From:	Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG)
To:	Gaston, Molly (SMO)
CC:	Burton, Faith (SMO)
Sent:	6/3/2011 10:50:57 PM
Subject:	FW: I spoke to Grassley staff --
Attachments:	Category A -- with suggested redactions.pdf; Category B -- with suggested redactions.pdf; Category C -- with suggested redactions.pdf; Category D -- with suggested redactions.pdf

Molly, any way you could check my redactions sometime this weekend or Monday morning? I was going quickly and want to make sure I didn't miss any. Sorry to have to ask, but better to have a second set of eyes reading just for redaction purposes. Thanks.

Matt

From: Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG)
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2011 5:32 PM
To: Weich, Ron (SMO); Colborn, Paul P (SMO); Burton, Faith (SMO)
Cc: Gaston, Molly (SMO); Richardson, Margaret (SMO); Schmaler, Tracy (SMO)
Subject: RE: I spoke to Grassley staff --

Faith and I are scheduled to speak with Castor around 6:00.

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From: Weich, Ron (SMO)
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2011 2:48 PM
To: Colborn, Paul P (SMO); Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG); Burton, Faith (SMO)
Cc: Gaston, Molly (SMO)
Subject: RE: I spoke to Grassley staff --

We'll see... I assume Faith and Matt will hear from Castor about it in short order.

From: Colborn, Paul P (SMO)
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2011 2:46 PM
To: Weich, Ron (SMO); Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG); Burton, Faith (SMO)
Cc: Gaston, Molly (SMO)
Subject: RE: I spoke to Grassley staff --

Nice job, Ron!

From: Weich, Ron (SMO)
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2011 2:37 PM
To: Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG); Burton, Faith (SMO); Colborn, Paul P (SMO)
Cc: Gaston, Molly (SMO)
Subject: I spoke to Grassley staff --

Ended up being Jason himself, because Kolan was unavailable and requested that I talk to Jason. We discussed how things would go if Leahy sends his letter, e.g. us allowing Grassley staff to participate fully and not viewing Leahy as a "gatekeeper." But I was very explicit that in the absence of the Leahy letter, we would not accept Grassley staff as participants in the aspects of the investigation that are reserved to a chairman's staff, including witness interviews. Jason asked me pointedly whether that means he would not be allowed to participate in the Newell interview if Leahy has not sent his letter by then. I said yes, firmly. He seemed surprised by that position. He said Issa staff has invited him and he thinks Chairman Issa has the prerogative to include whomever he wants to include. I said that was emphatically not our view. But I also made clear that Grassley holds the key to getting Jason full participant status - if he lets our nominees go, Leahy will send the letter and then Jason can bug us all he wants.

He tried to engage me on items 4a-g in his letter, but I declined, saying we were only prepared to talk process with Grassley at this time - we're not going to negotiate docs with him as though he were a chairman. Still, I would like to have the internal discussion that Matt suggested about those items. Jason made a point of saying that they are in order of importance, so it would be good to come to some consensus on how we intend to approach the first couple of items.