



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

August 3, 2023

Case No. FL-2014-06088

Mr. Jason I. Poblete
Poblete Tamargo LLP
Courthouse Square
510 King Street, Suite 350
Alexandria, Virginia 22314

Dear Mr. Poblete:

As we noted in our letter dated July 3, 2023, we are processing your request for material under the Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”), 5 U.S.C. § 552. The Department of State (“Department”) has identified six additional responsive records subject to the FOIA. We have determined that all six records may be released in part.

An enclosure explains the FOIA exemptions and other grounds for withholding material. Where we have made redactions, the applicable FOIA exemptions are marked on each record. Where applicable, the Department has considered the foreseeable harm standard when reviewing these records and applying FOIA exemptions. All non-exempt material that is reasonably segregable from the exempt material has been released and is enclosed.

We will keep you informed as your case progresses. If you have any questions, you may contact Jeremy S. Simon, Assistant U.S. Attorney, at (202) 252-2528 or Jeremy.Simon@usdoj.gov. Please refer to the case number, FL-2014-06088, and the civil action number, 18-cv-02335, in all correspondence regarding this case.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Diamonece Hickson', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Diamonece Hickson
Chief, Litigation and Appeals Branch
Office of Information Programs and Services

Enclosures: As stated.

The Freedom of Information Act (5 USC 552)

FOIA Exemptions

(b)(1) Information specifically authorized by an executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy. Executive Order 13526 includes the following classification categories:

- 1.4(a) Military plans, systems, or operations
- 1.4(b) Foreign government information
- 1.4(c) Intelligence activities, sources or methods, or cryptology
- 1.4(d) Foreign relations or foreign activities of the US, including confidential sources
- 1.4(e) Scientific, technological, or economic matters relating to national security, including defense against transnational terrorism
- 1.4(f) U.S. Government programs for safeguarding nuclear materials or facilities
- 1.4(g) Vulnerabilities or capabilities of systems, installations, infrastructures, projects, plans, or protection services relating to US national security, including defense against transnational terrorism
- 1.4(h) Weapons of mass destruction

(b)(2) Related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency

(b)(3) Specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than 5 USC 552), for example:

ARMSEXP	Arms Export Control Act, 50a USC 2411(c)
CIA PERS/ORG	Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, 50 USC 403(g)
EXPORT CONTROL	Export Administration Act of 1979, 50 USC App. Sec. 2411(c)
FS ACT	Foreign Service Act of 1980, 22 USC 4004
INA	Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 USC 1202(f), Sec. 222(f)
IRAN	Iran Claims Settlement Act, Public Law 99-99, Sec. 505

(b)(4) Trade secrets and confidential commercial or financial information

(b)(5) Interagency or intra-agency communications forming part of the deliberative process, attorney-client privilege, or attorney work product

(b)(6) Personal privacy information

(b)(7) Law enforcement information whose disclosure would:
(A) interfere with enforcement proceedings
(B) deprive a person of a fair trial
(C) constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy
(D) disclose confidential sources
(E) disclose investigation techniques
(F) endanger life or physical safety of an individual

(b)(8) Prepared by or for a government agency regulating or supervising financial institutions

(b)(9) Geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells

Other Grounds for Withholding

NR Material not responsive to a FOIA request excised with the agreement of the requester

From: Chartrand, Jennifer <ChartrandJ@state.gov>
Sent: Monday, May 18, 2015 4:50 PM
To: Melamud, Anna <MelamudA@state.gov>; McBryde, Doris R <McBrydeDR@state.gov>; Wyngowski, Seth A <WyngowskiSA@state.gov>; Wells, Mark A (Cuban Affairs) <WellsMA@state.gov>; Engle, Thomas S <EngleTS@state.gov>; Erikson, Daniel P <EriksonDP@state.gov>; Kovar, Jeffrey D <KovarJD@state.gov>; Frasure, Virginia A <FrasureVA@state.gov>; Grosh, Lisa J <GroshLJ@state.gov>; Simcock, Julian C <SimcockJC@state.gov>; Pipan, Joseph G. <Joseph_G_Pipan@omb.eop.gov>
Cc: Rademacher, Paul R <Rademachpr@state.gov>; Hall, Garth T <HallGT@state.gov>; Searby, David P <SearbyDP@state.gov>
Subject: RE: House Cuba provisions

Again, more info.

This email is UNCLASSIFIED.

From: Melamud, Anna
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2015 6:26 PM
To: Chartrand, Jennifer; McBryde, Doris R; Wyngowski, Seth A; Wells, Mark A (Cuban Affairs); Engle, Thomas S; Erikson, Daniel P; Kovar, Jeffrey D; Frasure, Virginia A; Grosh, Lisa J; Simcock, Julian C
Cc: Rademacher, Paul R; Hall, Garth T; Searby, David P
Subject: RE: House Cuba provisions

Jennifer,

(b)(5) There is a list of the ~6,000 claims of U.S. nationals certified by the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission (FCSC) on the FCSC's website at the "Index of Commission Decisions" link, here: <http://www.justice.gov/fcsc/claims-against-cuba>. The claimant names are listed in the spreadsheet,

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Thanks,
Anna

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This email is UNCLASSIFIED.

From: Chartrand, Jennifer

Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2015 3:19 PM

To: McBryde, Doris R; Wyngowski, Seth A; Wells, Mark A (Cuban Affairs); Engle, Thomas S; Melamud, Anna; Erikson, Daniel P; Kovar, Jeffrey D; Frasure, Virginia A; Grosh, Lisa J; Simcock, Julian C

Cc: Rademacher, Paul R; Hall, Garth T; Searby, David P

Subject: FW: House Cuba provisions

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—SBU—

This email is UNCLASSIFIED.

From: Searby, David P

Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2015 4:08 PM

To: Chartrand, Jennifer

Subject: RE: House Cuba provisions

sorry here you go

From: Chartrand, Jennifer

Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2015 4:07 PM

To: Searby, David P

Subject: RE: House Cuba provisions

Can you attach what language Tim is referring to please?

This email is UNCLASSIFIED.

From: Searby, David P

Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2015 4:06 PM

To: Chartrand, Jennifer

Subject: FW: House Cuba provisions

FYI, working on this for Paul but will share with you before sending.

From: Searby, David P

Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2015 4:05 PM

To: McBryde, Doris R; Wyngowski, Seth A; Engle, Thomas S; Melamud, Anna; Erikson, Daniel P; Kovar, Jeffrey D; Frasure, Virginia A; Dunham, John D; Grosh, Lisa J; Simcock, Julian C

Cc: Allison, Robert S; Wells, Mark A (Cuban Affairs); Rogers-Springs, Mary Brett; Christensen, Derek Shane

Subject: RE: House Cuba provisions

where are we on this? Have we figured out if we need to clear with DOT?

David

From: McBryde, Doris R
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2015 2:48 PM
To: Wyngowski, Seth A; Engle, Thomas S; Melamud, Anna; Searby, David P; Erikson, Daniel P; Kovar, Jeffrey D; Frasure, Virginia A; Dunham, John D; Grosh, Lisa J; Simcock, Julian C
Cc: Allison, Robert S; Wells, Mark A (Cuban Affairs); Rogers-Springs, Mary Brett; Christensen, Derek Shane
Subject: RE: House Cuba provisions

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R,

Doris R. McBryde
Maritime Security Officer
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fax 202 647 8628

From: Wyngowski, Seth A
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2015 10:27 AM
To: Engle, Thomas S; Melamud, Anna; Searby, David P; Erikson, Daniel P; Kovar, Jeffrey D; Frasure, Virginia A; Dunham, John D; McBryde, Doris R; Grosh, Lisa J; Simcock, Julian C
Cc: Allison, Robert S; Wells, Mark A (Cuban Affairs); Rogers-Springs, Mary Brett; Christensen, Derek Shane
Subject: RE: House Cuba provisions

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Is anything further needed, or can H pass this along?

Best,
Seth

This email is UNCLASSIFIED.

From: Engle, Thomas S
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2015 9:28 PM
To: Melamud, Anna; Searby, David P; Wyngowski, Seth A; Erikson, Daniel P; Kovar, Jeffrey D; Frasure, Virginia A; Dunham, John D; McBryde, Doris R; Grosh, Lisa J; Simcock, Julian C
Cc: Allison, Robert S; Wells, Mark A (Cuban Affairs); Rogers-Springs, Mary Brett; Christensen, Derek Shane
Subject: Re: House Cuba provisions

EB/TRA clears. Nice work. (b)(5)

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Thanks,
Tom

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

From: Melamud, Anna
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2015 7:32 PM
To: Searby, David P; Wyngowski, Seth A; Erikson, Daniel P; Kovar, Jeffrey D; Frasure, Virginia A; Dunham, John D; McBryde, Doris R; Grosh, Lisa J; Simcock, Julian C
Cc: Allison, Robert S; Wells, Mark A (Cuban Affairs); Rogers-Springs, Mary Brett; Christensen, Derek Shane; Engle, Thomas S
Subject: RE: House Cuba provisions

L clears with the edits suggested below.
Thanks,
Anna

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Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2015 6:26 PM
To: Wyngowski, Seth A; Melamud, Anna; Erikson, Daniel P; Kovar, Jeffrey D; Frasure, Virginia A; Dunham, John D; McBryde, Doris R; Grosh, Lisa J; Simcock, Julian C
Cc: Allison, Robert S; Wells, Mark A (Cuban Affairs); Rogers-Springs, Mary Brett; Christensen, Derek Shane; Engle, Thomas S
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Clear.

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Subject: RE: House Cuba provisions

All - Here's what I'd suggest (analysis is L's from earlier). Any way that EB and L could give this another look? Defer to others on whether to include any of the background.

Many thanks,
Seth

Main Points

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Background/Analysis

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From: Searby, David P

Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2015 5:27 PM

To: Wells, Mark A (Cuban Affairs); Melamud, Anna; Rademacher, Paul R; Erikson, Daniel P; Kovar, Jeffrey D; Allison, Robert S; Teel, Wynne M; Frasure, Virginia A

Cc: Hall, Garth T; Wyngowski, Seth A; Engle, Thomas S; Rogers-Springs, Mary Brett

Subject: RE: House Cuba provisions

WHA, L: How are we doing on this? (b)(5)

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In any case, when can we expect some points to share with Rieser?

David

From: Wells, Mark A (Cuban Affairs)

Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2015 12:41 PM

To: Melamud, Anna; Searby, David P; Rademacher, Paul R; Erikson, Daniel P; Kovar, Jeffrey D; Allison, Robert S; Teel, Wynne M; Frasure, Virginia A

Cc: Hall, Garth T; Wyngowski, Seth A; Engle, Thomas S; Rogers-Springs, Mary Brett

Subject: RE: House Cuba provisions

We received a similar request from Durbin staff, attached. I'll ask Seth to coordinate the response back to H.

Mark Wells

Coordinator for Cuban Affairs

U.S. Department of State, Rm. 3234

202.647.9389

This email is UNCLASSIFIED.

From: Melamud, Anna

Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2015 12:23 PM

To: Searby, David P; Rademacher, Paul R; Wells, Mark A (Cuban Affairs); Erikson, Daniel P; Kovar, Jeffrey D; Allison, Robert S; Teel, Wynne M; Frasure, Virginia A

Cc: Hall, Garth T

Subject: RE: House Cuba provisions

Plus Virginia (L/EB Aviation portfolio).

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From: Searby, David P
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2015 11:20 AM
To: Rademacher, Paul R; Wells, Mark A (Cuban Affairs); Erikson, Daniel P; Kovar, Jeffrey D; Melamud, Anna; Allison, Robert S; Teel, Wynne M
Cc: Hall, Garth T
Subject: RE: House Cuba provisions

Plus WHA/L and L/EB. Other L equities too I'm sure.

David

From: Rademacher, Paul R
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2015 11:17 AM
To: Wells, Mark A (Cuban Affairs); Erikson, Daniel P; Searby, David P
Subject: Fw: House Cuba provisions

From: Rieser, Tim (Appropriations) [mailto:Tim_Rieser@appro.senate.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2015 11:08 AM Eastern Standard Time
To: Rademacher, Paul R
Subject: House Cuba provisions

Can you ask your legal dept for the administration's interpretation of the practical impact of these two Diaz-Balart provisions.

DRAFT
Jan. 5, 2014

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Outstanding Property and Terrorism-Related Claims
Against Cuba

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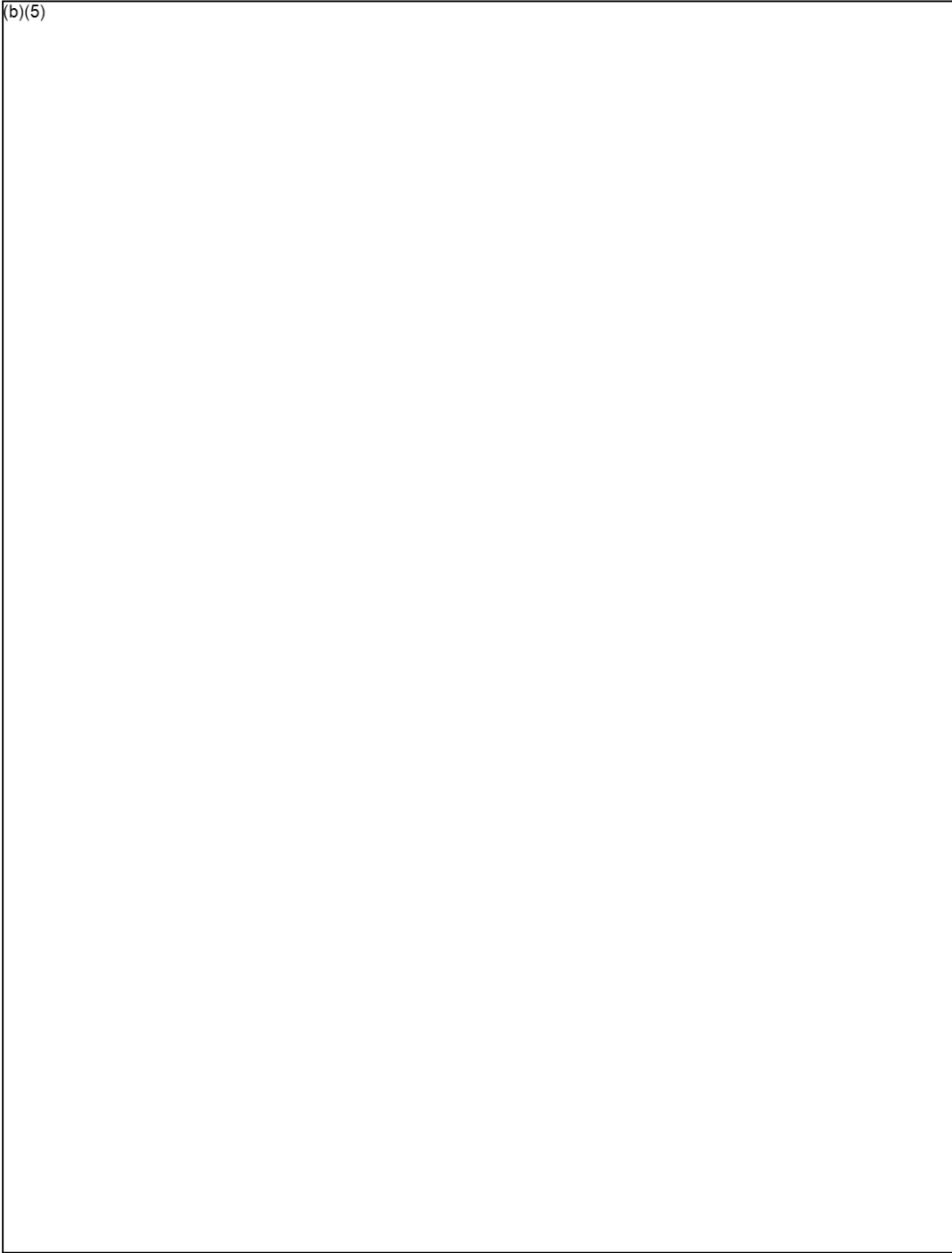
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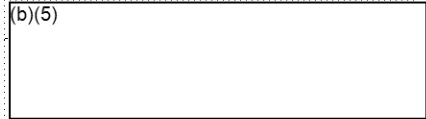
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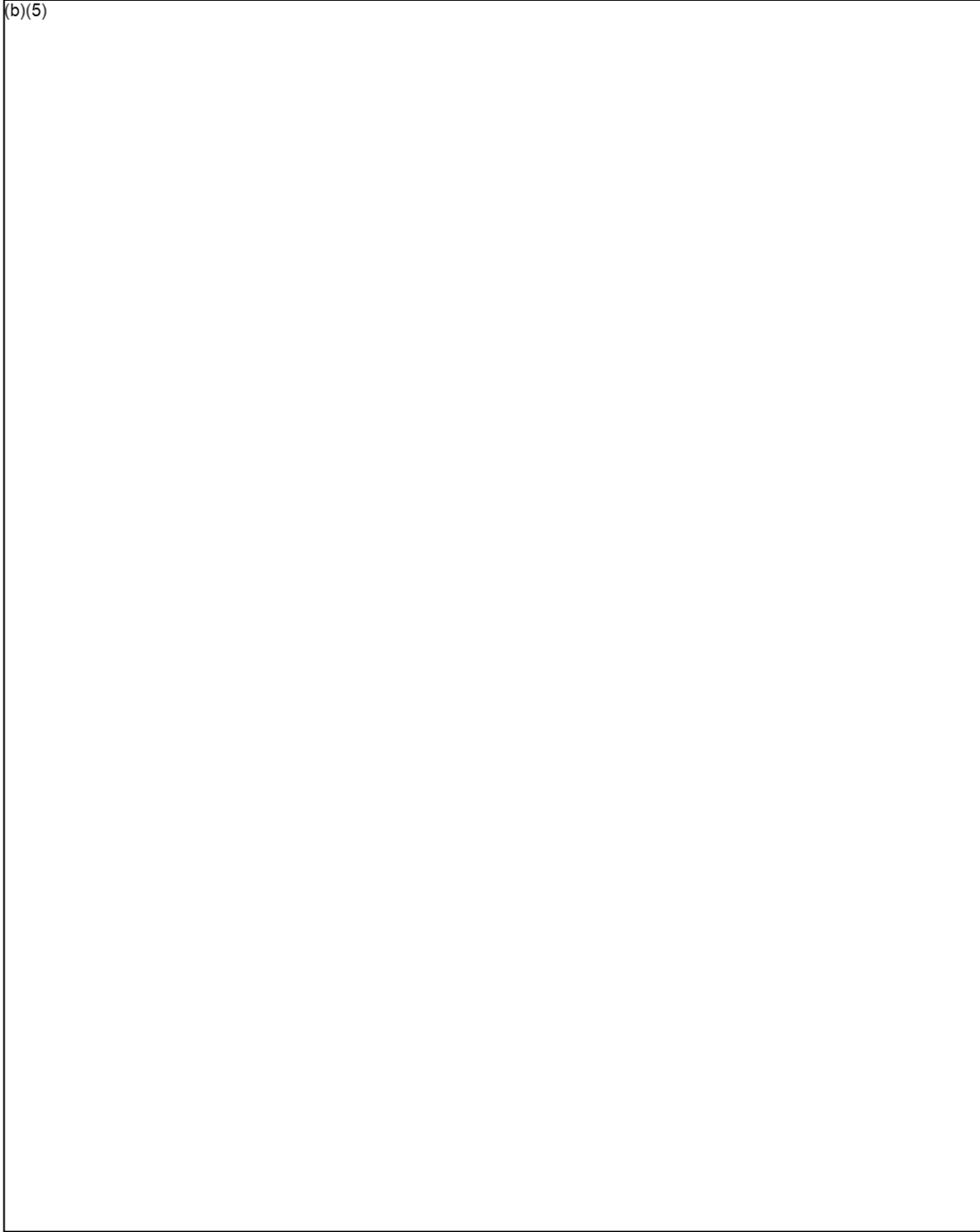
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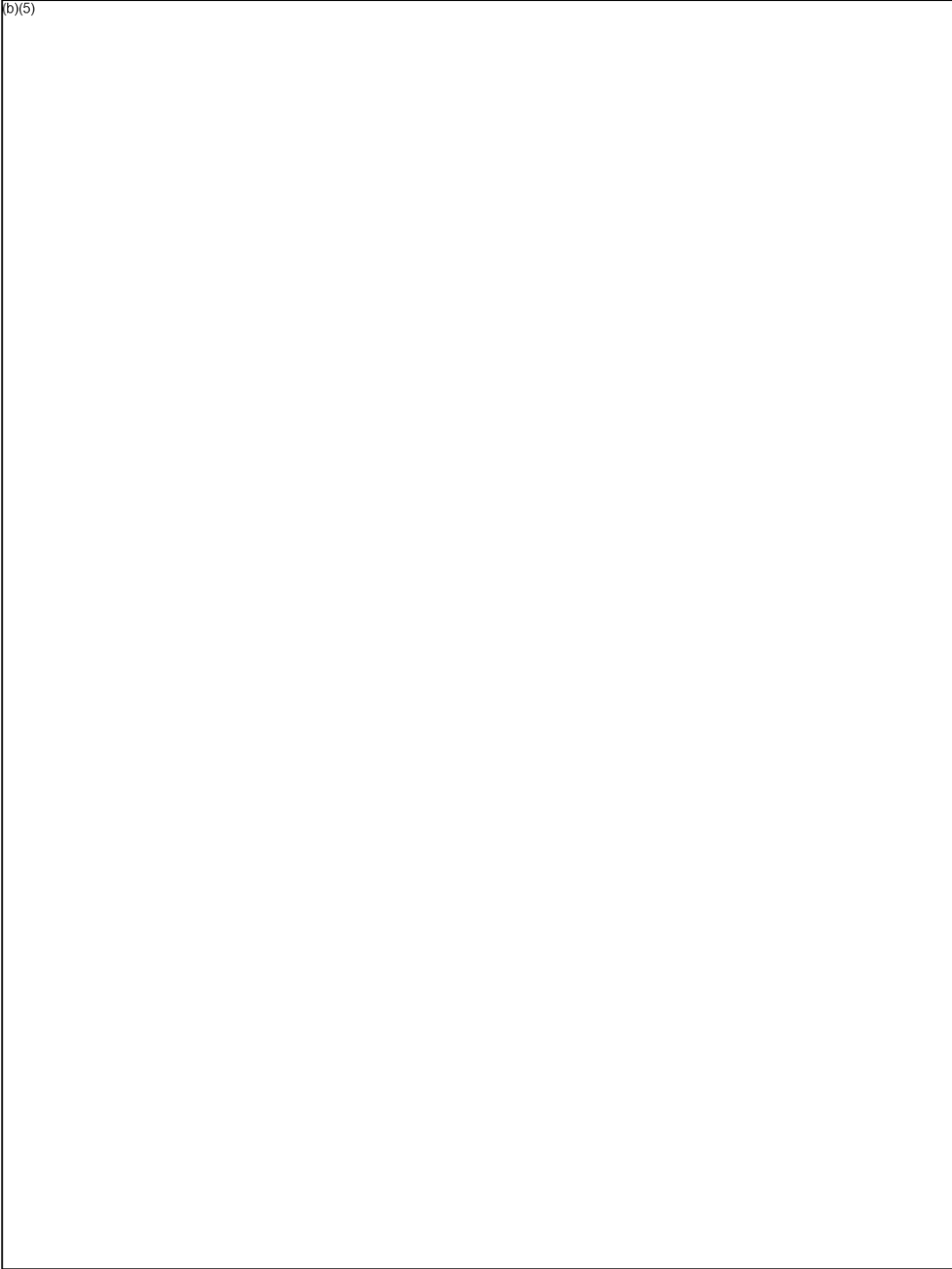
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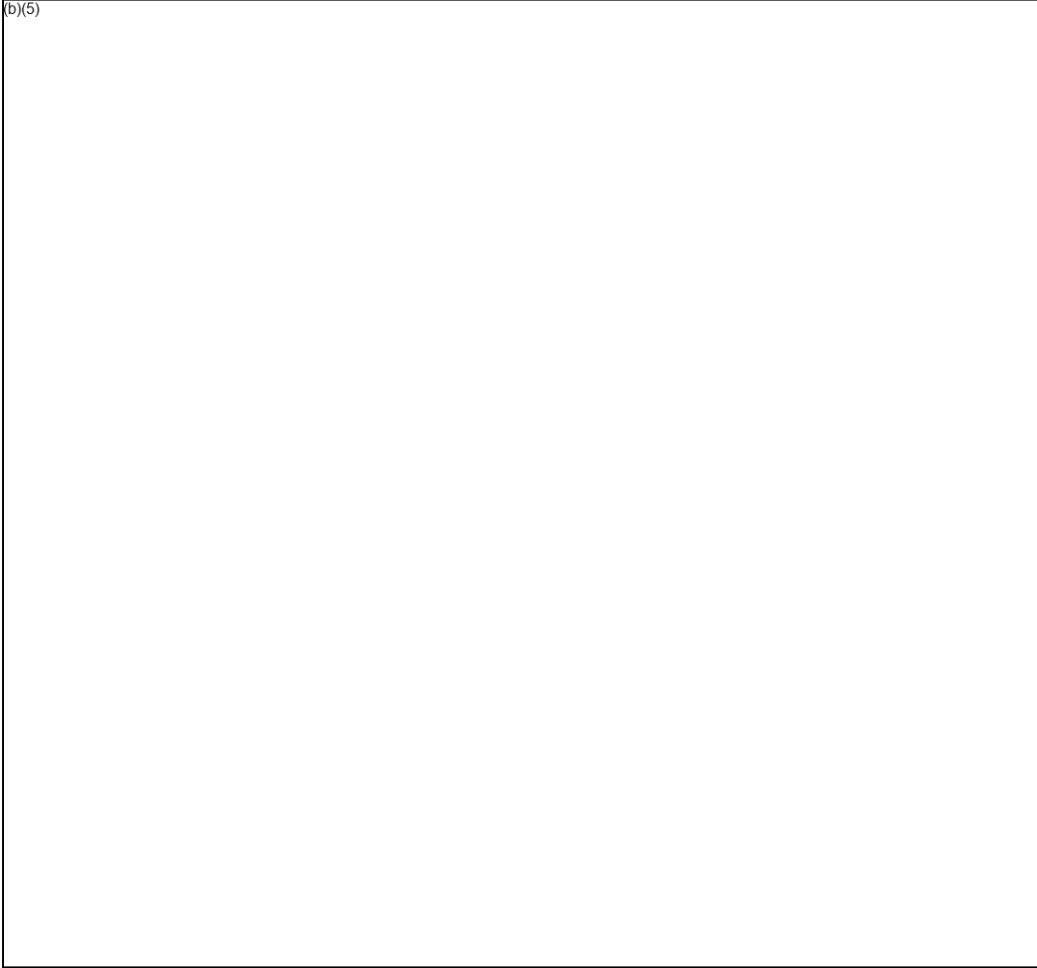
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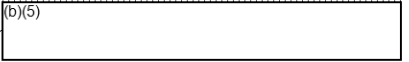
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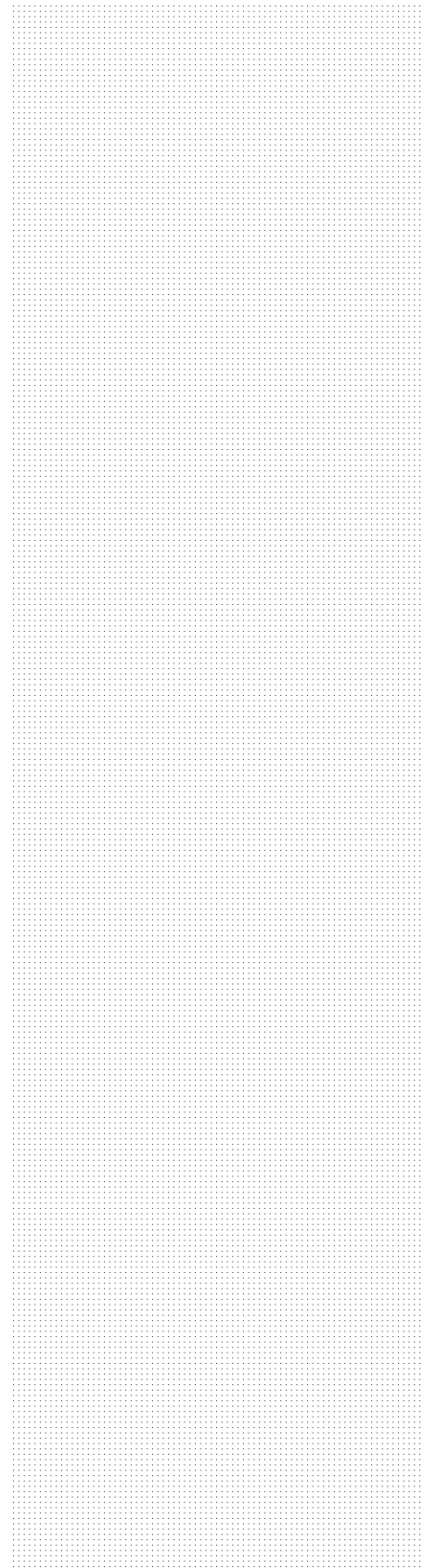
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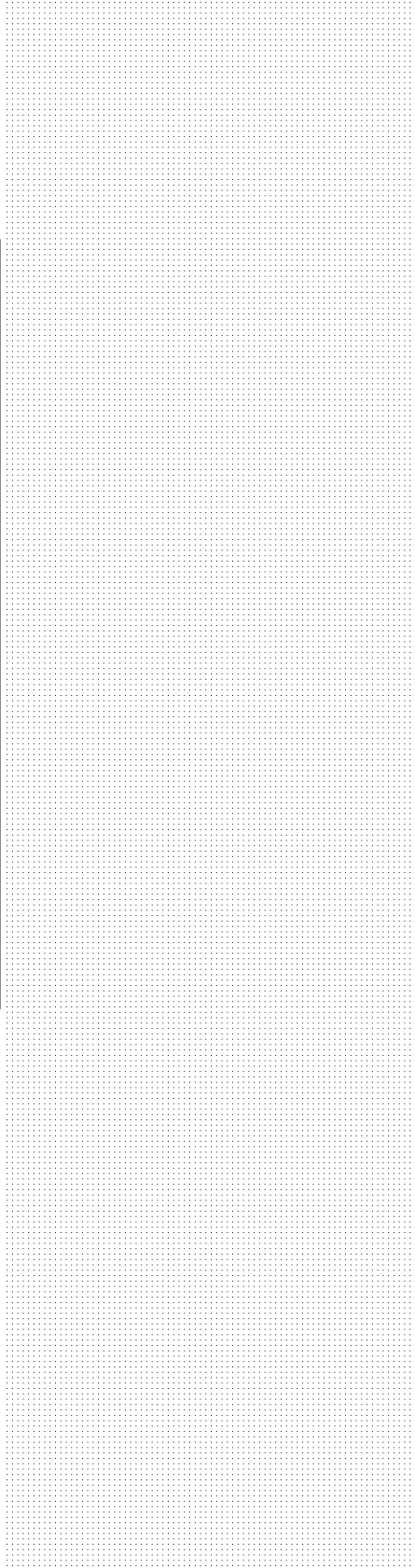
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Drafted: WHA/CCA –J Clar, ext. 7-9670

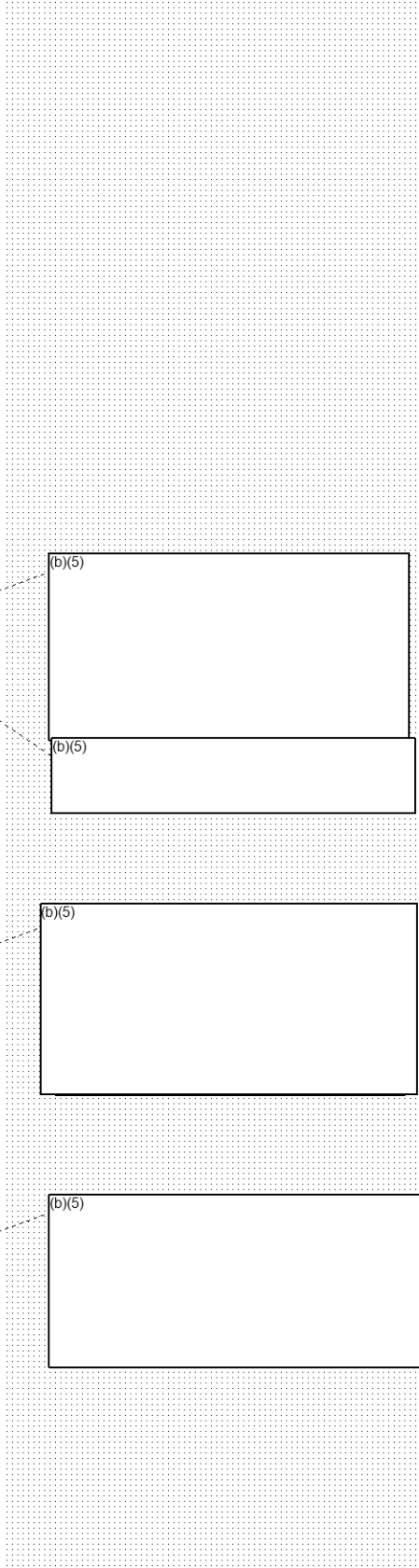
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From: Wiley, Timothy
Sent: Tuesday, September 01, 2015 11:40 AM
To: Grosh, Lisa J; Kovar, Jeffrey D; Simcock, Julian C; Melamud, Anna
Cc: Murakami, Kevin T; Perkins, Joan C; Wyngowski, Seth A; Duckworth, Karl E
Subject: Points for prebrief for NYT magazine off-the-record interview on claims

Hi Lisa, looking forward to our pre-brief tomorrow at 1pm, is there any chance you could send us your points/thoughts in advance so Mark has a bit of time to get his mind around it before meeting with you in person?

Thanks much,
Tim

From: Wiley, Timothy
Sent: Monday, August 31, 2015 2:35 PM
To: Duckworth, Karl E; Grosh, Lisa J; Kovar, Jeffrey D; Simcock, Julian C; Melamud, Anna
Cc: Murakami, Kevin T; Alston, Vickie; Perkins, Joan C; Wyngowski, Seth A; Crook, Joseph L
Subject: RE: request for NYT magazine off-the-record interview on claims

Thanks, Anna.

Lisa, if you wouldn't mind some sending over some proposed points and thoughts for the interview that we can discuss at the pre-brief, that would be great.

Again the pre-brief will be Wednesday, September 2, at 1:00pm with the interview following at 1:30pm. (Vickie/Joe: please let me know if this is not confirmed.) In HST 3234.

Thanks,
Tim

From: Duckworth, Karl E
Sent: Monday, August 31, 2015 2:27 PM
To: Grosh, Lisa J; Wyngowski, Seth A; Kovar, Jeffrey D; Simcock, Julian C; Melamud, Anna
Cc: Murakami, Kevin T; Alston, Vickie; Wiley, Timothy
Subject: RE: request for NYT magazine off-the-record interview on claims

Thank you Lisa.

I am working with WHA Press to get a sense of the reporter's knowledge on the topic to better gauge what the line of questioning will be.

In doing my due diligence on the reporter himself, (b)(6)

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Here is a link to an essay:

Patria y Muerte

Resurrecting My Father's Cuba

<http://www.vqronline.org/vqr-portfolio/patria-y-muerte-resurrecting-my-father%E2%80%99s-cuba>

Also, here is a link to a photo essay Paul Reyes did, titled New Year in Havana

<http://www.nytimes.com/2015/01/11/magazine/next-year-in-havana.html? r=0>

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From: Grosh, Lisa J
Sent: Monday, August 31, 2015 12:55 PM
To: Duckworth, Karl E; Wyngowski, Seth A; Kovar, Jeffrey D; Simcock, Julian C; Melamud, Anna
Cc: Murakami, Kevin T; Alston, Vickie; Wiley, Timothy
Subject: RE: request for NYT magazine off-the-record interview on claims

Karl,
That works for me, and I can circulate some proposed points/thoughts for the interview that we can discuss at the pre-brief.

Thanks,
Lisa

From: Duckworth, Karl E
Sent: Monday, August 31, 2015 12:50 PM
To: Wyngowski, Seth A; Grosh, Lisa J; Kovar, Jeffrey D; Simcock, Julian C; Melamud, Anna
Cc: Murakami, Kevin T; Alston, Vickie; Wiley, Timothy
Subject: RE: request for NYT magazine off-the-record interview on claims

We have PA clearance on this, so we are all set to proceed.
Mark has the CCA meeting at 9:15 a.m. Wednesday, so not sure that will work. Vickie is proposing a pre-brief of 1 p.m., then actual interview with Mark and Lisa at 1:30 p.m. Does that work? Is half an hour enough time for the pre-brief? If not, let's set the pre-brief on Tuesday.
Thank you,
Karl

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From: Wyngowski, Seth A
Sent: Monday, August 31, 2015 12:24 PM
To: Grosh, Lisa J; Kovar, Jeffrey D; Wiley, Timothy; Simcock, Julian C; Melamud, Anna
Cc: Murakami, Kevin T; Alston, Vickie; Duckworth, Karl E
Subject: RE: request for NYT magazine off-the-record interview on claims

+ Karl

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Sent: Monday, August 31, 2015 10:12 AM
To: Kovar, Jeffrey D; Wiley, Timothy; Simcock, Julian C; Melamud, Anna
Cc: Murakami, Kevin T; Wyngowski, Seth A; Alston, Vickie
Subject: RE: request for NYT magazine off-the-record interview on claims

All,
I am available for a pre-meet and the interview, but only through Wed. As I indicated earlier, I am on leave from Thurs. Sept. 3 through the 14th. Wednesday at 9:00 for a pre-meeting is fine for me if that works for others.

Thanks,
Lisa

From: Kovar, Jeffrey D
Sent: Monday, August 31, 2015 9:09 AM
To: Wiley, Timothy; Grosh, Lisa J; Simcock, Julian C; Melamud, Anna
Cc: Murakami, Kevin T; Wyngowski, Seth A; Alston, Vickie
Subject: RE: request for NYT magazine off-the-record interview on claims

OK for me

From: Wiley, Timothy
Sent: Friday, August 28, 2015 6:18 PM
To: Grosh, Lisa J; Kovar, Jeffrey D; Simcock, Julian C; Melamud, Anna
Cc: Murakami, Kevin T; Wyngowski, Seth A; Alston, Vickie
Subject: RE: request for NYT magazine off-the-record interview on claims

L friends,

Following up on Seth's message, could we propose scheduling a pre-brief for this NYT magazine off-the-record interview on Cuba claims for Wednesday, September 3, at 11:30am in 3234?

Thanks,
Tim

From: Wyngowski, Seth A
Sent: Friday, August 28, 2015 3:22 PM
To: Melamud, Anna; Simcock, Julian C; Grosh, Lisa J; Kovar, Jeffrey D
Cc: Murakami, Kevin T; Wiley, Timothy
Subject: FW: request for NYT magazine off-the-record interview on claims

L Colleagues,

Just wanted to make sure you all had the information in the chain below related to the potential NYT magazine background interview on Cuba claims.

We'll check with Mark when he returns Monday regarding scheduling the interview, but wanted to flag that we'd also be interested in doing a pre-brief with you all (perhaps for the middle of next week).

Best,
Seth

From: Perkins, Joan C
Sent: Thursday, August 27, 2015 3:09 PM
To: WHA-CCA Economic Unit
Subject: FW: request for NYT magazine off-the-record interview on claims

Pls make sure you get a pre-brief organized a day or two before for Mark and Lisa.

From: Crook, Joseph L
Sent: Thursday, August 27, 2015 2:35 PM
To: Duckworth, Karl E
Cc: Perkins, Joan C
Subject: FW: request for NYT magazine off-the-record interview on claims

Karl,

Could you put it in the PA database with a Sept 4 date? Once we get PA clearance we can play with the date and figure out what works for Mark. I'll let the reporter know that it will happen in early September.

Best,

Joe

This email is UNCLASSIFIED.

From: Perkins, Joan C
Sent: Thursday, August 27, 2015 2:10 PM
To: Lee, Edward Alex; Duckworth, Karl E; Gallegos, Gonzalo R
Cc: Crook, Joseph L
Subject: RE: request for NYT magazine off-the-record interview on claims

Please take note, everyone. It might not happen again. ☺

From: Lee, Edward Alex
Sent: Thursday, August 27, 2015 2:09 PM
To: Perkins, Joan C; Duckworth, Karl E; Gallegos, Gonzalo R
Cc: WHA-Press
Subject: RE: request for NYT magazine off-the-record interview on claims

Joan is right.

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From: Perkins, Joan C
Sent: Thursday, August 27, 2015 2:06 PM

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To: Lee, Edward Alex; Duckworth, Karl E; Gallegos, Gonzalo R
Cc: WHA-Press
Subject: RE: request for NYT magazine off-the-record interview on claims

I've already cleared this for Mark, but let's not rush him on Monday. This is a difficult issue and I want him to have plenty of time to prepare. Sound ok?

From: Lee, Edward Alex
Sent: Thursday, August 27, 2015 1:57 PM
To: Duckworth, Karl E; Gallegos, Gonzalo R
Cc: WHA-Press; Perkins, Joan C
Subject: RE: request for NYT magazine off-the-record interview on claims

Over to Mark W. Alex

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From: Duckworth, Karl E
Sent: Thursday, August 27, 2015 1:35 PM
To: Lee, Edward Alex; Gallegos, Gonzalo R
Cc: WHA-Press; Perkins, Joan C
Subject: request for NYT magazine off-the-record interview on claims

Good afternoon Alex and Gonzo,
A writer for New York Times magazine has asked to do a 15-minute, off-the-record interview on how property claims can be resolved. The exact request follows.

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Lisa Grosh from L has agreed to do the interview with Mark on Monday or Tuesday. If you concur, we'll clear with PA and setup with WHA Press.
Thank you,
Karl

OUTLET: *New York Times Magazine*
SPEAKER: Mark Wells and Lisa Grosh
TOPIC: off-the-record interview on how the issue of Cuba property claims might possibly be resolved now that diplomatic relations have been restored
DATE/TIME: deadline is November 2
LIVE or TAPE/LENGTH: by telephone / 15 minutes

Greetings from Charlottesville. I'm writing to request an off-the-record interview with a State Department official on the subject of Cuba and property claims. I am Deputy Editor at *Virginia Quarterly Review*, but have been asked by the *New York Times Magazine* to develop a story on how the issue of property claims might possibly be resolved now that diplomatic relations have been restored.

This first interview is for research/background purposes only, to better understand the nuances of the various sticking points that must be resolved as both governments move forward.

I appreciate your time and consideration of this request. If you need anything further from me, in terms of credentials or otherwise, please do not hesitate to ask. My deadline is November 2.

Thank you.

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**Agenda for L Cuba Working Group Meeting
Dec. 23, 2014**

1) Re-Establishing Diplomatic Relations: L/DL, L/WHA, L/LFA, L/BA

- a. Process
- b. Congressional notification requirement for reprogramming funds and timing
- c. Diplomatic property issues

2) State Sponsor of Terrorism: L/LEI and L/WHA

- a. (b)(5)
- b. [Redacted]

3) Regulatory Changes to Embargo: L/WHA, L/EB, L/CA, L/CID

- a. (b)(5); (b)(6)
- b. [Redacted]
- c. [Redacted]

4) Claims: L/CID and L/WHA

- a. (b)(5)
- b. [Redacted]
- c. [Redacted]

5) Financial Assistance Implications: L/LFA

- a. (b)(5)

6) Remaining Issues from Spy Swap: L/LEI, L/DL, L/WHA

- a. (b)(5); (b)(6)

7) Effect on Treaty Practice: L/T, L/WHA

- a. Certain treaties "in force" but have not been invoked during period without diplomatic relations. E.g., Aviation, Extradition Treaty. Updating? Renegotiation? Does re-establishing diplomatic relations create any compliance issues?

8) Maritime Boundary Issues: L/OES

- a. Potential discussions to address unresolved boundary in Gulf of Mexico

9) Other?