R \(US\)](#)
Subject: FW: Trump bans transgender individuals from U.S. military service (UNCLASSIFIED)
Date: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 10:00:00 AM

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

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I'm sure this is the first of many today. FO is handling at this point, so we don't want to say anything.
Tony

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

From: Kurta, Anthony M SES OSD OUSD P-R (US)
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 9:59 AM
To: 'Greene, Craig' <Craig.Greene@mail.house.gov>
Cc: Sennott, Daniel <Daniel.Sennott@mail.house.gov>; 'Penrod, Vee S SES OSD PR' <(b) (6)>
Subject: RE: Trump bans transgender individuals from U.S. military service (UNCLASSIFIED)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

Craig

I am on leave in MT! Thanks for the congrats.
I know you will be asked many questions, but we don't have any further info at this point. That is all I have for now.
Tony

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

From: Greene, Craig [<mailto:Craig.Greene@mail.house.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 9:43 AM
To: Kurta, Anthony M SES OSD OUSD P-R (US) <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Sennott, Daniel <Daniel.Sennott@mail.house.gov>; 'Penrod, Vee S SES OSD PR' <(b) (6)>
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Trump bans transgender individuals from U.S. military service

Tony,

I'm going to get pummeled by offices today, can you shed some light on this?

Oh by the way congratulations on your nomination. I don't have time to go thru Will Cooper.

Craig

The U.S. military will no longer allow transgender individuals to serve "in any capacity," President Donald Trump announced on Twitter this morning.

"After consultation with my Generals and military experts, please be advised that the United States Government will not accept or allow Transgender individuals to serve in any capacity in the U.S. Military," Trump wrote online, breaking his message up into multiple posts. "Our military must be focused on decisive and overwhelming victory

and cannot be burdened with the tremendous medical costs and disruption that transgender in the military would entail. Thank you."

The announcement represents a reversal of an Obama-era policy established last June by former Defense Secretary Ash Carter, who shifted Pentagon policy to allow transgender troops to serve openly. Last month, Defense Secretary James Mattis announced that the Pentagon would delay his predecessor's order through the remainder of 2017 in order to review the impact of the shift.

Craig Greene

Professional Staff Member

Armed Services Committee

U.S. House of Representatives

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From: (b) (6) CIV SD
To: [DeMartino, Tony_SES_SD](mailto:DeMartino.Tony_SES_SD)
Subject: Fwd: Transgender tweets by POTUS (UNCLASSIFIED)
Date: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 9:16:12 AM
Attachments: [transgender tweets POTUS.PPTX](#)
[1 Warning.txt](#)

Boss needs to see this now.

Best,
Justin

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Higgins, Sarah C CDR USN OSD PA (US)" (b) (6) <[<mailto:\(b\) \(6\)>](mailto:(b) (6))>
Date: July 26, 2017 at 9:14:48 AM EDT
To: SD - DepSecDef SAs & MAs <DepSecDefSAMA@sd.mil <[<mailto:\(b\) \(6\)>](mailto:(b) (6))>>
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From: (b) (6) CIV SD <(b) (6)>
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 9:17 AM
To: DeMartino, Tony SES SD
Cc: (b) (6) CIV SD
Subject: Important - READ BEFORE YOU GET TO HILL - FW: Transgender tweets by POTUS (UNCLASSIFIED)
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From: [REDACTED] CIV OSD OGC (US)
To: [Koffsky, Paul S SES OSD OGC \(US\)](#); [Casciotti, John A SES OSD OGC \(US\)](#); [Sullivan, Dwight H SES OSD OGC \(US\)](#); [\(b\) \(6\) CIV OSD OGC \(US\)](#)
Cc: [\(b\) \(6\) Col USAF OSD OGC \(US\)](#)
Subject: FW: POTUS TG TWEET (UNCLASSIFIED)
Date: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 9:30:28 AM
Importance: High

Please see below:

POTUS just "tweeted" the following:

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Standing by for further guidance and/or instruction, particularly WRT the working group.

v/r

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Associate Deputy General Counsel
(Military Personnel, Readiness & Voting)
Office of the Deputy General Counsel for
Personnel and Health Policy

Phone: (b) (6)

Room [REDACTED]

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To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@CDR.USN.OSD.OUSD.P-R.US>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@CIV.SD>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@Col.USAF.OSD.OCG.US>
Cc: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@MAJ.USARMY.US>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@LCDR.USN.OSD.OUSD.P-R.US>
Subject: Meeting w/ CoS on Transgender Policy
Date: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 11:16:12 AM

All,

Can we shift it to 1330? Mr. Sweeney now has a meeting with the CNO at 1300.

V/r, [REDACTED]

(b) (6) [REDACTED], Colonel, USAF
Special Assistant to the Chief of Staff
Office of the Secretary of Defense
Office: [REDACTED]

(b) (6) [REDACTED]

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

From: [REDACTED] CDR USN OSD OUSD P-R (US)
[\[mailto:\(b\) \(6\)\]](mailto:[REDACTED])
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 11:06 AM
To: [REDACTED] Col SD <[REDACTED]>; [REDACTED] CIV SD <[REDACTED]>; [REDACTED] Col USAF OSD OGC (US) <[REDACTED]>
Cc: [REDACTED] MAJ USARMY (US) (b) (6) <[REDACTED]>; [REDACTED] LCDR USN OSD OUSD P-R (US) <[REDACTED]>
Subject: RE: DSD Calendar 26-28 July 2017

[REDACTED]

Ms. Penrod, P&R CoS, will represent P&R at 1300.

V/r, [REDACTED]

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Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 10:52 AM
To: [REDACTED] h CIV SD <[REDACTED]>; [REDACTED] Col USAF OSD OGC (US) <[REDACTED]>; [REDACTED] CDR USN OSD OUSD P-R (US) <[REDACTED]>
Cc: [REDACTED] MAJ USARMY (US) (b) (6) <[REDACTED]>; [REDACTED] LCDR USN OSD OUSD P-R (US) <[REDACTED]>
Subject: RE: DSD Calendar 26-28 July 2017

Mr. Sweeney would like to talk to the DepSecDef, Mr. Koffsky, and the acting P&R principal about transgender policy today. Mr. Sweeney is available from 1300-1430, but 1300 would be preferable. What works for everyone else's schedule?

V/r, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], Colonel, USAF

Special Assistant to the Chief of Staff

Office of the Secretary of Defense

Office: [REDACTED]

(b) (6) [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED] CIV SD
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 5:58 PM
To: [REDACTED] SSG SD <[REDACTED]>; Higgins, Sarah
C CDR USN OSD PA (US) <(b) (6)>; [REDACTED] PO1 SD
[REDACTED]; [REDACTED] SGT SD <[REDACTED]>; SD -
Cables Executive Support Officer <[REDACTED]>; SD - DepSecDef CCS
[REDACTED]; SD - FO SAMACA <[REDACTED]>; SD - SecDef NCO's
[REDACTED] CIV SD <[REDACTED]>
Subject: DSD Calendar 26-28 July 2017

Good Afternoon,

Attached are the DSD calendars: 26-28 July 2017

PLEASE NOTE: The distribution of these calendars is limited to select offices only. The calendars are for the use of principals only -- CJCS/V and Under Secretaries or equivalent -- and are not/not to be distributed further to any individual or agency, electronically or in hard copy, without clearance from DepSecDef's office.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

Scheduler to Deputy Secretary of Defense

(b) (6) [REDACTED]

From: Easton, Robert E SES OSD OGC (US)
To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@CIV.OSD.OGC.US>
Cc: Casciotti, John A SES OSD OGC (US); [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@CIV.OSD.OGC.US>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@CIV.OSD.OGC.US>
Subject: RE: CNN Reporting: Trump announces US military ban on transgender people
Date: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 9:33:09 AM

(b) (6)

Please be sure that Fed Programs is advised of this.

-Bob

Robert E. Easton

Phone: (b) (6)

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From: Casciotti, John A SES OSD OGC (US)

Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 9:29 AM

To: Koffsky, Paul S SES OSD OGC (US)

Cc: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@CIV.OSD.OGC.US>; Easton, Robert E SES OSD OGC (US); (b) (6) <[REDACTED]@CIV.OSD.OGC.US>

Subject: CNN Reporting: Trump announces US military ban on transgender people

Trump announces US military ban on transgender people

By Jeremy Diamond, CNN

Updated 9:22 AM ET, Wed July 26, 2017

Story highlights

The decision reversed a policy approved by the Obama administration
Trump made his announcement in a series of tweets Wednesday morning

Washington (CNN) - President Donald Trump announced Wednesday that he plans to ban transgender individuals from serving "in any capacity" in the US armed forces.

The decision reversed a policy initially approved by the Defense Department under President Barack Obama, which was still under final review. Defense Secretary James Mattis announced last month that he was delaying enactment of the plan to begin allowing transgender individuals to join the US military.

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"Thank you," he added.

From: MILLER, Stephanie P SES OSD OUSD P-R (US)
To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@CIV.OSD.OCG.US>
Subject: RE: POTUS TG TWEET (UNCLASSIFIED)
Date: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 9:39:06 AM

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[REDACTED] -- Can you give me a call ASAP? (b) (5)
[REDACTED]

Stephanie P. Miller
Director, Accession Policy (MPP/AP)
[REDACTED] office
(b) (6)

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Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 9:32 AM
To: MILLER, Stephanie P SES OSD OUSD P-R (US) <(b) (6)>; Kurta, Anthony M SES OSD OUSD P-R (US) <[REDACTED]>; Barna, Stephanie A SES OSD OUSD P-R (US) <[REDACTED]>; Hebert, Lernes J SES OSD OUSD P-R (US) <[REDACTED]>; Penrod, Virginia S SES OSD OUSD P-R (US) <[REDACTED]>
Subject: RE: POTUS TG TWEET (UNCLASSIFIED)

I just saw as well. (b) (5)
v/r
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Associate Deputy General Counsel
(Military Personnel, Readiness & Voting)
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Cc: [REDACTED] [Col USAF OSD OGC \(US\)](#)
Subject: RE: POTUS TG TWEET (UNCLASSIFIED)
Date: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 10:20:34 AM

Paul,
John headed over to join Vee.

v/r

[REDACTED]
Associate Deputy General Counsel
(Military Personnel, Readiness & Voting)
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From: Koffsky, Paul S SES OSD OGC (US)
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 10:15 AM
To: [REDACTED] CIV OSD OGC (US); Casciotti, John A SES OSD OGC (US)
Cc: [REDACTED] Col USAF OSD OGC (US)
Subject: RE: POTUS TG TWEET (UNCLASSIFIED)

I can join. Would one or both of you also attend?

Many thanks

Paul S. Koffsky
Performing the Duties of DoD General Counsel

NIPR: [REDACTED]

SIPR (b) (6) [REDACTED]

Phone: ([REDACTED])

Fax: [REDACTED] (UNCLASS)

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Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 10:13 AM
To: Casciotti, John A SES OSD OGC (US); Koffsky, Paul S SES OSD OGC (US)
Cc: [REDACTED] Col USAF OSD OGC (US)
Subject: FW: POTUS TG TWEET (UNCLASSIFIED)

John, Paul,
Vee is requesting someone from GC accompany her on a meeting to (b) (6) office.

v/r

[REDACTED]
Associate Deputy General Counsel
(Military Personnel, Readiness & Voting)
Office of the Deputy General Counsel for
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Phone: [REDACTED]

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From: Penrod, Virginia S SES OSD OUSD P-R (US)
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 10:07 AM
To: [REDACTED] CIV OSD OGC (US); MILLER, Stephanie P SES OSD OUSD P-R (US); Kurta, Anthony M SES OSD OUSD P-R (US); Barna, Stephanie A SES OSD OUSD P-R (US); Hebert, Lemes J SES OSD OUSD P-R (US)
Subject: RE: POTUS TG TWEET (UNCLASSIFIED)

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[REDACTED], Dr Smith and I are walking down to (b) (6) office, can you or Paul join us, thanks

Vee Penrod, SES
CoS, P&R
[REDACTED]

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From [REDACTED] CIV OSD OGC (US)
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 9:32 AM
To: MILLER, Stephanie P SES OSD OUSD P-R (US) [REDACTED] |>; Kurta, Anthony M SES OSD OUSD P-R (US) <[REDACTED]>; Barna, Stephanie A SES OSD OUSD P-R (US) [REDACTED] >; Hebert, Lemes J SES OSD OUSD P-R (US) [REDACTED] >; Penrod, Virginia S SES OSD OUSD P-R (US) (b) (6) [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: POTUS TG TWEET (UNCLASSIFIED)

I just saw as well. (b) (5) [REDACTED]

v/r

[REDACTED]
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Phone: [REDACTED]

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

From: MILLER, Stephanie P SES OSD OUSD P-R (US)

Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 9:29 AM

To: Kurta, Anthony M SES OSD OUSD P-R (US); Barna, Stephanie A SES OSD OUSD P-R (US); Hebert, Lernes J SES OSD OUSD P-R (US); Penrod, Virginia S SES OSD OUSD P-R (US); (b) (6) CIV OSD OGC (US)

Subject: POTUS TG TWEET (UNCLASSIFIED)

Importance: High

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

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Standing by for further guidance and/or instruction, particularly WRT the working group.

V/R

Stephanie

Stephanie P. Miller

Director, Accession Policy (MPP/AP)

(b) (6)

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Subject: RE: POTUS TG TWEET (UNCLASSIFIED)
Date: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 9:37:29 AM

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

Rgr, will do, pulling in more senior GC counsel as well.

Stephanie P. Miller
Director, Accession Policy (MPP/AP)

(b) (6)

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From: Kurta, Anthony M SES OSD OUSD P-R (US)
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 9:31 AM
To: MILLER, Stephanie P SES OSD OUSD P-R (US) [REDACTED]; Barna, Stephanie A SES OSD OUSD P-R (US) [REDACTED]; Hebert, Lemes J SES OSD OUSD P-R (US) [REDACTED]; Penrod, Virginia S SES OSD OUSD P-R (US) [REDACTED] (b) (6); [REDACTED] CIV OSD OGC (US) [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: POTUS TG TWEET (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Yes, it is all over AP and CNN. Just tell the group to keep working until we get further guidance. No sense getting them all spun up with questions we don't have the answers to.

Tony

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(b) (6)

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From: [REDACTED] CIV OSD OGC (US)
To: [REDACTED] CIV Chief of Naval Personnel, N00L; [REDACTED] CAPT USN (US); [REDACTED] CAPT USN DCNO N1 (US); (b) (6) [REDACTED] LCDR USN DCNO N1 (US)
Cc: [REDACTED] CDR USN DCNO N1 (US); [REDACTED] LCDR USN DCNO N1 (US); [REDACTED] LT OPNAV N1, N00L
Subject: RE: WaPo: Trump announces ban on transgender people in U.S. military
Date: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 10:57:29 AM

So, how has your morning been?

[REDACTED]
Associate Deputy General Counsel
(Military Personnel, Readiness & Voting)
Office of the Deputy General Counsel for
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Phone: (b) (6) [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED] CIV Chief of Naval Personnel, N00L [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 10:51 AM
To: [REDACTED] CIV OSD OGC (US); [REDACTED] CAPT USN (US); [REDACTED] CAPT USN DCNO N1 (US); [REDACTED] LCDR USN DCNO N1 (US)
Cc: [REDACTED] CDR USN DCNO N1 (US); [REDACTED] LCDR USN DCNO N1 (US); [REDACTED] LT OPNAV N1, N00L
Subject: WaPo: Trump announces ban on transgender people in U.S. military

https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/post-politics/wp/2017/07/26/trump-announces-ban-on-transgender-people-in-u-s-military/?hpid=hp_rhp-top-table-main_transgender-945am%3Ahomepage%2Fstory

V/r,
MT

(b) (6) [REDACTED]
Assistant Legal Counsel
Office of Legal Counsel for the Chief of Naval Personnel/OPNAV N1

Naval Support Facility Arlington

(b) (6) [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED] CIV ASN(M&RA)
To: (b) (6)
Subject: Tweet
Date: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 9:28:20 AM

<http://www.msn.com/en-us/news/politics/trump-says-us-will-not-accept-or-allow-transgender-people-to-serve-in-us-military-in-any-capacity-twitter/ar-AAoRF2y>

From: [REDACTED] [CAPT](#)
To: (b) (6) [CDR ASN \(M&RA\), SAML](#)
Subject: FW: OSD Statement on Transgender
Date: Friday, December 08, 2017 9:24:58

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

From: Woods, Robert L SES ASN (M&RA)
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 11:29 AM
To: [REDACTED] LT CHINFO, OI-3
Cc: [REDACTED] CAPT; [REDACTED] Col ASN (M&RA), Front Office; Beyler, Juliet SES ASN (M&RA), MMP; [REDACTED] CAPT ASN (M&RA), MMP
Subject: RE: OSD Statement on Transgender

Thanks!

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From: [REDACTED] LT CHINFO, OI-3
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 11:26 AM
To: Woods, Robert L SES ASN (M&RA)
Cc: [REDACTED] CAPT; [REDACTED] Col ASN (M&RA), Front Office; Beyler, Juliet SES ASN (M&RA), MMP; [REDACTED] CAPT ASN (M&RA), MMP
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V/r,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Navy Office of Information (CHINFO)
CHINFO News Desk
1200 Navy Pentagon, [REDACTED]
Washington, D.C. 20350-1200
Office: [REDACTED]

From: (b) (6) CAPT
To: CDR ASN (M&RA), SAML
Subject: FW: OSD Statement on Transgender
Date: Friday, December 08, 2017 9:27:43

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Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 11:26 AM
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Cc: [REDACTED] CAPT; [REDACTED] Col ASN (M&RA), Front Office; Beyler, Juliet SES ASN (M&RA), MMP; [REDACTED] CAPT ASN (M&RA), MMP
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V/r,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Navy Office of Information (CHINFO)
CHINFO News Desk
1200 Navy Pentagon, (b) (6)

[REDACTED]
(6)

From: [REDACTED] CAPT
To: (b) (6) CDR ASN (M&RA), SAML
Subject: FW: POTUS Announces Ban on Transgender Service in the Military
Date: Friday, December 08, 2017 9:26:34

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From: (b) (6) ASN(M&RA)
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 9:34 AM
To: Woods, Robert L SES ASN (M&RA); Beyler, Juliet SES ASN (M&RA), MMP; Biddick, Dennis SES ASN (M&RA), RA; Kessmeier, Catherine L SES ASN (M&RA), AGC; Names, Donald J CIV ASN (M&RA), AGC; [REDACTED] CAPT ASN (M&RA), MMP
Subject: POTUS Announces Ban on Transgender Service in the Military

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https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/post-nation/wp/2017/07/26/trump-announces-ban-on-transgender-people-in-u-s-military/?hpid=hp_no-name_no-name%3Apage%2Fbreaking-news-bar&tid=a_breakingnews&utm_term=.c09841f0b32d

From: [REDACTED] CAPT
To: (b) (6) ASN (M&RA), SAML
Subject: FW: President Trump Bans Transgender Serving in the Military
Date: Friday, December 08, 2017 9:27:10

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

From: (b) (6) ASN (M&RA), Front Office
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 11:06 AM
To: Beyler, Juliet SES ASN (M&RA), MMP
Cc: [REDACTED] ASN (M&RA), MMP; [REDACTED] CIV ASN (M&RA), MMP; Woods, Robert L SES ASN (M&RA); Biddick, Dennis SES ASN (M&RA), RA; (b) (6) CIV ASN MRA; [REDACTED] CAPT ASN (M&RA), RA; [REDACTED] CIV ASN (M&RA), MMP; [REDACTED] CAPT; [REDACTED] Col ASN (M&RA), Front Office; [REDACTED] CIV ASN (M&RA), AGC; Kessmeier, Catherine L SES ASN (M&RA), AGC
Subject: President Trump Bans Transgender Serving in the Military

Ms. Beyler,

Breaking news. Not sure if you have seen...

<https://ca.news.yahoo.com/trump-no-transgender-people-serve-u-military-twitter-131526764.html>

v/r

(b) (6)

(b) (6), CDP
ASN (M&RA)
Director, Diversity and Inclusion Management
Department of the Navy
Comm: [REDACTED]
DSN: [REDACTED]
~"Diversity is Being Invited to the Party; Inclusion is Being Asked to Dance."
By Verna Myers

From: [REDACTED] [CAPT](#)
To: [REDACTED] [CDR ASN \(M&RA\), SAML](#)
Subject: FW: President Trump Bans Transgender Serving in the Military
Date: Friday, December 08, 2017 9:27:31

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

From: Beyler, Juliet SES ASN (M&RA), MMP
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 11:23 AM
To: (b) (6) ASN (M&RA), Front Office
Cc: [REDACTED] CAPT ASN (M&RA), MMP; [REDACTED] CIV ASN (M&RA), MMP; Woods, Robert L SES ASN (M&RA); Biddick, Dennis SES ASN (M&RA), RA; [REDACTED] CIV ASN MRA; [REDACTED] CAPT ASN (M&RA), RA; [REDACTED] a CIV ASN (M&RA), MMP; [REDACTED] CAPT; [REDACTED] Col ASN (M&RA), Front Office; [REDACTED] CIV ASN (M&RA), AGC; Kessmeier, Catherine L SES ASN (M&RA), AGC
Subject: RE: President Trump Bans Transgender Serving in the Military

Yes, thanks --vr/J

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From: Bowens, Victoria CIV ASN (M&RA), Front Office
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 11:06 AM
To: Beyler, Juliet SES ASN (M&RA), MMP
Cc: [REDACTED] CAPT ASN (M&RA), MMP; [REDACTED] CIV ASN (M&RA), MMP; Woods, Robert L SES ASN (M&RA); Biddick, Dennis SES ASN (M&RA), RA; (b) (6) CIV ASN MRA; [REDACTED] CAPT ASN (M&RA), RA; [REDACTED] a CIV ASN (M&RA), MMP; [REDACTED] CAPT; [REDACTED] Col ASN (M&RA), Front Office; [REDACTED] CIV ASN (M&RA), AGC; Kessmeier, Catherine L SES ASN (M&RA), AGC
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v/r

Victoria

VICTORIA L. BOWENS, CDP
ASN (M&RA)
Director, Diversity and Inclusion Management
Department of the Navy
Comm: [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@CIV ASN(M&RA)>
To: (b) (6) <[REDACTED]@CDR ASN (M&RA), SAML>
Subject: FW: Tweet
Date: Friday, December 08, 2017 10:09:53

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

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@CIV ASN(M&RA)>
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 9:28 AM
To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@CIV OSD OGC (US)> (b) (6) [REDACTED]
Subject: Tweet

<http://www.msn.com/en-us/news/politics/trump-says-us-will-not-accept-or-allow-transgender-people-to-serve-in-us-military-in-any-capacity-twitter/ar-AAoRF2y>

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@CIV ASN(M&RA)>
To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@CDR ASN (M&RA), SAML>
Subject: FW: POTUS Announces Ban on Transgender Service in the Military
Date: Friday, December 08, 2017 10:09:03

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

From: (b) (6) [REDACTED] CIV ASN(M&RA)
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 9:37 AM
To: (b) (6) [REDACTED] OASN (M&RA), MPP; (b) (6) [REDACTED] CDR ASN, M&RA
Subject: FW: POTUS Announces Ban on Transgender Service in the Military

Sorry, should have included you on the original email. r/ [REDACTED]

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To: Woods, Robert L SES ASN (M&RA); Beyler, Juliet SES ASN (M&RA), MMP; Biddick, Dennis SES ASN (M&RA), RA; Kessmeier, Catherine L SES ASN (M&RA), AGC; (b) (6) [REDACTED] J CIV ASN (M&RA), AGC; (b) (6) [REDACTED] P CAPT ASN (M&RA), MMP
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From: [REDACTED] [CIV ASN\(M&RA\)](#)
To: [REDACTED] [CDR ASN \(M&RA\), SAML](#)
Subject: FW: POTUS Transgender Ban
Date: Friday, December 08, 2017 10:08:41

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

From: Beyler, Juliet SES ASN (M&RA), MMP
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 9:48 AM
To: [REDACTED] LCDR OLA, LA-62
Cc: [REDACTED] CAPT ASN (M&RA), MMP; [REDACTED] CIV ASN (M&RA), MMP; [REDACTED] CIV ASN (M&RA), MMP; [REDACTED] CDR ASN (M&RA); [REDACTED] CDR ASN (M&RA); [REDACTED] OASN (M&RA), MPP; [REDACTED] LCDR ASN, M&RA; [REDACTED] CAPT ASN (M&RA), MMP/SAHA; [REDACTED] CDR OLA, LA-66; [REDACTED] LtCol OLA, OLA; [REDACTED] CIV ASN(M&RA)
Subject: RE: POTUS Transgender Ban

Thanks [REDACTED] standing by. (b) (6) is also talking w/ (b) (6) at OSD GC --vr/J

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

From: [REDACTED] G LCDR OLA, LA-62
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 9:25 AM
To: Beyler, Juliet SES ASN (M&RA), MMP
Cc: [REDACTED] CAPT ASN (M&RA), MMP; [REDACTED] CIV ASN (M&RA), MMP; [REDACTED] CIV ASN (M&RA), MMP; [REDACTED] CDR ASN (M&RA); [REDACTED] CDR ASN (M&RA); [REDACTED] OASN (M&RA), MPP; [REDACTED] LCDR ASN, M&RA; [REDACTED] CAPT ASN (M&RA), MMP/SAHA; [REDACTED] CDR OLA, LA-66; [REDACTED] LtCol OLA, OLA
Subject: POTUS Transgender Ban
Importance: High

Good morning Ma'am,

Forwarding for your information-

BLUF: POTUS announced on Twitter that, "the United States Government will not accept or allow...Transgender individuals to serve in any capacity in the U.S. Military."

I have reached out to OSD for any official statement from the Department and will keep you informed. As with all transgender decisions, this is OSD's to lead, and I have not received any inquiries from PSMs.

Here's the article from The Hill, link below:

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<http://thehill.com/homenews/administration/343847-trump-calls-for-ban-on-transgender-individuals-in-military>

V/r,
Maura

LCDR [REDACTED], PHR
(b) (6)
Office of Legislative Affairs

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@[REDACTED]>
Subject: FW: OSD Statement on Transgender
Date: Friday, December 08, 2017 10:08:14
Importance: High

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

From: Beyler, Juliet SES ASN (M&RA), MMP

Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 11:35 AM

To: Kessmeier, Catherine L SES ASN (M&RA), AGC; [REDACTED] CIV ASN(M&RA); [REDACTED]

CIV ASN (M&RA), AGC

Cc: [REDACTED] CAPT ASN (M&RA), MMP

Subject: FW: OSD Statement on Transgender

Importance: High

Should have cc'd you

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

From: Beyler, Juliet SES ASN (M&RA), MMP

Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 11:34 AM

To: Nowell, John RADM OPNAV N1, WASH DC, N13; 'Strobl SES Michael R'; Benedict BGen Scott F

Cc [REDACTED] CAPT ASN (M&RA), MMP; [REDACTED] CAPT OPNAV, N13X; [REDACTED]

CIV HQMC, MPO; [REDACTED] CAPT OPNAV N1, N13; (b) (6) LCDR ASN, M&RA; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CAPT ASN (M&RA), MMP/SAHA; [REDACTED] OASN (M&RA), MPP; [REDACTED] MSgt ASN

(M&RA); [REDACTED] CDR ASN (M&RA); [REDACTED] Maj ASN (M&RA), MMP

Subject: OSD Statement on Transgender

Importance: High

Gentlemen,

This is what we have for right now.

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P&R leadership has already talked w/DSD. They are in a follow-on meeting now. I've asked for any information as soon as possible.

Vr/J

From: [REDACTED] [CIV ASN\(M&RA\)](#)
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Subject: FW: POTUS Transgender Ban
Date: Friday, December 08, 2017 10:07:41

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From: [REDACTED] . CIV ASN(M&RA)
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 10:00 AM
To: Brennan, Anne M SES OGC, PDGC
Cc: Rissing, Garrett L SES OGC, Deputy General Counsel; Kessmeier, Catherine L SES ASN (M&RA), AGC; [REDACTED] CAPT OGC, FO; (b) (6) LtCol OGC, FO; [REDACTED] CIV OGC, PDGC
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Cc: [Penrod, Virginia S SES OSD OUSD P-R \(US\)](#)
Subject: RE: Ban on TG in Military (UNCLASSIFIED)
Date: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 9:40:00 AM

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Unbelievable!!

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From: (b) (6) <[mailto:]>
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Subject: FW: Ban on TG in Military (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Wow - that was a surprise? (b) (5)

Tony Kurta
Performing the Duties of:
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Room (b) (6)

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From: [REDACTED] CIV SD
To: [REDACTED] [CIV SD](#)
Cc: [DeMartino, Tony SES SD](#)
Subject: Re: Important - READ BEFORE YOU GET TO HILL - FW: Transgender tweets by POTUS (UNCLASSIFIED)
Date: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 9:17:47 AM

Tracking.

Best,

[REDACTED]

On Jul 26, 2017, at 9:17 AM, (b) (6) CIV SD [REDACTED]
<[mailto:\[REDACTED\]](mailto:[REDACTED])> wrote:

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<transgender tweets POTUS.PPTX>

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Cc: [REDACTED] [CIV SD](#)
Subject: Re: Important - READ BEFORE YOU GET TO HILL - FW: Transgender tweets by POTUS (UNCLASSIFIED)
Date: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 9:19:43 AM

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Sent from my iPhone

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Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 11:46 AM

To: [REDACTED] CDR OJAG, Code 61

Cc: [REDACTED] CAPT OJAG, CODE 13; [REDACTED] LCDR OJAG, Code 13; [REDACTED] CAPT OJAG, Code 06; [REDACTED] CIV OJAG, OJAG

Subject: RE: Seeking Transgender Policy Talking Points

Ma'am,

(b) (5), (b) (6)

[REDACTED]

Best wishes & V/r,

[REDACTED]

LCDR [REDACTED], JAGC, USN

OJAG Code 13

Executive Officer

Ph: [REDACTED]

NIPR: (b) (6)

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From: [REDACTED] CDR OJAG, Code 61

Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 10:41 AM

To: [REDACTED] CAPT OJAG, Code 06

Cc: [REDACTED] LCDR OJAG, Code 13

Subject: FW: Seeking Transgender Policy Talking Points

CAPT (b) (6),

Below FYSA only.

13,

CC'd you for SA only - not sure if you have any equity.

V/r,

[REDACTED]
CDR JAGC USN

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Good Morning PAO Team,

(b) (5), (b) (6)
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Very Respectfully,

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JAGC, USN
Special Assistant for Diversity, Code 61
Office of the Judge Advocate General
1322 Patterson Ave SE, (b) (6), Washington, DC 20374
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Subject: RE: Trump bans transgender individuals from U.S. military service (UNCLASSIFIED)
Date: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 11:11:00 AM

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[REDACTED]
Thanks and very helpful.
Tony

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From: Thomas, James A Jr CIV (US)
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 11:08 AM
To: Kurta, Anthony M SES OSD OUSD P-R (US) (b) (6) >
Cc: 'Penrod, Vee S SES OSD PR' (b) (6) >
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Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 10:06 AM
To: Kurta, Anthony M SES OSD OUSD P-R (US) <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Sennott, Daniel <Daniel.Sennott@mail.house.gov>; 'Penrod, Vee S SES OSD PR' <[REDACTED]>; [REDACTED] CIV (US) <[REDACTED]>
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From: Kurta, Anthony M SES OSD OUSD P-R (US) [mailto:(b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 9:59 AM
To: Greene, Craig <Craig.Greene@mail.house.gov>
Cc: Sennott, Daniel <Daniel.Sennott@mail.house.gov>; 'Penrod, Vee S SES OSD PR' <[REDACTED]>
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To: [REDACTED]; [Kurta, Anthony M SES OSD OUSD P-R \(US\)](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Trump bans transgender individuals from U.S. military service (UNCLASSIFIED)
Date: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 10:59:00 AM

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[REDACTED]/Tony, we have a PA message that is being reviewed by the FO, I will send as soon as it is approved. We really don't have any other information at this time [REDACTED]

Vee

Vee Penrod, SES
CoS, P&R
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To: [SD - DepSecDef SAs & MAs](#)
Subject: Transgender tweets by POTUS (UNCLASSIFIED)
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Donald J. Trump @realDonaldTrump · 15m

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4.1K 2.7K 7.9K

From: Phillip.Stewart@thomsonreuters.com
To: [Donnelly, Sally SES SD](#)
Subject: was this mattis" recommendation?
Date: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 10:33:23 AM

On transgender? Anything help on background?

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From: (b) (6)
To: "Kriete, David M. EOP/NSC"
Subject: FW: Transgender tweets by POTUS (UNCLASSIFIED)
Date: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 9:23:57 AM
Attachments: [transgender tweets POTUS.PPTX](#)

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