

Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI)

From: Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Sunday, October 23, 2016 2:24 PM
To: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)
Subject: RE: Wall Street Journal inquiry

OK doing that now. Spoke to him earlier and will now.

From: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Sunday, October 23, 2016 2:21 PM
To: Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI)
Subject: RE: Wall Street Journal inquiry

Yes, I think that is the way to go. Let me know how that conversation goes.

If he is actually pushing to get this out today (which may be bs) we need you to contact him asap.

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Date: 10/23/16 2:19 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Wall Street Journal inquiry

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OK this is helpful. Unless you think otherwise, I will discuss the facts with him on a background basis, and then we can decide if an on-the-record statement is further helpful/necessary... M.

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Sent: Sunday, October 23, 2016 1:59 PM
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Sent: Sunday, October 23, 2016 4:00 PM
To: [REDACTED] (OGC) (FBI)
Subject: Fwd: Wall Street Journal inquiry

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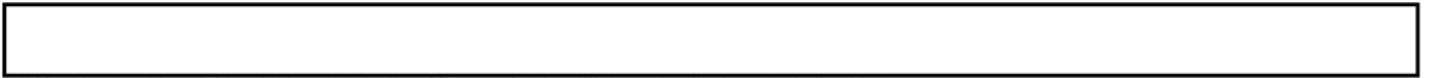
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