



August 9, 2022

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. Records Request

Provide all calendar items and entries from July 1, 2022, to August 9, 2022, for the following custodians, each of whom are 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

611 Pennsylvania Ave SE #231
Washington, DC 20003

From the Director's Office:

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 (Acting)
13. Stuart Platt
14. Cathy L. Milhoan
15. Caroline Otto

From the National Security Branch:

16. Larissa L. Knapp
17. Alan E. Kohler, Jr.
18. Timothy Langan

From the Criminal, Cyber, Response, and Services Branch:

19. Timothy Langan
20. Luis M. Quesada
21. Paul H. Haertel
22. Bryan A. Vorndran

From the Intelligence Branch:

23. Ryan T. Young
24. Tonya Ugoretz
25. George P. Beach, II
26. Eric Vélez-Villar

From the Science and Technology Branch:

27. Robert Brown

Please include all attachments and other information included in each calendar item produced for each custodian.

II. Expedited Processing Requested

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.

III. Agreement to Pay

I am requesting a fee waiver for my request and have reviewed the FOIA reference guide. If my fee waiver is denied, I would like to limit my request to the two free hours of searching and 100 duplicated pages.

IV. Proof of Affiliation for Fee Waiver

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- B. Wyn Hornbuckle
- C. Dena Iverson

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- B. Matt Klapper (OAG)
- C. Julie Dickerson (OAG)
- D. Nikita Purdy (OAG)
- E. Lisa O. Monaco (ODAG)
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- B. Nicholas McQuaid (NSD)
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II. Requested Records

We request all records from the above-listed custodians from July 25, 2022, to the date this request is processed.

- A. All paper and electronic calendars between July 25, 2022, and August 9, 2022.
- B. All records of or regarding the processing of this request.

III. Processing

The Department of Justice ("DOJ") must comply with the processing guidance in the Attorney General's Memorandum on Freedom of Information Act Guidelines.¹ If you have any questions or believe further discussions regarding search and processing will facilitate a more efficient production of records of interest to AFL, please do not hesitate to contact me at FOIA@aflegal.org.

Also, AFL requests expedited processing of this request. In support thereof, AFL certifies its compelling need for expedited processing under 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(E) and 28 C.F.R. § 16.5(e), which provides in relevant part:

(e) Expedited processing. (1) Requests and appeals shall be processed on an expedited basis whenever it is determined that they involve... (ii) An urgency to inform the public about an actual or alleged Federal Government activity, if made by a person who is primarily engaged in

¹ U.S. Dep't of Just. (Mar. 15, 2022), <https://tinyurl.com/4duy4r5k>.

disseminating information: or (iv) A matter of widespread and exceptional media interest in which there exist possible questions about the government's integrity that affect public confidence.

As many federal agencies have acknowledged in granting AFL expedited processing, AFL is primarily engaged in disseminating information to the public. Additionally, there is an urgency to inform the public regarding the circumstances surrounding not only the federal government's recent execution of a search warrant against a former President, but also the use of federal law enforcement tools generally. These are matters of pressing national importance.

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 residence at Mar-a-Lago, and because the federal 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 has been 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 expose the circumstances and communications of DOJ officials who were involved in this effort to public inspection, before irreparable harm is done to the nation's interest, in violation of the law.

AFL is an organization engaged in gathering, analyzing, and disseminating information, and there is great urgency to inform the public concerning events of intense public interest. Moreover, the allegations at hand go directly to public confidence in the integrity of the government. For these reasons, our expedited processing request should be granted.

IV. 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 will make your records and your responses publicly available for the benefit of citizens, scholars, and others, and the public's understanding of your policies and

practices will be enhanced through AFL's analysis and publication of the requested records. As a nonprofit organization, AFL does not have a commercial purpose and the release of the information requested is not in AFL's financial interest. Accordingly, AFL has been granted fee waivers on this basis by the Departments of Defense, Education, Energy, Health and Human Services, Justice, Interior, and Homeland Security, and the Office of the Director of National Intelligence. Second, waiver is proper as disclosure of the requested information is "in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government."²

V. Production

To accelerate release of responsive records, AFL welcomes production on an agreed rolling basis. If possible, please provide responsive records in an electronic format by email. Alternatively, please provide responsive records in native format or in PDF format on a USB drive to America First Legal Foundation, 611 Pennsylvania Ave SE #231, Washington, DC 20003.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

/s/ John A. Zadrozny
John A. Zadrozny
America First Legal Foundation

² 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(iii).