# Rachel K. Dowell

From: Emory A. Rounds III

Sent: Thursday, December 29, 2016 12:49 PM

To: Kehli Cage

**Subject:** FW: PRECLEARED: (b) (5)

**Attachments:** EA for preclearance odc. docx



From: Jack MacDonald

Sent: Friday, December 16, 2016 9:56 AM

To: (b) (6)

Cc: (b) (6) Emory A. Rounds III

Subject: FW: PRECLEARED: (b) (5)

Attached please find the precleared ethics agreement for (6) (6)

Thank you,

Jack

Jack MacDonald

Program Analyst, Presidential Nominations Branch U.S. Office of Government Ethics 1201 New York Avenue, N.W., Suite 500 Washington, D.C. 20005-3917

Tel: 202-482-9310

From: Deborah J. Bortot

**Sent:** Friday, December 16, 2016 9:41 AM

To: Ann Donaldson's email

Cc: Jack MacDonald; MacDonald; Emory A. Rounds III; Teresa L. Williamson; David J. Apol; Sandra S.

Mabry; Rodrick T. Johnson; Keith Labedz

Subject: PRECLEARED: (b) (5)

Annie, (b) (5) is precleared.

please let us know which version of paragraph five of the ethics agreement will be used.

Jack, please forward the ethics agreement to Annie.

Thanks!

Deb

Deborah J. Bortot Chief, Presidential Nominations Branch U.S. Office of Government Ethics 1201 New York Ave., NW, Suite 500 Washington, DC 20005-3917 Telephone: (202) 482-9227 Facsimile: (202) 482-9237

From: Emory A. Rounds III

Sent: Thursday, December 29, 2016 12:49 PM

To: Kehli Cage

**Subject:** FW: time-sensitive issue

From: Walter M. Shaub

Sent: Friday, November 18, 2016 10:34 AM

To: Emory A. Rounds III

Subject: Re: time-sensitive issue

Ah good. If you have to leave the cart outside it's ok. Hopefully it will still be there when you leave, but I won't blame you if it's not. Don't get there before or after 11;00. Try to get there right att

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Verizon Wireless 4G LTE network.

From: Emory A. Rounds III

Sent: Friday, November 18, 2016 10:26 AM

To: Walter M. Shaub

Subject: RE: time-sensitive issue

Teresa – we got this, have already talked to Sean . . . On our way . . .

From: Walter M. Shaub

Sent: Friday, November 18, 2016 10:26 AM

To: Emory A. Rounds III

Subject: Re: time-sensitive issue

# The key?

## Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Verizon Wireless 4G LTE network.

From: Emory A. Rounds III

Sent: Friday, November 18, 2016 10:23 AM

To: Walter M. Shaub

Subject: RE: time-sensitive issue

#### GOT IT . . .

From: Walter M. Shaub

Sent: Friday, November 18, 2016 10:23 AM

To: Emory A. Rounds III

Subject: Re: time-sensitive issue

Possibly Nelson or Kaneisha too. Or Deb. Or Dave.

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Verizon Wireless 4G LTE network.

From: Emory A. Rounds III

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Sent: Thursday, December 29, 2016 12:49 PM

To: Kehli Cage

**Subject:** FW: OGE Reports for Trump Nominees

From: Deborah J. Bortot

Sent: Tuesday, December 20, 2016 9:01 AM

To: Emory A. Rounds III

Subject: FW: OGE Reports for Trump Nominees

From: Teresa L. Williamson

Sent: Monday, December 19, 2016 1:43 PM

To: Deborah J. Bortot; Heather A. Jones; Sandra S. Mabry

Subject: FW: OGE Reports for Trump Nominees

fyi

From: Shek, Chung (HELP Committee) [(b) (6)
Sent: Monday, December 19, 2016 1:42 PM

To: Teresa L. Williamson

Subject: OGE Reports for Trump Nominees

Hey Teresa,

Wanted to check in to see if there was a status on the OGE reports for any of the upcoming Trump nominees. We're looking for (b) (6)

Thanks! Chung Sent: Friday, November 18, 2016 10:21 AM

To: Walter M. Shaub

Subject: RE: time-sensitive issue



From: Walter M. Shaub

Sent: Friday, November 18, 2016 10:21 AM

To: Emory A. Rounds III

Subject: Re: time-sensitive issue

# Teresa. Also (b) (6)

## Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Verizon Wireless 4G LTE network.

From: Emory A. Rounds III

Sent: Friday, November 18, 2016 10:19 AM

To: Walter M. Shaub

Subject: RE: time-sensitive issue

## Who has key to your office?

From: Walter M. Shaub

Sent: Friday, November 18, 2016 10:19 AM

To: Emory A. Rounds III

Subject: Re: time-sensitive issue

## Don't know. Get there by 1100

# Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Verizon Wireless 4G LTE network.

From: Emory A. Rounds III

Sent: Friday, November 18, 2016 10:18 AM

To: Walter M. Shaub

Subject: RE: time-sensitive issue

#### Where is Matt?

From: Walter M. Shaub

**Sent:** Friday, November 18, 2016 10:10 AM **To:** George Hancock; Emory A. Rounds III

Subject: Fw: time-sensitive issue

## Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Verizon Wireless 4G LTE network.

From: Walter M. Shaub < <a href="mailto:wmshaub@oge.gov">wmshaub@oge.gov</a> > Sent: Friday, November 18, 2016 10:08 AM

To: Emily Mallon

Subject: Re: time-sensitive issue

## Emily,

# We'll send George right away. If possible, (6)

Walt

## Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Verizon Wireless 4G LTE network.

From: Emily Mallon

Sent: Friday, November 18, 2016 10:04 AM

To: Walter M. Shaub

Subject: Re: time-sensitive issue

Walter.

That would be great. (b) (5) but we would love another quick demo from George.

Thanks,

**Emily** 

On Fri, Nov 18, 2016 at 10:00 AM, Walter M. Shaub < wmshaub@oge.gov > wrote: Thanks, Sean. Access is all set. We can send Emory right now if you're ready for him.

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Verizon Wireless 4G LTE network.

From: Sean Doocey

Sent: Friday, November 18, 2016 9:51 AM

To: Walter M. Shaub; Emily Mallon

Cc: Shelley K. Finlayson

Subject: Re: time-sensitive issue

Thank you both. I understand the difficulty getting in touch with counsel's office.

On the plus side, we are ready to being initiating folks in Integrity.

I'm running in and out. Would it be possible to for George to coordinate a time with Emily and we can either come to you, meet at (b) (6) or here at the transition hq if the access was worked out with GSA.

Thanks, Sean

On Fri, Nov 18, 2016 at 9:15 AM, Walter M. Shaub < wmshaub@oge.gov > wrote: Sean.

I'm just dropping another quick note to remind you that OGE is here to help. We seem to have lost contact with the Trump-Pence transition since the election.

As we discussed prior to the election, announcing cabinet picks without taking OGE up on the offer to take an early look at financial disclosure picks poses the risk of embarrassment for the President-elect (and the

individual candidate for nomination) in the event that the individual walks away from the nomination after learning what he or she will have to do with his or her financial interests. This is true even in the case of Senators, as Senators are not subject to conflicts of interest laws and may not fully appreciate how different life is in the executive branch. We would genuinely like to help you prevent that undesirable outcome.

As we also previously discussed, the same offer applies to possible White House appointees. The risk is even higher for them because OGE would not normally receive their financial disclosure reports until after they have been in office for weeks or even months. By that time, they run the risk of having inadvertently violated the criminal conflicts of interest restriction at 18 USC 208. If we don't get involved early to prevent problems, we won't be able to help them after the fact.

In addition, please remind people that, as we discussed, OGE needs to be involved before anyone seeks to set up a blind trust. Conversations with potiential trustees before consulting to OGE could disqualify them. Also, please be sure that people realize that no asset placed in a blind trust is considered blind, and thus continues to pose conflicts of interest, until the asset has been sold off and the government official receives a letter (approved in advance by OGE) indicating that an asset has been sold down to \$1,000 or less.

I will be taking to Don McGahn as soon as I can pin him down to a time for a call, which is proving to be difficult. However, I don't have confirmation from anyone on the transition team or from OMB that he is serving in any official capacity. It would help to have confirmation that he is authorized to speak for the transition.

As you know, our goal is to help you by preventing problems before they arise. I will consider OGE successful if we get the new administration off to a great start, wholly free of conflicts of interest.

Walt

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Verizon Wireless 4G LTE network.

From: Walter M. Shaub

Sent: Thursday, November 17, 2016 2:52 PM

To: Sean Doocev

Subject: semi time-sensitive issue

Sean,

Is there a phone number where I can call you for a quick phone call today. A somewhat time sensitive issue has arisen.

Walt

Walter M. Shaub, Jr.
Director
U.S. Office of Government Ethics
1201 New York Avenue, NW, Suite 500
Washington, DC 20005-3917

(b) (6)

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Sean Doocey
Presidential Transition Team

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From: Rachel K. Dowell

Sent: Friday, December 02, 2016 10:40 AM

**To:** Brandon A. Steele

**Subject:** FW: Associated Press FOIA request

Here's another one - Kelsey will be processing records responsive to 1) the November 30, 2016 official OGE public statements on Twitter concerning contacts with the incoming Trump administration and comments about President-elect Donald J. Trump's possible divestiture plans and to 2) the media and public reaction to the November 30, 2016 official OGE public statements on Twitter concerning contacts with the incoming Trump administration and comments about President-elect Donald J. Trump's possible divestiture plans. Refer to 17/20-27 for responsive records to the first two parts of this request.

From: Braun, Stephen S. (b) (6)

Sent: Thursday, December 01, 2016 9:39 AM

To: USOGE

Subject: Associated Press FOIA request

OGE FOIA Officer Dec. 1, 2016 Office of Government Ethics Suite 500 1201 New York Avenue, NW. Washington, DC 20005-3917

usoge@oge.gov

(Request via Email)

RE: Freedom of Information Act request

Expedited processing requested

## Dear FOIA Officer:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, I request access to and copies of the following records maintained by your agency's Office of the Director and General Counsel & Legal Policy Division:

- · All emails, memos, correspondence, inter-office communications, Twitter statements, directives and all other written materials related to the November 30, 2016 official OGE public statements on Twitter concerning contacts with the incoming Trump administration and comments about President-elect Donald J. Trump's possible divestiture plans.
- · All emails, memos, correspondence, inter-office communications, Twitter statements, directives and all other written materials related to media and public reaction to the November 30, 2016 official OGE public statements on Twitter concerning contacts with the incoming Trump administration and comments about President-elect Donald J. Trump's possible divestiture plans.

· All emails, memos, correspondence, inter-office communications, directives and all other written materials related to contacts and meetings with representatives of President-elect Donald J. Trump about ethics, disclosure and possible divestiture planning.

The time frame for this request is Nov. 15, 2016, through the present, Dec. 1, 2016.

This request covers paper and electronic records, including but not limited to emails, email attachments, Portable Document Files and Microsoft Excel spreadsheets.

If possible, I request that these files be provided to me in electronic format.

I certify to be true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief that I am a credentialed reporter employed by The Associated Press. Because this is a request by a member of the news media for records made in the public interest, I ask that you waive any search fees in accordance with § 552(a)(4)(A)(ii)(II).

If the fee for retrieving or reproducing these records will exceed \$50, please notify me before filling this request. I can be reached at (b) (6) or by electronic mail at (b) (6)

## I also request expedited processing for this request under 32 CFR 299.5 (f)(2).

My request for expedited processing meets criteria for demonstrating a "compelling need" for the following reasons that I certify to be true and correct to the best of my knowledge:

One, I am a credentialed member of the news media employed by The Associated Press who is primarily engaged in disseminating information.

Two, the records I am seeking are "urgently needed" to inform the public about an actual government activity in that the value of the information I am seeking will be lost if it is not released before the inauguration of President-elect Donald Trump in January 2017. Federal FOIA law and regulations afford expedited processing to those who demonstrate "an urgency to inform the public about an actual or alleged federal government activity." My request should also generally be read in light of the holdings in *Al-Fayed*.

This request qualifies for expedited processing because it goes beyond "the public's right to know about government activity generally" and instead seeks to provide urgent information of "actual government activity" to the American people about Rudy Giuliani, who is being considered for important roles in the executive branch.

The Associated Press, as the largest news wire service in the world with more than 1 billion readers, takes its duty to inform American citizens very seriously. The hard deadline of the inauguration elevates the importance of these records as does the type of government activity they involve. These records concern the important interaction between an influential U.S. politician and a key executive branch agency. The public has a need to know about those interactions in order to judge the qualifications of Mr. Giuliani as he is possibly put forward for important cabinet-level positions.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that these records be released on an expedited schedule. As you know, you must make a determination about my request for expedited processing within 10 calendars days of receipt of this request.

As you know, agencies must redact only what is necessary to protect exempt information and must explain the basis for any redactions. See Georgacarakos v. FBI, 908 F.Supp.2d 176, 186 (D.D.C. 2012). As well, please

provide documents to me on a rolling basis, rather than waiting for my entire request to be processed before releasing documents.

As a reminder, the president has directed that the FOIA "be administered with a clear presumption: In the face of doubt, openness prevails." Memorandum for the Heads of Executive Dep'ts and Agencies, 74 Fed. Reg. 15, 4683 (Jan. 26, 2009), emphasis added. This instruction is unambiguous: "All agencies should adopt a presumption in favor of disclosure, in order to renew their commitment to the principles embodied in the FOIA, and to usher in a new era of open government. The presumption of disclosure should be applied to all decisions involving the FOIA." Id.

The Act, in § 552(a)(6), grants your office no more than twenty working days in which to respond to this request. See also Oglesby v. U.S. Dep't of Army, 920 F.2d 57, 65 (D.C. Cir. 1990) ("Congress adopted the time limit provision in the FOIA in order to 'contribute to the fuller and faster release of information, which is the basic objective of the Act." (quoting H.R. Rep. No. 93-876, March 5, 1974, reprinted (1974) U.S. Code Cong. & Ad. News 6267 at 6271)).

I certify that the information provided above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Thank you for your assistance. I look forward to your prompt reply. My contact information is below.

Sincerely,

Stephen Braun

Associated Press Washington Bureau

1100 13<sup>th</sup> Street NW

Suite 700

Washington, DC 20005



From: Rachel K. Dowell

**Sent:** Friday, December 02, 2016 10:27 AM

**To:** Brandon A. Steele

**Subject:** FW: FOIA REQUEST: AVI ASHER-SCHAPIRO, INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS TIMES

This is one of the requests I was referring to in the voicemail yesterday – Liz will respond to the second aspect of the request in 17/10, so please do not search or process this part: "I am also requesting all emails to, from, or cc-ing the following OGE officials: Walter Shaub, Matthew Marinec, Dale A. Christopher, Barbara A. Mullen-Roth, David J. Apol, Seth Jaffe, Diana Veilleux that contain the word "TRUMP". Thanks!

From: Avi Asher-Schapiro (b) (6)

Sent: Wednesday, November 30, 2016 9:51 PM

To: USOGE

Subject: FOIA REQUEST: AVI ASHER-SCHAPIRO, INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS TIMES

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act. I hereby request the following records:

-All communications between any employee of OGE and: President-Elect Donald Trump, his transition team, lawyers representing President-Elect Donald Trump, his children Donald Jr., Eric, and Ivanka, and his son-in-law Jared Kusher, and lawyer's representing the aforementioned individuals, their companies, or business interests, or the individuals themselves. This request includes: emails, meeting minutes, memos, guidlines, or manuals produced to prepare for the aforementioned communications, or prepared afterwards to document such communications.

The time window for the above request is: January 2016-December 1 2016.

-I am also requesting all emails to, from, or cc-ing the following OGE officials: Walter Shaub, Matthew Marinec, Dale A. Christopher, Barbara A. Mullen-Roth, David J. Apol, Seth Jaffe, Diana Veilleux that contain the word "TRUMP"

:

I am requesting these records from November 13 to the present.

I request a waiver of fees associated with processing this request for records. I am employed as a

politics reporter with

International Business Times,

a news media organization. Disclosure of the requested information to me is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government. The requested documents will be made available to the general public, and this request is not being made for commercial purposes.

In the event that fees cannot be waived, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to

this request within 20 business days, as the statute requires.

Avi Asher-Schapiro
Politics Reporter, International Business Times

From: Elizabeth D. Horton

Sent: Tuesday, December 06, 2016 12:08 PM

**To:** Agency Wide

**Subject:** OGE FOIA FY 17/029

Please excuse the profane language that follows. The language is a direct quote from the FOIA request seeking emails from any OGE employee.

OGE received a FOIA request for a copy of "each email sent on November 8th, November 9th, November 10th, or November 11th of this year (2016) to or from any of employee of the Office of Government Ethics, which contains the word 'Trump,' 'Clinton,' 'Fuck,' 'Fucked,' 'Shit,' and/or 'Damn.'"

Please search your email accounts for any records responsive to this request and provide any responsive records by COB December 13, 2016.

If you do not have any responsive records, please reply with a "no records" response.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you.

Lix

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From: Kelsey D. Phipps

Sent: Tuesday, December 06, 2016 1:12 PM

**To:** Agency Wide

**Subject:** Recent FOIA Requests

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Please search your email account, desktop, "HOME" drives, and paper records in your personal office space for any records responsive to this request and provide any responsive records by **COB Friday**, **December 9**, **2016**. If you have any records responsive to the request on a non-official email account that were not copied into your official email account, please provide them to me as part of this search response.

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If you do not have any responsive records, please reply with a "no records" response.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you.

Kelsey

From: Kelsey D. Phipps

**Sent:** Wednesday, December 07, 2016 3:20 PM

To: Rachel K. Dowell; Nicole Stein; Brandon A. Steele; Patrick Shepherd; Wendy G. Pond

**Cc:** Communications

Subject: RE: [GRAYMAIL] (b) (6) mentioned you in conversation

on Twitter!

## Thank you.

From: Rachel K. Dowell

Sent: Wednesday, December 07, 2016 3:06 PM

To: Nicole Stein; Brandon A. Steele; Patrick Shepherd; Kelsey D. Phipps; Wendy G. Pond

**Cc:** Communications

Subject: RE: [GRAYMAIL] (b) (6) mentioned you in conversation on Twitter!

Thanks all!

Kelsey - They will be located at: H:\FOIAPA\FY 2017\17 - 020 - 027 media subscriptions\SocialMedia

From: Nicole Stein

Sent: Wednesday, December 07, 2016 3:05 PM

To: Brandon A. Steele; Patrick Shepherd; Rachel K. Dowell; Kelsey D. Phipps; Wendy G. Pond

Cc: Communications

Subject: Re: [GRAYMAIL] (b) (6) mentioned you in conversation on Twitter!

I have access - in the middle of saving the relevant emails as a PDF in the foia folder (subscriptions) on the H drive.

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Verizon Wireless 4G LTE network.

From: Brandon A. Steele

Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2016 1:49 PM

To: Patrick Shepherd; Rachel K. Dowell; Kelsey D. Phipps; Wendy G. Pond

**Cc:** Communications

Subject: RE: [GRAYMAIL] (b) (6) mentioned you in conversation on Twitter!

Correct me if I'm wrong, but isn't the email account in question simply receiving notification of tweets that OGE is tagged in? If so, isn't the information publicly available on OGE's twitter account?

#### **Brandon**

From: Patrick Shepherd

Sent: Wednesday, December 07, 2016 1:44 PM

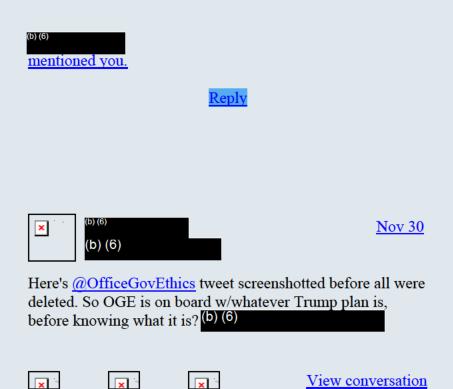
To: Rachel K. Dowell; Kelsey D. Phipps; Wendy G. Pond

**Cc:** Communications

**Subject:** RE: [GRAYMAIL] (b) (6) mentioned you in conversation on Twitter!

Did we get this figured out?

From: Rachel K. Dowell Sent: Tuesday, December 06, 2016 1:36 PM To: Kelsey D. Phipps; Wendy G. Pond **Cc:** Communications Subject: RE: [GRAYMAIL] (b) (6) ) (6) ) mentioned you in conversation on Twitter! Yes, those are likely responsive, but let's have just one person with access to the social media email account forward them on so that we don't get a bunch of duplicates. +COG - Who is the POC for the social media email account? From: Kelsey D. Phipps Sent: Tuesday, December 06, 2016 1:23 PM To: Wendy G. Pond; Rachel K. Dowell Subject: RE: [GRAYMAIL] (6) (6) (b) (6)) mentioned you in conversation on Twitter! Looping Rachel in to answer this. From: Wendy G. Pond Sent: Tuesday, December 06, 2016 1:22 PM To: Kelsey D. Phipps Subject: FW: [GRAYMAIL] (6) (6) mentioned you in conversation on Twitter! Do you want emails that receive automatically from OGE's socialmedia@oge.gov email account? See below. I believe our Twitter account is set up to automatically send an email to SocialMedia@oge.gov every time OGE is mentioned in a Tweet. From: Wendy G. Pond Sent: Wednesday, November 30, 2016 12:30 PM To: (b) (6) Subject: FW: [GRAYMAIL] (b) (6) (b)(6)mentioned you in conversation on Twitter! From: Social Media Sent: Wednesday, November 30, 2016 12:24 PM To: Leigh J. Francis < <a href="mailto:lighth:right Subject: FW: [GRAYMAIL] (b) (6) (b)(6)) mentioned you in conversation on Twitter! From: Susan Simpson (via Twitter) Sent: Wednesday, November 30, 2016 12:23:59 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada) To: Social Media Subject: [GRAYMAIL] (6) (6) mentioned you in conversation on Twitter! (@(b)(6): Here's @OfficeGovEthics tweet screenshotted before all were deleted. So OGE is on board w/whatever Trump plan is, before knowing what it is?



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Twitter, Inc. 1355 Market Street, Suite 900 San Francisco, CA 94103

From: Kelsey D. Phipps

Sent: Wednesday, December 07, 2016 8:56 AM

**To:** Kimberly L. Sikora Panza **Subject:** RE: one more email

# Thanks.

From: Kimberly L. Sikora Panza

Sent: Wednesday, December 07, 2016 7:54 AM

**To:** Kelsey D. Phipps **Subject:** one more email

Kelsey,

Here is one more email with "tweets" in the attached Word document (not about Trump, but I read your FOIA email to include any emails with tweets in it, so I think this would be responsive)

Thanks Kim

From: Kelsey D. Phipps

Sent: Tuesday, December 06, 2016 1:29 PM

**To:** Kimberly L. Sikora Panza **Subject:** RE: Recent FOIA Requests

#### Thanks.

From: Kimberly L. Sikora Panza

Sent: Tuesday, December 06, 2016 1:27 PM

To: Kelsey D. Phipps

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Kelsey

From: Kelsey D. Phipps

Sent: Tuesday, December 13, 2016 1:53 PM

**To:** Patrick J. Lightfoot

**Subject:** RE: Reminder: Recent FOIA Requests

#### Thank you.

From: Patrick J. Lightfoot

Sent: Tuesday, December 13, 2016 1:41 PM

To: Kelsey D. Phipps

Subject: RE: Reminder: Recent FOIA Requests

Kelsey,

I have no responsive records.

#### --Patrick

From: Kelsey D. Phipps

Sent: Thursday, December 08, 2016 11:20 AM

To: Agency Wide

Subject: Reminder: Recent FOIA Requests

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Kelsey

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**From:** Patrick J. Lightfoot

Sent: Wednesday, December 14, 2016 2:26 PM

**To:** Brandon A. Steele

**Subject:** RE: Document Search OGE FOIA FY 17/017

Brandon,

No records.

--Patrick

From: Brandon A. Steele

Sent: Wednesday, December 14, 2016 2:16 PM

To: Agency Wide

Subject: Document Search OGE FOIA FY 17/017

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**From:** Patrick J. Lightfoot

Sent: Wednesday, December 14, 2016 2:20 PM

**To:** Brandon A. Steele

**Subject:** RE: Document Search OGE FOIA FY 17/047

Hi Brandon,

No records.

--Patrick

From: Brandon A. Steele

Sent: Wednesday, December 14, 2016 2:06 PM

To: Agency Wide

Subject: Document Search OGE FOIA FY 17/047

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From: Rachel K. Dowell

Sent:Thursday, December 01, 2016 2:49 PMTo:Walter M. Shaub; Elizabeth D. HortonSubject:RE: FOIA 17-010 and FOIA 17-011

#### (b) (5)

Courts have opined that a cut-off date that is based on the date of the search "results in a much fuller search and disclosure" than a less inclusive cut-off date, such as one based on the date of the request or its receipt by the agency. However, "agencies may choose not to use a 'date-of-search cut-off' if specific circumstances warrant."

From: Walter M. Shaub

Sent: Thursday, December 01, 2016 2:02 PM

**To:** Elizabeth D. Horton **Cc:** Rachel K. Dowell

Subject: RE: FOIA 17-010 and FOIA 17-011

### Oops used Rachel's WH address

From: Walter M. Shaub

Sent: Thursday, December 01, 2016 1:58 PM

**To:** Elizabeth D. Horton **Cc:** 'Dowell, Rachel'

Subject: RE: FOIA 17-010 and FOIA 17-011

#### (b) (5)

From: Elizabeth D. Horton

Sent: Wednesday, November 30, 2016 7:55 AM

To: Walter M. Shaub

Subject: RE: FOIA 17-010 and FOIA 17-011

#### Good morning Walt.

The requests ask for all emails to the present so the end date would be the date that you conduct the search. Please let me know if you have any further questions. Thank you.

From: Walter M. Shaub

Sent: Tuesday, November 29, 2016 3:05 PM

To: Elizabeth D. Horton

Subject: RE: FOIA 17-010 and FOIA 17-011

## What is the ending date of the period covered?

From: Elizabeth D. Horton

**Sent:** Monday, November 21, 2016 8:10 AM **To:** Walter M. Shaub; David J. Apol

Subject: FW: FOIA 17-010 and FOIA 17-011

## Good morning Walt and Dave.

This is a gentle reminder to provide responsive documents or indicate that you do not have any responsive documents for these FOIA requests. I have already received the legislative update emails from others, so you do not need to provide those but please provide any other responsive documents.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you.

From: Elizabeth D. Horton

Sent: Wednesday, November 16, 2016 11:13 AM

To: Walter M. Shaub; Matthew A. Marinec; David J. Apol; Seth Jaffe; Diana Veilleux; Dale A. Christopher

Subject: FW: FOIA 17-010 and FOIA 17-011

I have spoken with the requester and he wishes to receive all emails including news summaries. Please provide all emails from January to the present. Thank you.

From: Elizabeth D. Horton

Sent: Wednesday, November 16, 2016 8:47 AM

To: Walter M. Shaub; Matthew A. Marinec; David J. Apol; Seth Jaffe; Diana Veilleux; Dale A. Christopher

Subject: FW: FOIA 17-010 and FOIA 17-011

#### Good morning.

One of the requesters is seeking all emails from January 2016 through the present and the other requester is seeking all emails sent on November 8, 9 and 10, 2016. I have contacted the requester seeking the emails from January to see if he is willing to exclude emails regarding news summaries (i.e., leg updates).

In the meantime, please forward all emails from November 8, 9, and 10 (including leg updates) and any other emails besides leg updates from January to the present and I will let you know whether or not the requester has agreed to limit his request.

If you have any questions, please let me know. Thank you.

From: Elizabeth D. Horton

Sent: Tuesday, November 15, 2016 5:15 PM

To: Walter M. Shaub; Matthew A. Marinec; Dale A. Christopher; David J. Apol; Seth Jaffe; Diana Veilleux

**Subject:** FOIA 17-010 and FOIA 17-011

Good afternoon.

OGE received two FOIA requests for all emails to, from or carbon copying "Walter Shaub, Matthew Marinec, Dale A. Christopher, Barbara A. Mullen-Roth, David J. Apol, Seth Jaffe, Diana Veilleux that contain the word 'TRUMP'" from January 2016 to the present.

Please search your email accounts for any records responsive to these requests and provide any responsive records by COB November 21, 2016.

If you do not have any responsive records, please reply with a "no records" response.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you.



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From: Nicole Stein

Sent: Monday, December 12, 2016 1:51 PM

To: Jennifer Matis
Cc: Communications

**Subject:** RE: FOIA for deleted tweets and correspondence about deleted tweets

**Attachments:** FOIA1.pdf; FOIA2.pdf

These are two emails from our socialmedia@oge.gov. I didn't see anything in the COG H:Drive folder.

I have nothing on my personal drives or email.

From: Jennifer Matis

Sent: Friday, December 09, 2016 3:15 PM

**To:** Communications; Nicole Stein; Brandon A. Steele; Kimberly L. Sikora Panza; Kaneisha T. Cunningham; Shelley K. Finlayson; Matthew A. Marinec; Walter M. Shaub; Contact OGE; Leigh J. Francis; Seth Jaffe; Vincent Salamone

Cc: Rachel K. Dowell

Subject: FOIA for deleted tweets and correspondence about deleted tweets

We have a FOIA request for "Copies of all tweets deleted by the Office of the Government Ethic's Twitter feed (@OfficeGovEthics) from 2014 to the present. This would include any tweets sent out on Twitter that were deleted or kept in draft form from the Twitter accounts @OfficeGovEthics. This request also would include copies of any e-mails or correspondence regarding the deletion of these tweets."

Everyone: Please search your own email account and any other place you might keep responsive records. Note that this request is both broader and narrower than the search Kelsey is doing because the date range is 2014 to the present but only correspondence about *deleted* tweets is responsive.

COG folks: Please also have someone search COG's shared network files and email mailboxes.

Contact OGE: Please search Contact OGE's email mailboxes.

Please respond by December 20. I will be out of the office until the 16<sup>th</sup>, but you can contact Rachel with any guestions.

Thanks,



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From: Kimberly L. Sikora Panza

Sent: Tuesday, December 06, 2016 1:27 PM

**To:** Kelsey D. Phipps

**Subject:** RE: Recent FOIA Requests

**Attachments:** [GRAYMAIL] OGE Update | Social and News: 9744 New Results; [GRAYMAIL] OGE

Update | Social and News: 102 New Results; Communications Packet for Subpart B LA; [GRAYMAIL] OGE Update | Social and News: 56 New Results; [GRAYMAIL] OGE Update | Social and News: 68 New Results; [GRAYMAIL] Alternative Pay Plan Would Give Federal Employees a 1.6% Average Raise; [GRAYMAIL] OGE Update | Social and News: 56 New Results; [GRAYMAIL] A Better Way to Do the High-Three Calculation; [GRAYMAIL] OGE Update | Social and News: 21 New Results; [GRAYMAIL] Fixing Federal Labor Relations: Official Time May Not be the Biggest Problem; [GRAYMAIL] OGE Update | Social and News: 68 New Results; [GRAYMAIL] FedSmith.com Weekly Recap; [GRAYMAIL] OGE Update | Social and News: 108 New Results; [GRAYMAIL] Restrictions on Federal Employee Bonuses in FY 2017;

[GRAYMAIL] OGE Update | Social and News: 102 New Results

Most of the hits I have are because of our subscription to media monitoring services, those sorts of things – see attached

From: Kelsey D. Phipps

Sent: Tuesday, December 06, 2016 1:12 PM

To: Agency Wide

Subject: Recent FOIA Requests

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Kelsey

From: Sent: To: Subject: Hi Patrick, some info on background. announced? Thanks, Nancy Nancy Cook Senior Reporter **POLITICO** 

Nancy Cook (b) (6)

Monday, November 21, 2016 2:04 PM

Patrick J. Lightfoot

Trump transition & vetting--Politico reporter

I'm a senior reporter at Politico, covering the Trump transition team, and I was hoping that you could give me

I'm working on a story about the vetting process for Trump's Cabinet picks...as part of it, my understanding is that the Trump transition needs to file documents with the OGE on conflicts of interest. I'm wondering: Has the agency received any of these documents yet for appointees or Cabinet picks that President-elect Trump has

All of my phone numbers are below, if it's easier to talk by phone.

From: Wendy G. Pond

Sent: Monday, December 05, 2016 2:30 PM

**To:** Communications

**Subject:** FW: [GRAYMAIL] Track appointments in real time with the Washington Post

Thought this might be of general interest. I know in the past we've kicked around a few different ideas for highlighting OGE certification of nominees' 278s. Not sure what the last thinking on that was.

From: Partnership for Public Service [mailto (b) (6)

On Behalf Of

Partnership for Public Service

Sent: Monday, December 05, 2016 2:03 PM

To: Wendy G. Pond

Subject: [GRAYMAIL] Track appointments in real time with the Washington Post

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# Announcing the first-ever political appointee tracker

During the past week, President-elect Donald Trump announced several key appointments to his administration. These are just a handful of the 4,000 political positions, including about 1,100 requiring Senate confirmation that he will need to make. It will be impossible for the president-elect to effectively govern our country and prepare for the unexpected if these top leadership jobs remain unfilled by highly-qualified individuals.

That's why I am excited to announce today our partnership with *The Washington Post* on a <u>new appointments tracker</u>. This first-of-its-kind tracker will follow the progress of more than 650 of President-elect Trump's Senate-confirmed political appointments. These positions include Cabinet secretaries, deputy and assistant secretaries, chief financial officers, general counsels, heads of agencies, ambassadors and other critical leadership jobs. The tracker will provide data on both number of appointments filled and the progress of candidates as they go through the nomination and confirmation process.

In administrations past, the road to identifying and nominating leaders for critical positions and then getting them confirmed has had its share of potholes. This appointments tracker will play a key role in holding both the president-elect and the Senate accountable for ensuring the top leaders are in place to effectively manage the federal workforce and move forward on the administration's policies.

The Partnership's <u>Center for Presidential Transition</u> believes that the president-elect should have the top 100 department and agency leaders confirmed immediately after Inauguration Day, with 300 more key political positions filled by the August 2017 congressional recess. While the rate of cabinet picks and White House staff during past transitions is a useful metric, it shouldn't be the measure of success. The benchmark should be whether or not President-elect Trump will be ready to govern on day one, not that he meets outdated standards. We look forward to following the progress toward these goals through the tracker.

Please visit <a href="http://wapo.st/appointee-tracker">http://wapo.st/appointee-tracker</a> to start tracking President-elect Trump's appointments. I also hope you will take a moment to visit the <a href="https://energia.com/Center's website">Center's website</a> for more information about the appointments process, including <a href="position descriptions">position descriptions</a> for many of these leadership positions and critical information about federal agencies, including the health of the workforce, technology issues and more.

Best	t wishes,	
Max	Stier	

For more information about the Center for Presidential Transition, please register today for our weekly newsletter.

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From:

Sent:

Thursday, D

Thursday, December 15, 2016 7:41 PM

(b) (6)

**To:** Seth Jaffe

**Subject:** Brand monopoly

Mr Jaffe,

I apologize for this unsolicited email. My background is in banking and finance and my graduate work was in economic geography and lending policy. I have watched the ethical situation with the President elect and applaud your office's stance on the divestment issue. I want to note that much of the value of the Trump debt and holding is intrinsically related to his brand monopoly. Trump, as a brand, functions much like Apple or Levi in that he is the sole issuer of any form of the Trump name as a value. This means that he is incapable of divesting himself from what he has described as his most valuable asset, and its value is highly volatile based on his public persona and reputation.

This brand monopoly requires constant attention just to maintain the current level of wealth, and unless he is willing to end all naming rights deals and halt all use of his name in any other context than President, and demand the same from his children, it is impossible for him to meaningfully divest himself via any mechanism. You might be confronted with the claim that all Presidents have a brand monopoly and capitalize on it when leaving office. This is true, yet it is the case that this wealth is based on their actions in the office of President. Trump's brand value is different in that it will drive his Presidency, creating a "tail wagging the dog" conundrum that does not appear to have a solution.

In addition to this, the media has now reported on an expanded understanding of Trump's debts. These would appear to be not only substantially higher than his equity, but are intrinsically linked to his continued control of the businesses they support.

I hope your office continues to be vigilant and critical on these issues, we rely on the power of the bureaucracy to work for us, even when our leaders don't. Thank you for your service.



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Sent: Wednesday, December 14, 2016 2:16 PM

**To:** Agency Wide

**Subject:** Document Search OGE FOIA FY 17/017

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From: Kimberly L. Sikora Panza

Sent: Tuesday, December 06, 2016 12:24 PM

To:Elizabeth D. HortonSubject:emails per your request

**Attachments:** [GRAYMAIL] Federal Government and Federal Employees Under President Trump;

[GRAYMAIL] Dear America: Our Regrets and Resolutions from the 2016 Presidential Election; [GRAYMAIL] OGE Update | Social and News: 9 New Results; Legislative Update for Tuesday, November 8, 2016; [GRAYMAIL] OGE Update | Social and News: 8 New Results; [GRAYMAIL] OGE Update | Social and News: 46 New Results; Legislative Update for Thursday, November 10, 2016; [GRAYMAIL] Why Social Security COLAs Aren't Keeping Up With Inflation; [GRAYMAIL] OGE Update | Social and News: 6 New

Results

The only emails I have responsive are messages I received that are "spam"/"group" type emails including "Trump" or "Clinton" (nothing on the other terms). Pls see attached