

U.S. Department of Justice

United States Marshals Service

Office of General Counsel

*CG-3, 15th Floor
Washington, DC 20530-0001*

December 15, 2025

VIA EMAIL

Jessica Anne Morton
Senior Counsel
Democracy Forward Foundation
Email: foia@democracyforward.org

Re: Third Interim Response to Freedom of Information Act Request No. 2025-USMS-000897

Dear Requester,

The United States Marshals Service (USMS) is responding to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated February 12, 2025, with this third interim response. As agreed to by the parties, four of your FOIA requests have been aggregated and are being processed as a single request under request number 2025-USMS-000897. The description of the records sought have been memorialized in your emails dated February 18, 2025; March 14, 2025; and May 6, 2025.

Pursuant to your request, the USMS conducted a search for records responsive to your request and located potentially responsive documentation within the following offices/divisions:

District Court for the District of Columbia
Superior Court for the District of Columbia
Information Technology Division (ITD) to perform a search of electronic communications for the identified custodians.

To date, the USMS has processed 701 pages. A total of 21 pages are being released to you in part.¹ Out of the 701 processed pages: 40 pages have been referred to the Executive Office for the United States Attorneys (EOUSA) for further processing and direct response to you, 4 blank pages and 280 pages which were either duplicates or nonresponsive.

To withhold a responsive record in whole or part, an agency must show both that the record falls within a FOIA exemption, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b), and that the agency “reasonably

¹ Please note that in our letter dated September 12, 2025, the USMS indicated that there were 23 pages that remained outstanding on consult and that 38 pages would be referred to EOUSA for further processing and direct response to you. Please note that this was a mistake, the correct number was **21 pages** remained outstanding on consult and **40 pages** would be referred to EOUSA for further processing and direct response to you.

foresees that disclosure would harm an interest protected by exemption.” See § 552(a)(8)(A)(i) (I); *Machado Amadis v. U.S. Dep't of State*, 971 F.3d 364 (D.C. Cir. 2020). As described in this correspondence, the USMS reviewed responsive records to your request and asserted FOIA exemptions as appropriate. Further, the USMS has determined it is reasonably foreseeable that disclosure of the withheld information would harm an agency interest protected by the exemption. These pages are released to you with portions of 21 page(s) withheld in part pursuant to the following Exemptions of the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b):

FOIA Exemption (b)(5) Deliberative Process Privilege, (Deliberative Process Privilege) protects "inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency." 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5) (2006 & Supp. IV 2010). The three primary, most frequently invoked privileges that are incorporated into Exemption 5 are the deliberative process privilege, the attorney work-product privilege, and the attorney-client privilege. The deliberative process privilege protects the integrity of decision-making practices within an agency by exempting from mandatory disclosure opinions, conclusions, and recommendations included within non-final inter-agency or intra-agency memoranda or letters. Public release of internal, pre-decisional communications could discourage the expression of candid opinions among agency personnel. Employee trepidation regarding public release of internal agency communications and draft documents could inhibit the free and frank exchange of information among agency personnel. The purpose of the deliberative process privilege is to prevent injury to the quality of agency decisions. *NLRB v. Sears, Roebuck & Co.*, 421 U.S. 132, 151 (1975).

FOIA Exemption (b)(6) allows an agency to withhold personnel, medical, and similar files, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Records that apply to or describe a particular individual, including investigative records, qualify as “personnel,” “medical,” or “similar files” under Exemption 6. A discretionary release of such records is not appropriate. *See United States Department of Justice (DOJ) v. Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press*, 489 U.S. 749 (1989).

FOIA Exemption (b)(7)(C) protects records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes to the extent that the production of such records or information could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. A discretionary release of such records is not appropriate. *See United States Department of Justice (DOJ) v. Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press*, 489 U.S. 749 (1989). Accordingly, the personally identifiable information of law enforcement officers and government employees was withheld from the responsive documentation. The disclosure of such sensitive information contained in records compiled for law enforcement purposes to the public could subject law enforcement officers and other government personnel to harassment and unwelcome contact. This could disrupt and impede

official agency activity, as well as endanger the safety of law enforcement officials. Additionally, the personally identifiable information of third parties named in the records was withheld. The disclosure of third-party information could constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy and subject the individuals to embarrassment, harassment, and undue public attention. Individuals have a recognized privacy interest in not being publicly associated with law enforcement investigations, not being associated unwarrantedly with alleged criminal activity, and controlling how communications about them are disseminated.

FOIA Exemption (b)(7)(E) exempts from release information that would disclose law enforcement techniques or procedures, the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law. Public disclosure of law enforcement techniques and procedures could allow people seeking to violate the law to take preemptive steps to counter actions taken by USMS during investigatory operations. Information pertaining to case selection, case development, and investigatory methods are law enforcement techniques and procedures that are not commonly known. The disclosure of this information serves no public benefit and would have an adverse impact on agency operations. Furthermore, public disclosure of information such as internal URLs, codes, and internal identifying numbers could assist unauthorized parties in deciphering the meaning of the codes and numbers, aid in gaining improper access to law enforcement databases, and assist in the unauthorized party's navigation of these databases. This disclosure of techniques for navigating the databases could permit people seeking to violate the law to gain sensitive knowledge and take preemptive steps to counter actions taken by USMS during investigatory operations. The disclosure of this information serves no public benefit and would not assist the public in understanding how the agency is carrying out its statutory responsibilities.

FOIA Exemption (b)(7)(F) protects law enforcement information that "could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual." Courts have routinely upheld the use of Exemption (b) (7)(F) to protect the identities of law enforcement agents, as well as protect the names and identifying information of non-law enforcement federal employees, local law enforcement personnel, and other third persons in connection with particular law enforcement matters. *See Garza v. U.S. Marshals Serv., et al.*, Civ. A. No. 16-0976, 2018 WL 4680205, * 17 (D.D.C. Sept. 28, 2018); *Hammouda v. Dep't of Justice*, 920 F. Supp. 2d 16, 26 (D.D.C. 2013); *Fischer v. Dep't of Justice*, 723 F. Supp. 2d 104, 111 (D.D.C. 2010); *Blanton v. Dep't of Justice*, 182 F. Supp. 2d 81, 87 (D.D.C. 2002).

Please note that in this release you will see portions of documents labeled "Duplicate of other pages in this request". This notation was made as this release involves large amounts of duplicate documents, usually in the

context of email chains. In order to expedite the release of documents to you, the USMS FOIA Office marked certain emails as “Duplicate of other pages in this request”; these documents have been fully processed in the preceding pages.

As noted above, 40 pages were sent as a referral to EOUSA for processing and direct response to you. Should you wish to contact EOUSA for additional information as to the status of this referral, please contact:

Arla Witte-Simpson, FOIA Public Liaison, FOIA/Privacy Staff
Executive Office for United States Attorneys
Department of Justice
175 N Street, NE
Suite 5.400
Washington, D.C. 20530-0001
Main: (202) 252-6020

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. See 5 U.S.C. 552(c) (2006 & Supp. IV (2010)). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

For any questions relating to this third interim release, please contact Assistant United States Attorney John Bardo who represents the USMS in this FOIA lawsuit.

Sincerely,

/s/ AA for

Charlotte Luckstone
Acting General Counsel
FOIA/PA Officer
Office of General Counsel

Enclosure

Message

From: Carter, Ronald (USMS) [b(7)(E)] [b(7)(E)] [RCARTER]
Sent: 1/21/2025 4:21:09 PM
To: Cheung, Denise (USADC) [b(6); (b)(7)(C)]
Subject: FW: 18 U.S. Code § 4282

Good morning Denise,

I was told your office proactively drafted an order for the court to release the defendants. Is that accurate? If you are, please consider adding the below code in the order. This will enable the USMS to pay for the defendants to get back home. If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to give me a call.

Respectfully,

Ron

From: Carter, Ronald (USMS)
Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2025 10:02 AM
To: [b(6); (b)(7)(C)] <[b(6); (b)(7)(C)]@dcd.uscourts.gov>
Subject: 18 U.S. Code § 4282

Good morning, Chief,

Per our discussion, can you ask the Judges to consider adding the below language in orders to release the J6 defendants?

18 U.S. Code § 4282 - Arrested but unconvicted persons
U.S. Code

On the release from custody of a person arrested on a charge of violating any law of the United States or of the Territory of Alaska, but not indicted nor informed against, or indicted or informed against but not convicted, and detained pursuant to chapter 207, or a person held as a material witness, the court in its discretion may direct the United States marshal for the district wherein he is released, pursuant to regulations promulgated by the Attorney General, to furnish the person so released with transportation and subsistence to the place of his arrest, or, at his election, to the place of his bona fide residence if such cost is not greater than to the place of arrest.

(June 25, 1948, ch. 645, 62 Stat. 856; Pub. L. 98-473, title II, § 207, Oct. 12, 1984, 98 Stat. 1986.)

Thank you in advance,

Ronald Carter
U.S. Marshal (A)
District of Columbia District Court
Office [b(6); (b)(7)(C)]
Cell [b(6); (b)(7)(C)]

If better is possible good is not enough!

Message

From: Wade, Drew J. (USMS) [REDACTED]@usdoj.gov
Sent: 1/21/2025 8:16:43 PM
To: Carter, Ronald (USMS) [REDACTED]@usdoj.gov
Subject: CLOSE HOLD: DRAFT #6: Statement on Release of J6 Defendants



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Drew J. Wade
Chief, Office of Public Affairs
U.S. Marshals Service
Mobile [REDACTED]



From: Wade, Drew J. (USMS)
Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2025 2:19 PM
To: Sperling, Robert (BOP) [REDACTED]@bop.gov>; Hartman, Patricia (USADC) [REDACTED] Breshears, Kristie (BOP) [REDACTED]@bop.gov> [REDACTED] (USMS) [REDACTED]@usdoj.gov>
Subject: DRAFT #6: Statement on Release of J6 Defendants

DOJ Colleagues:

Disregard the DRAFT # in the subject line. It's my way of handling version control on this one.

See the revised. I know you all want to be concise. At the same time, we have to be clear about the process that involves three DOJ components and the federal court [REDACTED] (b)(5) Deliberative Process Privilege
[REDACTED] (b)(5) Deliberative Process Privilege it's a complex, convoluted process for Team DOJ.

UPDATE #6 (2:10pm): DOJ Releases Federal Prisoners as Directed by Presidential Order

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[REDACTED] Once a federal judge grants these motions, USMS will execute the pardon by making arrangements for each defendant to be returned to the jurisdiction of their federal arrest.

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From: Sperling, Robert (BOP) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) @bop.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2025 2:07 PM

To: Hartman, Patricia (USADC) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); Wade, Drew J. (USMS) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) @usdoj.gov>;

Breshears, Kristie (BOP) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) @bop.gov> (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(F) (USMS) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(F) @usdoj.gov>

Subject: RE: DRAFT: Statement on Release of J6 Defendants

Thanks and please keep us copied on the version going to DOJ.

Thanks for being the point on this!

Rob Sperling

Chief, Office of Public Affairs
Office of Congressional & Public Affairs

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Federal Bureau of Prisons
320 First St. N.W.
Washington, DC 20534



From: Hartman, Patricia (USADC) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2025 2:06 PM

To: Sperling, Robert (BOP) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) @bop.gov>; Wade, Drew J. (USMS) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) @usdoj.gov>; Breshears, Kristie

(BOP) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) @bop.gov> (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(F) (USMS) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(F) @usdoj.gov>

Subject: RE: DRAFT: Statement on Release of J6 Defendants

Drew,

(b)(5) Deliberative Process Privilege

From: Hartman, Patricia (USADC)

Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2025 1:53 PM

To: Sperling, Robert (BOP) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) @bop.gov>; Wade, Drew J. (USMS) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) @usdoj.gov>; Breshears, Kristie

(BOP) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) @bop.gov> (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(F) (USMS) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(F) @usdoj.gov>

Subject: RE: DRAFT: Statement on Release of J6 Defendants

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(b)(5) Deliberative Process Privilege

From: Sperling, Robert (BOP) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) @bop.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2025 1:51 PM

To: Hartman, Patricia (USADC) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C); Wade, Drew J. (USMS) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F) @usdoj.gov>;

Breshears, Kristie (BOP) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) @bop.gov>; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F) (USMS) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F) @usdoj.gov>

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Team,

Here are the BOP adds in red.

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Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,
Rob

Rob Sperling

Chief, Office of Public Affairs
Chief of Congressional & Public Affairs
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400 First St. NW
Washington, DC 20534



From: Hartman, Patricia (USADC) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2025 1:23 PM
To: Wade, Drew J. (USMS) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) @usdoj.gov>; Breshears, Kristie (BOP) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) @bop.gov>; Sperling, Robert (BOP) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) @bop.gov>; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F) (USMS) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F) @usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: DRAFT: Statement on Release of J6 Defendants

Hey guys,

For the defendants released by BOP (b)(5) Deliberative Process Privilege

From: Wade, Drew J. (USMS) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) @usdoj.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2025 12:58 PM
To: Hartman, Patricia (USADC) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) Breshears, Kristie (BOP) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) @bop.gov>; Sperling, Robert (BOP) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) @bop.gov>; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F) (USMS) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F) @usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: DRAFT: Statement on Release of J6 Defendants



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10-4 Got it.

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Chief, Office of Public Affairs
U.S. Marshals Service
Mobile) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)



From: Hartman, Patricia (USADC) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2025 12:55 PM
To: Wade, Drew J. (USMS) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) @usdoj.gov>; Breshears, Kristie (BOP) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) @bop.gov>; Sperling, Robert (BOP) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) @bop.gov>; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F) (USMS) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F) @usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: DRAFT: Statement on Release of J6 Defendants

A correction from our end:
Instead of: (b)(5) Deliberative Process Privilege

Should be: (b)(5) Deliberative Process Privilege
(b)(5) Deliberative Process Privilege

I'll run the revised version by my leadership after BOP's changes.

From: Wade, Drew J. (USMS) [REDACTED]@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2025 12:48 PM
To: Hartman, Patricia (USADC) [REDACTED]; Breshears, Kristie (BOP) [REDACTED]@bop.gov>; Sperling, Robert (BOP) [REDACTED]@bop.gov>; [REDACTED] (USMS) [REDACTED]@usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: DRAFT: Statement on Release of J6 Defendants



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Please get it reviewed and "blessed" by your interim. I'm having our general counsel look at it too, before I share with my acting executives. All that before we ship to DOJ OPA for review and decision on its issuance.

Drew J. Wade

Chief, Office of Public Affairs
U.S. Marshals Service

Mobile) [REDACTED]



From: Hartman, Patricia (USADC) [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2025 12:38 PM
To: Wade, Drew J. (USMS) [REDACTED]@usdoj.gov>; Breshears, Kristie (BOP) [REDACTED]@bop.gov>; Sperling, Robert (BOP) [REDACTED]@bop.gov>; [REDACTED] (USMS) [REDACTED]@usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: DRAFT: Statement on Release of J6 Defendants

[REDACTED]

From: Wade, Drew J. (USMS) [REDACTED]@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2025 12:33 PM
To: Breshears, Kristie (BOP) [REDACTED]@bop.gov>; Sperling, Robert (BOP) [REDACTED]@bop.gov>; Hartman, Patricia (USADC) [REDACTED]; [REDACTED] (USMS) [REDACTED]@usdoj.gov>
Subject: DRAFT: Statement on Release of J6 Defendants

Colleagues:

Here is a first DRAFT from which we can work. Thoughts/edits?

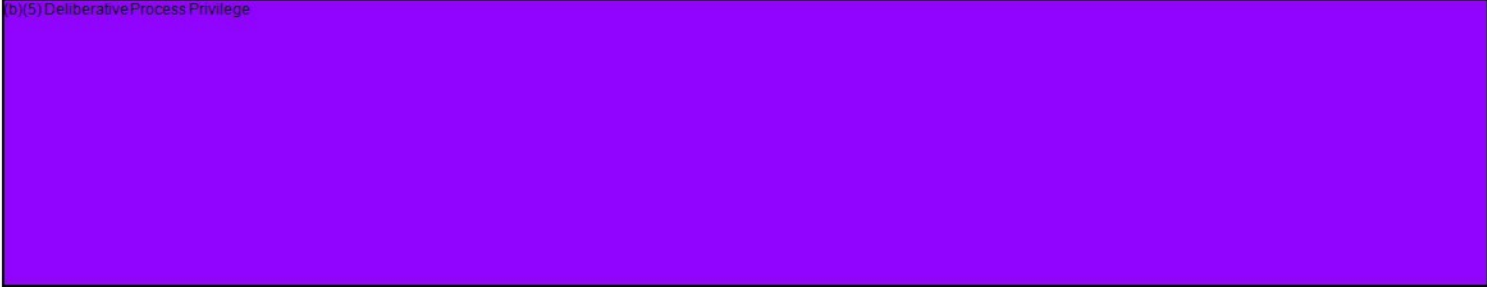
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(b)(5) Deliberative Process Privilege



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Message

From: Downs, Quintella (USMS) [REDACTED]@usdoj.gov]
Sent: 1/21/2025 8:54:07 PM
To: Pittella, Mark (USMS) [REDACTED]@usdoj.gov]
Subject: FW: RESEND: UPDATE #6 (2:10pm): DOJ Releases Federal Prisoners as Directed by Presidential Order

Sir,

[REDACTED] (b)(5) Deliberative Process Privilege

As far as Bill receiving inquires and being responsive to his congressional folks, he could let them know the expected process.

Regards,

[REDACTED] (b)(6) (b)(7)(C)

From: Wade, Drew J. (USMS) [REDACTED]@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2025 3:44 PM
To: Kelly, Richard (USMS) [REDACTED]@usdoj.gov>; Sawyer, Aaron (USMS) [REDACTED]@usdoj.gov>; Taylor, Leah (USMS) [REDACTED]@usdoj.gov>; Bruner, Jarrod (USMS) [REDACTED]@usdoj.gov>; Downs, Quintella (USMS) [REDACTED]@usdoj.gov>; [REDACTED] (USMS) [REDACTED]@usdoj.gov>
Cc: Delaney, William (USMS) [REDACTED]@usdoj.gov>; [REDACTED] (USMS) [REDACTED]@usdoj.gov>
Subject: RESEND: UPDATE #6 (2:10pm): DOJ Releases Federal Prisoners as Directed by Presidential Order

USMS Leaders (+ CoS, CoDA):

The statement below has been reviewed and approved by BOP and USAO-DC. Please review and edit, as necessary, or concur. This needs to get to DOJ OPA for final review, approval and possible dissemination tonight. Acting Director Pittella needs to review and approve first, though.

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Once a federal judge grants these motions, USMS will execute the pardon by making arrangements for each defendant to be returned to the jurisdiction of their federal arrest.

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Thanks,
Drew



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Drew J. Wade

Chief, Office of Public Affairs

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Message

From: Downs, Quintella (USMS) [REDACTED]@usdoj.gov]
Sent: 1/21/2025 10:10:03 PM
To: Pittella, Mark (USMS) [REDACTED]@usdoj.gov]
Subject: FW: UPDATE #7 (4:10pm): DOJ Releases Federal Prisoners as Directed by Presidential Order

From: Wade, Drew J. (USMS) [REDACTED]@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2025 4:17 PM
To: Kelly, Richard (USMS) [REDACTED]@usdoj.gov>; Taylor, Leah (USMS) [REDACTED]@usdoj.gov>; Sawyer, Aaron (USMS) [REDACTED]@usdoj.gov>; Downs, Quintella (USMS) [REDACTED]@usdoj.gov>
Cc: Delaney, William (USMS) [REDACTED]@usdoj.gov>; [REDACTED] (USMS) [REDACTED]@usdoj.gov>
Subject: UPDATE #7 (4:10pm): DOJ Releases Federal Prisoners as Directed by Presidential Order

For review by Acting Director Pittella

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(b)(5) Deliberative Process Privilege

[REDACTED]
(b)(5) Deliberative Process Privilege

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Direct [REDACTED]
Mobile) [REDACTED]



Message

From: Wade, Drew J. (USMS) [REDACTED]@usdoj.gov
Sent: 1/21/2025 10:44:04 PM
To: Pittella, Mark (USMS) [REDACTED]@usdoj.gov; Kelly, Richard (USMS) [REDACTED]@usdoj.gov; Sawyer, Aaron (USMS) [REDACTED]@usdoj.gov; Taylor, Leah (USMS) [REDACTED]@usdoj.gov
CC: [REDACTED] (USMS) [REDACTED]@usdoj.gov; Delaney, William (USMS) [REDACTED]@usdoj.gov
Subject: (CORRECTED -- For DOJ Review/Approval) CLEARED DRAFT: DOJ Releases Federal Prisoners as Directed by Presidential Order

Sent to and received by DOJ OPA...

DOJ OPA Colleagues:

Below is the DRAFT statement approved by BOP, USAO-DC and USMS to use in response to queries regarding the release of January 6th defendants. Please review and let us know how to proceed. Standing by.

Thanks,
Drew

For Immediate Release
January 21, 2025

CLEARED DRAFT: DOJ Releases Federal Prisoners as Directed by Presidential Order

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Prisoners who have been sentenced in federal court are housed by BOP. Their release does not require a federal court order. All affected BOP prisoners have been released. All sentenced individuals in USMS custody have or will be released, unless charged in other cases unrelated to January 6th.

In the cases where pre-sentenced prisoners are in USMS custody, USAO-DC has filed motions to vacate and dismiss pending cases with the U.S. District Court. Once a federal judge grants these motions, USMS will execute the pardon by making arrangements for each defendant to be returned to the jurisdiction of their federal arrest.

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Direct) [REDACTED]
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Message

From: Singh, Aakash (ODAG) (b)(6)
Sent: 1/21/2025 10:47:42 PM
To: Delaney, William (USMS) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) @usdoj.gov
CC: Pittella, Mark (USMS) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) @usdoj.gov]; McKnight, Allie M. (OLA) (b)(6)
Subject: RE: (CORRECTED -- For DOJ Review/Approval) CLEARED DRAFT: DOJ Releases Federal Prisoners as Directed by Presidential Order

Thank you Bill, let me know when OPA approves. Talk soon

Best,
Aakash

From: Delaney, William (USMS) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) @usdoj.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2025 5:40 PM
To: Singh, Aakash (ODAG) (b)(6)
Cc: Pittella, Mark (USMS) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) @usdoj.gov>; McKnight, Allie M. (OLA) (b)(6)
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Sir,

Here is the statement we just sent to OPA for approval.

Regards, Bill

From: Wade, Drew J. (USMS)
Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2025 5:37 PM
To: Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) (b)(6); Stueve, Joshua (PAO) (b)(6) Nies, Matthew (PAO) (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(F) (USMS) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(F) @usdoj.gov>; Hartman, Patricia (USADC) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
Sperring, Robert (BOP) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) @bop.gov>; Breshears, Kristie (BOP) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) @bop.gov>
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Message

From: Wade, Drew J. (USMS) [REDACTED]@usdoj.gov
Sent: 1/22/2025 3:07:08 PM
To: Carter, Ronald (USMS) [REDACTED]@usdoj.gov; [REDACTED] (USMS) [REDACTED]@usdoj.gov
CC: [REDACTED] (USMS) [REDACTED]@usdoj.gov
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From: Wade, Drew J. (USMS)
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2025 8:18 AM
To: Hartman, Patricia (USADC) [REDACTED] (USMS) [REDACTED]@usdoj.gov>;
Sperling, Robert (BOP) [REDACTED]@bop.gov>; Breshears, Kristie (BOP) [REDACTED]@bop.gov>
Cc: Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) [REDACTED] Stueve, Joshua (PAO) [REDACTED] Nies,
Matthew (PAO) [REDACTED] (USMS) [REDACTED]@usdoj.gov>
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On Jan 22, 2025, at 7:49 AM, Hartman, Patricia (USADC) [REDACTED] wrote:

Drew,

Can you send the final, final around when you get a chance?

Thanks! And thank you for shepherding!

-Patty

From: Wade, Drew J. (USMS) [REDACTED] @usdoj.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2025 11:02 PM

To: Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) [REDACTED]

Cc: Stueve, Joshua (PAO) [REDACTED] Hartman, Patricia (USADC)

[REDACTED] Breshears, Kristie (BOP) [REDACTED] @bop.gov>; Nies, Matthew (PAO)

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] (USMS) [REDACTED] @usdoj.gov>; Sperling, Robert

(BOP) [REDACTED] @bop.gov>

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Direct) [REDACTED]

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On Jan 21, 2025, at 9:15 PM, Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO)

[REDACTED] wrote:

(b)(5) Deliberative Process Privilege

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From: Breshears, Kristie (BOP) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) @bop.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2025 7:44:01 PM
To: Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) (b)(6) Hartman, Patricia (USADC) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) Wade, Drew J. (USMS) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) @usdoj.gov>; Stueve, Joshua (PAO) (b)(6) Nies, Matthew (PAO) (b)(6)
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From: Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) (b)(6)
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I've flagged and we need to wait for ODAG sign off. I've recommended it be (b)(5) Deliberative Process Privilege
Thanks all

From: Hartman, Patricia (USADC) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2025 6:35 PM
To: Wade, Drew J. (USMS) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) @usdoj.gov>; Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) (b)(6) Stueve, Joshua (PAO) (b)(6) ; Nies, Matthew (PAO) (b)(6)
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