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From: Irving Kagan <irvingkagan@yahoo.com>
To: Lisa Siegmann <lsiegman@hccs.hunter.cuny.edu>
Date: Tuesday - May 11, 2010 3:50 PM
Subject: Fw: Request to attend Irving Kagan's class

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From: Irving Kagan <irvingkagan@yahoo.com>
To: "Earnest, Joshua R." <Joshua_R._Earnest@who.eop.gov>
Sent: Tue, May 11, 2010 4:05:15 PM
Subject: Re: Request to attend Irving Kagan's class

Hi Josh:

I'm not quite sure I understand.

I was asked about this request this morning by my assistant principal, (I have never spoken to Meredith). I immediately gave the school official your email address.

I told my folks at school I was willing to participate, but only with your agreement. Was that the mistake? If I hadn't willing to do it, I would have just said no, and not wasted your time. (I didn't bother to tell you about the request we go on Larry King; I just didn't call back.)

Just to clarify, do I understand correctly that the reporter is NOT coming? I need to know. I really don't care either way. I absolutely don't need to be part of the story.

I had a whole list of people call yesterday at my office. Do you want the list? Or is it OK if I just don't call back? The only one that seemed interesting was El Diario; the reporter wanted to talk about my family's immigrant roots.

Thank you,
Irv

From: "Earnest, Joshua R." <Joshua_R._Earnest@who.eop.gov>
To: irvingkagan@yahoo.com
Sent: Tue, May 11, 2010 3:30:02 PM
Subject: FW: Request to attend Irving Kagan's class

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Hi Irv:

This reporter says she has permission from you and from the school to sit in on your class. I've articulated my concerns to the Meredith – who says she now agrees with me. I've articulated my concerns to the reporter, who's feeling misled that we're telling her no and she says she was told yes.

In the future, it's important to direct all reporter inquiries to the White House. It'll be easier for you to stay out of the middle of these conversations if you send them directly to us without responding.

Thanks, Josh

From: Otterman, Sharon
[mailto:sharon.otterman@nytimes.com]
Sent: Tuesday, May 11, 2010 2:55 PM
To: Earnest, Joshua R.
Subject: Request to attend Irving Kagan's class

Hi Josh,

I'm following up at Peter Baker's suggestion about my request to attend Irving Kagan's constitutional law class tomorrow at Hunter College High School. As I mentioned, the school has already approved the request and I am just waiting on your approval. Sorry for my repeated requests, but the school closes for the day in the next hour or so.

To confirm the request, you can call Hunter College PR rep Meredith Halpern at 212 772 4058 or [REDACTED], or email her at Meredith.halpern@hunter.cuny.edu, or contact me here.

All best,

Sharon

Sharon Otterman
Education Reporter, Metro Desk
The New York Times

[REDACTED]
Mobile: [REDACTED]
sotterman@nytimes.com

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Meredith Halpern

From: ecoppola.hunter@gmail.com on behalf of Eileen Coppola [ecoppola@hccs.hunter.cuny.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 2:43 PM
To: Meredith Halpern
Subject: Fwd: Elena Kagan media request.



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From: **Graeme Massie** <gmassie@splashnews.com>
Date: Wed, May 12, 2010 at 2:30 PM
Subject: Elena Kagan media request.
To: ecoppola@hccs.hunter.cuny.edu
Cc: scdmunds@hccs.hunter.cuny.edu

Dr. Coppola, my name is Graeme Massie, I am a reporter at Splash News in New York, a British wire service. I was trying to get hold of yearbook pictures of Elena Kagan, are you making them available to the press? Regards, Graeme Massie.

Graeme Massie
Reporter

SPLASH NEWS
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New York, NY 10012

Tel [REDACTED]
Fax [REDACTED]
24-hour pager - [REDACTED]

Cell - [REDACTED]
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From: Paul Moakley [Paul_Moakley@timemagazine.com]

Sent: Tuesday, May 11, 2010 9:42 AM

To: meredith.halpern@hunter.cuny.edu

Subject: Elena Kagan Request

Dear Meredith,

I'm writing from the photo dept at TIME in regards to yesterdays announcement of Elena Kagan being nominated to the supreme court. I saw a vintage photo of her today in the New York Times and I was wondering if you could send that to me for use in the magazine? I'd also be interested in seeing anything else you might have on her photowise. Please let me know if I can help out in any way. My deadline is today since we close the magazine tonight. Hope to hear from you soon.

Best regards,

Paul Moakley
Deputy photo editor, *TIME*
1271 Avenue of the Americas, 23rd Floor
New York, NY 10020
Office: [REDACTED]
Mobile: [REDACTED]

Meredith Halpern

From: Arun Venugopal [avenugopal@wnyc.org]

Sent: Monday, May 10, 2010 1:20 PM

To: Meredith Halpern

Subject: RE: WNYC - Hunter / Elena Kagan

Sounds good. Someone else will be conducting the interview. Will it be possible for us to call you? That's a little easier, as they'll have to head into a studio when she's ready. Just let us know her #.

Thanks,

Arun Venugopal

WNYC Radio

Ph: [REDACTED]

From: Meredith Halpern [mailto:meredith.halpern@hunter.cuny.edu]

Sent: Monday, May 10, 2010 12:39 PM

To: Arun Venugopal

Subject: RE: WNYC - Hunter / Elena Kagan

She was at the high school at the same time that Elena was there as well as at Harvard Law at the same time.

Jennifer Raab also knew Elena's mother and her brother Irv who teaches at the high school now.

From: Arun Venugopal [mailto:avenugopal@wnyc.org]

Sent: Monday, May 10, 2010 12:27 PM

To: mhalpern@hunter.cuny.edu

Subject: WNYC - Hunter / Elena Kagan

Hi Meredith,

A 2:45 phoner with Jennifer Raab sounds fine. Can you give me a better sense of their connection?

Will write to you later, when we know who's conducting the interview.

Thanks,

Arun Venugopal

WNYC Radio

Ph: [REDACTED]

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Meredith Halpern

From: Woike, Barbara [BWoike@ap.org]
Sent: Monday, May 10, 2010 12:55 PM
To: Meredith Halpern
Cc: PHO - New York Metro Photo Editors
Subject: Elena Kagan grammar school

Hello again Ms. Halpern,

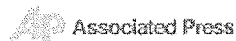
Thank you for your assistance this morning. It helped us cover the story on a local/national level and we really appreciate that.

Now I understand that Ms. Kagan may also have attended grammar and middle school at Hunter. They told me you are the person to talk to.

Would you be able to confirm that she attend Hunter as a child and is there any chance there might be photos of her...any photos...and/or people still around who might have known here back then?

Best,
Barbara

Barbara Woike
New York Metro Photo Editor
office [REDACTED]
cell [REDACTED]



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From: Cline, Betsy (NBC Universal) [Betsy.Cline@nbcuni.com]

Sent: Monday, May 10, 2010 10:54 AM

To: meredith.halpern@hunter.cuny.edu

Subject: NBC Network/Elena Kagan yearbook photo

Hi Meredith,

In light of today's announcement, I am looking for Elena Kagan's high school yearbook photo (from 1977) wearing a judge's robe. Do you know where I could get a copy of that photograph?

I appreciate your help.

Thank you,

Betsy Cline
NBC News - Washington
4001 Nebraska Ave NW
Washington, DC 20016
[REDACTED]

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Meredith Halpern

From: Woike, Barbara [BWoike@ap.org]
Sent: Monday, May 10, 2010 9:30 AM
To: meredith.halpern@hunter.cuny.edu
Subject: AP request for permission to use yearbook photos

Dear Ms. Halpern,

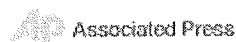
If you could just read this permission statement, and send the whole e-mail back to me with a note saying you've seen it and the AP may use the photos, we'd be grateful.

The Associated Press would like to use one or more photographs of Supreme Court nominee Elena Kagan from the 1977 Hunter High School yearbook for distribution by AP to its subscribers and customers for editorial publication.

Please acknowledge in response to this e-mail that you or your organization is either the copyright owner of the photograph(s) furnished to AP, or that you have an agreement or other written authorization with or from the copyright owner or the owner's authorized agent to furnish the photograph(s) to AP for editorial publication by AP and its subscribers and customers in all media now known or hereafter created. That the content is a factually accurate rendering of what it depicts and has not been modified or augmented except for standard cropping and toning.

Many thanks,
Barbara

Barbara Woike
New York Metro Photo Editor
office [REDACTED]
cell [REDACTED]



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From: Gillesby, Sara [SGillesby@ap.org]
Sent: Monday, May 10, 2010 8:47 AM
To: Meredith Halpern
Cc: Shaffrey, Ted
Subject: RE: ASSOCIATED PRESS TELEVISION REQUEST- pls read
Great. We are sending Ted Shaffrey. cc'd here. He will be there by 945.

Thank you,
Sara

From: Meredith Halpern [mailto:meredith.halpern@hunter.cuny.edu]
Sent: Monday, May 10, 2010 8:44 AM
To: Gillesby, Sara
Subject: RE: ASSOCIATED PRESS TELEVISION REQUEST- pls read

Yes, you can bring a camera to the school.
Please meet me at the school 94th & Park at 9:45am.
My cell is [REDACTED]

From: Gillesby, Sara [mailto:SGillesby@ap.org]
Sent: Monday, May 10, 2010 8:35 AM
To: mhalpern@hunter.cuny.edu
Subject: ASSOCIATED PRESS TELEVISION REQUEST- pls read
Importance: High

Hello Meredith,
I know our AP still photo desk has contacted you about allowing a camera inside Hunter High School today, and Associated Press Television is also interested in sending a camera.

Can you let me know if this is possible for the 10AM announcement today?

Thanks much,



Sara Gillesby
Assignment Manager
Associated Press Television News
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Meredith Halpern

From: Stephan, Adam A [Adam.A.Stephan@abc.com]

Sent: Monday, May 10, 2010 8:34 AM

To: ellen.chesler@hunter.cuny.edu; hco@hunter.cuny.edu; rfull@hunter.cuny.edu;
evgenia.gennadiou@hunter.cuny.edu; meredith.halpern@hunter.cuny.edu;
ashley.hartka@hunter.cuny.edu; Peter.Matsoukas@hunter.cuny.edu; norma.padilla@hunter.cuny.edu;
mayde.smith@hunter.cuny.edu

Subject: elena kagan

Hi all. I apologize for the mass email, but I wasn't sure who the right contact at the school was and all of you came up under Communications. We're obviously covering the President's selection of Elena Kagan as Supreme Court Justice, and given her ties to Hunter College High, we were looking for someone who may have been around in 1977 when she graduated to interview today. Any chance you can email me her graduation picture? Thanks in advance.

Adam Stephan
WABC Assignment Desk
work [REDACTED]
cell [REDACTED]

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From: Lennihan, Mark [MLennihan@ap.org]
Sent: Monday, May 10, 2010 8:18 AM
To: mhalpern@hunter.cuny.edu
Cc: Wenig, Seth
Subject: AP photographer

Meredith,

Congratulations to Hunter High School on the selection of Elena Kagan as a Supreme Court nominee.

AP staff photographer Seth Wenig [REDACTED] will be at the high school this morning.

Would it be possible for Seth to photograph staff and/or students watching the White House announcement on television at 10am this morning?

Thanks for your consideration.

Mark Lennihan
Photographer and Photo Editor
The Associated Press
450 W. 33rd St.
New York, NY 10001
[REDACTED]
mlennihan@ap.org

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Meredith Halpern

From: Brouwer, Christine C [Christine.C.Brouwer@abc.com]
Sent: Monday, May 10, 2010 12:01 AM
To: meredith.halpern@hunter.cuny.edu
Subject: ABC News / Kagan Nomination

Hi Meredith,

As you may have seen, ABC News and other media outlets are reporting that President Obama has in fact selected Elena Kagan as his nominee for the Supreme Court. He is expected to make the announcement sometime tomorrow morning.

World News with Diane Sawyer is very interested in interviewing Jennifer Raab about the nomination, as you suggested.

I am off tomorrow, so I wanted to pass you the contact information of the producer who will be taking over the story from me in the morning. Her name is Ursula Fahy, and you can reach her at ursula.fahy@abc.com. I've given her your information as well, so she will probably call you, too.

Thanks so much for all your help with this -- much appreciated!

All best,
Chris

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Meredith Halpern

From: Earnest, Joshua R. [Joshua_R._Earnest@who.eop.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, May 11, 2010 9:07 PM
To: Meredith.halpern@hunter.cuny.edu
Subject: FW: Going into Hunter College High School tomorrow

Hi Meredith:

Please see the note below from Sharon. I don't think she's try to sneak into his classroom – but I wanted to send you the latest exchange that I had with her, so that we were on the same page.

Thanks again for working with us on this. Feel free to reach out if you have any questions.

Best, Josh

From: Earnest, Joshua R.
Sent: Tuesday, May 11, 2010 7:47 PM
To: Otterman, Sharon
Subject: RE: Going into Hunter College High School tomorrow

As we discussed before, I'm definitely not comfortable with that at this point. I saw that you sent me a proposal. We'll consider it along with the others we've received and I will be in touch with you about it.

Thanks, Josh

From: Otterman, Sharon [mailto:sharon.otterman@nytimes.com]
Sent: Tuesday, May 11, 2010 7:36 PM
To: Earnest, Joshua R.
Subject: Going into Hunter College High School tomorrow

Hi Josh,

I just got an email from Peter Baker, indicating that maybe there was a way to work this out. The class I want to observe starts at 8:52 a.m. tomorrow morning— there is also another class at 9:36 a.m. As the point of the story is to watch Irving Kagan teach the constitutional law class on the first day after he returns from watching his sister's nomination in Washington, I need to get into the class tomorrow morning. Is that possible?

Best,

Sharon

Sharon Otterman
Education Reporter, Metro Desk
The New York Times

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Meredith Halpern

From: Earnest, Joshua R. [Joshua_R._Earnest@who.eop.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, May 11, 2010 3:31 PM

To: Meredith.halpern@hunter.cuny.edu

Subject: thanks for your help

If you have questions or concerns, don't hesitate to contact me at this email address, my desk number listed below or my cell at [REDACTED]

Best, Josh

Josh Earnest
Deputy White House Press Secretary
[REDACTED] (desk)

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