

Exhibit D

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Subject: RE: SIGAR Lessons Learned Program Records Request

Dear Mr. Whitlock:

We are reviewing these records and will have them to you as soon as reasonably possible. Our first priority are the interviews that were on the record. Even though they are "for attribution" we need to review the recordings, transcripts, and notes (to the extent they exist) for each interview, to determine whether we need to refer these to other government agencies for classification review (which turned out to be necessary for the Flynn interview, as you know). We are hoping to avoid agency referrals so as to provide you with these much faster.

Regarding what it was that you asked for in your FOIA request: I went back to take a look at your March 23, 2017, FOIA request, and I see that you requested only "All transcripts and audio recordings of interviews conducted for SIGAR's Lessons Learned Program." You did not request any other records. A copy of your request is attached.

Nevertheless, I provided you with a list of all interviews conducted by the Lessons Learned Program and I offered to provide you with interview notes, since as I explained in my last email, the vast majority of the interviews were not recorded and there was no transcript. In other words, we want you to have this information, but I'm hoping you will understand that it will take some time for us to review these interview notes to remove the names and identifying information for people who do not want their names revealed. As I explained in my email, we are prohibited by law from revealing those sources without their permission. As a journalist, I'm sure you appreciate the need to protect confidential sources.

Finally, in response to your question about the format of the interviews, I'm not sure. I think most of them are in a format similar to the Flynn notes, but we'll see as we go through them. Regardless of the format, we intend to provide them to you.

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