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Subject: Meeting with Jerry Shrader/DOJ-Office of Intelligence Policy Review; subsequent conversation with Shrader and Jerry Rubino

Tracy and I had a very productive and useful meeting with Jerry Shrader this morning. I explained that what we are seeking is advice and guidance in our own adjudication process, not a final decision by Justice in lieu of our adjudication (which we would reserve to ourselves based on our status an independent agency). He gave us some very useful background information on the adjudicative process in general, some of the consequences flowing from various outcomes, and reaffirmed the advisability of seeking supporting assistance in these matters in order to avoid problems down the road with the agencies with whom we'll be dealing. I explained the negative response we had received from SEPS last week regarding DOJ's understanding of its ability under our statute to provide us with this type of assistance. Upon learning that we are only talking about at most two dozen or so candidates about whom we would seek adjudicative advice over the course of our existence and that we are not seeking new or additional background investigations, Shrader stated he thought that the DOJ entity to which this had been referred may not have understood what was being asked. He volunteered to talk with Rubino and get back to me soon, but thought we could work something out along the lines of the draft MOU. Just a few minutes ago, Shrader and Rubino showed up in our office (by chance they have a meeting next door on the fate of OPM-OFI). Shrader had floated this with Rubino again, who said he thinks there's no problem with them giving us solely supporting advice on our adjudications and asked me to send the draft MOU directly to him. (He says he thought we wanted them to adjudicate and investigate, even though that's clearly not what our draft MOU asked.) I explained that you are out of the country this week but would like to move on this ASAP thereafter, and he said he thought there would be no problem. I'll follow up with them and keep you posted. [ps -- hope you all are having a great time -- it's freezing cold here today . . .]

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