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Re: DOJ-2017-002843 (PAO)
D.D.C No. 1:18-cv-1800
VRB:TAZ:BRB

Dear Mr. Valvo:

This is our final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated March 2, 2017, and received in this Office on March 8, 2017, in which you requested emails dating from January 20, 2017 and relating to official government business, which were sent to or from a non-governmental email account used by Director of Public Affairs Sarah Isgur Flores. This response is made on behalf of the Office of Public Affairs.

Please be advised that a search has been conducted in response to your request, and 180 pages containing records responsive to your request were located. I have determined that 112 pages are appropriate for release with excisions made pursuant to Exemptions 5 and 6 of the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5) and (b)(6). 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 the personal privacy of third parties. Please note that some of the enclosed pages contain records that are not responsive to your request; these non-responsive records have not been processed, and are marked accordingly. Additionally, sixty-eight pages containing records responsive to your request are being withheld in full pursuant to Exemption 6 of the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6).

As is evident from the enclosed records, Ms. Flores forwarded emails sent to her personal account to her official Department of Justice email account, including through an automatic forward. As such, all of these emails were located pursuant to our search of Ms. Flores' official Department of Justice email account.

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 (2012 & Supp. V 2017). 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.

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If you have any questions regarding this response, please contact Damon Taaffe of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia at (202) 252-2544.

Sincerely,

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

Vanessa R. Brinkmann
Senior Counsel

Enclosures

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From: Lesh, Jose <jose.lesh@turner.com>
To: Sarah Isgur Flores
(b) (6) >
Cc: Flores, Sarah Isgur. (OPA)
<sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov>
Bcc:
Subject: RE: CNN/ Friday
Date: Thu Mar 02 2017 06:38:36 EST
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Thanks Sarah- let me know if Friday works for you. We'll take u anytime. Also- please send over any latest statement you might have- Jose

From: Sarah Isgur Flores (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, March 02, 2017 6:36 AM
To: Lesh, Jose <Jose.Lesh@turner.com>
Cc: Flores, Sarah Isgur. (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: CNN/ Friday

sorry--not available this morning at this point.

On Thu, Mar 2, 2017 at 6:31 AM, Lesh, Jose <Jose.Lesh@turner.com> wrote:

Hi Sarah- good morning. Checking to see if you're avail to us this morning via phone or from Cap Hill.

Thanks,

Jose

Non-responsive Record