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Hardy, David M. (RMD) (FBI)

From: Hardy, David M. (RMD) (FBI)
Sent: Wednesday, December 06, 2017 2:49 PM
To: 
Subject: Re: On track?

Yes, I'll call at 3:30.

-------- Original message --------
From: __________________________________________________________
Date: 12/6/17 2:20 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Hardy, David M. (RMD) (FBI)" <________@fbi.gov>
Subject: Re: On track?

Could you do it at 3:30? I have a call at 4:30.

On Wed, Dec 6, 2017 at 2:10 PM Hardy, David M. (RMD) (FBI) <________@fbi.gov> wrote:

Thank you very much for the sentiment. I propose 4:00 EST. That work?________
david

-------- Original message --------
From: __________________________________________________________
Date: 12/5/17 7:42 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Hardy, David M. (RMD) (FBI)" <________@fbi.gov>
Subject: Re: On track?

Of course. Just tell me what time works Thursday.

On Tue, Dec 5, 2017 at 7:12 PM Hardy, David M. (RMD) (FBI) <________@fbi.gov> wrote:

Sir,

We've collected the responses from the various SMEs.
so I’d like to put it all together on Thursday. Are you available Thursday afternoon to discuss?

Thank you,
david

From: ________________________________  
Sent: Thursday, November 30, 2017 4:16 PM  
To: Hardy, David M. (RMD) (FBI) <_________@fbi.gov>  
Subject: Re: On track?

Thanks Dave.

On Thu, Nov 30, 2017 at 4:11 PM Hardy, David M. (RMD) (FBI) <_________@fbi.gov> wrote:

Sir,

We're hoping for tomorrow to have all the internal responses in.

david
--- Original message ---

From:

Date: 11/30/17 4:05 PM (GMT-05:00)

To: "Hardy, David M. (RMD) (FBI)" <@fbi.gov>

Subject: On track?

Dave:

I haven’t heard from you folks so I assume you are on track to finish by next Wednesday. Call me if you need anything.

All the best,

Jim Comey
Sir,

david
Sir,

[Blank space]

david
From:  
Sent:  Thursday, December 07, 2017 6:20 PM  
To:  Hardy, David M. (RMD) (FBI)  
Cc:  [Name] (RMD) (FBI)  
Subject:  Re: Manuscript  
Attachments:  Chapter 15 CHANGES.pdf  

Dave:

I appreciate your professionalism.

JBC

On Thu, Dec 7, 2017 at 11:39 AM, Hardy, David M. (RMD) (FBI) <@fbi.gov> wrote:

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Sir,
Hardy, David M. (RMD) (FBI)

From: Hardy, David M. (RMD) (FBI)  
Sent: Thursday, December 07, 2017 7:36 PM  
To:  
Subject: Re: Manuscript

Thank you, will get back to you tomorrow.

----------- Original message -----------
From:  
Date: 12/7/17 6:20 PM (GMT-05:00)  
To: "Hardy, David M. (RMD) (FBI)" @fbi.gov>
Cc: "RMD (FBI)" @fbi.gov>
Subject: Re: Manuscript

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Sir,

David
Good afternoon,

We are preparing your prepublication letter - please send us your mailing address.

Thank you,
From: 
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2017 3:26 PM 
To: (RMD) (FBI)
Subject: Re: Mailing address

Many thanks.

On Fri, Dec 15, 2017 at 1:39 PM (RMD) (FBI) @fbi.gov wrote:

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U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Records Management Division

Winchester, VA 22602-4643

December 15, 2017

Re: Manuscript

Dear Director Comey,

This letter is in response to your request of October 23, 2017, for review of the above referenced manuscript for publication pursuant to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) Prepublication Review Policy (PRP) and Prepublication Review Policy Guide (0792PG).

Your submission was reviewed pursuant to the terms of the PRP and we concluded that none of the FBI information presented falls within a restricted area of disclosure. Therefore, there is no objection to the publication of your manuscript, as presented. This approval is contingent upon the changes you agreed to make in our e-mail correspondence and telephone conversations. Please forward for our records a copy of your final manuscript incorporating the required changes.

This prepublication review addressed FBI information. You are responsible for complying with any prepublication requirements of other federal entities.

You may include your past FBI employment as part of your biographical data, providing that the FBI is given no more emphasis than other similar biographical information. In addition, please incorporate a disclaimer advising readers that the opinions expressed in the manuscript are yours and not those of the FBI.
Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact [Name] or via e-mail at [Email]. Thank you for your participation in the FBI's prepublication review process.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

David M. Hardy
Section Chief
Record/Information Dissemination Section
Great, thank you so much.

On Fri, Dec 15, 2017 at 5:09 PM [RMD] (FBI) <fbi.gov> wrote:

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March 29, 2018

Director James Comey

Re: Speaking Engagements

Dear Director Comey,

This letter provides guidance and approval to future speaking engagements, pursuant to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) Prepublication Review Policy (PRP) and Prepublication Review Policy Guide (0792PG).

Your request to participate is approved, subject to the following: Any discussion of matters concerning your official duties with the FBI may not involve pending cases, grand jury, classified, and other information, the disclosure of which could violate criminal laws or Department of Justice or FBI policy. In addition, please be advised that this approval should not be construed to permit the disclosure of:

A. Information protected from agency disclosure by the Privacy Act;

B. Information that is classified or the disclosure of which could otherwise harm national security;

C. Information that reveals sensitive law enforcement, intelligence, or counterintelligence techniques, sources or methods; or that reveals the sensitive, confidential or proprietary techniques, sources, or methods of other agencies or entities;

D. Information that would reveal grand jury material protected from disclosure by Rule 6(e) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure;

E. Information that would reveal the identity of a confidential source or informant;

F. Information that relates to any sensitive operational details or the substantive merits of any ongoing or open investigation, inquest, probe, prosecution, appeal, or case;
G. Information that consists of the proprietary information of another, including trading secrets;

H. Information pertaining to wiretaps or intercepts protected or regulated by Title III (Title 18, U.S.C., Sections 2510-2520);

I. Information pertaining to currency transaction reports regulated or protected by Title 31, U.S.C., Section 5319;

J. Tax return information regulated or protected by Title 26, U.S.C., Section 6103;

K. Information pertaining to contractor bids or proposals or source-selection information before the award of the procurement contract to which the information relates;

L. Information protected from disclosure by any other federal statute or regulation;

M. Information exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act (Title 5, U.S. C., Section 552) unless the material is clearly already in the public domain (MAOP, Part I, 1-24 (5)(a)(1)).

Also, please provide a clear statement in your speech that the views expressed are yours and not those of the FBI.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact or via e-mail at Thank you for your participation in the FBI's prepublication review process.

Sincerely,

David M. Hardy
Section Chief
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Thanks for this. My public speaking will focus on leadership and steer well wide of any of these areas, but I appreciate the reminder. I will send you a copy of the book for your records.

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Friday, March 30, 2018 11:05 AM
To: [Redacted] (RMD) (FBI)
Cc: [Redacted] (RMD) (FBI); Hardy, David M. (RMD) (FBI)
Subject: Re: Future Speaking Engagements

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Always interesting.

-------- Original message --------
From: "Hardy, David M. (RMD) (FBI)" <hardy@fbi.gov>
Date: 9/29/17 9:37 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Kelley, Patrick W. (DO) (FBI)" <pwkelley@fbi.gov>
Subject: Re: Comey and Prepub

Thanks Pat!

-------- Original message --------
From: "Kelley, Patrick W. (DO) (FBI)" <pwkelley@fbi.gov>
Date: 9/29/17 5:36 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Hardy, David M. (RMD) (FBI)" <hardy@fbi.gov>
Subject: RE: Comey and Prepub

Dave: In looking up his email address, I found where I had alerted him to the requirement and given him your name so he's on notice. I expect he will reach out to you when his manuscript matures.

From: Hardy, David M. (RMD) (FBI)
Sent: Friday, September 29, 2017 4:57 PM
To: Kelley, Patrick W. (DO) (FBI) <pwkelley@fbi.gov>
Subject: Re: Comey and Prepub

No, we have not. AD Jupina said she advised his staff about the requirement.

-------- Original message --------
From: "Kelley, Patrick W. (DO) (FBI)" <pwkelley@fbi.gov>
Date: 9/29/17 3:10 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Hardy, David M. (RMD) (FBI)" <@fbi.gov>
Subject: Comey and Prepub

Dave: I can't recall whether we talked to former D Comey about his prepub obligations. I vaguely remember sending him your way but that could be wishful thinking. Have you had such a communication with him?

Patrick W. Kelley
Assistant Director
Office of Integrity and Compliance, FBI
President Donald Trump won’t try to stop former FBI Director James Comey from testifying to the Senate this week about investigations of Russian meddling in the U.S. election that could touch on Trump as well as his current and former associates.

Trump won’t invoke executive privilege when Comey appears before the Senate Intelligence Committee on June 8, Deputy White House Press Secretary Sarah Sanders told reporters Monday. Comey, who was fired by Trump last month, is expected to be asked about conversations he had with the president, including a Federal Bureau of Investigation probe of former National Security Adviser Michael Flynn.

Trump shakes Comey’s hand Jan. 22.

Photographer: Andrew Harrer/Bloomberg
“The President’s power to assert executive privilege is well-established,” according to a White House statement sent soon after Sanders spoke. “However, in order to facilitate a swift and thorough examination of the facts sought by the Senate Intelligence Committee, President Trump will not assert executive privilege regarding James Comey’s scheduled testimony.”

The decision eases concerns that Trump would make a last-minute move to stymie Comey’s appearance, though many legal experts said it wasn’t clear that the White House would have had grounds to invoke executive privilege in this case. There may still be issues Comey declines to answer in the public hearing after consulting with Robert Mueller, the special counsel appointed to oversee the Russia probe in the wake of Comey’s firing.

Read more: Executive Privilege Was a Trump Long Shot Anyway

“In the context of a criminal investigation, executive privilege has to give way,” Saikrishna Prakash, who lectures on constitutional law and presidential powers at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, said before the announcement.

Comey’s testimony will take place a day after Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein, Acting FBI Director Andrew McCabe and the heads of the National Security Agency and Office of the Director of National Intelligence testify to the same Senate panel. While that hearing is ostensibly on aspects of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, the witnesses are expected to be asked a number of questions about Russia, the election and Comey.

After Comey’s public testimony on Thursday morning, the Senate panel is scheduled to have a closed hearing in the afternoon, during which sensitive or classified information can be more freely discussed.

Hi [Name], I hope you had a great holiday. When you have a minute today, will you please give me a call? I have a couple of quick questions. Thank you!

-----Original Message-----
From: [Name] (RMD) (FBI)
Sent: Wednesday, November 22, 2017 11:15 AM
To: [Name] (OGC) (FBI) <[Name]@fbi.gov>
Cc: [Name] (RMD) (FBI) <[Name]@fbi.gov> [Name] (RMD) (FBI) <[Name]@fbi.gov>
Subject: Chapter 8 - reference material
Will call shortly. See link re Privilege.


Statement from the Press Secretary

The President's power to assert executive privilege is well-established. However, in order to facilitate a swift and thorough examination of the facts sought by the Senate Intelligence Committee, President Trump will not assert executive privilege regarding James Comey's scheduled testimony.

-----Original Message-----
From: OGC (FBI)
Sent: Monday, November 27, 2017 3:04 PM
To: RMD (FBI) fbi.gov>
Subject: RE: Chapter 8 - reference material

Hi I hope you had a great holiday. When you have a minute today, will you please give me a call? I have a couple of quick questions. Thank you!

-----Original Message-----
From: RMD (FBI)
Sent: Wednesday, November 22, 2017 11:15 AM
To: OGC (FBI) fbi.gov>
Cc: RMD (FBI) fbi.gov>
Subject: Chapter 8 - reference material

The White House
Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release
June 05, 2017

Statement from the Press Secretary

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The transcript is searchable. For example, see bottom of page 47 to 48.
Can we talk at noon?

Thanks!

david

Dave:

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JBC

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FBI Prepublication Review
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