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To: [CATHERINE MILHOAN \(CMR\)](#); [Bedingfield, Kate J. EOP/WHO](#)
Cc: [DAVID CHO \(PPD\)](#); [DARRYL VOLPICELLI \(PPD\)](#)
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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Kate/Jen,

Good afternoon. For your awareness. We will be releasing the statement at 4 p.m.

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STATEMENT:

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Thanks,
Cathy

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Date: Wednesday, February 24, 2021 3:51:08 PM

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For your awareness....as part of our standard ops here at the USSS...WH Comms also has awareness of the query and our anticipated response.

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Thanks. May we see a draft before it goes? Will need to flag.

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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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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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