

Adams, Marti

From: Adams, Marti
Sent: Monday, October 05, 2009 4:24 PM
To: 'Miller, David Lee'
Subject: RE: Fox News

Thanks, David. I'll get back to you as soon as I can.

In the meantime, you should take a look at Friday's WSJ piece on OFAC if you haven't already seen it:

OCTOBER 2, 2009

U.S. Enforces Existing Sanctions on Iran Washington Moves to Crack Down on American Firms

By CHIP CUMMINS

DUBAI -- The U.S. has begun to ratchet up enforcement of existing sanctions on Iran, including cracking down on illegal exports of American products, even as it has threatened fresh economic restrictions on Tehran.

Over the past three decades, the U.S. has imposed a wide range of unilateral measures against Iran, essentially prohibiting American citizens and companies from doing most business there. But the measures haven't kept American products out of Iran's bazaars, showrooms and high-end retailers.

For years, American authorities concluded there was little U.S. enforcement agents could do about it. There has been longstanding debate among policy makers about whether to spend resources trying to halt the flow of seemingly harmless consumer products into Iran. Critics say such sanctions don't pressure policy makers in Tehran and hurt U.S. exports.

But as Washington ratchets up the pressure on Iran, sanction enforcement has become a top priority. The U.S. Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control, the agency spearheading American sanctions enforcement, has beefed up its investigative and enforcement teams, officials say.

"We've been more effective, more aggressive and more public in our enforcement," said Adam Szubin, OFAC's director, in an interview.

As part of that broader push, OFAC has held discussions with some American manufacturers about whether they are doing enough to ensure their products aren't illegally making it into Iran, U.S. officials said.

"It is reasonable for us to ask, what have you done to make sure your export doesn't go to Iran," Mr. Szubin said. "We won't countenance willful blindness."

Agencies are focusing in some cases on instances where they suspect American manufacturers could be turning a blind eye to foreign subsidiaries, distributors or customers who are improperly reselling goods into Iran, according to another U.S. official. Other agencies, including the Departments of Justice and Commerce, are increasingly cooperating with Treasury, officials say.

Earlier this year, the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission queried Hewlett-Packard Co. about its Iran business. In correspondence released by the SEC, the Palo Alto, Calif.,

company said a European subsidiary sold products to third-party distributors in the United Arab Emirates, which resold them into Iran.

It said the sales didn't break any rules, but that it had stopped doing business with the distributors. In a statement, H-P said the query was part of a "routine staff review" of Hewlett-Packard's annual SEC filing. A spokesman for the SEC declined to comment. The status of the SEC query isn't clear.

There are exceptions to restrictions on American exports to Iran, making it sometimes difficult to determine what is legal and what isn't. Foreign subsidiaries, for instance, sometimes aren't under the same restrictions as their American parent, according to officials.

Caterpillar Inc., of Peoria, Ill., says that under current U.S. sanctions its foreign subsidiaries may, under some circumstances, sell its heavy machinery to independent dealers that resell to users in Iran.

Closely held Arya Machinery, with offices in Tehran, markets itself on its Web site as Iran's exclusive dealer of Caterpillar equipment. A senior sales executive at the company, in a telephone interview, said Arya buys equipment from a Caterpillar subsidiary in Europe.

A Caterpillar spokesman declined to comment about Arya, but said in a statement that Caterpillar has no assets, operations or employees in Iran and is in "full compliance with all applicable laws."

At Dubai's bustling downtown wharf, Iranian sailors load goods bound for a handful of Iranian ports, some as close as a day's voyage. Stacks of Chinese tires, South Korean batteries and German white goods stand in long rows, waiting to be loaded onto wooden dhows.

There are no laws here against shipping everyday, American-brand goods across the Persian Gulf to Iran. "If the product is legal here and legal in Iran, we take it," says a captain loading his dhow with Chinese-made food products.

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

From: Miller, David Lee [mailto:(b) (6)]
Sent: Monday, October 05, 2009 2:29 PM
To: Adams, Marti
Subject: Fox News.
Importance: High

Dear Marti,

As per our telephone conversation here are the questions we'd like some further help on:

How does sanctions enforcement work? What is the role of OFAC and BIS? Who does what? Are any other agencies enforcing sanctions?

What if any authority does OFAC have over foreign corporations doing business with Iran- especially if those companies do business in the US?

If companies like Siemens, Nokia, and Alcatel-Lucent were US companies would they be sanctioned for doing business in Iran?

Who should we contact about proceeding with an FOI request for a list of companies doing business with Iran?

Must every US country doing business in Iran receive a waiver?

As I indicated on the phone we are still researching this story and would appreciate the opportunity to speak with a specialist who can elaborate on the subject of US and multi-national corporations doing business in Iran. While I would ultimately like to get someone on camera, an important first step would be someone who could provide some overall background on the topic.

As of now our deadline is somewhat flexible, but obviously things can change at a moment's notice so if you are able to get back to us at your earliest convenience we would be most appreciative.

Thanks for your help,

David Lee Miller
Correspondent
Fox News Channel

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LeCompte, Jenni

From: Psaki, Jennifer R. (b) (6)
Sent: Friday, October 23, 2009 9:48 AM
To: Siewert, Jake; LeCompte, Jenni
Subject: RE: Off the Record Note

Totally fine---none of our press folks seems particularly exercised

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From: Siewert, Jake [mailto:Jake.Siewert@do.treas.gov]
Sent: Friday, October 23, 2009 9:39 AM
To: Psaki, Jennifer R.; Jenni.LeCompte@do.treas.gov
Subject: RE: Off the Record Note

Don't think we should feed the beast more on this story. Just going to express my displeasure.

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From: Psaki, Jennifer R. (b) (6)
Sent: Friday, October 23, 2009 8:58 AM
To: Siewert, Jake; LeCompte, Jenni
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Hmm he did not bring this up when he spoke with Pfeiffer when he spoke with him about this-- and not clear that he spoke with anyone else here last night.

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From: Jake.Siewert@do.treas.gov [mailto:Jake.Siewert@do.treas.gov]
Sent: Friday, October 23, 2009 8:54 AM
To: Jenni.LeCompte@do.treas.gov; Psaki, Jennifer R.
Subject: Fw: Off the Record Note

FYI.

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

From: rutenber@ (b) (6)
To: Siewert, Jake
Sent: Fri Oct 23 07:31:52 2009
Subject: Re: Off the Record Note

Jake -- I spoke to the white house on this, and to people directly involved in the talks who were not at fox (the nets confabbed over it); we can definitely talk but I stand by the reporting.

Sent via BlackBerry by AT&T

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From: Jake.Siewert@do.treas.gov
Date: Fri, 23 Oct 2009 07:22:30
To: <rutenber@ (b) (6)>
Subject: Off the Record Note

Jim,

Call me today on your Fox-Treasury report. Not true that there was an "effort to exclude" Fox. No sourcing on that graph - assume briefing room chatter - although Major told me he spoke with you. Disappointed that you never bothered to check that "fact" with us at Treasury.

True that the nets were asked to pool Feinberg. At that point, we had a very tight window and filled with requests that we had. Typical triage - sorting priorities and we did the fairly typical thing, started with the big 3. Fox News hadn't made a request for an interview - certainly not to me or Jenni who was handling. When we called nets to pool, a producer did raise a concern about why Fox wasn't on the first round list. To accomodate more interviews - we had dozens of requests - we cut back Feinberg's off-camera presser and moved a Hill briefing to create a bigger window of time and added more interviews, including Fox. Once we had more time, we specifically called Major and dragged him out of the WH briefing to see if he could do an interview. Still no request from Fox. Major had time, came to the briefing and got his interview - same slot as everyone else.

You can call that a "Treasury effort to exclude" but it's not accurate. If you are going to write about Treasury in the future, I'd like you to check with us before you go to print.

Would also like a correction on-line since every story about "excluding Fox" tends to have a long shelf life as you know. Already a conversation on "Morning Joe" today about the dastardly plot to ban Fox - and I'm told Krauthammer picked up as well.

Thanks.

Jake Siewert
202 622 9404

LeCompte, Jenni

From: LeCompte, Jenni
Sent: Friday, October 23, 2009 4:48 PM
To: Psaki, Jennifer; Siewert, Jake
Cc: Williams, Andrew
Subject: Re: FOX news exclusion story

Great, thanks all

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From: Psaki, Jennifer R. (b) (6)
To: Siewert, Jake; LeCompte, Jenni
Cc: Williams, Andrew
Sent: Fri Oct 23 16:46:29 2009
Subject: RE: FOX news exclusion story

Makes sense—and will let you know who else we hear from—will take a canvass in this rogue nation of the WH

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Cc: Andrew.Williams@do.treas.gov
Subject: Re: FOX news exclusion story

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Atlantic: On the Fox News / White House dispute

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Off the record - worth pointing out that the onus is kind of on the reporters to prove that there was a plot. Hard to disprove a negative.

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To: LeCompte, Jenni; Siewert, Jake
Cc: Psaki, Jennifer
Subject: RE: Fox and Feinberg

Yeah, I'm fine with that.

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From: Jenni.LeCompte@do.treas.gov [mailto:Jenni.LeCompte@do.treas.gov]
Sent: Friday, October 23, 2009 5:09 PM
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Cc: Psaki, Jennifer R.
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Sent: Friday, October 23, 2009 5:07 PM
To: LeCompte, Jenni; jake.siewart@do.treas.gov
Cc: Psaki, Jennifer
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Isham clearly had spoken with the Times. Also explained to him that we hadn't planned to "pool" at all but his fellow networks asked us to do so. Were just trying to accomodate as many as possible given time constraints.

Jake

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Cc: Psaki, Jennifer
Sent: Fri Oct 23 17:17:55 2009
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Yep, I've been very aggressive about that.

I'm glad you talked to Isham, too. It's bullshit that our supposedly off-the-record conversations with the pool about logistics are being discussed (inaccurately) on the air. If they're so quick to leap to Fox's defense, then they should be just as quick to express their displeasure with Fox for not keeping an important agreement.

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Thanks Josh. I spoke with Rutenberg and Chris Isham just to make clear my displeasure at how yesterday's events had been characterized. Important to note that Major never requested an interview. We asked him.

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With Jake's correct address...

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Thanks Jen

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Sent: Saturday, October 24, 2009 11:26 AM
To: 'Joshua R. Earnest' (b) (6); Psaki, Jennifer
Cc: Siewert, Jake
Subject: Re: AP on Fox

Thx. Left him a voice mail on his cell.

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From: Earnest, Joshua R. (b) (6)
To: Psaki, Jennifer; LeCompte, Jenni
Cc: Siewert, Jake
Sent: Sat Oct 24 10:45:58 2009
Subject: Re: AP on Fox

David bauder (he's their tv beat reporter) (b) (6)
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From: Earnest, Joshua R.
To: Psaki, Jennifer R.; 'Jenni.LeCompte@do.treas.gov' <Jenni.LeCompte@do.treas.gov>
Cc: 'Jake.Siewert@do.treas.gov' <Jake.Siewert@do.treas.gov>
Sent: Sat Oct 24 10:43:16 2009
Subject: Re: AP on Fox

David bauder is the rptr.

Jenni, do u want to take a run at him saying - 'you buried the lede: they didn't ask for an interview - and when they did finally ask, they got one. I know it makes for a much less interesting story but it's true.'

Since I wldnt even broach with him the tick-tock on the pool stuff, bc I think we want to fight this part out w them in private, not public.

Lemme find bauder's phone number and I will circ.

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Cc: 'Jake.Siewert@do.treas.gov' <Jake.Siewert@do.treas.gov>
Sent: Sat Oct 24 10:28:51 2009
Subject: Re: AP on Fox

Should we just try with below even if it has a small impact? Agree there shouldn't be much more

Who was the reporter?

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From: Earnest, Joshua R.
To: 'Jenni.LeCompte@do.treas.gov' <Jenni.LeCompte@do.treas.gov>; Psaki, Jennifer R.

Cc: 'Jake.Siewert@do.treas.gov' <Jake.Siewert@do.treas.gov>
Sent: Sat Oct 24 10:15:59 2009
Subject: Re: AP on Fox

The biggest problem is that he buries a key fact: fox didn't ask for an interview. The second problem is that the pool has set themselves up in this story as pushing us around - which is a bigger long term problem.

I'm not sure there's any more we can do on this particular story. Fortunately, it seems unlikely there will be others. Most folks have greeted this with eye-rolls at the 'he said/she said' nature of this incident.

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Sent: Sat Oct 24 09:13:54 2009
Subject: Re: AP on Fox

A few suggested tweaks:

There was no plot to exclude Fox, and the intention was never to seek a "network pool" camera for this round of interviews. With limited time, we were initially considering only three network news interviews. Throughout the course of the day, we were able to find time for three additional slots. Bottom line: the White House and Treasury decided to grant the same interview to Fox as to their competitors, and they used clips throughout their broadcast.

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To: LeCompte, Jenni; Earnest, Joshua R. (b) (6)
Cc: Siewert, Jake
Sent: Sat Oct 24 08:40:19 2009
Subject: Re: AP on Fox

This is definitely missing several key facts--Josh do you want to talk to the reporter since you spoke with them yesterday? Or do we want to go back to loven

Also chris isham or one of his colleagues seems to be the backgroudn cbs source in here

Would we would want to add something like this from an admin official

There was never an intention to exclude Fox, but with limited time we were considering only three network news interviews at the beginning and were determining a way to do that logistically. In the end Fox was included for an interview after a decision made by the Treasury Department and the White House and they used clips throughout the broadcast.

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Sent: Fri Oct 23 23:57:47 2009
Subject: AP on Fox

This is so infuriating. We never asked for this to be covered by a network pool camera. I called each net to whom we had granted an interview individually, offered the 5 min slot and asked for volunteers to serve as a pool camera specifically for this round robin. Only after NBC and ABC said I needed to work through CBS as pool chair did I call the chair and even then was very clear that I did not think this was an appropriate request for the network pool given our lineup.

Unfortunately the story below is significantly divorced from that reality - and now on the AP wire....

Tiff over White House camera crew and Fox The Associated Press NEW YORK – The Obama administration allowed a Fox News Channel reporter to interview Treasury Department "pay czar" Kenneth Feinberg after other network ...

<<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5grZ9qgSRNN5sAMW8smsQXGMwrwzgd9BH47R02>>

See all stories on this topic:

<<http://news.google.com/news/story?ncl=http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5grZ9qgSRNN5sAMW8smsQXGMwrwzgd9BH47R02&hl=en>>

LeCompte, Jenni

From: Psaki, Jennifer R. (b) (6)
Sent: Sunday, October 25, 2009 8:09 AM
To: LeCompte, Jenni; Siewert, Jake; Earnest, Joshua R.
Subject: Re: Press Inquiry: Fox News interview and Anita Dunn contact

Ugh--at least fox has bruce josten from the chamber on today and maybe they will shift attention

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

From: Jenni.LeCompte@do.treas.gov <Jenni.LeCompte@do.treas.gov>
To: Jake.Siewert@do.treas.gov <Jake.Siewert@do.treas.gov>; Psaki, Jennifer R.; Earnest, Joshua R.
Sent: Sat Oct 24 19:48:27 2009
Subject: Fw: Press Inquiry: Fox News interview and Anita Dunn contact

I am not responding further but FYI..

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

From: (b) (6)
To: LeCompte, Jenni
Cc: Haq, Nayyera; Williams, Andrew
Sent: Sat Oct 24 19:38:28 2009
Subject: Re: Press Inquiry: Fox News interview and Anita Dunn contact

Jenni,
To elaborate on my last. Was this high profile round robin interview setup run through Anita Dunn from the beginning? Or was she only contacted after there was pressure to include Fox News? If Anita Dunn was only contacted once the prospect of Fox being a participant came up, can you tell me why?

Also, the Huffington Post and Mediaite are reporting that Fox News did request an interview, and further that Robert Gibbs apologized for an attempt to, in his words, exclude Fox. If so, that directly contradicts the statement you sent me. Do you have any comment on that?

Caleb Howe
Redstate.com

On Sat, Oct 24, 2009 at 6:44 PM, <Jenni.LeCompte@do.treas.gov> wrote:

>
>> Caleb:
>>
>> Please feel free to use the following comment, for attribution to a
>> "Treasury spokesperson," please:
>>
>> "There was no plot to exclude Fox News, and they had the same
>> interview that their competitors did. Much ado about absolutely nothing."
>>
>> I would also note on background that we typically coordinate high
>> profile TV interviews with the White House, just as most Administrations do.
>>
>> Best,

>> Jenni

>>

>> ----- Original Message -----

>> From: Haq, Nayyera

>> To: 'Caleb@:(b)(6)'; LeCompte, Jenni;

>> Williams, Andrew

>> Sent: Sat Oct 24 18:24:51 2009

>> Subject: Re: Press Inquiry: Fox News interview and Anita Dunn contact

>>

>> Hi Caleb. I'm adding in Jenni and Andrew in the Public Affairs

>> office, who will be able to help you better.

>>

>>

>> ----- Original Message -----

>> From: absenteeblog@:(b)(6)

>> To: Haq, Nayyera

>> Sent: Sat Oct 24 16:46:18 2009

>> Subject: Press Inquiry: Fox News interview and Anita Dunn contact

>>

>> Good afternoon,

>> My name is Caleb Howe, and I'm a contributing editor at the

>> well-known conservative blog Redstate.com. I'm writing an article

>> about the recent interview flap between Fox News and Treasury, and I

>> have a quick question I'm hoping someone will answer for me.

>>

>> It is being widely reported that Treasury, having been notified by

>> the pool that Fox must be included, then contacted Anita Dunn

>> directly for clearance.

>> Can you tell me why this is?

>>

>> Treasury's position has been that this was merely an oversight. Is it

>> typical to contact the White House to correct an oversight like this?

>>

>> Anita Dunn is reported to be the driving force behind the

>> administration's Fox News "war". Was she contacted specifically because of that role?

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>> At any point, was Treasury intending to deliberately exclude Fox News

>> from the interview?

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>> I appreciate your time and would be happy to call and discuss this

>> with you.

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>> Thanks!

>> Caleb Howe

>> Redstate.com

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Williams, Andrew

From: Psaki, Jennifer R. (b) (6)
Sent: Friday, October 23, 2009 4:55 PM
To: Siewert, Jake; LeCompte, Jenni
Cc: Williams, Andrew
Subject: RE: FOX news exclusion story

Hey Josh just spoke with Calderone and Bellantoni—who was focused on whether the WH ordered this—and he basically told him that -we have shown that if we wanted to exclude Fox we would and in this case we didn't and they got their interview. He also talked through the off the record version of all of this. We can have him pull back on the record comments if you guys prefer---he clearly didn't give a good internal heads up (not intentionally)

By all accounts he did not rev this up and just gave basically the same message as below, but stronger on the accusation that we are excluding anyone. The other point is that in the same Brett Baer segment—they played pieces of the Major interview.

From: Jake.Siewert@do.treas.gov [mailto:Jake.Siewert@do.treas.gov]
Sent: Friday, October 23, 2009 4:42 PM
To: Jenni.LeCompte@do.treas.gov; Psaki, Jennifer R.
Cc: Andrew.Williams@do.treas.gov
Subject: Re: FOX news exclusion story

How about a simple comment to all comers:
"There was no plan to exclude Fox News, and they had the same interview that their competitors did. Much ado about absolutely nothing."

Treasury spokesperson

From: LeCompte, Jenni
To: Siewert, Jake; Psaki, Jennifer
Cc: Williams, Andrew
Sent: Fri Oct 23 16:31:33 2009
Subject: Fw: FOX news exclusion story

I fear this is gaining a bit of steam. How do we want to handle?

Christina from Talking Points Memo
(b) (6)
re: comment on FOX exclusion
and Tommy Christopher is calling back to back now

From: Gudmundson, Erika
To: LeCompte, Jenni
Sent: Fri Oct 23 16:11:24 2009
Subject: FOX news exclusion story

FYI - we're starting to get more calls about this.

FOXNews: Administration Loses Bid to Exclude Fox News From Pay Czar Interview
<<http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2009/10/23/white-house-loses-bid-exclude-fox-news-pay-czar-interview/>>

The Treasury Department on Thursday tried to make "pay czar" Kenneth Feinberg available for interviews to every member of the network pool except Fox News. ...

WSJ: Rules for Presidents
<<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052748703573604574491290971140508.html>>

... Fox's television news competitors refused to go along with a Treasury Department effort on Tuesday to exclude Fox from a round of interviews with the ...

NY Magazine: The Battle Between Fox News and the White House Rages
<http://nymag.com/daily/intel/2009/10/the_battle_between_fox_and_the.html?f=most-commented-24h-5>

Some networks refused to go along with a Treasury Department effort to exclude Fox from a round of interviews with pay czar Kenneth Feinberg and ABC ...

Arizona Daily Star: White House attack on Fox News is Nixonian
<<http://www.azstarnet.com/allheadlines/314390>>

The Treasury Department made available Ken Feinberg, the executive pay czar, for interviews with the White House "pool" news organizations - except Fox. ...

HuffPost: Why Journalists Shouldn't Be Defending Fox News
<http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2009/10/23/why-journalists-shouldnt_n_331748.html>

The Obama administration's recent characterization of Fox News is a long overdue acknowledgment of the obvious: Fox News is not a legitimate news ...

Atlantic: On the Fox News / White House dispute
<http://jamesfallows.theatlantic.com/archives/2009/10/on_the_fox_news_white_house_di.php>

I didn't see anything on Fox from mid-2006 through mid-2009; for better or worse, it's not carried in China. (The English TV news channels you can get there ...)

FOX News: Chris Wallace on White House Efforts to 'Marginalize' Fox News
<<http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,569325,00.html>>

This is a RUSH transcript from "Fox & Friends," October 23, 2009. This copy may not be in its final form and may be updated. ...

LeCompte, Jenni

From: Psaki, Jennifer R. (b) (6)
Sent: Friday, October 23, 2009 8:02 AM
To: LeCompte, Jenni; Siewert, Jake
Subject: Re: You saw the line in the rutenberg story?

I am putting some dead fish in the fox cubby--just cause

Let us know if there is anything we can do from here

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

From: Jenni.LeCompte@do.treas.gov <Jenni.LeCompte@do.treas.gov>
To: Jake.Siewert@do.treas.gov <Jake.Siewert@do.treas.gov>; Psaki, Jennifer R.
Sent: Fri Oct 23 07:24:20 2009
Subject: Re: You saw the line in the rutenberg story?

Internally, CNN was not in the first round either. We had decided just to do NBC, CBS and ABC due to time. But by the time I first talked to the nets, we had found time for CNN and Bloomberg and they were on the list - eventually Fox too.

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

From: Siewert, Jake
To: Psaki, Jennifer
Cc: LeCompte, Jenni
Sent: Fri Oct 23 07:16:03 2009
Subject: Re: You saw the line in the rutenberg story?

CNN was not in first round, correct?

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

From: Psaki, Jennifer R. (b) (6)
To: Siewert, Jake
Sent: Fri Oct 23 07:15:49 2009
Subject: Re: You saw the line in the rutenberg story?

So infuriating

Was CNN not included in the initial group as well and did the pool also ask that they were included?

On the flip side of this I hope CBS is pissed too

Krauthammer has in his column too

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

From: Jake.Siewert@do.treas.gov <Jake.Siewert@do.treas.gov>
To: Psaki, Jennifer R.
Sent: Fri Oct 23 07:12:12 2009
Subject: Re: You saw the line in the rutenberg story?

Yup. Here's my draft response. Ok with you?

Jim,

Call me on this Fox-Treasury report. Not true that there was an "effort to exclude" Fox. No sourcing on that graph, although Major told me he spoke with you. Disappointed that you never bothered to check that "fact" with us at Treasury.

True that the nets were asked to pool Feinberg. At that point, we had a very tight window and filled with requests that we had. Typical triage - sorting priorities and we did the fairly typical thing - started with the big 3. Fox News hadn't made a request for an interview. When we called the nets to pool, a producer did raise a concern about why Fox wasn't in the first round.

To accomodate more interviews - we had dozens of requests - we cut back Feinberg's off-camera presser and moved a Hill briefing to create a bigger window of time and added more interviews including Fox. Once we had more time, we specifically called Major and dragged him out of the WH briefing to see if he could do an interview. Still no request from Fox. Major had time, came to the briefing and got his interview - same slot as everyone else.

You can call that a "Treasury effort to exclude" but it's not accurate. If you are going to write about Treasury in the future, I'd like you to check with us before you go to print.

Would also like a correction on-line since every story about "excluding Fox" tends to have a long shelf life as you know. There was already a conversation on "Morning Joe" today about the dastardly plot to ban Fox.

Thanks.

Jake Siewert
202 622 9404

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

From: Psaki, Jennifer R. (b) (6)

To: Siewert, Jake

Sent: Fri Oct 23 07:10:58 2009

Subject: You saw the line in the rutenberg story?

It is buried in the story on page A25. We have also complained to the pool chair network since this is supposed to be off the record dealings and they are using cbs like a prop

"In a sign of discomfort with the White House stance, Fox's television news competitors refused to go along with a Treasury Department effort on Tuesday to exclude Fox from a round of interviews with the executive pay czar Kenneth Feinberg that was to be conducted with a 'pool' camera crew shared by all the networks."

Williams, Andrew

From: Psaki, Jennifer R. (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2009 6:59 PM
To: Siewert, Jake; Williams, Andrew; LeCompte, Jenni
Subject: RE: you know about fox telling rutenberg about feinberg not initially doing fox?

Sounds good--brett baier just did a stupid piece on it---but he is a lunatic

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

From: Siewert, Jake [mailto:Jake.Siewert@do.treas.gov]
Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2009 6:51 PM
To: Psaki, Jennifer R.; Andrew.Williams@do.treas.gov; Jenni.LeCompte@do.treas.gov
Subject: RE: you know about fox telling rutenberg about feinberg not initially doing fox?

Just spoke with Major and gave him some background. He seems to be relatively calm.

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

From: Psaki, Jennifer R. (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2009 6:50 PM
To: Siewert, Jake; Williams, Andrew; LeCompte, Jenni
Subject: RE: you know about fox telling rutenberg about feinberg not initially doing fox?

Fortunately Jim doesn't seem focused on this at all--Pfeiffer spoke with him last and he didn't ask about it and his piece is broad about Fox in general. Jake did just ask about this probably because Major tried to rile him up--and basically told him below on background to walk him back. Also trying to track down major.

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

From: Siewert, Jake [mailto:Jake.Siewert@do.treas.gov]
Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2009 6:39 PM
To: Psaki, Jennifer R.; Andrew.Williams@do.treas.gov; Jenni.LeCompte@do.treas.gov
Subject: RE: you know about fox telling rutenberg about feinberg not initially doing fox?

Couple facts.

Fox network never requested an interview with Feinberg today.

We originally had a short window and only planned to do the 3 nets (who had all made requests.)

After we got a little more time and broadened the list out, we specifically called Fox on our own initiative and asked if they wanted an interview and would be able to come.

The WH (Anita Dunn -- but I won't name her unless she wants) specifically told Treasury that doing an interview with Fox was fine with her.

Anything to add Jenni?

Jake

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

From: Psaki, Jennifer R. [mailto:(b) (6)]

Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2009 6:00 PM

To: Siewert, Jake; Williams, Andrew; LeCompte, Jenni

Subject: RE: you know about fox telling rutenberg about feinberg not initially doing fox?

Major raised the issue that they weren't included initially and it was only the pool chair that helped them get and then cut down (which they told Rutenberg--or someone did). I told him he was making something out of a tight schedule that had nothing to do with anything. Will get a better sense of whether he is writing-- they are clearly trying to get all sides whipped up and don't think it is a big deal just wanted to make sure you were aware--

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

From: Jake.Siewert@do.treas.gov [mailto:Jake.Siewert@do.treas.gov]

Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2009 5:13 PM

To: Psaki, Jennifer R.; Andrew.Williams@do.treas.gov; Jenni.LeCompte@do.treas.gov

Subject: Re: you know about fox telling rutenberg about feinberg not initially doing fox?

I told Major it was a non issue. And that the WH was fine with us including them (in the end.). Anita specifically told me she was ok. If you get the sense that Jim's writing on it, make sure he calls me.

Thanks.

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

From: Psaki, Jennifer R. (b) (6)

To: Siewert, Jake; Williams, Andrew; LeCompte, Jenni

Sent: Thu Oct 22 17:12:00 2009

Subject: you know about fox telling rutenberg about feinberg not initially doing fox?

I would guess yes-but major just came in here and talked about it so just wanted to make sure you were in touch with him

Buford, Molly

From: Williams, Andrew
Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2009 10:59 AM
To: LeCompte, Jenni; Siewert, Jake
Cc: Buford, Molly
Subject: RE: NBC interview w/ Feinberg

I can't reach Kim, I'm on board with your plan.

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

From: LeCompte, Jenni
Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2009 10:51 AM
To: Williams, Andrew; Siewert, Jake
Cc: Buford, Molly
Subject: RE: NBC interview w/ Feinberg

We can try but we need to lock this up ASAP Do you want to talk to Kim?
And have you talked to Feinberg about this plan?
Ken has to be at Lehrer at 5 pm, yes?

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

From: Williams, Andrew
Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2009 10:49 AM
To: LeCompte, Jenni; Siewert, Jake
Cc: Buford, Molly
Subject: RE: NBC interview w/ Feinberg

Can we see if Kim can push meetings until later in the day to fit in CNN and Bloomberg?

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

From: LeCompte, Jenni
Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2009 10:45 AM
To: Siewert, Jake
Cc: Williams, Andrew; Buford, Molly
Subject: RE: NBC interview w/ Feinberg

So everyone on board with the below. We are going to get screamed at so I want to make sure we have a unified front.

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

From: Siewert, Jake
Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2009 10:39 AM
To: LeCompte, Jenni
Cc: Williams, Andrew; Buford, Molly
Subject: Re: NBC interview w/ Feinberg

I haven't agreed to anything. Should just do what we can fit in. WH is ok.

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

From: LeCompte, Jenni
To: Siewert, Jake
Cc: Williams, Andrew; Buford, Molly
Sent: Thu Oct 22 10:33:51 2009
Subject: FW: NBC interview w/ Feinberg

What have we agreed to?

I just spoke to Dag -- can we talk?

Our recommendation for the 45 minutes is NBC, CBS and ABC, embargoed for 630 pm for evening news Plus NPR

If we had more time, we could do more. But this is most realistic.

We offer them 5 minutes

They will go 8 each

Plus transition, more is not feasible

Pool camera, shared crew, equipment and transmission
2 shot. Feinberg seated throughout.
Talent must be in the room.

Good?

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

From: Guthrie, Savannah (NBC Universal) [mailto:(b) (6)]

Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2009 10:32 AM

To: LeCompte, Jenni

Cc: Capra, Tony (NBC Universal)

Subject: NBC interview w/ Feinberg

Hi Jenni! Im linking you via email with Tony Capra, who will coordinate on behalf of NBC for the interview with Feinberg. Jake told me to get in touch. Thank you!!! S

Savannah Guthrie
White House Correspondent
NBC News

(b) (6)

Buford, Molly

From: Siewert, Jake
Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2009 12:45 PM
To: Buford, Molly; LeCompte, Jenni; Williams, Andrew; Reilly, Meg
Subject: RE: Briefing

Fine by me.

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

From: Buford, Molly
Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2009 12:44 PM
To: LeCompte, Jenni; Williams, Andrew; Reilly, Meg; Siewert, Jake
Subject: Briefing

I think we need to end the pen and pad in 50 minutes in order to fit NPR and the 5 tv interviews. If we add Fox we'll have to end in 45 min. Is this ok?

Schedule I propose:

1:30-2:20
2:25-2:31 NPR
2:35 - 2:45 Bfg/move from media to Grant room/get mic'd
2:45-3:45 3 Nets plus CNN and Bloomberg

Reilly, Meg

From: Reilly, Meg
Sent: Thursday, October 29, 2009 4:35 PM
To: 'Joe Kerry'
Subject: RE: \$1 Presidential Coins

Hi Joe,
This is a question for the U.S. Mint: 202 354-7222
Sorry I couldn't be more helpful.
Best,
Meg

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

From: Joe Kerry [mailto:(b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, October 29, 2009 4:33 PM
To: Reilly, Meg
Subject: \$1 Presidential Coins

Dear Meg,

I am writing to you with Fox News for the Glenn Beck Program. We are trying to debunk the story that the US Treasury is trying to force God off of our coinage. I know that in 2007, the phrase "In God We Trust" was moved to the side of the \$1 Presidential Coins, where on some of them, the edge inscriptions were missing as the result of a minting error. Would you be able to tell me how many coins went out with this error, and were there any efforts to recollect the defective coins after they began circulation? Any information you could give me would be extremely useful as well anyone to whom you could direct my attention if I am contacting the wrong person.

Thanks for your time

Best regards,
Joe

Joseph Kerry
Glenn Beck Program
Fox News Channel
Senior Counsel/Producer & Director
Research and Policy Analysis
Twitter gb_joe

Gudmundson, Erika

From: Spinato, Eric (b) (6)
Sent: Monday, October 19, 2009 11:21 AM
To: Gudmundson, Erika
Subject: RE: interview request

Thank you for getting back to me.
Eric

ERIC SPINATO* FOX BUSINESS NETWORK-FOX NEWS CHANNEL * NEW YORK
(b) (6)

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

From: Erika.Gudmundson@do.treas.gov [mailto:Erika.Gudmundson@do.treas.gov]
Sent: Monday, October 19, 2009 11:20 AM
To: Spinato, Eric
Subject: RE: interview request

Eric,

Thanks for the opportunity. Unfortunately, the Secretary will be unable to participate.

Thanks, Erika

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

From: Adams, Marti
Sent: Monday, October 12, 2009 11:35 AM
To: 'Spinato, Eric'
Cc: Gudmundson, Erika
Subject: RE: interview request

Looping Erika Gudmundson who manages the Secretary's press time.

Thanks.

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

From: Spinato, Eric [mailto:eric.spinato@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Monday, October 12, 2009 11:13 AM
To: Adams, Marti
Subject: interview request

Dear Marti,

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We would like to discuss our economy recovery plans, bailouts, executive compensation and anything else he believes is important to discuss with Governor Huckabee.

It would be a taped interview, up to ten minutes, on a Saturday, between 2:15pm - 3:30pm ET.

If possible, it would be great to have Sec. Geithner join the Governor on-set, here in NYC. If his schedule does not allow this, we would be open to taping him via satellite.

We have over four million viewers. The Show is taped in front of a live audience. It airs on Saturday at 8pm ET and Sunday 8pm ET & 11pm ET.

I'm open to any dates between now and in November.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Cordially,
Eric

ERIC SPINATO* FOX BUSINESS NETWORK-FOX NEWS CHANNEL * NEW YORK

(b) (6)



Gudmundson, Erika

From: Spinato, Eric (b) (6)
Sent: Friday, October 16, 2009 6:34 PM
To: Gudmundson, Erika
Subject: Re: interview request

No rush, but I hope the Secretary and others seriously considers speaking to the Governor, and his huge audience.

Thank you again,
Eric

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

From: Erika.Gudmundson@do.treas.gov <Erika.Gudmundson@do.treas.gov>
To: Spinato, Eric
Sent: Fri Oct 16 18:06:26 2009
Subject: RE: interview request

I'm checking back in on this now. Thanks Erika

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

From: Spinato, Eric [mailto:(b) (6)]
Sent: Friday, October 16, 2009 4:36 PM
To: Gudmundson, Erika
Subject: RE: interview request

Erika,

Hope you are well.

I'm watching Sec. Geithner on CNBC. It is very good.

Is he able to speak with Governor Huckabee any day next week or on Saturday; the day we tape the show at 2:15pm?

We have over 4 million viewers.

Thank you,
Eric

ERIC SPINATO* FOX BUSINESS NETWORK-FOX NEWS CHANNEL * NEW YORK
(b) (6)

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

From: Erika.Gudmundson@do.treas.gov [mailto:Erika.Gudmundson@do.treas.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, October 13, 2009 5:25 PM
To: Spinato, Eric
Subject: RE: interview request

Eric, Thanks for the opportunity. I will check in about this and let you know as soon as I hear back. Thanks, Erika

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ERIC SPINATO* FOX BUSINESS NETWORK-FOX NEWS CHANNEL * NEW YORK

(b) (6)

Gudmundson, Erika

From: Spinato, Eric (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, October 14, 2009 6:05 AM
To: Gudmundson, Erika
Subject: Re: interview request

Thank you,
Eric

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

From: Erika.Gudmundson@do.treas.gov <Erika.Gudmundson@do.treas.gov>
To: Spinato, Eric
Sent: Tue Oct 13 17:25:11 2009
Subject: RE: interview request

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ERIC SPINATO* FOX BUSINESS NETWORK-FOX NEWS CHANNEL * NEW YORK
(b) (6)

Gudmundson, Erika

From: Spinato, Eric (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, October 28, 2009 7:26 AM
To: Williams, Andrew; Gudmundson, Erika
Subject: Interview request

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

Dear Andrew,

I would like to place another interview request with Mr. ken Feinberg to speak with Neil Cavuto, on his 4pm ET FOX News Channel program, "Your World," or at 6pm ET, on "Cavuto," which airs on the FOX Business Network (re-runs at 9pm ET)

We will discuss Mr. Feinberg's testimony being given today, at the House Oversight hearing: Executive Compensation: How Much is Too Much?

I have a good relationship with Mr. Feinberg, as we have worked together on many stories on compensation, for the victims and families of 9-11.

For the past two months, Mr. Feinberg has expressed via phone and emails, he would be delighted to speak with Neil, once he announces his plans on executive compensation for companies receiving TARP funds; which he did last week.

If Mr. Feinberg can't speak live with Neil today, please tell me which date and time will accommodate his schedule.

I look forward to hearing from you today.

Cordially,
Eric

ERIC SPINATO* FOX BUSINESS NETWORK-FOX NEWS CHANNEL * NEW YORK
(b) (6)

Gudmundson, Erika

From: LeCompte, Jenni
Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2009 1:49 PM
To: Gudmundson, Erika
Cc: Haq, Nayyera
Subject: FW: TODAY: MEDIA BRIEFING ON EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION DETERMINATIONS FOR TOP TARP RECIPIENTS
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-----Original Message-----

From: Garrett, Major [mailto:(b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2009 11:56 AM
To: LeCompte, Jenni
Cc: Anderson, Frances
Subject: RE: TODAY: MEDIA BRIEFING ON EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION DETERMINATIONS FOR TOP TARP RECIPIENTS

Thanks guys....sorry to be late to the party

Major Elliott Garrett
DOB: (b) (6)
SSN: [REDACTED]

See you at 1:30 p.m.
Pennsylvania Avenue entrance?

From: Jenni.LeCompte@do.treas.gov [mailto:Jenni.LeCompte@do.treas.gov]
Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2009 11:51 AM
To: Garrett, Major
Cc: Frances.Anderson@do.treas.gov
Subject: FW: TODAY: MEDIA BRIEFING ON EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION DETERMINATIONS FOR TOP TARP RECIPIENTS

Major: Frances, CCed here, can clear you in for 130 pm - thanks

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WHAT: Pen and Pad briefing on compensation packages for top executives
WHEN: Thursday, October 22, 2009
1:30 PM EST
WHERE: U.S. Department of the Treasury
1500 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
Washington, DC

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Gudmundson, Erika

From: Sicuranza, Daniela (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2009 2:19 PM
To: Gudmundson, Erika
Subject: Re: Clearance Information for Fox producer

Thanks. Agents said my clearance still processing. I'm just waiting in the lobby.

Daniela L. Sicuranza
White House Producer
Fox News Channel
Cell: (b) (6)

Sent from my blackberry.

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

From: Erika.Gudmundson@do.treas.gov <Erika.Gudmundson@do.treas.gov>
To: Sicuranza, Daniela; Jenni.LeCompte@do.treas.gov <Jenni.LeCompte@do.treas.gov>
Sent: Thu Oct 22 14:15:11 2009
Subject: Re: Clearance Information for Fox producer

Do you have any equipment? If not the north entrance will be fine. So 15th and new york.

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

From: Sicuranza, Daniela (b) (6)
To: LeCompte, Jenni
Cc: Gudmundson, Erika
Sent: Thu Oct 22 14:07:27 2009
Subject: Re: Clearance Information for Fox producer

Which gate should I go to?

Thanks

Daniela L. Sicuranza
White House Producer
Fox News Channel
Cell: (b) (6)

Sent from my blackberry.

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

From: Jenni.LeCompte@do.treas.gov <Jenni.LeCompte@do.treas.gov>
To: Sicuranza, Daniela
Cc: Erika.Gudmundson@do.treas.gov <Erika.Gudmundson@do.treas.gov>
Sent: Thu Oct 22 13:47:15 2009
Subject: RE: Clearance Information for Fox producer

Thank you -- Erika: please clear

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

From: Sicuranza, Daniela [mailto:(b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2009 1:45 PM
To: LeCompte, Jenni
Subject: Clearance Information for Fox producer

Hi Jenni -

I will be Major Garrett's on site producer this afternoon. Please find my information below and let me know if you have any questions.

Name: Daniela Sicuranza
DOB: (b) (6)
SSN: [REDACTED]

If you haven't already told Major, please let me know what time and which gate we should meet at for our escort inside.

Thank you,
Daniela

Daniela L. Sicuranza
White House Producer
FOX News Channel
c: (b) (6)

Gudmundson, Erika

From: Levine, Mike (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, September 16, 2009 9:45 PM
To: Gudmundson, Erika
Subject: Re: Event tomorrow

Ahhh. Gotcha. No equipment.

Thanks again! Have a good night!

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

From: Erika.Gudmundson@do.treas.gov <Erika.Gudmundson@do.treas.gov>
To: Levine, Mike
Sent: Wed Sep 16 21:43:11 2009
Subject: RE: Event tomorrow

Great thanks - I was mainly asking to see if you had any equipment to clear. Let me know.

Thanks again, Erika

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

From: Levine, Mike [mailto:(b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, September 16, 2009 9:40 PM
To: Gudmundson, Erika
Subject: Re: Event tomorrow

I'm not part of the pool, though I may be helping them out. I'm Fox News Channel's DOJ reporter.

Here's my info:

ssn: (b) (6)
dob: [REDACTED]
full name: Michael Jeremy Levine

thanks!

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

From: Erika.Gudmundson@do.treas.gov <Erika.Gudmundson@do.treas.gov>
To: Levine, Mike
Sent: Wed Sep 16 21:34:03 2009
Subject: RE: Event tomorrow

Mike -

Are you part of the FOX Biz pool TV crew. Or are you a print or still reporter?

Can you send me your ssn, dob and full name?

Thanks! Erika

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

From: Levine, Mike [mailto:(b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, September 16, 2009 4:03 PM
To: Gudmundson, Erika
Subject: Event tomorrow

Hi Erika,

This is Mike Levine at Fox News. Hope you're doing well. I was told to contact you if I want to RSVP to the event tomorrow at Treasury. Is this email all you need?

Thanks!

--Mike

Mike Levine
Justice & Law Enforcement Producer
Fox News Channel

O: (b) (6)
C:
E:

LeCompte, Jenni

From: LeCompte, Jenni
Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2009 3:41 PM
To: 'Daniela.Sicuranza@'(b) (6)
Subject: Re: Thank you!

Very nice to meet you too. We appreciate your patience in the midst of the madness today.

----- Original Message -----
From: Sicuranza, Daniela <(b) (6)>
To: LeCompte, Jenni
Sent: Thu Oct 22 15:40:05 2009
Subject: Thank you!

Jenni - sorry I didn't get to say thanks in person. It was nice to meet you.

Take care,
Daniela

Daniela L. Sicuranza
White House Producer
Fox News Channel
Cell: (b) (6)

Sent from my blackberry.

----- Original Message -----
From: Jenni.LeCompte@do.treas.gov <Jenni.LeCompte@do.treas.gov>
To: Sicuranza, Daniela
Cc: Erika.Gudmundson@do.treas.gov <Erika.Gudmundson@do.treas.gov>
Sent: Thu Oct 22 13:47:15 2009
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Daniela L. Sicuranza
White House Producer
FOX News Channel
c: (b) (6)

LeCompte, Jenni

From: LeCompte, Jenni
Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2009 1:31 PM
To: 'Garrett, Major'
Subject: RE: please call me ASAP: 202-622-1996 re: Feinberg interview

Ok, thank you -- if we have 5 minutes with Feinberg to offer to Fox, who should I speak with at your network about this> Happy to talk to someone else in the interim...

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

From: Garrett, Major [mailto:(b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2009 1:30 PM
To: LeCompte, Jenni
Subject: Re: please call me ASAP: 202-622-1996 re: Feinberg interview

I am stuck in the WH briefing. Will call as soon as I get out.

MG

Major Garrett
Senior White House Correspondent
Fox News
(b) (6) (White House booth)
(cell 1)
(cell 2)

From: Jenni.LeCompte@do.treas.gov <Jenni.LeCompte@do.treas.gov>
To: Garrett, Major
Sent: Thu Oct 22 13:28:28 2009
Subject: please call me ASAP: 202-622-1996 re: Feinberg interview

Jenni R. LeCompte
Deputy Assistant Secretary, Public Affairs Operations U.S. Department of the Treasury
202-622-1996

****PLEASE NOTE MY NEW EMAIL ADDRESS: Jenni.LeCompte@do.treas.gov****

LeCompte, Jenni

From: LeCompte, Jenni
Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2009 1:09 PM
To: 'Garrett, Major'
Subject: RE: TODAY: MEDIA BRIEFING ON EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION DETERMINATIONS FOR TOP TARP RECIPIENTS

Major: can you please call me ASAP? 202-622-1996

We are able to offer Fox 5 minutes with Feinberg in a round robin following the pen and pad. Will you do the interview?

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LeCompte, Jenni

From: Vega, Dag (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2009 11:10 AM
To: LeCompte, Jenni
Subject: RE: Change of Plans

Great, let me know which cables you add... and, we'd prefer if you skip Fox please.

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

From: Jenni.LeCompte@do.treas.gov [mailto:Jenni.LeCompte@do.treas.gov]
Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2009 11:07 AM
To: Vega, Dag
Subject: RE: Change of Plans

Love it, thanks

We're trying to see if we can get more time today -- moving Hill mtgs -- or trying If we did do Fox in the mix, is that an issue? (understand you would not but if we do, is that a problem on your end?)

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

From: Vega, Dag (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2009 11:02 AM
To: LeCompte, Jenni
Subject: Change of Plans

I think you'll be happy to know that we're going to pull back on the idea of having the econ team out this weekend. Call me and I can explain.

Dag

(b) (6)

LeCompte, Jenni

From: DeVito, Andrea [Andrea.DeVito@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Wednesday, October 07, 2009 12:37 PM
To: LeCompte, Jenni
Subject: Re: Fox News Sunday with Chris Wallace

Thanks Jenni. We'll keep trying.

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

From: Jenni.LeCompte@do.treas.gov <Jenni.LeCompte@do.treas.gov>
To: DeVito, Andrea
Sent: Wed Oct 07 12:33:23 2009
Subject: RE: Fox News Sunday with Chris Wallace

Andrea: Unfortunately Sunday is a no go for us, but we are of course happy to continue this dialogue in the weeks ahead.

Best,
Jenni

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

From: LeCompte, Jenni
Sent: Tuesday, October 06, 2009 11:38 PM
To: 'DeVito, Andrea'
Subject: RE: Fox News Sunday with Chris Wallace

Andrea: thanks for this invitation -- and yes, we agree that the Q&A session at the Ideas Forum last Thursday went quite well.

I think this weekend would be tough for us but let me discuss with a broader group internally tomorrow and come back to you.

Best,
Jenni

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

From: DeVito, Andrea [mailto:(b) (6)]
Sent: Tuesday, October 06, 2009 4:09 PM
To: LeCompte, Jenni
Subject: Fox News Sunday with Chris Wallace

Hi Jenni-hope you are doing well. Chris enjoyed his conversation with Secretary Geithner at the Newseum last week. I would like to put in a request for him to appear on Fox News Sunday this Sunday at 9am to discuss the state of the economy. Thanks for considering our request.

Andrea
(b) (6)

LeCompte, Jenni

From: Vega, Dag [(b) (6)]
Sent: Tuesday, October 06, 2009 7:35 PM
To: LeCompte, Jenni
Subject: Re: Fox News Sunday with Chris Wallace

Hey Jenni,
We agree about Cnn. But, I don't have new intel about Sunday for you yet. Ill touch base in the morning-- after am meetings.

Dag

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

From: Jenni.LeCompte@do.treas.gov <Jenni.LeCompte@do.treas.gov>
To: Vega, Dag
Sent: Tue Oct 06 19:30:26 2009
Subject: FW: Fox News Sunday with Chris Wallace

We'd be inclined to do CNN over Fox but are not pushing to do either this week. Just wanted to check back and see where your focus is for Sunday -- any more intell after today? Many thanks/Jenni

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

From: DeVito, Andrea [mailto: (b) (6)]
Sent: Tuesday, October 06, 2009 4:09 PM
To: LeCompte, Jenni
Subject: Fox News Sunday with Chris Wallace

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Andrea
(b) (6)

LeCompte, Jenni

From: LeCompte, Jenni
Sent: Monday, October 05, 2009 4:18 PM
To: 'Vega, Dag'
Subject: RE: Early ask

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

From: Vega, Dag [mailto:(b) (6)]
Sent: Monday, October 05, 2009 3:51 PM
To: LeCompte, Jenni
Subject: RE: Early ask

(b) (5)

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

From: Jenni.LeCompte@do.treas.gov [mailto:Jenni.LeCompte@do.treas.gov]
Sent: Monday, October 05, 2009 3:40 PM
To: Vega, Dag
Subject: RE: Early ask

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

From: Vega, Dag [mailto:(b) (6)]
Sent: Monday, October 05, 2009 3:37 PM
To: LeCompte, Jenni
Subject: RE: Early ask

(b) (5)

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

From: Jenni.LeCompte@do.treas.gov [mailto:Jenni.LeCompte@do.treas.gov]
Sent: Monday, October 05, 2009 3:34 PM
To: Vega, Dag
Subject: FW: Early ask

What's the early thinking for Sunday?

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

From: King, John C [mailto:(b) (6)]
Sent: Monday, October 05, 2009 9:05 AM
To: LeCompte, Jenni
Subject: Early ask

Happy monday.

How's this weekend look? Good time with all the economy focus.

Adams, Marti

From: Evansky, Ben (b) (6)
Sent: Monday, October 05, 2009 10:07 AM
To: Adams, Marti
Subject: Fox News.

Marti,

Thanks for your response, but you left several of our questions unanswered. Would you mind responding to them?

What kinds of checks are conducted on companies wishing to do business in Iran?

Does Treasury follow all goods through to the final destination?

Does Treasury investigate the end user?

Do you have a list of U.S. companies that are actively trading with Iran?

How many US companies have been given a waiver to do business with Iran?

Since 2006 have any U.S. companies been cited for violating US sanctions?

Who are the violators, what were the penalties and when were the companies cited?

Ben Evansky

Fox News Channel

1211 Avenue of the Americas

New York, NY

(b) (6)

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

From: Marti.Adams@do.treas.gov [mailto:Marti.Adams@do.treas.gov]
Sent: Friday, October 02, 2009 2:56 PM
To: Evansky, Ben
Subject: RE: Fox News request

Hi Ben: we're not doing anything on camera, but please see below for guidance on your questions.

From a Treasury spokesperson:

OFAC generally makes licensing determinations for agricultural and medical exports under the Trade Sanctions Reform and Export Enhancement Act of 2000 based on the nature of the goods being exported (including how those goods are classified for export control purposes), the end user, and the company seeking a license. For transactions that are not covered by this law, OFAC generally consults with other relevant government agencies, and considers all available information concerning any goods or parties involved before making a licensing determination.

Publicly releasable information about OFAC licenses is available on OFAC's Website: <http://www.treas.gov/foia/reading-room/docs/ofac-index.html>, as is information about civil penalties: <http://treas.gov/offices/enforcement/ofac/civpen/index.shtml>.

Certain prohibitions in the Iran embargo apply to foreign persons, while others apply only to U.S. persons ("U.S. person" is a defined term in the regulations implementing the sanctions, and includes foreign branches but not foreign subsidiaries). In general, foreign subsidiaries of U.S. companies would only be subject to the prohibitions that apply to foreign persons. It is also worth noting, however, that the sanctions prohibit a U.S. company from approving, financing, facilitating, or guaranteeing transactions by a foreign subsidiary or other affiliate where the transaction by the foreign affiliate would be prohibited if engaged in by a U.S. party.

I hope this is helpful.

Thanks,

Marti

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

From: Evansky, Ben [mailto:(b) (6)]
Sent: Friday, October 02, 2009 12:11 PM
To: Adams, Marti
Subject: RE: Fox News request

Hi,

I'm just checking in regarding our request. I also see Adam Szubin gave an interview to the WSJ today does that mean you are offering him up?

Please let me know what the status of our request is?

Thanks,

Ben Evansky

Ben Evansky

Fox News Channel

1211 Avenue of the Americas

New York, NY

(b) (6)

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

From: Marti.Adams@do.treas.gov [mailto:Marti.Adams@do.treas.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2009 10:52 AM

To: Evansky, Ben

Subject: RE: Fox News request

Ben: I'm terribly sorry for the severe delay in getting back to you. Has the story already aired? If not, I'm hoping to have guidance for you later this afternoon.

Thanks,

Marti

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

From: Evansky, Ben [mailto:(b) (6)]

Sent: Thursday, September 17, 2009 1:25 PM

To: Adams, Marti

Subject: Fox News request

Importance: High

Dear Marti,

As per our conversation yesterday here are a few questions I have concerning our story as regard to U.S. companies trading with Iran.

What kinds of checks are conducted on companies wishing to do business in Iran?

Do you think the checks are sufficient enough to stop any dual use technology getting through?

Does Treasury follow all goods through to the final destination?

Does Treasury investigate the end user?

Do you have a list of U.S. companies that are actively trading with Iran?

How many US companies have been given a waiver to do business with Iran?

Since 2006 have any U.S. companies been cited for violating US sanctions?

Who are the violators, what were the penalties and when were the companies cited?

Is its legal for a US company's foreign entity to do business with Iran?

We would still like to do an interview with somebody from OFAC on our story so please let us know if that is going to be possible?

Thank you for your time.

Best,

Ben Evansky

Fox News Channel

1211 Avenue of the Americas

New York, NY

(b) (6)

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Adams, Marti

From: Evansky, Ben (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, October 07, 2009 12:59 PM
To: Adams, Marti
Subject: RE: Under Secretary Levey Written Testimony before the Senate Banking Committee

Sure not a problem. Thanks.

Ben Evansky
Fox News Channel
1211 Avenue of the Americas
New York, NY
(b) (6)

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Sent: Wednesday, October 07, 2009 12:56 PM
To: Evansky, Ben
Subject: Re: Under Secretary Levey Written Testimony before the Senate Banking Committee

Ben, Adam got pulled into a meeting at 1:30 and it tied up for the rest of the day.

Can we do this at 4:30 with his senior advisor? Thanks

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

From: Adams, Marti
To: 'Ben.Evansky@FOXNEWS.COM' <(b) (6)>
Sent: Wed Oct 07 11:08:27 2009
Subject: Re: Under Secretary Levey Written Testimony before the Senate Banking Committee

Ok, we'll talk to you soon. Thanks.

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

From: Evansky, Ben (b) (6)
To: Adams, Marti
Sent: Wed Oct 07 11:07:28 2009
Subject: Re: Under Secretary Levey Written Testimony before the Senate Banking Committee

Excellent.

David's number is (b) (6)

Ben Evansky
Producer
1211 Avenue of the Americas
New York, NY 10036
(b) (6)

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

From: Marti.Adams@do.treas.gov <Marti.Adams@do.treas.gov>
To: Evansky, Ben
Sent: Wed Oct 07 11:04:47 2009
Subject: Re: Under Secretary Levey Written Testimony before the Senate Banking Committee

No, with Adam Szubin, the Director of OFAC. He's the best resource for answering your questions.

We can call you, just let me know the best number to dial. Thanks

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

From: Evansky, Ben <(b) (6)>
To: Adams, Marti
Sent: Wed Oct 07 11:04:02 2009
Subject: Re: Under Secretary Levey Written Testimony before the Senate Banking Committee

Great, Mr. Levey? What number should we call?

Ben Evansky
Producer
1211 Avenue of the Americas
New York, NY 10036

(b) (6)

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

From: Marti.Adams@do.treas.gov <Marti.Adams@do.treas.gov>
To: Evansky, Ben
Sent: Wed Oct 07 10:58:14 2009
Subject: Re: Under Secretary Levey Written Testimony before the Senate Banking Committee

I have 20 minutes with him for a call on background at 1:30.

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

From: Evansky, Ben <(b) (6)>
To: Adams, Marti
Sent: Wed Oct 07 10:22:07 2009
Subject: RE: Under Secretary Levey Written Testimony before the Senate Banking Committee

Great, thanks.

Ben Evansky
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1211 Avenue of the Americas
New York, NY

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To: Evansky, Ben
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I think we can do something this afternoon. I'll get back to you with a time asap.

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

From: Evansky, Ben <(b) (6)>
To: Adams, Marti
Sent: Wed Oct 07 10:02:07 2009
Subject: RE: Under Secretary Levey Written Testimony before the Senate Banking Committee

Hi,
Do you have an update on our proposed background telephone briefing today?
Also can you tell me how many open investigations are ongoing concerning Iran at OFAC? Daniel Hill testified at yesterday's Senate Banking hearing that BIS had 235 open cases concerning Iran.
Thanks,
Ben

Ben Evansky
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To: Evansky, Ben
Subject: Fw: Under Secretary Levey Written Testimony before the Senate Banking Committee

From: Gudmundson, Erika
To: Adams, Marti; Clark, Christine
Sent: Tue Oct 06 10:31:46 2009
Subject: Under Secretary Levey Written Testimony before the Senate Banking Committee

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Under Secretary for Terrorism and Financial Intelligence Stuart Levey

Written Testimony
Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Minimizing Potential Threats from Iran: Administration Perspectives on Economic Sanctions and Other United States Policy Options

Chairman Dodd, Ranking Member Shelby and other distinguished members of the Committee, thank you for this opportunity to update you on our efforts involving Iran. I welcome the Committee's ongoing focus on this important issue, and, more broadly, your continued support for our efforts to protect the integrity of the international financial system.

Less than a week ago, the five permanent members of the UN Security Council and Germany - the P5+1 - met with Iran in Geneva. As the President said, that meeting was a constructive beginning to our dialogue, but much work remains to be done. He was clear that, "[i]f Iran does not take steps in the near future to live up to its obligations, then the United States will not continue to negotiate indefinitely, and we are prepared to move towards increased pressure." Deputy Secretary of State James Steinberg has outlined to the Committee our overall two-track strategy toward Iran, focused on both engagement and clear consequences if Iran declines to take concrete steps.

Even as the Administration focuses on diplomacy, we have also been working with our colleagues across the U.S. government to develop a strategy for imposing substantial costs on the government of Iran if the President determines that is what is needed to affect Iranian policies.

The plan we are developing is comprehensive. It takes into account that no single sanction is a "silver bullet" - we will need to impose measures simultaneously in many different forms in order to be effective. It also takes into account Iran's potential vulnerabilities and those activities that have the greatest influence on Iran's decisionmakers. As we consider various measures, we are particularly mindful of potential unintended consequences on the people of Iran, and the internal dynamic now playing out in that country.

Because financial measures are most effective when imposed as part of a broad-based effort with the support of the largest possible international coalition, we are working closely with our allies as we put together this strategy. We believe that by consulting with them closely and pursuing engagement genuinely we have a better chance to generate the coalition we will need if dialogue does not lead to demonstrated progress.

We should be realistic about the ability of sanctions to achieve our political and security objectives with Iran. If, however, we accurately target the key vulnerabilities and fissures in Iran and then implement our plan with a broad coalition of governments and key private sector actors, we can at least demonstrate to the Iranian government that there are serious costs to any continued refusal to cooperate with the international community. Although we cannot describe the particulars of our planning in an open hearing, I would like to explain some of our thinking.

Financial Measures

Beginning in 2006, we developed and implemented a strategy to target Iran's illicit conduct. We took formal action against many of the specific banks, government entities, companies, and people involved in Iran's support for terrorism and its proliferation activities. We did so using two powerful Executive Orders, E.O. 13382 and E.O. 13224, that allow us to designate proliferators of weapons of mass destruction, terrorists, and their supporters, freezing any assets they have under U.S. jurisdiction and preventing U.S. persons, wherever located, from doing business with them. We have designated more than 100 entities and individuals supporting Iran's nuclear and missile enterprises, including the key organizations within Iran, scores of their front companies, Iran's major banks that finance their conduct, and Iran's major shipping line, the Islamic Republic of Iran Shipping Lines, that handles illicit shipments for these dangerous enterprises. We have also acted against the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, or the IRGC, and several of its companies for proliferation, as well as the IRGC's Qods Force for its role in supporting terrorist organizations.

As a result of the State Department's intensive diplomatic efforts, the UN Security Council resolutions on Iran contain many of the same designations we have implemented here in the United States. The European Union and Australia have gone beyond implementing the Security Council's list, joining us in other designations, such as that of Iran's Bank Melli. These

actions are particularly powerful in that they give us an opportunity to explain publicly our reasons for acting, thereby exposing the illicit conduct of those we have designated.

Importantly, we combined these government actions with unprecedented, high-level outreach to scores of banks, banking associations, and other private sector leaders around the world. We discussed the risks of doing business with Iran and shared information about Iran's illicit and deceptive practices. As a result, the international private sector has amplified the impact of government actions, as banks and companies around the world have come to understand that, if they are dealing with Iran, it is nearly impossible to protect themselves against becoming entangled in that country's illicit conduct.

We have seen firsthand that the financial measures applied by the United States and the international community on Iran since 2006 have had an impact. At this point, most of the world's major banks have cut off or significantly scaled back their business with Iran because of the reputational risks involved. Iran is increasingly dependent on an ever-shrinking number of trade and finance facilitators. Many foreign companies have pulled back from business deals with Iran, including investment in Iran's energy sector. Iranian businessmen face greater inefficiencies, higher operating costs, and increased difficulty finding business partners and banks to provide them with financing.

Iran's foreign borrowing has sharply declined since 2006, a significant change from 2002 to 2005, when foreign credit growth to Iran outpaced that of the wider Middle East. External credit to Iran fell 18 percent between September 2006 and September 2008, in stark contrast to the 86 percent rise in external credit to the Middle East region during the same period. And, to the extent that Iranian firms have been able to replace lost credit with domestic credit, they are likely doing so at a much higher cost.

Iran's Economic Vulnerabilities

The Iranian government's mismanagement of the Iranian economy, its increasingly corrupt business practices, its ongoing threatening and deceptive conduct, and its handling of the recent elections have fostered dissatisfaction, divisions, and discord within Iran and have made Iran an even less attractive business partner.

Some experts estimate Iran's unemployment rate to be well over 20 percent, with a lack of jobs disproportionately affecting the young - three out of four unemployed Iranians are under 30. Inflation remains high at about 13 percent. The banking sector is unhealthy and reliant on government support. Iran is ranked 137th out of 183 countries on the World Bank's Doing Business report, in terms of ease of doing business, and 165th in terms of protecting investors. And, as a result of the Iranian government's economic mismanagement and its self-isolating conduct, foreign investment in Iran has declined. All of this results in decreased opportunities for the people of Iran.

The Iranian government's reliance on corruption and nepotism in business further limits opportunities for all Iranians. The Transparency International Corruption Perceptions Index of 2008 ranked Iran 141st out of the 180 countries. The Iranian government has increasingly awarded no-bid government contracts to companies associated with the IRGC - a group that counts Iranian President Ahmadinejad and many senior government officials as former members. These companies, some of which have been designated by the United States and the UN Security Council for their role in Iran's illicit missile program, operate under names that obscure their IRGC affiliation, so many unwitting non-Iranians are in fact doing business with the IRGC.

In the name of "privatization," the IRGC has taken over broad swaths of the Iranian economy. Former IRGC members in Iranian ministries have directed millions of dollars in government contracts to the IRGC for myriad projects, including developing the South Pars gas field, managing the Imam Khomeini International Airport in Tehran, and expanding Tehran's metro

system. Furthermore, the IRGC seeks to monopolize black-market trade of popular items, funneling the proceeds from these transactions through a patronage system and using them to help subsidize the government's support for terrorist groups.

There is broad acknowledgment that the Iranian government engages in a range of deceptive financial and commercial conduct in order to obscure its development of nuclear and missile programs and facilitate its support for terrorism. International understanding of these practices - underscored by the UN Security Council resolutions on Iran and six warnings issued by the Financial Action Task Force about the risks Iran poses to the financial system - has been brought about in part by our efforts to share information about Iran's deception with governments and the private sector around the world.

These deceptive practices taint all Iranian business because they make it difficult to determine whether any Iranian transaction is licit. Iranian banks request that their names be removed from transactions so that their involvement cannot be detected; the government uses front companies and intermediaries to engage in ostensibly innocent commercial business to obtain prohibited dual-use goods; and Iran's shipping line, the Islamic Republic of Iran Shipping Lines, or IRISL, repeatedly manipulates bills of lading to shield prohibited cargo from scrutiny.

To a greater extent than ever, private companies across industries are now alert to these kinds of risks. Banks worldwide have been repeatedly warned by regulatory and standard-setting bodies to regard Iranian transactions with caution. Traders and shippers know that transactions with innocent-sounding Iranian counterparts can expose them to risk - both reputational and legal. Energy companies have put Iranian investments on indefinite hold, cautious of the political risk of investing too heavily in Iran. And exporters of sensitive and dual-use technologies know that supplying Iran can lead to severe sanctions and even prosecution. Across the board, then, transactions with Iran are already handled differently than transactions with any other country - except perhaps for North Korea - engendering either heightened suspicion or outright refusal to engage in them. Finally, the vulnerabilities in Iran could be compounded by the internal fractures resulting from Iran's elections of 2009. As Secretary of Defense Gates recently stated: "It's clear in the aftermath of the election that there are some fairly deep fissures in Iranian society and politics and - and probably even in the leadership. . . . [T]his is one of the reasons why I think additional and especially severe economic sanctions could have some real impact . . . [W]e know that the sanctions that have already been placed on the country have had an impact."

United Coalition Necessary to Exploit Iran's Economic Vulnerabilities

This Administration has demonstrated that it is committed to a diplomatic resolution of the international community's issues with Iran. The world is now united in looking to Iran for a response. If Iran does not live up to its obligations in this process, it alone will bear the responsibility for that outcome.

Under these circumstances, the United States would be obliged to turn to strengthened sanctions. We are intensifying work with our allies and other partners to ensure that, if we must go down this path, we will do so with as much international support as possible. For the less united we are in applying pressure, the greater the risk our measures will not have the impact we seek. This challenge will be difficult, but not impossible. Over the past three years, the U.N. Security Council has adopted three unanimous Chapter VII resolutions against Iran. Those resolutions now represent the baseline. If Iran chooses to defy the international community yet again, and not live up to its obligations, these resolutions as well as other steps taken to date have laid the groundwork for a concerted and meaningful international response.

Conclusion

The Administration remains committed to the dual-track strategy and views last week's developments as a step forward. We will now wait to see whether Iran follows its constructive words with concrete action. If it does not, and if the President determines that additional measures are necessary, we will be ready to take action, ideally with our international partners.

I would be happy to answer your questions.

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Adams, Marti

From: Evansky, Ben (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, October 07, 2009 4:24 PM
To: Adams, Marti
Subject: Re: we're running a little late will call you at 4:40.

Ok, thanks.

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Subject: we're running a little late. will call you at 4:40.

Adams, Marti

From: Evansky, Ben (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, October 07, 2009 5:54 PM
To: Adams, Marti
Subject: Re: OFAC FOIA Reading Room

Thanks again for setting up today's background briefing, it was very helpful.
Best,
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Subject: OFAC FOIA Reading Room

<http://www.treas.gov/foia/reading-room/>

Reilly, Meg

From: Grace, Virginia (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2009 10:43 AM
To: Reilly, Meg
Subject: RE: Glenn Beck// Fox News Request

Hi Meg,

We are going to be talking about this today on Glenn Beck's show on Fox News. Would you please be so kind as to let me know if Ron Bloom authorized this article to appear in the DSAUSA publication?

I can be reached at (b) (6)

Thanks so much

From: Grace, Virginia
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2009 11:34 AM
To: 'Meg.reilly@do.treas.gov'
Subject: Glenn Beck// Fox News Request

Hey Meg,

Question about this article that Ron Bloom wrote for the Democratic Socialists of America mag (see pg 6).

http://www.dsausa.org/dl/Fall_2006.pdf

This is almost identical to a speech Bloom gave a few months prior:

http://www.leap-kids.com/pdf/adr_steelsuccess_sum06.pdf

Did Ron Bloom authorize this article to appear in the DSAUSA publication or did they write an article based on this speech he gave?

I can be reached at (b) (6)

Thanks so much!

Virginia Grace

Reilly, Meg

From: Grace, Virginia (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2009 12:41 PM
To: Reilly, Meg
Subject: FW: your question

Hi Meg,
I just got this from DSAUSA regarding the request I sent you. Please let me know if their statement is or is not correct.
Thank you,
Virginia Grace

From: Frank Llewellyn [mailto:(b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2009 12:34 PM
To: Grace, Virginia
Subject: your question

In 2006 we sought and received permission to print with a few changes (related to material that had become dated by the time we were going to press) a speech given by Ron Bloom, then an aide to the President of the Steelworkers Union.

Frank Llewellyn
National Director
Democratic Socialists of America
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Williams, Andrew

From: Williams, Andrew
Sent: Friday, October 23, 2009 10:09 AM
To: Reilly, Meg; LeCompte, Jenni; Siewert, Jake
Subject: RE: Pushback on Feinberg/Fox News

Sounds reasonable, but looping in Jake..

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

From: Reilly, Meg
Sent: Friday, October 23, 2009 10:04 AM
To: LeCompte, Jenni; Williams, Andrew
Subject: FW: Pushback on Feinberg/Fox News

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From: (b) (6)
Sent: Friday, October 23, 2009 10:03 AM
To: Reilly, Meg
Subject: Fw: Pushback on Feinberg/Fox News

Sent from my Verizon Wireless BlackBerry

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

From: Jeremy Holden (b) (6)
Date: Fri, 23 Oct 2009 08:16:02
To: Meg Reilly (b) (6)
Subject: Pushback on Feinberg/Fox News

Anything you can get us to push back on this? Is there a copy of the "alert" Weekly Standard is talking about?

Escalation: White House Tries to Exclude Fox From Press Pool Interview

The White House sent out an alert today to the press pool that "Pay Czar" Kenneth Feinberg would be doing a press availability- a round robin with the major news networks, in which Fox is customarily included. The administration specified that everyone was invited *except* Fox News, according to Bret Baier on "Special Report" tonight.

The press pool, acting in the interest of its members, admirably stood up to the White House bullying. All the other networks declared that if Fox was not getting an interview, they would not be conducting interviews. The White House responded by cutting Feinberg's time with the networks from five minutes to two minutes.

The White House can dole out access to various administration officials, to be sure, but when dealing with the actual press pool, it has to deal with the White House Press Association-the independent group of journalists charged with looking out for WH reporters' best interests in covering the

executive branch. That's much trickier than just talking trash about Fox on TV.

Gibbs seemed to recognize that fact on Tuesday, when he was asked about the Fox News battle by

Politico:<<http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2009/10/20/raw-data-transcript-gibbs-discussing-fox-news/>>

Carol E. Lee, Politico: Does that mean the White House doesn't believe they should be part of the press pool?

Gibbs: The press pool is decide by the White House Correspondents Association.

Lee: So you have no opinion on whether they should be ...

Gibbs:* I'm not going to delineate for the White House Correspondents Association how the pool is conducted. That's not my job.*

Today it is, apparently. Is there a word for how petty this is?

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LeCompte, Jenni

From: Siewert, Jake
Sent: Friday, October 23, 2009 4:06 PM
To: LeCompte, Jenni; Psaki, Jennifer
Subject: Re: tommy christopher- fyi

A good round up of the coverage I expect more navel-gazing on this over the weekend Networks love to show that they stood up for "free speech."

From: LeCompte, Jenni
To: Siewert, Jake; Psaki, Jennifer
Sent: Fri Oct 23 15:42:17 2009
Subject: FW: tommy christopher- fyi

I still think better not to wade in with anything more to fan the flames, although facts in here are terribly askew and annoying..

From: Gudmundson, Erika
Sent: Friday, October 23, 2009 2:48 PM
To: LeCompte, Jenni
Subject: tommy christopher- fyi

<http://www.mediaite.com/tv/tipping-point-white-house-press-pool-stands-up-for-fox-news/>

I think this is the piece so far... not penned by him though. He just called but I'm ignoring

Tipping Point? White House Press Pool Stands Up For Fox News

by Steve Krakauer | 9:20 am, October 23rd, 2009
[» 13 comments](#)

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Look what **Jake Tapper** started. When ABC's White House correspondent Tapper questioned press secretary **Robert Gibbs** over the administration's tactic of attacking Fox News, Gibbs avoided much of an answer.

But yesterday's round-robin pool interviews of new executive pay czar **Kenneth Feinberg** saw the White House trying to ostracize Fox News again – and their partners in the pool taking a stand, again.

James Rosen reported on the incident during FNC's *Special Report* last night, saying the White House pool, which is a five-network rotation “that for decades has shared the cost and duties of daily coverage of the presidency, to which Fox News has belonged since 1997,” was told the pay czar would be available for round-robin interviews, but FNC would not be included. “The Washington bureau chiefs of the five TV news networks [ABC, CBS, CNN, FNC and NBC] consulted and decided that none of them would interview Feinberg unless Fox was included, and the administration relented,” said Rosen.

Yes – instead of five-minute interviews with the four networks, they agreed to two-minute interviews with the five networks, plus Bloomberg. This was the first true test for the White House press pool as the other networks start feeling the affect of the FNC vs. WH battle – and they very clearly came down on the side of their fellow media.

“I think it's outrageous that the White House tried that,” said *Baltimore Sun* TV critic **David Zurawik** in the report. “And I'm really cheered that the other networks said ‘no’.”

On *Special Report*, **Fred Barnes** continued a line of comment that was discussed by Anderson Cooper earlier this week. “One adjective comes up and when this adjective comes up you know you're in trouble and it's ‘Nixonian.’”

Not everyone on the panel agreed. NPR's **Mara Liasson** said, “Access is not the same thing as free speech – the White House is not duty bound by the First Amendment to give everybody the same interview.”

The *New York Times* has a lengthy piece on the entire White House vs. Fox News feud, including a part about the pay czar decision yesterday. They also have the latest from Fox News' SVP of news and editorial programming **Michael Clemente**:

[Clemente] said the White House was conflating the network's commentary with its news coverage. That, Mr. Clemente said, “would be like Fox News blaming the White House senior staff for the Washington Redskins' losing record.”

“I think we're doing the job we're supposed to be doing,” he said, “and we do it as well as anyone.”

This story has come to an end for the week – but if administration officials are back out on the Sunday shows bashing the merits of an entire news organization, expect this to not only continue, but escalate.

Here's the Rosen report, and the *Special Report* panel discussing the pool response ([via Johnny Dollar](#)):

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Gudmundson, Erika

From: LeCompte, Jenni
Sent: Friday, October 23, 2009 4:52 PM
To: Gudmundson, Erika
Subject: RE: MSG: TPM on Fox exclusion

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I will take care of both of these. We are going to offer the following comment:

"There was no plan to exclude Fox News, and they had the same interview that their competitors did. Much ado about absolutely nothing."

Treasury spokesperson

From: Gudmundson, Erika
Sent: Friday, October 23, 2009 4:11 PM
To: LeCompte, Jenni
Subject: MSG: TPM on Fox exclusion

Christina from Talking Points Memo

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re: comment on FOX exclusion

and Tommy Christopher is calling back to back now

Gudmundson, Erika

From: LeCompte, Jenni
Sent: Friday, October 23, 2009 12:10 PM
To: Gudmundson, Erika
Subject: are there TV Eyes hits from Fox on this story?

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From: Tommy Christopher [(b) (6)]
Sent: Friday, October 23, 2009 11:29 AM
To: Gudmundson, Erika
Subject: Re: Fox News story

Thanks, really appreciate it.

On Fri, Oct 23, 2009 at 11:16 AM, <Erika.Gudmundson@do.treas.gov> wrote:

> Strange, I didn't get your initial email - those are the only two
> bulletins we blasted out about Feinberg. And, yes, I'll check in again
> to let someone know you're still waiting for a call.

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Tommy Christopher [mailto: (b) (6)]
> Sent: Friday, October 23, 2009 9:23 AM
> To: Gudmundson, Erika
> Subject: Re: Fox News story

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> On Fri, Oct 23, 2009 at 9:19 AM, Tommy Christopher <(b) (6)>
> wrote:

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> > Erika,

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> > it looks like the press bulletins in question might go back to Tuesday.
> > Really need these ASAP, and you're working on getting a spokesman to
> > call me? Thanks.

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> > Tommy Christopher
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