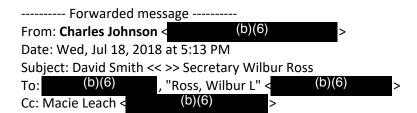
From: Macie Leach [mailto: (b)(6)

Sent: Wednesday, July 18, 2018 5:15 PM
To: Leach, Macie (Federal) < SLeach@doc.gov >

Subject: Fwd: David Smith << >> Secretary Wilbur Ross



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From: David Smith Executive Chairman < (b)(6) > Sent: Thursday, July 19, 2018 3:02 PM
To: Neuhaus, Chelsey (Federal); (b) (6)

Cc: Leach, Macie (Federal)

Subject: RE: David Smith << >> Secretary Wilbur Ross

Appreciate the thought. Thank you.

From: Neuhaus, Chelsey (Federal) [mailto:CNeuhaus@doc.gov]

Sent: Thursday, July 19, 2018 2:09 PM

To: (b)(6)

Cc: David Smith Executive Chairman < (b)(6) >; Leach, Macie (Federal) <SLeach@doc.gov>

Subject: RE: David Smith << >> Secretary Wilbur Ross

Mr. Johnson –

Out of an abundance of caution the Secretary will have to decline this meeting request to ensure that it does not appear that he is using his official position to engage in partisan activities.

Thank you in advance for your understanding.

Regards, Chelsey

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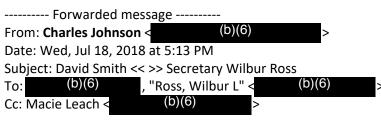
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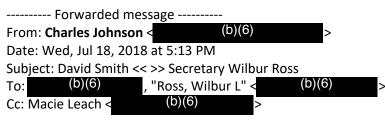
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From: Maggi, David (Federal)

Sent: Thursday, July 19, 2018 2:10 PM **To:** Neuhaus, Chelsey (Federal)

Cc: Bedan, Morgan (Federal); Leach, Macie (Federal); Jacobi, Will (Federal); Jacob, Dana (Federal)

Subject: RE: David Smith << >> Secretary Wilbur Ross

Thank you.

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