
From: Burton, Faith (SMO)
To: Weich, Ron (SMO)
Sent: 6/28/2011 5:58:42 PM
Subject: RE: Docs/briefing/schedule

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From: Weich, Ron (SMO)
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To: Burton, Faith (SMO)
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From: Burton, Faith (SMO)
Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2011 5:45 PM
To: 'Paris, Jeremy (Judiciary-Dem)'; Cohen, Bruce (Judiciary-Dem); Weich, Ron (SMO)
Cc: Admin. Assistant
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Jeremy, I'll call you shortly, but here's a quick review of our status at this point –

1. We're preparing a cover letter with a disc that will provide to you all of the docs we've delivered to Chairman Issa, since that is our understanding of Chairman Leahy's request. The disc will include the cover letter that accompanied each production batch, which will describe the nature of any redactions in the docs, as well as our concerns regarding any issues then pending. You will note that many of the letters also offer to make available for review at the Department additional documents that contain sensitive information that implicates Department confidentiality interests and, hence, were not delivered to the Committee. HOCR staff have come in to review many of these documents and we would be glad to have you all come in to review them as well at your convenience.
2. We also will provide you with the Chairman Issa's letters, including the subpoena of 3/31, and the most recent request letter of 6/8/11; those are the 2 most substantive requests.
3. We have worked out agreements with HOCR staff regarding interviews of some ATF employees, although they have interviewed others without our knowledge and/or presence. The interviews are transcribed, and we have had a former AUSA, current ATF Deputy Counsel [ATF] and OLA's Molly Gaston accompany those witnesses. Greg's role is to protect the Department's interests – particularly with regard to pending investigations – and assist the witnesses in their official capacities. Molly has been fulfilling OLA's usual role and taken notes. We have agreed that we will not share info from one interview with individuals who may be interviewed later on. No transcripts are going to be provided to us, but we can go to HOCR to review them if we choose.
4. These agreements are not set forth in any formal correspondence – not sure we have any emails; they've been negotiated with Steve Castor by Matt Axelrod in ODAG and me. Phoenix SAC Bill Newell was interviewed last week and Bill McMahon (will get title) was interviewed today. Former Phoenix Group Supervisor [ATF] was scheduled for interview tomorrow, but that has been postponed to Thursday, with the understanding that it may run over to Friday morning. He has another commitment on Friday afternoon, which is not a problem for HOCR. We expect additional interviews next week and the following week, but I don't have a reliable schedule yet – will try to get that for you tomorrow.
5. Matt and I could meet with you on Thursday afternoon if that would work – let's figure out a time.

Thanks. Faith

From: Paris, Jeremy (Judiciary-Dem) [mailto:Jeremy_Paris@Judiciary-dem.senate.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2011 5:21 PM
To: Cohen, Bruce (Judiciary-Dem); Weich, Ron (SMO)
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Faith—

Please let me know when you will call. My direct is 224-9984.

As an initial matter, I think we'd like to get a handle on the following:

- 1) When will we get docs, what docs, and what is the status/limitations related to use of these docs, including some sense of the history of how they were delivered and in response to what? Is there anything in writing explaining this that could be shared?
- 2) What interviews have happened and what are scheduled? Have protocols for these interviews been negotiated? Are they in writing? (if I recall we had this spelled out carefully in 2007 in the US atty matter)?
- 3) We'd like to set up a time for you all if available to come in and brief the Chairman's staff.

Hope that helps.

Many thanks,
Jeremy

From: Cohen, Bruce (Judiciary-Dem)
Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2011 4:28 PM
To: 'Weich, Ron (SMO)'
Cc: Burton, Faith (SMO); Paris, Jeremy (Judiciary-Dem)
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Importance: High

Paris is our point of contact.

From: Weich, Ron (SMO) [mailto:Ron.Weich@usdoj.gov]
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To: Cohen, Bruce (Judiciary-Dem)
Cc: Burton, Faith (SMO); Paris, Jeremy (Judiciary-Dem)
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We will get documents to you ASAP. And the witness interview that was scheduled for tomorrow has been postponed. Just tell us who you want to be your point of contact – Jeremy or Matt – and we'll get this underway.

From: Cohen, Bruce (Judiciary-Dem) [mailto:Bruce_Cohen@Judiciary-dem.senate.gov]
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To: Weich, Ron (SMO)
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Where are the documents? What is your schedule for interviews already set going forward? We have lost today. I mistakenly thought that as soon as the votes took place we would be receiving materials. bac

From: Weich, Ron (SMO) [mailto:Ron.Weich@usdoj.gov]
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To: Paris, Jeremy (Judiciary-Dem)

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Jeremy -- Faith Burton (cc'd) and others here are ready to bring Leahy staff up to speed. Do you want Faith to call you or Matt Virkstis?

From: Paris, Jeremy (Judiciary-Dem) [mailto:Jeremy_Paris@Judiciary-dem.senate.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2011 3:51 PM

To: Weich, Ron (SMO)

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Ron-

In light of the Chairman's letter to the AG being now operational, when do you anticipate sending us docs, whether previously provided or not to the House, and when can we be briefed to be caught up on where we are. Also, I understand there is a schedule of DOJ-arranged interviews. Can you let us know when and where and who?

Many thanks,
Jeremy