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FOIPA Request No.: 1382811-000  
Civil Action No.: 17-cv-2682  
Subject: FBI Supervisor Peter Strzoks' assignment to  
the Special Counsel's investigation

Dear Mr. Dunagan:

The enclosed documents were reviewed under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), Title 5, United States Code, Section 552. Below you will find check boxes under the appropriate statute headings which indicate the types of exemptions asserted to protect information which is exempt from disclosure. The appropriate exemptions are noted on the enclosed pages next to redacted information. In addition, a deleted page information sheet was inserted to indicate where pages were withheld entirely and identify which exemptions were applied. The checked exemptions boxes used to withhold information are further explained in the enclosed Explanation of Exemptions.

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19 pages were reviewed and 9 pages are being released.

Below you will also find additional informational paragraphs about your request. Where applicable, check boxes are used to provide you with more information about the processing of your request. Please read each item carefully.

- Document(s) were located which originated with, or contained information concerning, other Government Agency (ies) [OGA].
- This information has been referred to the OGA(s) for review and direct response to you.
- We are consulting with another agency. The FBI will correspond with you regarding this information when the consultation is completed.

- In accordance with standard FBI practice and pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(7)(E) and Privacy Act exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. § 552/552a (b)(7)(E)/(j)(2)], this response neither confirms nor denies the existence of your subject's name on any watch lists.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). See 5 U.S.C. § 552(c) (2006 & Supp. IV (2010)). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist. Enclosed for your information is a copy of the Explanation of Exemptions.

For questions regarding our determinations, visit the [www.fbi.gov/foia](http://www.fbi.gov/foia) website under "Contact Us." The FOIPA Request Number listed above has been assigned to your request. Please use this number in all correspondence concerning your request.

Although your request is in litigation, you may file an appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, Suite 11050, 1425 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20530-0001, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIAonline portal by creating an account on the following website: <https://foiaonline.regulations.gov/foia/action/public/home>. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within ninety (90) days from the date of this letter in order to be considered timely. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." Please cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so it may be easily identified.

- The enclosed material is from the main investigative file(s), meaning the subject(s) of your request was the focus of the investigation. Our search located additional references, in files relating to other individuals, or matters, which may or may not be about your subject(s). Our experience has shown such additional references, if identified to the same subject of the main investigative file, usually contain information similar to the information processed in the main file(s). As such, we have given priority to processing only the main investigative file(s) given our significant backlog. If you would like to receive any references to the subject(s) of your request, please submit a separate request for the reference material in writing. The references will be reviewed at a later date, as time and resources permit.
- See additional information which follows.

Sincerely,



David M. Hardy  
Section Chief  
Record/Information  
Dissemination Section  
Records Management Division

Enclosure(s)

In response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, enclosed is a processed copy of Bates Stamped documents, 17cv2682-1 through 17cv2682- 19. The enclosed documents represent the final release of information responsive to your request.

As previously indicated, documents were located which originated with, or contained information concerning another agency. We are consulting with the other agency and are awaiting their response. Our office has processed all other information currently in our possession. The FBI will correspond with you regarding those documents when the consultation is completed.

This material is being provided to you at no charge.

## EXPLANATION OF EXEMPTIONS

### SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552

- (b)(1) (A) specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (B) are in fact properly classified to such Executive order;
- (b)(2) related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency;
- (b)(3) specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than section 552b of this title), provided that such statute (A) requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on issue, or (B) establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld;
- (b)(4) trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential;
- (b)(5) inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency;
- (b)(6) personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;
- (b)(7) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information ( A ) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, ( B ) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, ( C ) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, ( D ) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of confidential source, including a State, local, or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of record or information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source, ( E ) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law, or ( F ) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual;
- (b)(8) contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions; or
- (b)(9) geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

### SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552a

- (d)(5) information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action proceeding;
- (j)(2) material reporting investigative efforts pertaining to the enforcement of criminal law including efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or apprehend criminals;
- (k)(1) information which is currently and properly classified pursuant to an Executive order in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy, for example, information involving intelligence sources or methods;
- (k)(2) investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes, other than criminal, which did not result in loss of a right, benefit or privilege under Federal programs, or which would identify a source who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(3) material maintained in connection with providing protective services to the President of the United States or any other individual pursuant to the authority of Title 18, United States Code, Section 3056;
- (k)(4) required by statute to be maintained and used solely as statistical records;
- (k)(5) investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment or for access to classified information, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(6) testing or examination material used to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in Federal Government service the release of which would compromise the testing or examination process;
- (k)(7) material used to determine potential for promotion in the armed services, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished the material pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence.

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**Sent:** Friday, July 07, 2017 12:04 PM  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Subject:** AD Weekly Email --- UNCLASSIFIED

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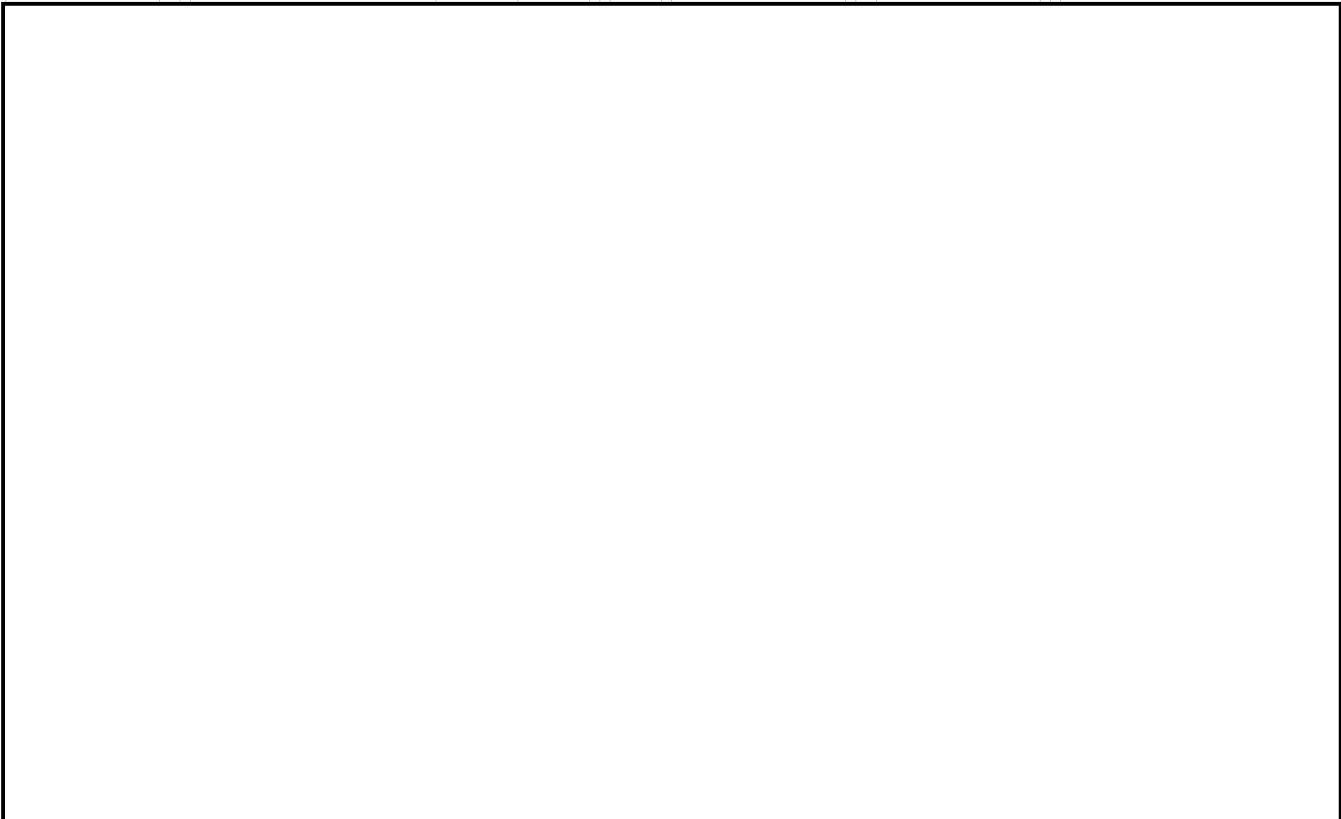
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TRANSITORY RECORD

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CD:

- So everyone's aware, DAD Pete Strzok has been reassigned to the Special Counsel's team. As a result, we will seek to soon fill the CD DAD job he is vacating. Losing Pete is a huge loss for CD, but it's also a wonderful gain for the Special Counsel's team. I'm very happy for Pete and know he will make significant contributions in his new role. I'm sure I speak for everyone in CD in wishing Pete the very best moving forward.



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Thank you for the work you do.

Bill

**STRZOK, PETER P. (CD) (FBI)**

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**From:** STRZOK, PETER P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 19, 2017 11:59 AM  
**To:** PRIESTAP, E. W. (CD) (FBI)  
**Cc:** [redacted] RESCH, DAVID T. (TD) (FBI); BOGACKI, JEFFREY D. (HRD) (FBI); CROUCH, GEORGE M. (HRD) (FBI); [redacted] GHATTAS, CARL (CTD) (FBI); SCHLENDORF, DAVID W. (HRD) (FBI); PARLAVE, VALERIE (DO) (FBI)  
**Subject:** RE: Strzok Special Counsel position --- UNCLASSIFIED//~~FOUO~~

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Great. Thanks very much Bill.

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**From:** PRIESTAP, E. W. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 19, 2017 10:43 AM  
**To:** STRZOK, PETER P. (CD) (FBI); [redacted]  
**Cc:** [redacted] RESCH, DAVID T. (TD) (FBI); [redacted] BOGACKI, JEFFREY D. (HRD) (FBI); [redacted] CROUCH, GEORGE M. (HRD) (FBI); [redacted] GHATTAS, CARL (CTD) (FBI); [redacted] DAVID W. (HRD) (FBI); [redacted] PARLAVE, VALERIE (DO) (FBI); [redacted]  
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Pete:

Sorry for the delayed response. I was out of the office and am still catching-up on emails.

In answer to your initial question, while assigned to the Special Counsel's office, you will retain your CD DAD authorities, to include declassification authority.

Since you will take your non-transferrable declassification authority with you, CD will work to obtain another declassification authority slot for the DAD who is chosen to replace you.

Assuming the 7<sup>th</sup> floor approves, you will remain on CD's books as a fourth (floating) DAD. When you move on from your DAD position, your DAD slot will revert back to HRD.

Thank you,

Bill

**From:** STRZOK, PETER P. (CD) (FBI)

**Sent:** Thursday, July 13, 2017 2:54 PM

**To:** GHATTAS, CARL (CTD) (FBI)

[Redacted]  
[Redacted] SCHLENDORF, DAVID W. (HRD) (FBI) [Redacted]

PRIESTAP, E. W. (CD) (FBI)

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There are certainly other solutions, but I don't want to be left without authorities if/when a new DAD is selected.

Please let me know what I can do to help. Thanks for your consideration,

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**Peter P. Strzok II**  
**Deputy Assistant Director**  
**Counterintelligence Division**

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**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 14, 2017 8:22 AM  
**To:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Subject:** FW: Congratulations!

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Looka here....so proud of you!!!!

Mueller Adds FBI Official Who Oversaw Clinton Email Probe. CNN (7/13, Prokupecz, 44.83M) reports special counsel Mueller has added to his team Peter Strzok, a senior FBI official "who oversaw the Hillary Clinton email investigation," according to two US officials with knowledge of the matter. Strzok also helped oversee the start of the Russia investigation last summer at the bureau.

Here's the link:

<http://www.bulletinintelligence.com/fbi/>

Share with [Redacted] If I had her email, I'd send it to her, myself! :)

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Management & Program Analyst

[Redacted]

International Operations Division

JEH [Redacted]

[Redacted]

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

**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 11, 2017 4:05 PM  
**To:** Strzok, Peter P. (WF) (FBI) [Redacted]  
**Subject:** Congratulations!

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b7C -1

Hello, Pete!

Congratulations on your new assignment! Good things happen to good people! As I've told you before, you're one of a few that I'll follow to the moon and back! :)

I just received my 13 and I'll be looking to do something else, a year from now (14)!

Hope all is well with you and the family!



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