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To: USSSMEDIAINQUIRY
Cc: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (CMR)
Subject: Fwd: Hi from a Politico reporter on deadline re:Fall 2018 Wilmington incident
Date: Wednesday, February 24, 2021 10:07:15 AM

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From: [CATHERINE MILHOAN \(CMR\)](#)
To: [CMRMediaTeam](#)
Subject: FW: Hi from a Politico reporter on deadline re:Fall 2018 Wilmington incident
Date: Wednesday, February 24, 2021 10:08:05 AM

Team,

I will handle this for now.

Thanks,
Cathy

Cathy L. Milhoan
Director of Communications
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Date: Wednesday, February 24, 2021 10:53:52 AM

/Jim,

Good morning. FYSA. We are attempting to garner more information from the reporter on the specifics of the allegation. We will be sure and circulate any statement we provide prior to releasing.


I'm in the office today and available to discuss on the phone if you like.


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Date: Wednesday, February 24, 2021 11:09:03 AM

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Date: Wednesday, February 24, 2021 12:10:00 PM

Sounds good

Thanks

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Sure thing. Agents visited StarQuest Shooters & Survival Supply and asked to take possession of the paperwork Hunter had filled out to purchase a gun there. The FBI also had some involvement in the investigation.

I hope that helps

--Ben

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EXTERNAL SENDER: Use caution with links and attachments.

Ben,

Thank you for your inquiry and we understand you are working on a deadline.

Can you please provide more information or documentation?

Some additional context would be helpful as we look to run this down.

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To: (b) (6) (CMR)
Subject: Wilmington Inquiry
Date: Wednesday, February 24, 2021 1:36:00 PM

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Subject: RE: Wilmington Inquiry
Date: Wednesday, February 24, 2021 2:02:00 PM

Great! Two quick things – (b) (5)

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I also (b) (5)

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Looks good to go from here!

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Cc: [BRIAN EBERT \(DIR\)](#); [JEFFREY ADAMS \(IND\)](#); [KIMBERLY CHEATLE \(OPO\)](#)
Subject: FW: DRAFT MEDIA STATEMENT RE WILMINGTON
Date: Wednesday, February 24, 2021 3:13:54 PM

Gentlemen,
For your awareness. We will be notifying DHS and WH Comms of our statement as well.
v/r,
Cathy

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Subject: RE: DRAFT MEDIA STATEMENT RE WILMINGTON
Date: Wednesday, February 24, 2021 3:34:00 PM

I spoke with SAIC Henry & INV concurs with this release

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Subject: RE: USSS + Media Query
Date: Wednesday, February 24, 2021 3:43:25 PM

Thank you so much for passing along

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Subject: RE: DRAFT MEDIA STATEMENT RE WILMINGTON
Date: Wednesday, February 24, 2021 3:53:21 PM

Thanks all. DHS OPA and WH Comms are all tracking as well.

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I spoke with SAIC Henry & INV concurs with this release

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Date: Wednesday, February 24, 2021 4:05:46 PM

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Subject: FYSA: Wilmington Inquiry

Hi ladies! Offering up for your awareness that the below is circulating with our front office now, and we will be offering sometime shortly before 4pm.

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ISSUE:

A reporter with Politico has asked us to comment on a story he is preparing that claims that in 2018, a gun belonging to Hunter Biden was “disposed” of by his then girlfriend, Hallie Biden. During the course of the investigation, by the Delaware State Police, someone claimed that two U.S Secret Service agents went to the gun store, where the gun had been purchased and asked to take possession of the paperwork Hunter had filled out to purchase a gun.

INTERNAL BACKGROUND:

This story was initially reported by The Blaze in October 2020. A FOIA request was completed at the time, that resulted in no records being found. The RAIC of the Wilmington Resident Office reported that all agents in his office denied any involvement. The Politico reporter refused to provide any details on the source of the information or that he was in possession of any official document, where we were identified. The statement has been drafted to address any implication that anyone from the service was involved in this incident.

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Statement, attributable to a USSS spokesperson:

US Secret Service records confirm that the agency did not provide protection to any member of the Biden family in 2018, and that the Secret Service had no involvement in this alleged incident.

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