
From: Kelly, Stephen (FBI)
To: Weich, Ron (SMO)
Sent: 7/29/2011 5:06:55 PM
Subject: RE: Your meeting with staffers re F+F oversight --

I remember saying at a meeting two weeks ago with staff (where ODAG was present) and in my call with you last week that we wanted to meet with staff to narrow the scope of what they were asking for before we sent them a letter, not to provide any substantive information or to provide any substantive briefing, which we didn't do. At the meeting two weeks ago, ODAG specifically said that was a good strategy, and in my discussion with you, I apologize but I did not hear that we should not go meet with staff to put off responding to the letter, rather I heard you saying we should not discuss any facts or make any commitments, which we didn't do. We did not bring any substantive people and made clear we were not providing facts. If the Committee has come to you and suggested otherwise, I'm happy to correct things with them. I apologize, but I did not hear you say to me not to go to staff to narrow the scope of their requests, and I thought you were asking me appropriately to limit the scope of our discussions to that, which I thought we did.

Please call and we'll sort this out.

- Stephen

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From: Weich, Ron (SMO) [mailto:Ron.Weich@usdoj.gov]
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I'm dismayed that you did it, for all the reasons I said on the phone a few days ago. As I said then, we've asked all the components to wait until we have our shared facts straight before going to the Hill on this. I told you ODAG was leading that effort and I told you I would encourage them to move quickly, which I did.

But I'm more disturbed to hear that you have said to others that I said it was "fine" for you to have such a meeting. Nothing could be further from the truth. I specifically asked that you NOT have such a meeting. You said you wanted to gather info and I said have a phone call with Jason rather than a 4 corner meeting. Do you remember our conversation differently?