

**From:** [Gast, Scott F. EOP/WHO](#)  
**To:** [David J. Apol](#)  
**Subject:** Re: POTUS 278  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 23, 2020 4:39:10 PM

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Would you be free for a call now? I have to jump off at 5.

> On Jun 23, 2020, at 3:30 PM, David J. Apol <djapol@oge.gov> wrote:

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> Yes. We need to talk. Are you available anytime after 4 today?

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Gast, Scott F. EOP/WHO [mailto:(b) (6)]

> Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 3:27 PM

> To: David J. Apol <djapol@oge.gov>

> Subject: POTUS 278

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> Hi Dave, (b)(6) personal to D Apol

Sheri May have already let you know, (b) (5)

. I believe your team has been working through questions about the report and may be close to finalizing. Let me know if you'd like to set up a call to discuss the draft we sent last week.

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> Thanks,

> Scott

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**From:** [Gast, Scott F. EOP/WHO](#)  
**To:** [David J. Apol](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Status on (b)(5)  
**Date:** Friday, June 26, 2020 6:11:48 PM

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Hi Dave – discussions are ongoing. I had hoped to have an update for you earlier, but it is likely that it will be Monday at this point.

(b) (5)

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**From:** David J. Apol <djapol@oge.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 26, 2020 6:07 PM  
**To:** Gast, Scott F. EOP/WHO (b) (6)  
**Subject:** Status on (b)(5)  
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Scott,

The rest of the report looks good. Any updates on (b)(5) deliberat Any idea when we might get an update?

Thanks.

Dave

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General Counsel  
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**From:** [David J. Apol](#)  
**To:** [David J. Apol](#); [Shelley K. Finlayson](#); [Emory A. Rounds III](#); [Heather A. Jones](#); [Seth Jaffe](#); [Nicole Stein](#)  
**Cc:** [Deborah J. Bortot](#)  
**Subject:** RE: President and VP 278s  
**Date:** Friday, June 26, 2020 6:36:50 PM

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As of now, it looks like all issues on both reports have been resolved other than the (b)(5) [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] They hope to be able to resolve this on Monday and get us a signed report (b)(5) [REDACTED]  
(b)(5) [REDACTED].

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**From:** David J. Apol [mailto:djapol@oge.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, June 26, 2020 10:15 AM  
**To:** Shelley K. Finlayson <skfinlay@oge.gov>; Emory A. Rounds III <earounds@oge.gov>; Heather A. Jones <hajones@oge.gov>; Seth Jaffe <sjafe@oge.gov>; Nicole Stein <nstein@oge.gov>  
**Subject:** President and VP 278s

We are hopeful at this point of resolving the remaining questions on each report with an eye towards certifying on Monday. We will have more definitive info by the end of the day and give you an update when we do.

Dave

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone  
We will know

**From:** [Gast, Scott F. EOP/WHO](#)  
**To:** [David J. Apol](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Call and prognosis  
**Date:** Monday, June 29, 2020 12:15:40 PM

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Perfect. Will call you then.

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**From:** David J. Apol <djapol@oge.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 29, 2020 12:07 PM  
**To:** Gast, Scott F. EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>  
**Subject:** RE: Call and prognosis

Does 4 work for you?

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

----- Original message -----

**From:** "Gast, Scott F. EOP/WHO" <(b) (6)>  
**Date:** 6/29/20 11:11 AM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** "David J. Apol" <djapol@oge.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Call and prognosis

Yes, I could chat after 2 pm today if you want to pick a time that works for you.

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**From:** David J. Apol <djapol@oge.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 29, 2020 10:42 AM  
**To:** Gast, Scott F. EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>  
**Subject:** Call and prognosis

Scott,

Sorry I missed your call Friday. I tried to call you back. Any thoughts on when we might know more on the President's report? I'll be in and out today, so can we set a time to talk later? Thanks.

Dave

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**From:** [David J. Apol](#)  
**To:** [Emory A. Rounds III](#); [Shelley K. Finlayson](#); [Elizabeth D. Horton](#); [Heather A. Jones](#); [Deborah J. Bortot](#)  
**Subject:** The President's report  
**Date:** Monday, June 29, 2020 4:27:20 PM

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They will be giving him another 45 day extension and continue to work on (b) (5)

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General Counsel  
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**From:** [David J. Apol](#)  
**To:** [Gast, Scott F. EOP/WHO](#)  
**Subject:** President" s report.  
**Date:** Friday, July 24, 2020 3:01:36 PM

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I've had a chance to talk to Emory. Give me a call and I'll let you know where we are.

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**From:** [Gast, Scott F. EOP/WHO](#)  
**To:** [David J. Apol](#)  
**Subject:** President's Report  
**Date:** Thursday, July 30, 2020 10:19:21 AM

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Good morning, Dave. I wanted to touch base on the mechanics of transmitting the President's report to you, given the office's status and yesterday's internet issues. What would be your preferred method for delivering the report to OGE?



# AIMS Agency Information Management System

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## Resolved Interaction

Interaction Number: 19988		copy press contact to new
Initiation Date*	2020-07-13	
Title*	Question about President's financial disclosure report (The Washington Post)	
Question*	Hi Liz,  Is there a formal extension that has been filed for Trump's Pfd? Could I please have a copy. Also, does this apply to all WH personnel?	
Update:		
Categories*	278s	
Origin Of Interaction*	Email	
Source*	Non-Agency Press	
First Name:	Anu	
Last Name:	Narayanswamy	
Title:	Reporter, The Washington Post	
Position:		
Email:	(b) (6)	
Phone:	(b) (6)	
Other Contact Notes:		
Assignment:	Elizabeth D. Horton	
Watching:		
Temporary Notes:		
created by:	Elizabeth D. Horton	

Resolution Information	
Resolution Date*	2020-07-13
Resolution Category*	Resolved
Response*	I referred the reporter to the White House letter that granted the President an additional 45 day extension. (Assigned to: Elizabeth D. Horton)
Complexity (level):	1 [Click to view/hide complexity guidelines]
Time Spent (hours):	0-1 hour
Contributor:	
reopen	

Interaction History Log	
Closed	07/13/2020 10:54:19 AM by Elizabeth D. Horton
Now Assigned: Elizabeth D. Horton	07/13/2020 10:54:19 AM by Elizabeth D. Horton
Division(s) assigned: PCD	

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## Resolved Interaction

Interaction Number: 19981	
copy press contact to new	
Initiation Date*	2020-07-09
Title*	Question about President's financial disclosure report (NPR)
Question*	Hey guys – I see the Vice President's financial disclosure for this year, but nothing from President Trump. It appears he has missed the deadline. Can you clarify when that document is due, whether it is late and whether OGE has reached out to POTUS to get those documents? -Tam
Update:	
Categories*	278s
Origin Of Interaction*	Email
Source*	Non-Agency Press
First Name:	Tamara
Last Name:	Keith
Title:	Reporter, NPR
Position:	
Email:	(b) (6)
Phone:	(b) (6)
Other Contact Notes:	
Assignment:	Elizabeth D. Horton
Watching:	
Temporary Notes:	
created by:	Elizabeth D. Horton

Resolution Information	
Resolution Date*	2020-07-09
Resolution Category*	Resolved
Response*	I told the reporter that I do not discuss specific individuals but told her on background that extensions are granted by employing agencies and they can grant extensions up to 90 days. (Assigned to: Elizabeth D. Horton)
Complexity (level):	1 [Click to view/hide complexity guidelines]
Time Spent (hours):	0-1 hour
Contributor:	
reopen	

Interaction History Log	
Closed	07/09/2020 11:17:26 AM by Elizabeth D. Horton
Now Assigned: Elizabeth D. Horton	07/09/2020 11:17:26 AM by Elizabeth D. Horton
Division(s) assigned: PCD	

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## Resolved Interaction

Interaction Number: 19980		copy press contact to new
Initiation Date*	2020-07-09	
Title*	Question about President's financial disclosure report (Newsweek)	
Question*	<p>Hi Megan,</p> <p>My name is Meghan Roos and I'm reaching out on behalf of Newsweek regarding an article we're writing about President Trump's annual financial disclosure report. I understand that the president was granted a 45-day extension to file his report, with a second 45-day extension possible if requested.</p> <p>The New York Times reported yesterday that President Trump had requested a second 45-day extension because he was busy responding to the coronavirus pandemic. Did the Office of Government Accountability receive a second 45-day extension request from the White House regarding President Trump's financial disclosure report? If so, does the office expect the president's relevant documents to be submitted by August 13 (when the second extension expires)?</p> <p>If someone with the office is available to answer these questions, I would be glad to include any response and/or additional information in our article, which will be published within the next couple of hours.</p> <p>Thank you for your time.</p> <p>Best,</p> <p>Meghan Roos Breaking News Writer Newsweek</p>	
Update:		
Categories*	278s	
Origin Of Interaction*	Email	
Source*	Non-Agency Press	
First Name:	Meghan	
Last Name:	Roos	
Title:	Breaking News Writer, Newsweek	
Position:		
Email:	(b) (6)	
Phone:	(b) (6)	
Other Contact Notes:		
Assignment:	Elizabeth D. Horton	
Watching:		
Temporary Notes:		
created by:	Elizabeth D. Horton	

Resolution Information	
Resolution Date*	2020-07-09

Resolution Category*:	Resolved
Response*:	I told the reporter that I do not discuss specific individuals but told her on background that extensions are granted by employing agencies and referred her to 2634.202(g) to explain that agencies can grant extensions up to 90 days. (Assigned to: Elizabeth D. Horton)
Complexity (level):	1 [Click to view/hide complexity guidelines]
Time Spent (hours):	0-1 hour
Contributor:	
<div>reopen</div>	

Interaction History Log	
Closed	07/09/2020 11:01:21 AM by Elizabeth D. Horton
Now Assigned: Elizabeth D. Horton	07/09/2020 11:01:21 AM by Elizabeth D. Horton

Division(s) assigned: PCD

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## Resolved Interaction

Interaction Number: 19952		copy press contact to new
Initiation Date*	2020-07-07	
Title*	Question about President's financial disclosure report (New York Times)	
Question*	Hi Elizabeth - Can you provide an update on the status of President Trump's personal financial disclosure for 2019?	
Update:		
Categories*	278s	
Origin Of Interaction*	Email	
Source*	Non-Agency Press	
First Name:	Steve	
Last Name:	Eder	
Title:	Reporter, New York Times	
Position:		
Email:	(b) (6)	
Phone:	(b) (6)	
Other Contact Notes:		
Assignment:	Elizabeth D. Horton	
Watching:		
Temporary Notes:		
created by:	Elizabeth D. Horton	

Resolution Information	
Resolution Date*	2020-07-07
Resolution Category*	Resolved
Response*	I told the reporter that there were no updates and told him on the record that OGE does not discuss specific individuals. On background, I referred him to the WH and explained that reports are filed with employing agencies and that employing agencies grant extensions. (Assigned to: Elizabeth D. Horton)
Complexity (level):	1 <a href="#">[Click to view/hide complexity guidelines]</a>
Time Spent (hours):	0-1 hour
Contributor:	
<div>reopen</div>	

Interaction History Log	
Closed	07/07/2020 07:12:29 PM by Elizabeth D. Horton
Now Assigned: Elizabeth D. Horton	07/07/2020 07:12:29 PM by Elizabeth D. Horton
Division(s) assigned: PCD	



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## Resolved Interaction

Interaction Number: 19951		copy press contact to new
Initiation Date*	2020-07-06	
Title*	Question about President's financial disclosure report (New York Times)	
Question*	Good morning - Are there any updates re: the release of President Trump's financial disclosure? Has it been received by OGE?	
Update:		
Categories*	278s	
Origin Of Interaction*	Email	
Source*	Non-Agency Press	
First Name:	Steve	
Last Name:	Eder	
Title:	Reporter, New York Times	
Position:		
Email:	(b) (6)	
Phone:	(b) (6)	
Other Contact Notes:		
Assignment:	Elizabeth D. Horton, Seth Jaffe	
Watching:		
Temporary Notes:		
created by:	Elizabeth D. Horton	

Resolution Information	
Resolution Date*	2020-07-07
Resolution Category*	Resolved
Response*	Responded to 7/6 inquiry and 7/7 inquiry on 7/7: I told the reporter that there were no updates and told him on the record that OGE does not discuss specific individuals. On background, I referred him to the WH and explained that reports are filed with employing agencies and that employing agencies grant extensions. (Assigned to: Elizabeth D. Horton; Seth Jaffe)
Complexity (level):	1 [Click to view/hide complexity guidelines]
Time Spent (hours):	0-1 hour
Contributor:	
reopen	

Interaction History Log	
Closed	07/07/2020 07:15:10 PM by Elizabeth D. Horton
Now Assigned: Elizabeth D. Horton Seth Jaffe	07/07/2020 07:15:10 PM by Elizabeth D. Horton
Create	07/07/2020 04:51:41 PM by Elizabeth D. Horton
Now Assigned: Elizabeth D. Horton	07/07/2020 04:51:41 PM by Elizabeth D. Horton
Division(s) assigned: PCD; GCLPD	

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## Resolved Interaction

Interaction Number: 19346		copy press contact to new
Initiation Date*	2020-03-31	
Title*	Question about president's financial disclosure reports (Miami Herald)	
Question*	<p>Hello,</p> <p>This is Nicholas Nehamas from the Miami Herald. I am hoping you could walk me through some information today strictly on background.</p> <p>1) What is the time period covered for each of President Trump's 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 financial disclosures?</p> <p>2) Why did President Trump file his 2017 financial disclosure in June, rather than May?</p> <p>3) Was his 2017 filing voluntary? If so, why?</p> <p>Thank you for your time and assistance.</p>	
Update:		
Categories*	278s	
Origin Of Interaction*	Email	
Source*	Non-Agency Press	
First Name:	Nicholas	
Last Name:	Nehamas	
Title:	Reporter, Miami Herald	
Position:		
Email:	(b) (6)	
Phone:	(b) (6)	
Other Contact Notes:		
Assignment:	Elizabeth D. Horton	
Watching:		
Temporary Notes:		
created by:	Elizabeth D. Horton	

Resolution Information	
Resolution Date*	2020-03-31
Resolution Category*	Resolved
Response*	<p>I told the reporter on background that I do not discuss specific individuals and helped him navigate to the table of reporting periods in the Public Financial Disclosure Guide. I also briefly explained to him how the filing date differs from the certification date and that traditionally, although not required, incoming presidents have filed annual reports within months of their inauguration even though they were not in the position of president in the preceding calendar year.</p> <p>(Assigned to: Elizabeth D. Horton)</p>
Complexity (level):	2

	<a href="#">[Click to view/hide complexity guidelines]</a>	
Time Spent (hours):	0-1 hour	
Contributor:	Patrick Shepherd	
<div>reopen</div>		
Interaction History Log		
Closed	03/31/2020 03:24:47 PM by Elizabeth D. Horton	
Now Assigned: Elizabeth D. Horton	03/31/2020 03:24:47 PM by Elizabeth D. Horton	
Division(s) assigned: PCD		

**From:** [Jennifer Matis](#)  
**To:** [Agency Wide](#); [News Clippings](#)  
**Subject:** Legislative Update for Monday, July 13, 2020  
**Date:** Monday, July 13, 2020 1:26:58 PM

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**The Senate and House are not in session.**

**Executive Branch Ethics and Related News**

Additional outlets report on the extension of time that the President received from the White House to file his financial disclosure report. [Trump Keeps Annual Financial Disclosures Out Of View — For Now \(NPR\)](#); [Second Extension for Trump to File Financial Disclosure Report May Run Afoul of Federal Law \(Law & Crime\)](#)

*The New York Times* reports that White House attorney Michael B. Williams was instrumental in overturning a ban on sales of gun silencers to private buyers, after he previously worked for a trade group trying to overturn the ban. According to the attorney's brother, who is the president and executive director of the trade group, the attorney did not violate the President's ethics pledge because he did not begin to work on the gun issue until 2019, more than two years after leaving the trade group. [Inside the White House, a Gun Industry Lobbyist Delivers for His Former Patrons](#)

**Federal Agency and Related News**

*Government Executive* reports that the Federal Employee Viewpoint Survey has been postponed until September. [OPM Delays Annual Workforce Survey Again Four Days Before Kickoff](#)

**Next Scheduled Recess:**

**House:** Aug. 3-Sept. 8

**Senate:** July 3-17

**From:** [Grant Anderson](#)  
**To:** [Agency Wide: News Clippings](#)  
**Subject:** Legislative Update for Thursday, July 9, 2020  
**Date:** Thursday, July 9, 2020 10:45:48 AM

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## **The Senate and House meet in pro forma sessions.**

### **Legislative and Related News**

*Government Executive* reports that the House Appropriations Financial Services and General Government subcommittee approved by voice vote its [portion](#) of the fiscal 2021 spending package.

[Employee Groups Object to Congressional Inaction on Pay Raise](#)

### **Executive Branch Ethics and Related News**

Multiple outlets report on the Supreme Court's decisions today in [Trump v. Vance](#) and [Trump v. Mazars](#), related to access to President Trump's tax returns and financial records. [Supreme Court Rules Trump Cannot Block Release of Financial Records \(NYT\)](#); [Supreme Court Rejects Trump Bid to Block New York Subpoena Seeking Financial, Tax Records \(WSJ\)](#); [Supreme Court rejects Trump argument on shielding tax returns \(Politico\)](#); [Supreme Court says Manhattan prosecutor may see Trump's personal financial records \(Washington Post\)](#); [Supreme Court grants NY prosecutors access to Trump's tax returns, rebuffs Congress \(The Hill\)](#); [Supreme Court says Manhattan DA can get Trump's tax records, but rejects bid by House Democrats \(CNBC\)](#)

Multiple outlets report on the status of President Trump's annual financial disclosure report. [Where's Trump's Financial Disclosure? The White House Blames the Pandemic \(New York Times\)](#); [White House: Trump given 45 more days to file financial disclosure \(The Hill\)](#); [Trump granted another 45-day extension to file annual financial disclosure \(CNN\)](#)

*The Associated Press* reports that the Commerce Department IG has asked the Census Bureau for information related to the hiring process of two recent appointees, asking for "any financial disclosures they have made, including to the Office of Government Ethics." [Commerce Department IG seeks info on 2 Census hirings](#)

### **Next Scheduled Recess:**

**House:** Aug. 3-Sept. 8

**Senate:** July 3-17

**From:** [Gast, Scott F. EOP/WHO](#)  
**To:** [David J. Apol](#)  
**Subject:** RE: noms. etc.  
**Date:** Monday, July 6, 2020 10:41:44 AM

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Yes, I will call you then.

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**From:** David J. Apol <djapol@oge.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 6, 2020 10:25 AM  
**To:** Gast, Scott F. EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>  
**Subject:** RE: noms. etc.

Great!

11:30 work for you?

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**From:** Gast, Scott F. EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 6, 2020 10:22 AM  
**To:** David J. Apol <djapol@oge.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: noms. etc.

Hi Dave. I'm pretty free today and tomorrow if you want to suggest a time to connect.

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**From:** David J. Apol <djapol@oge.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 2, 2020 3:48 PM  
**To:** Gast, Scott F. EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>  
**Subject:** noms. etc.

Will you have time for our noms. Call this afternoon.

If not, I would like to know if there is some document or release we can refer people to who have questions about the President's extension, and the recent CD withdraw.

Thanks.

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## Sara Nekou

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**Subject:** discuss FD report

**Location:** Seth will call

**Start:** Tue 7/7/2020 10:00 AM

**End:** Tue 7/7/2020 11:00 AM

**Show Time As:** Tentative

**Recurrence:** (none)

**Meeting Status:** Not yet responded

**Organizer:** Seth Jaffe

**Required Attendees:** David J. Apol (djapol@oge.gov); Maura Leary (mleary@oge.gov)

**From:** [David J. Apol](#)  
**To:** [Seth Jaffe](#)  
**Subject:** Accepted: discuss FD report  
**Start:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 10:00:00 AM  
**End:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 11:00:00 AM  
**Location:** Seth will call

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**From:** [David J. Apol](#)  
**To:** ["Gast, Scott F. EOP/WHO"](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Call  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 8, 2020 3:59:05 PM

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Works for me.

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**From:** Gast, Scott F. EOP/WHO [mailto:(b) (6)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 8, 2020 2:24 PM  
**To:** David J. Apol <djapol@oge.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Call

My 3 pm has been pushed to 4 pm. Could I call you when that meeting is over, sometime between 4:30 and 5?

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**From:** David J. Apol <djapol@oge.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 8, 2020 11:54 AM  
**To:** Gast, Scott F. EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>  
**Subject:** RE: Call

That would work for me.

FYI, we have reviewed the response and are ready to give you our reaction.

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**From:** Gast, Scott F. EOP/WHO [mailto:(b) (6)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 8, 2020 11:26 AM  
**To:** David J. Apol <djapol@oge.gov>  
**Subject:** Call

Would you be free around 4 pm for a call?

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**From:** [Seth Jaffe](#)  
**To:** [David J. Apol](#)  
**Subject:** RE: turned out to be a short call  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 8, 2020 5:00:11 PM

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Thanks.

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**From:** David J. Apol  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 8, 2020 4:58 PM  
**To:** Seth Jaffe <[sjaffe@oge.gov](mailto:sjaffe@oge.gov)>  
**Subject:** turned out to be a short call

With just Scott. He was basically in listening mode.

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