

Federal Bureau of Investigation Attn: Initial Processing Operations Unit 200 Constitution Drive Winchester, VA 22602

Freedom of Information Act Request: FBI Calendars

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I. Custodians

The following is the complete custodian list for the records request below. Each custodian was listed on the FBI's leadership page as of August 9, 2022.

- 1. Director Christopher Wray
- 2. Deputy Director Paul Abbate
- 3. Associate Deputy Director Brian C. Turner
- 4. Chief of Staff Jonathan Lenzner
- 5. Nicholas Dimos

6. Arlene Gaylord 7. Suzanne Turner 8. Jill C. Tyson 9. Jason A. Jones 10. Catherina Bruno 11. Mark J. Gerber 12. Chauncenette Morey 13. Stuart Platt 14. Cathy L. Milhoan 15. Caroline Otto 16. Larissa L. Knapp 17. Alan E. Kohler, Jr. 18. Timothy Langan 19. Timothy Langan 20. Luis M. Quesada 21. Paul H. Haertel 22. Bryan A. Vorndran 23. Ryan T. Young 24. Tonya Ugoretz 25. George P. Beach, II 26. Eric Vélez-Villar 27. Robert Brown

II. Records Request

The time frame for each request is July 1, 2022, to August 8, 2022. All requests are meant to exclude any news clips or distribution list emails.

- A. All communications (including, but not limited to, emails and text messages) containing the words "Trump" or "President Trump" and "search" or "warrant."
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III. Expedited Processing Requested

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The FBI recently raided the home of the former President of the United States in a time when the FBI has come under increased scrutiny for applying two standards of justice, one to the political left and associates of the current president and a different standard to the former president. This is an issue of immense public concern, debate, and the constitutional rights of millions of Americans hang in the balance, along with the FBI's credibility as an institution of justice. Providing these calendars in a timely fashion will help inform the debate around what happened yesterday, and why.

IV. Agreement to Pay

AFL requests a fee waiver for its request and has reviewed the FOIA reference guide. If our fee waiver is denied, please limit this request to the two free hours of searching and 100 duplicated pages.

V. Proof of Affiliation for Fee Waiver

Per 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(iii) and applicable regulations, AFL requests a waiver of all search and duplication fees associated with this request. First, AFL is a qualified non-commercial public education and news media requester. Our officials routinely appear on national television and use social media platforms to disseminate the information it has obtained about federal government activities. In this case, AFL

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<u>/s/ Reed Rubinstein</u> Reed Rubinstein America First Legal Foundation



Douglas Hibbard Chief, Initial Request Staff Office of Information Policy Department of Justice, 6th Floor 441 G Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20530-0001

Freedom of Information Act Request: Department of Justice Office of Attorney General and Office of the Deputy Attorney General Communications Related to the Department of Justice's Raid of President Trump's Residence at Mar-a-Lago

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- A. Merrick Garland (OAG)
- B. Matt Klapper (OAG)

- C. Julie Dickerson (OAG)
- D. Nikita Purdy (OAG)
- E. Lisa O. Monaco (ODAG)
- F. Marshall Miller (ODAG)
- G. Andrew Bruck (ODAG)
- H. Gwendolyn Stamper (ODAG)
- I. Rush Atkinson (ODAG)
- J. David Newman (ODAG)
- K. Myesha Braden (ODAG)
- L. Kevin Andrew Chambers (ODAG)
- M. Leila Babaeva (ODAG)
- N. Any other political appointee serving in OAG or ODAG.

II. Requested Records

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Our request also meets DOJ's regulatory test for expedited processing based on a matter of widespread and exceptional media interest in which there exist possible questions about the government's integrity that affect public confidence. As already discussed, both requirements are met here, because there has been extensive public interest in the raid on President Trump's Mara-a-Lago resort, and because the government's ability to conduct an impartial investigation clearly impacts the confidence of the public in the government's integrity generally. The reported execution of a search warrant by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) against a former President of the United States is unprecedented. It has been reported that the White House was unaware that a former President's residence was being raided by the FBI. Further, it is reported that this raid was in relation to an ongoing discussion between the National Archives and Records Administration and President Trump over ensuring all presidential records are properly archived. This request seeks to

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Arnetta Mallory, FOIA Initiatives Coordinator National Security Division U.S. Department of Justice 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Room 6150 Washington, D.C. 20530-0001

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I. Custodians

- A. Matthew G. Olsen (NSD)
- B. Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General (NSD) (name unknown)

- C. Adam Hickey (NSD)
- D. Brett Freedman (NSD)
- E. Sophia Brill (NSD)
- F. Deputy Chief of Staff for NSD (name unknown)

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- C. Dena Iverson

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Douglas Hibbard Chief, Initial Request Staff Office of Information Policy Department of Justice, 6th Floor 441 G Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20530-0001

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