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GOVERNMENT ETHICS



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Stefan C. Passantino
Deputy Counsel to the President,
Ethics and Compliance
The White House Office
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. Passantino:

In response to your request dated February 1, 2017, enclosed is Certificate of Divestiture OGE-2017-007 for Jared C. Kushner, Senior Advisor to the President, White House Office. This certificate replaces Certificate of Divestiture OGE-2017-002. We would appreciate your forwarding the original certificate to Mr. Kushner. Also enclosed is a copy of the certificate for your files.

If there are any questions, you may contact Monica Ashar, Assistant Counsel, at (202) 482-9282.

Sincerely,

David J. Apol
General Counsel

Enclosures



From: [Monica M. G. Ashar](#)
To: "[Roberts, Blake](#)"
Subject: RE: Call Thursday morning
Date: Tuesday, January 24, 2017 11:32:59 AM

I have one more quick question: (b) (6)

Thanks,

Monica

Monica Ashar
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Sent: Sunday, January 22, 2017 11:10 AM
To: Elaine Newton; Monica M. G. Ashar
Cc: David J. Apol
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Subject: RE: Kushner Application for Certificate of Divestiture
Date: Wednesday, February 01, 2017 8:35:09 AM
Attachments: [WHCO Memo Re amended Kushner COD.pdf](#)

Attached please find a memorandum requesting an amended certificate of divestiture for Jared Kushner. We are requesting an amended certificate due to a clerical error that resulted in incorrect names being listed for two entities that Mr. Kushner seeks to divest. Please let me know if I can provide any additional information. Stefan.

STEFAN C. PASSANTINO
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Here it is attached. I was asked how long you think it might take from this point to get the CD. Thank you again for all of your help.

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Thanks, Blake. Yes, we will need a signed copy of Mr. Kushner's request letter. A PDF will be sufficient.

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Monica, you are correct that those are the most recent documents, which I've re-attached here.

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I do not have a signed version. Stefan, if you could have Jared sign it I would be appreciative. Monica, for what it's worth, the regulation (below) does not say anything about the request being signed, but I understand that may be your procedure.

5 C.F.R. s 2634.1005

(a)Employee's request to the designated agency ethics official. An employee seeking a Certificate of Divestiture must submit a written request to the designated agency ethics official at his or her agency. The request must contain:

- (1) A full and specific description of the property that will be divested. For example, if the property is corporate stock, the request must include the number of shares for which the eligible person seeks a Certificate of Divestiture;
- (2) A brief description of how the eligible person acquired the property;
- (3) A statement that the eligible person holding the property has agreed to divest the property; and
- (4)
 - (i) The date that the requirement to divest first applied; or
 - (ii) The date the employee first agreed that the eligible person would divest the property in order to comply with conflict of interest requirements.

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I will get a signed copy of the request to you (unless Blake Roberts has one in his possession already). Will a pdf suffice for these?

I believe the documents you have from Blake Roberts represent the final version. I know that the Integrity system has been down for everyone. I am copying Blake here to confirm.

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Good Morning,

Thank you for the documents. Monica Asher at OGE is currently preparing the CDs, but we did not receive a copy of the employee's signed CD request. OGE cannot issue the CDs until we receive a copy of the employee's request.

Also, I want to confirm that the financial disclosure report that we received from Blake Roberts on January 23, 2017 and the trust document that we received on January 20, 2017 are the most recent documents for the CD request?

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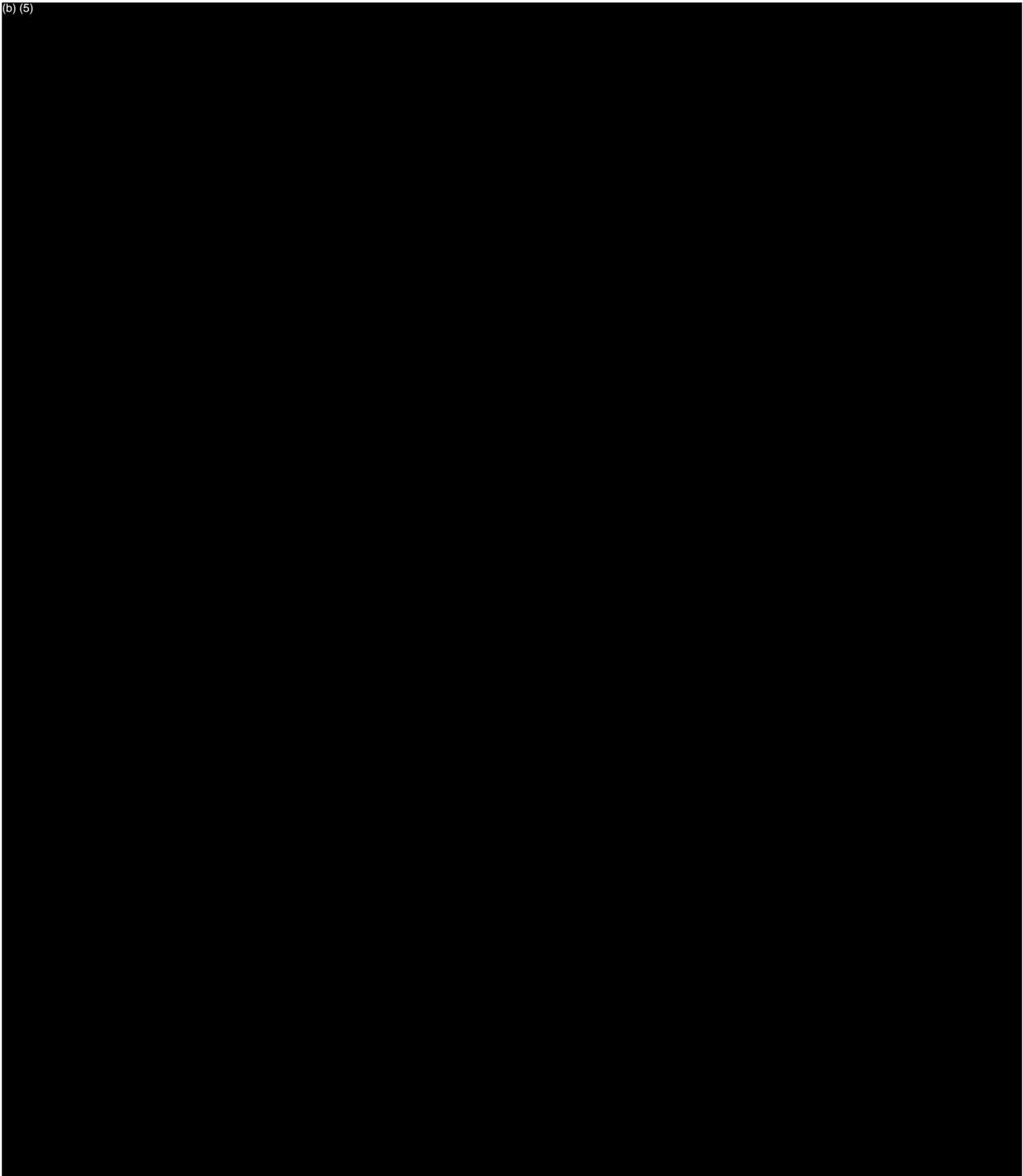
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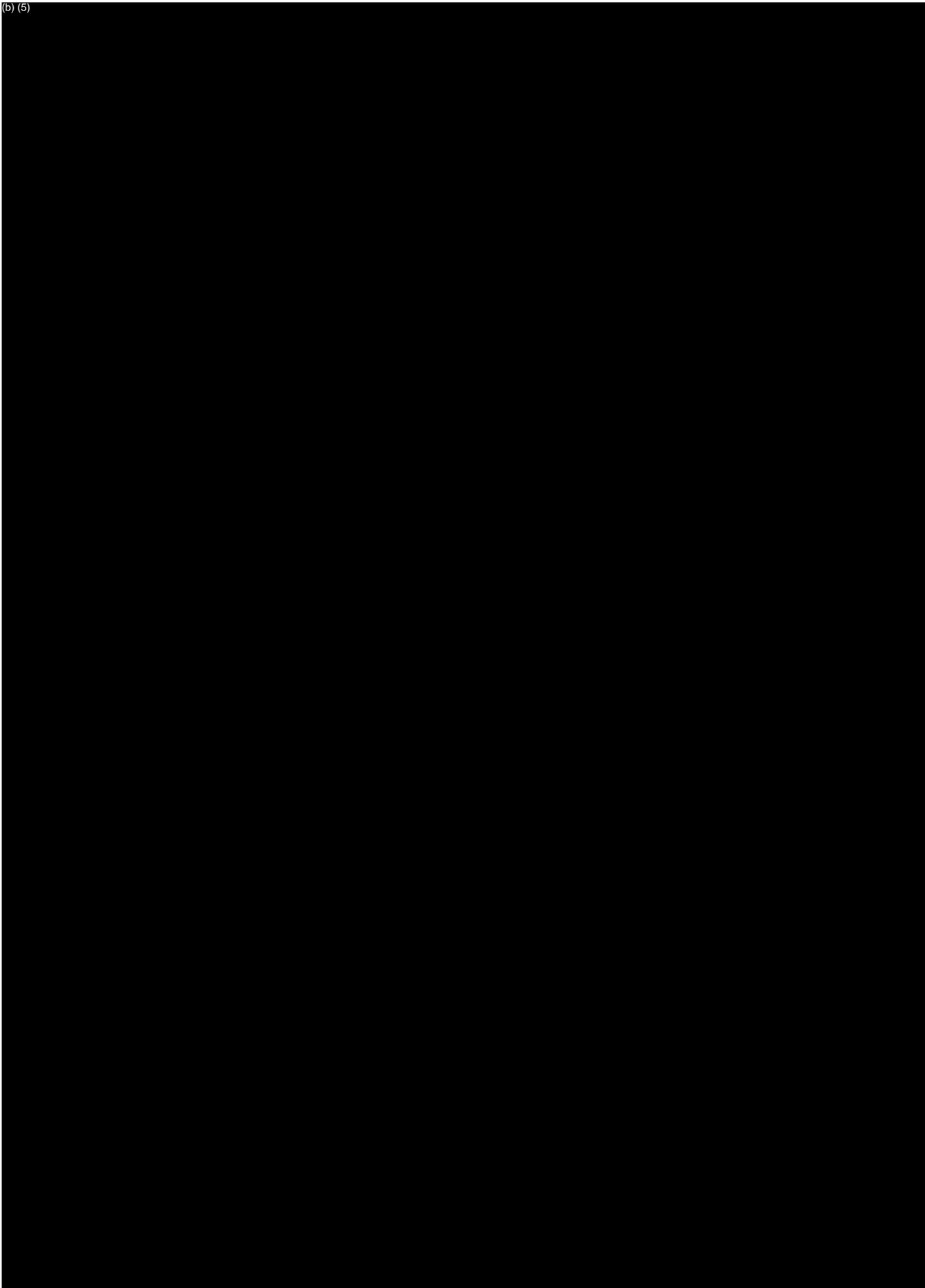
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addition, through the private investment vehicle BFPS Ventures LLC, Mr. Kushner owns an interest in Circle 9, an oil and gas exploration company. The family's continued ownership of these assets would require Mr. Kushner's recusal from particular matters that will have a direct and predictable effect on the oil and gas industries.

Retaining these and the other assets at issue would expose Mr. Kushner to a broad range of potential conflicts during his government service. Recusal is not a practical remedy, for two reasons. *First*, the breadth of the required recusals would render it difficult for Mr. Kushner to perform in his role as Senior Advisor to the President. *Second*, Mr. Kushner's participation in matters will often be ad hoc and in response to urgent requests from the President or other senior staff. This dynamic, combined with the diversity and breadth of Mr. Kushner's financial interests, would make it very difficult for any employee to identify and remove himself from potential conflicts. For these reasons, Mr. Kushner has appropriately agreed to divest these assets. That divestment is reasonably necessary to comply with 18 U.S.C. § 208.

Edward N. Siskel

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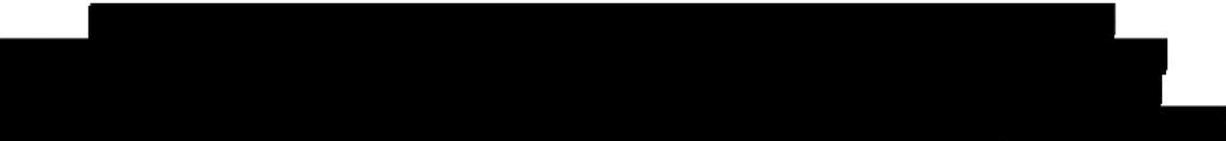
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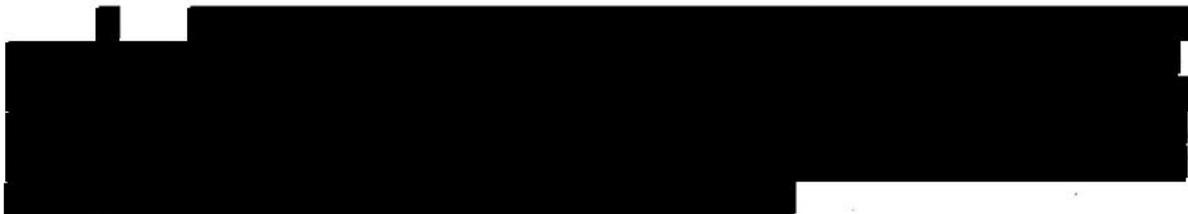
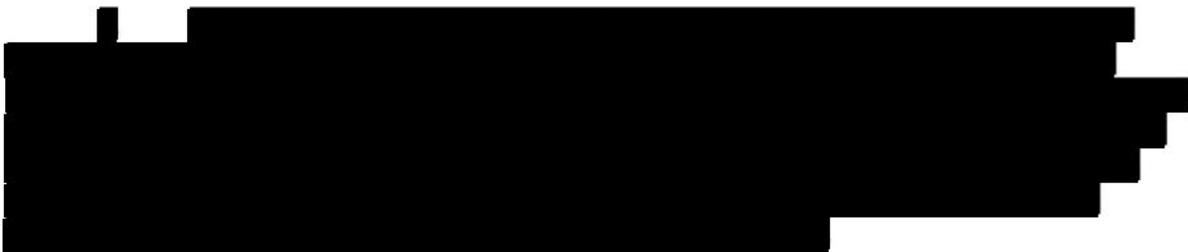
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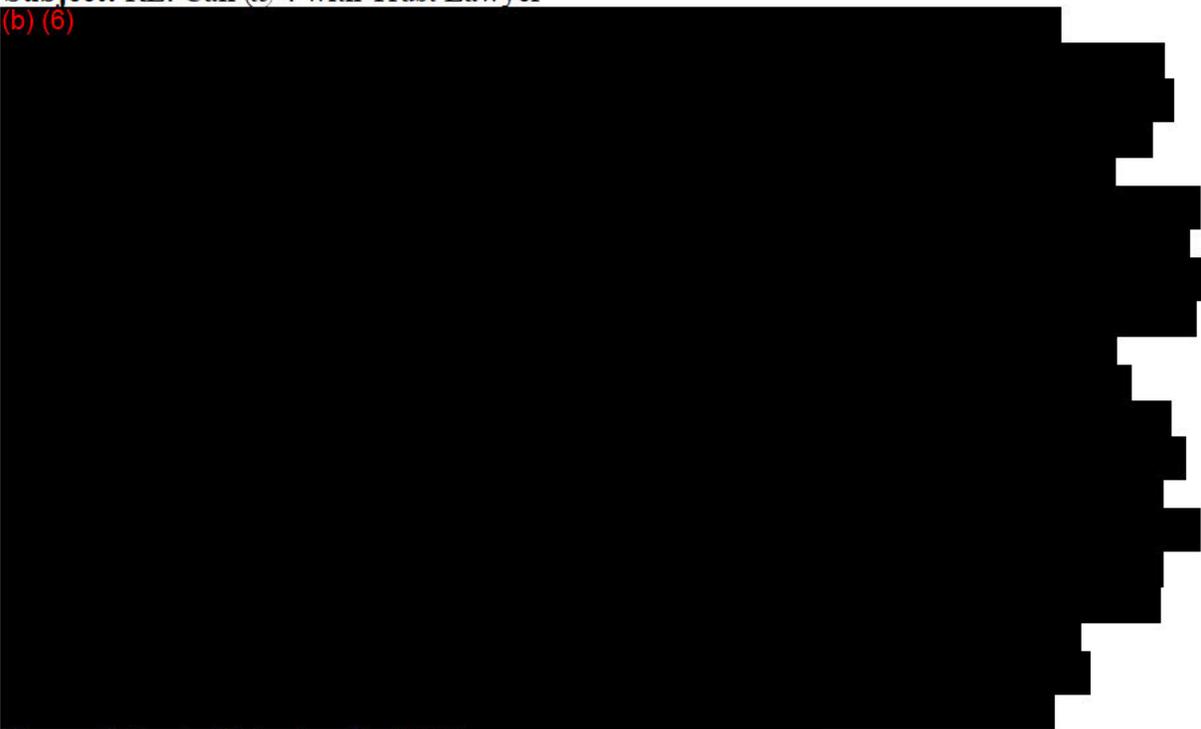
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Cc: Siskel, Edward N
Subject: RE: Call @ 4 with Trust Lawyer

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From: Roberts, Blake [[\(b\) \(6\)](mailto:(b) (6))]
Sent: Thursday, December 22, 2016 10:08 AM
To: Walter M. Shaub; David J. Apol; Heather A. Jones; Deborah J. Bortot
Cc: Siskel, Edward N
Subject: RE: Call @ 4 with Trust Lawyer

Walt,

(b) (6)



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Thank you,
Blake

From: Walter M. Shaub [<mailto:wmschaub@oge.gov>]

Sent: Tuesday, December 20, 2016 6:08 PM

To: Roberts, Blake; David J. Apol; Heather A. Jones; Deborah J. Bortot

Cc: Siskel, Edward N

Subject: RE: Call @ 4 with Trust Lawyer

Blake,

(b) (6)

What am I missing?

Walt

From: Roberts, Blake [[\(b\) \(6\)](mailto:(b) (6))]

Sent: Tuesday, December 20, 2016 12:54 PM
To: Walter M. Shaub; David J. Apol; Heather A. Jones; Deborah J. Bortot
Cc: Siskel, Edward N
Subject: RE: Call @ 4 with Trust Lawyer

All – Just wanted to follow up on your availability for a call at 4.

Thanks,
Blake

From: Roberts, Blake

Sent: Tuesday, December 20, 2016 10:43 AM
To: Walter M. Shaub (wmschaub@oge.gov); David J. Apol; Heather A. Jones; Deborah J. Bortot
Cc: Siskel, Edward N

Subject: Call @ 4 with Trust Lawyer

All – Could some or all of you be available for a call at 4 p.m. (b) (6)

(b) (6) We think that would be the most efficient way to get to ground on the issues we discussed yesterday.

Thanks,
Blake

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From: [Roberts, Blake](#)
To: [Siskel, Edward N](#); [Walter M. Shaub](#); [David J. Apol](#); [Deborah J. Bortot](#); [Heather A. Jones](#)
Subject: Follow Up

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JAN 26 2017

Stefan C. Passantino
Deputy Counsel to the President
The White House Office
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. Passantino:

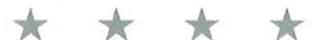
In response to your request of January 25, 2017, enclosed are Certificates of Divestiture OGE-2017-002 for Jared C. Kushner, Senior Advisor to the President, White House Office; OGE-2017-003 for Ivanka Trump as trustee for the Ivanka Trump Revocable Trust; OGE-2017-004 for ^{(b) (6)} [REDACTED] dependent minor child of Jared C. Kushner; OGE-2017-005 for [REDACTED] dependent minor child of Jared C. Kushner; and OGE-2017-006 for [REDACTED] dependent minor child of Jared C. Kushner. We would appreciate your forwarding the original certificates to Mr. Kushner. Also enclosed is a copy of the certificates for your files.

If there are any questions, you may contact Monica Ashar, Assistant Counsel, at (202) 482-9282.

Sincerely,

David J. Apol
General Counsel

Enclosures



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CERTIFICATE OF DIVESTITURE

Certificate No. OGE-2017-002

ELIGIBLE PERSON: Jared C. Kushner
White House Office

DATE OF ISSUANCE: JAN 26 2017

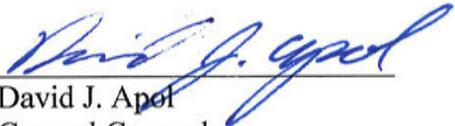
DIVESTITURE PROPERTY:

[The divestiture property is identified in the attachment to this Certificate.]

This Certificate of Divestiture is issued in accordance with section 1043 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and 5 C.F.R. § 2634.1002 with respect to the specific property described above. I hereby determine that the divestiture of the described property is reasonably necessary to comply with 18 U.S.C. § 208, or other applicable Federal conflict of interest statutes, regulations, rules, or executive orders.

Note that section 1043 of the Internal Revenue Code and the rules of subpart J of 5 C.F.R. Part 2634 provide for nonrecognition of gain in the case of sales to comply with conflict of interest requirements. The rules of Subpart J relate to the issuance of Certificates of Divestiture and the permitted property into which a reinvestment must be made during the 60-day period beginning on the date of such a sale in order for nonrecognition to be permitted. Such reinvestments are called rollovers, and are limited to obligations of the United States and diversified investment funds as defined in 5 C.F.R. § 2634.1003. The substantive and procedural rules relating to the tax aspects of such sales and rollovers pursuant to the statutory scheme are subject to the jurisdiction of the Internal Revenue Service.

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David J. Apol
General Counsel

cc: Deputy Counsel to the President, White House Office



Attachment
OGE-2017-002

- 100% of all financial interests in JKM Capital, LLC, that you hold as of the date of this Certificate of Divestiture
- 100% of all financial interests in Thrive Partners II GP, LLC, that you hold as of the date of this Certificate of Divestiture
- 100% of all financial interests in Thrive Partners III GP, LLC, that you hold as of the date of this Certificate of Divestiture
- 100% of all financial interests in JK IV, LLC, that you hold as of the date of this Certificate of Divestiture
- 100% of all financial interests in Thrive Partners V GP, LLC, that you hold as of the date of this Certificate of Divestiture
- 112,376 shares, Regal Bank
- 100% of all financial interests in Broadband Proliferation Partners, LLC, that you hold as of the date of this Certificate of Divestiture
- 100% of all financial interests in BFPS Ventures LLC that you hold as of the date of this Certificate of Divestiture

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CERTIFICATE OF DIVESTITURE

Certificate No. OGE-2017-003

ELIGIBLE PERSON: Ivanka Trump
[Trustee of the Ivanka Trump Revocable Trust]
White House Office

DATE OF ISSUANCE: JAN 26 2017

DIVESTITURE PROPERTY:

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David J. Apostol
General Counsel

cc: Deputy Counsel to the President, White House Office



Attachment
OGE-2017-003

- 3,208 shares, Signature Bank
- 100% of all financial interests in Blackstone Strategic Alliance Fund II that you hold as of the date of this Certificate of Divestiture
- 2,076.278 shares, Hennessy Gas Utility Index Fund Investor Class Shares
- 100% of all financial interests in The Obsidian Fund LLC Class C that you hold as of the date of this Certificate of Divestiture

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CERTIFICATE OF DIVESTITURE

Certificate No. OGE-2017-004

ELIGIBLE PERSON: (b) (6)
[minor child of Jared C. Kushner]
White House Office

DATE OF ISSUANCE: JAN 26 2017

DIVESTITURE PROPERTY:

221 shares, Signature Bank

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General Counsel

cc: Deputy Counsel to the President, White House Office



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CERTIFICATE OF DIVESTITURE

Certificate No. OGE-2017-005

ELIGIBLE PERSON: (b) (6)
[minor child of Jared C. Kushner]
White House Office

DATE OF ISSUANCE: JAN 26 2017

DIVESTITURE PROPERTY:

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General Counsel

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CERTIFICATE OF DIVESTITURE

Certificate No. OGE-2017-006

ELIGIBLE PERSON: (b) (6)
[minor child of Jared C. Kushner]
White House Office

DATE OF ISSUANCE: JAN 26 2017

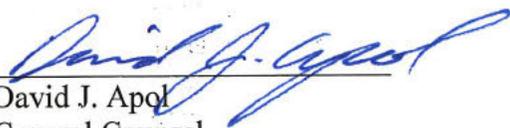
DIVESTITURE PROPERTY:

104 shares, Signature Bank

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David J. Apol
General Counsel

cc: Deputy Counsel to the President, White House Office



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January 6, 2017

Mr. Edward N. Siskel
Wilmer, Cutler, Pickering, Hale & Dorr, LLP

(b) (6)

Dear Mr. Siskel:

I am writing on behalf of the U.S. Office of Government Ethics (OGE) in response to your letter dated December 28, 2016, regarding Mr. Kushner's plan to divest potentially conflicting assets if the President-elect appoints him to a position in the White House. Your letter captures most of the salient points from our conversations, and I have only a few additional points to reiterate.

Consistent with our conversations, your letter indicates that (b) (6)

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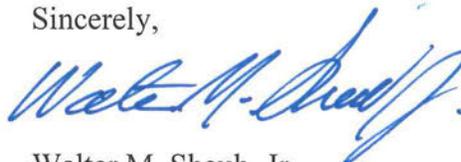
Mr. Edward N. Siskel
Wilmer, Cutler, Pickering, Hale & Dorr, LLP
Page 2

As we discussed, the conflict of interest prohibition under 18 U.S.C. § 208(a) will continue to apply to the assets until they have been divested. Accordingly, with regard to each entity in which he holds an interest, Mr. Kushner must not participate personally and substantially in any particular matter that to his knowledge has a direct and predictable effect on the financial interests of the entity until he has divested it, unless he first obtains a written waiver, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 208(b)(1), or qualifies for a regulatory exemption, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 208(b)(2). If Mr. Kushner intends to seek a Certificate of Divestiture under 26 U.S.C. § 1043, please remember that he will need to obtain the Certificate of Divestiture before selling the assets.

Finally, please note that OGE is limited in the guidance it can provide as to conflicts of interest because OGE's staff is not in a position to know the precise nature of the duties that Mr. Kushner, or any future White House appointee, would perform. For that reason and because the applicable ethics requirements are more complex than could be addressed in a letter, Mr. Kushner would be well advised to obtain ethics counseling from the office of the White House Counsel prior to entering government and, after assuming the duties of his new position, to complete the new employee ethics training required under 5 C.F.R. § 2638.304. Ideally, the training for all incoming White House appointees should address, among other topics: conflicts of interest under 18 U.S.C. § 208; the gift bans under 5 C.F.R. part 2635, subparts B and C; impartiality under the government-wide appearance regulation, 5 C.F.R. part 2635, subpart E; "misuse of position," as that term is understood for purposes of 5 C.F.R. part 2635, subpart G (including use of public office for private gain, endorsements, coercion, and use of nonpublic information); the earned income ban under 5 C.F.R. § 2635.804(a); restrictions on fundraising under 5 C.F.R. § 2635.808; and certain restrictions relating to professions involving fiduciary relationships under 5 C.F.R. § 2636.305. As a preliminary introduction to the executive branch ethics program, I have enclosed a copy of OGE's Nominee Ethics Guide. Although Mr. Kushner will not be a "nominee," much of the information in this guide is pertinent to his anticipated appointment.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 482-9292 or Heather Jones, Senior Counsel, if we can be of further assistance.

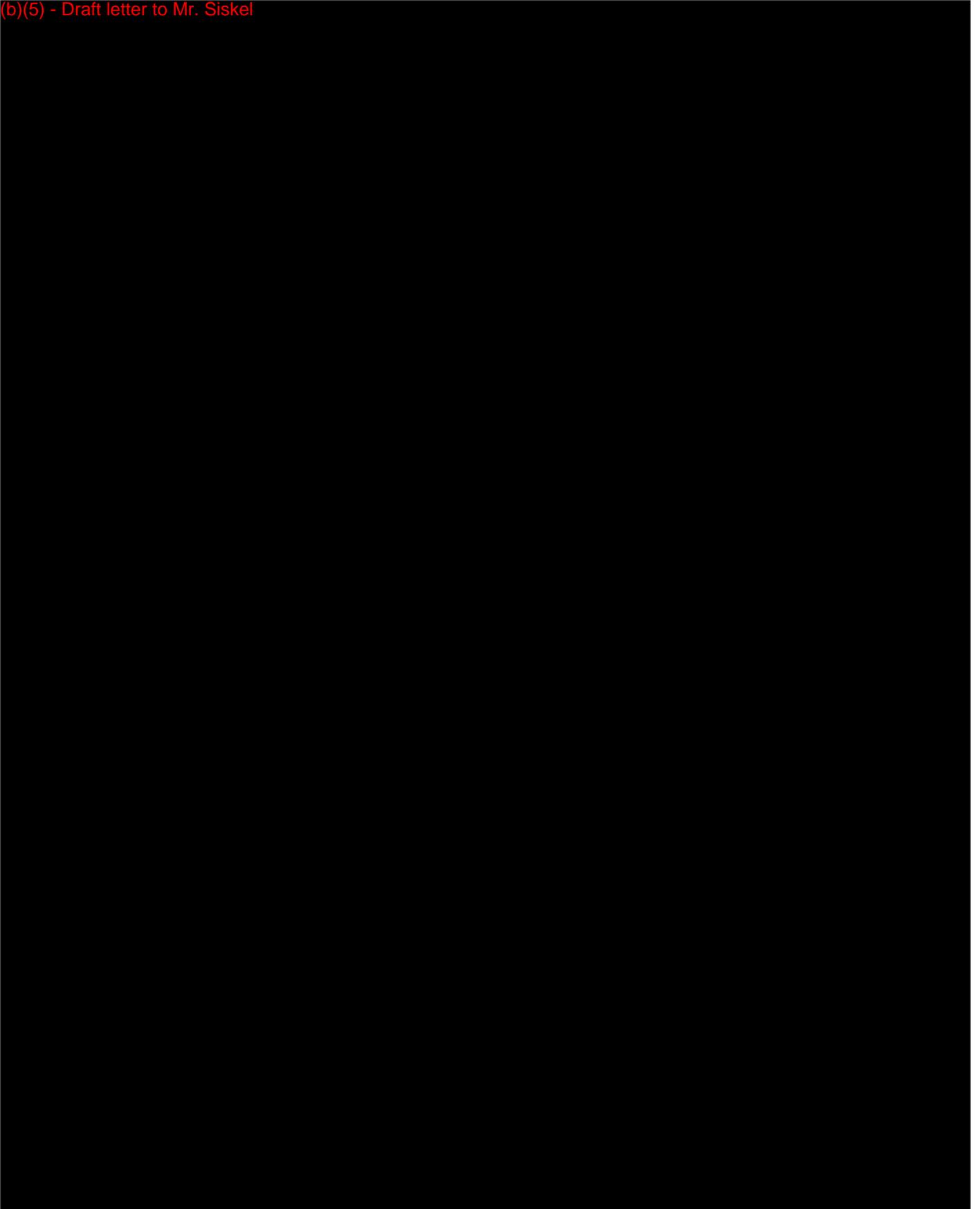
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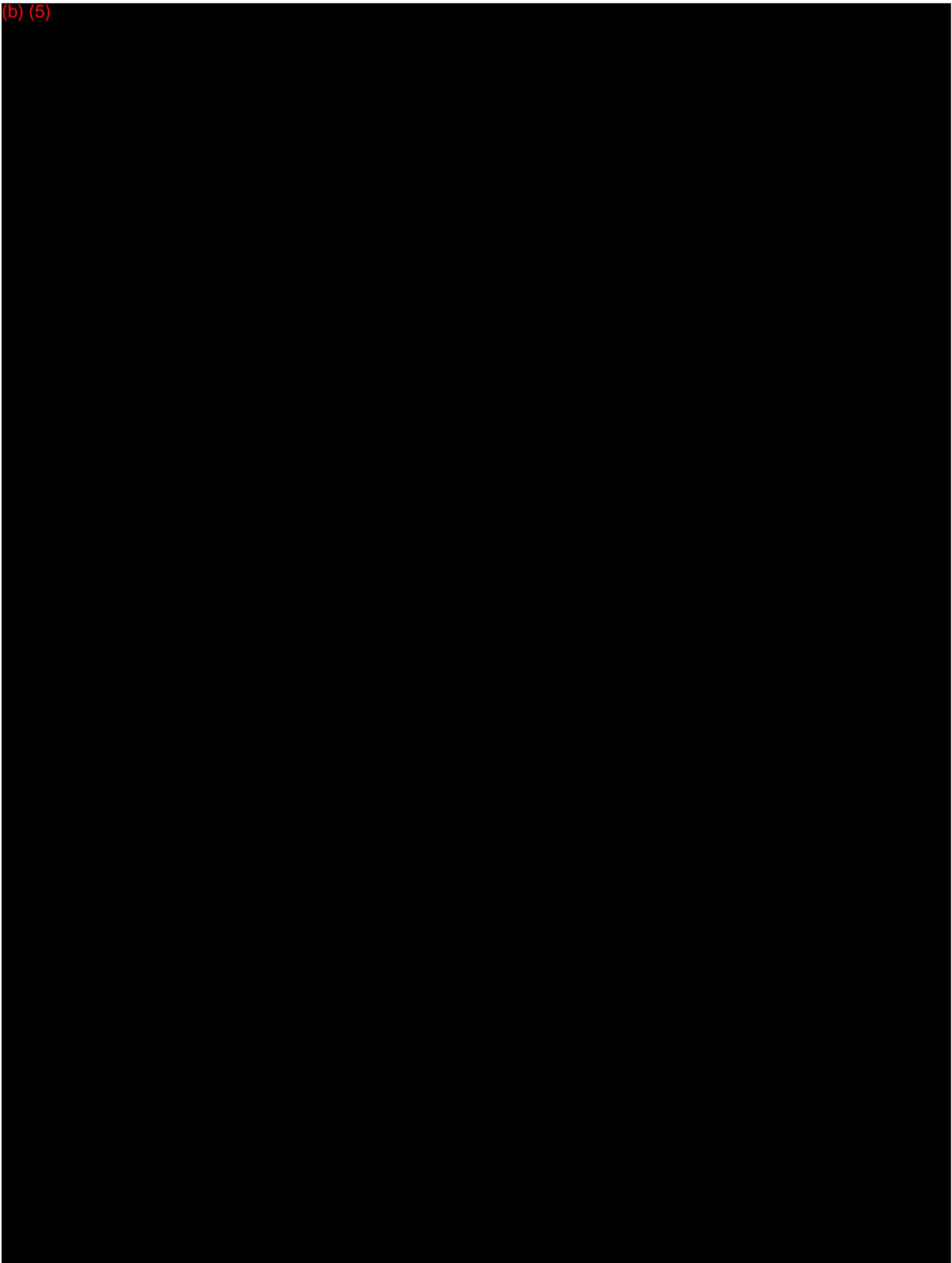


Walter M. Shaub, Jr.
Director

Enclosure

(b)(5) - Draft letter to Mr. Siskel





From: Roberts, Blake [mailto:(b) (6)]
Sent: Monday, January 02, 2017 2:34 PM
To: Walter M. Shaub; David J. Apol; Deborah J. Bortot; Heather A. Jones
Cc: Siskel, Edward N
Subject: Follow-up Call

All,

We have heard that, notwithstanding the federal holiday, some of you may be in the office working today. If that is correct, could you be available for a call sometime between 3:30-4:30 to discuss the assets of Mr. Kushner's spouse? If not, please let us know when you could be available tomorrow.

Thank you,

Blake

Blake Roberts | WilmerHale

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Brandon A. Steele

From: Roberts, Blake (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, January 05, 2017 11:02 AM
To: Walter M. Shaub; David J. Apol
Subject: RE: Quick Call

Sorry to hear that. Thanks, Walt. I will be around.

From: Walter M. Shaub [<mailto:wmschaub@oge.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, January 05, 2017 10:13 AM
To: Roberts, Blake; David J. Apol
Subject: RE: Quick Call

(b) (6). I can call you after our call with Don McGahn.

Walt

Walter M. Shaub, Jr.

Director

U.S. Office of Government Ethics

1201 New York Avenue, NW, Suite 500

Washington, DC 20005-3917

Telephone: 202.482.9292

Email: walter.schaub@oge.gov

From: Roberts, Blake [[\(b\) \(6\)](mailto:(b) (6))]
Sent: Thursday, January 05, 2017 9:22 AM
To: Walter M. Shaub; David J. Apol
Subject: Quick Call

Do either of you have time for a quick call?

Blake Roberts | WilmerHale

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Brandon A. Steele

From: Walter M. Shaub
Sent: Saturday, January 07, 2017 10:17 AM
To: Heather A. Jones; David J. Apol
Subject: FW: NYTimes: Jared Kushner, a Trump In-Law and Adviser, Chases a Chinese Deal

Walter M. Shaub, Jr.
Director
U.S. Office of Government Ethics
1201 New York Avenue, NW, Suite 500
Washington, DC 20005-3917

Telephone: 202.482.9292
Email: walter.shaub@oge.gov

-----Original Message-----

From: Walter M. Shaub
Sent: Saturday, January 07, 2017 10:15 AM
To: 'Gorelick, Jamie'
Cc: Siskel, Edward N; Roberts, Blake
Subject: RE: NYTimes: Jared Kushner, a Trump In-Law and Adviser, Chases a Chinese Deal

Thanks for sharing this, Jamie. Blake gave me a heads up that an article was in the works. The letter I sent Ed yesterday highlights some suggestions for protecting your client against potential conflicts of interest and other ethics issues.

I have one additional suggestion. There is a strong temptation for lawyers to think that it's enough to put together ethics arrangements that are legally compliant. As you know from your own time in government, senior officials invariably find themselves operating in a fast-paced work environment in which they necessarily move from one vaguely defined subject to another quickly throughout the day. Ethics issues arise unexpectedly, and they don't come with the label "Caution! I'm an ethics issue." For this reason, we encourage folks to set up ethics arrangements that put senior officials two steps back from the line between what is permissible and what is not. OGE can enforce that approach in the nominee program, but White House appointees are at the mercy of the attention span of a White House Counsel's office with a thousand other things to do. As things are currently shaping up, it's not clear that this new White House will have a fully functioning ethics office of its own on the first day. For that reason, caution is advisable. The further you can put him back from the line, the better you will protect him.

Walt

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-----Original Message-----

From: Gorelick, Jamie [mailto:(b) (6)]

Sent: Saturday, January 07, 2017 9:42 AM

To: Walter M. Shaub

Cc: Siskel, Edward N; Roberts, Blake; Gorelick, Jamie

Subject: Fw: NYTimes: Jared Kushner, a Trump In-Law and Adviser, Chases a Chinese Deal

Walt -

Just a heads up so you know this is out there. Our proposed plan contemplates steps to remove and mitigate sources of conflict.

Best -

Jamie

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

Original Message

<http://www.nytimes.com/2017/01/07/us/politics/jared-kushner-trump-business.html?smprod=nytcore-iphone&smid=nytcore-iphone-share>

As Donald J. Trump's son-in-law prepares for a White House role, his undisclosed talks with a secretive Chinese company highlight potential conflicts of interest.

Brandon A. Steele

From: David J. Apol
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 3:10 PM
To: Elaine Newton
Subject: FW: Draft SF-278 for Jared Kushner
Attachments: Kushner Application for COD.xlsx

Attachment (b)(6)

Here is the cd I was talking about

From: Roberts, Blake [mailto:(b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 1:27 PM
To: David J. Apol
Cc: Siskel, Edward N
Subject: RE: Draft SF-278 for Jared Kushner

Dave,

Thanks very much. Please find attached a draft spreadsheet that describes the assets for which Jared (and related persons) will seek a certificate of divestiture. We need to add some additional information about a few assets, including some of the questions you raise below. But there should be enough here for someone to begin the analysis. (b) (6)

We will supplement with additional information as it becomes available. Please let me know if you or your colleagues have any questions as you review.

Thank you again,

Blake

From: David J. Apol [mailto:djapol@oge.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 11:24 AM
To: Roberts, Blake (b) (6)
Subject: RE: Draft SF-278 for Jared Kushner

Thanks Blake.

We need to know which assets he is asking a CD for at this time before we can do much with this. As I understand the plan, the initial CD request will be for ^{(b) (6)}

Additionally, for the assets he is requesting a CD for:

We need to know which assets are held in a trust.

For any assets in a trust, we need the trust instrument and the name of the trustee.

Are any held in retirement plans?

Were any acquired through employment?

Are the assets for his children reported?

Who holds each asset?

We will work on this as fast as we can consistent with other priorities we are getting from the PTT.

Thanks.

Dave

From: Roberts, Blake [[\(b\) \(6\)](mailto:(b) (6))]
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 7:03 PM
To: David J. Apol
Cc: Siskel, Edward N
Subject: Draft SF-278 for Jared Kushner

Dave,

As discussed, I am sending you the latest draft of Jared Kushner's SF-278. This is not yet ready to be filed – we are still working with the business people on some formatting issues and some information about individual assets needs to be filled in. However, we believe that this draft covers all or nearly all of the assets that will either be covered by the SF-278 reporting requirements or for which a certificate of divestiture will be sought.

(b) (6)

We will get you additional information tomorrow about the underlying investments of the (b) (6)

We have been in touch with Stefan Passantino of PTT and will be working closely with him so that the new personnel in the White House Counsel's Office are fully briefed on this issue and ready to initiate the process for obtaining a certificate of divestiture as quickly as possible. We are available at any time to answer questions from your office once they begin to review the draft SF-278 and draft COD application material.

Thank you again – we recognize that this is a challenging stretch for everyone on your team.

Thanks,

Blake

Blake Roberts | WilmerHale
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Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2017 9:30 AM
To: (b) (6)
Cc: Elaine Newton; Teresa L. Williamson; Sandra S. Mabry; Monica M. G. Ashar
Subject: Certificate of Divestiture for Jared C. Kushner
Attachments: Kusher, Jared C. CD's 002-006.pdf

Importance: High

Good Morning, Mr. Passantino:

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Thanks, Again
Rodrick Johnson

Brandon A. Steele

From: Roberts, Blake (b) (6)
Sent: Monday, January 02, 2017 2:34 PM
To: Walter M. Shaub; David J. Apol; Deborah J. Bortot; Heather A. Jones
Cc: Siskel, Edward N
Subject: Follow-up Call

All,

We have heard that, notwithstanding the federal holiday, some of you may be in the office working today. If that is correct, could you be available for a call sometime between 3:30-4:30 to discuss the assets of Mr. Kushner's spouse? If not, please let us know when you could be available tomorrow.

Thank you,

Blake

Blake Roberts | WilmerHale

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Brandon A. Steele

From: Walter M. Shaub
Sent: Friday, January 06, 2017 5:27 PM
To: Siskel, Edward N; 'Roberts, Blake'
Cc: Heather A. Jones
Subject: response to follow-up letter
Attachments: Letter to E. Siskel (1-6-2017).pdf

Blake and Ed,

Enclosed is OGE's response to Ed's letter. I discussed the content of the letter with Blake earlier this week. The original with the attachment will follow in the regular mail. The two-part attachment can also be viewed in electronic format on OGE's website at the following addresses:

Nominee Ethics Guide

[https://www.oge.gov/Web/OGEnsf/0/908088E45E5A64778525801B00590DD5/\\$FILE/Final%20Nomination%20Guide%20Spreads%20Optimized%20Web.pdf](https://www.oge.gov/Web/OGEnsf/0/908088E45E5A64778525801B00590DD5/$FILE/Final%20Nomination%20Guide%20Spreads%20Optimized%20Web.pdf)

Appendix to the Nominee Ethics Guide

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Thanks

Walt

Walter M. Shaub, Jr.
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Telephone: 202.482.9292
Email: walter.shaub@oge.gov

From: Roberts, Blake [[\(b\) \(6\)](mailto:(b) (6))]
Sent: Wednesday, December 28, 2016 1:37 PM
To: Walter M. Shaub
Cc: Siskel, Edward N; David J. Apol; Deborah J. Bortot; Heather A. Jones
Subject: Follow-up Letter

Walt,

As discussed on our last call, please find attached a letter describing the proposal we discussed. I hope you all are getting some rest this holiday season.

Best regards,

Blake

Blake Roberts | WilmerHale

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A large black rectangular redaction box covers the signature and contact information of Blake Roberts.

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Brandon A. Steele

From: Deborah J. Bortot
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 10:41 AM
To: David J. Apol; Heather A. Jones
Cc: Elaine Newton
Subject: RE: Draft SF-278 for Jared Kushner

Dave,

(b) (5) [Redacted]

(b) (5) [Redacted]

Once we get the request, there will be additional questions.

Thanks,
Deb

From: David J. Apol
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 10:26 AM
To: Heather A. Jones; Deborah J. Bortot
Cc: Elaine Newton
Subject: FW: Draft SF-278 for Jared Kushner

Anything you want me to add to this before I send?

(b) (5) [Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

From: Roberts, Blake [mailto:(b) (6)]
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 7:03 PM
To: David J. Apol
Cc: Siskel, Edward N
Subject: Draft SF-278 for Jared Kushner

Dave,

As discussed, I am sending you the latest draft of Jared Kushner's SF-278. This is not yet ready to be filed – we are still working with the business people on some formatting issues and some information about individual assets needs to be filled in. However, we believe that this draft covers all or nearly all of the assets that will either be covered by the SF-278 reporting requirements or for which a certificate of divestiture will be sought.

(b) (6)

We will get you additional information tomorrow about the underlying investments of the (b) (6)

We have been in touch with Stefan Passantino of PTT and will be working closely with him so that the new personnel in the White House Counsel's Office are fully briefed on this issue and ready to initiate the process for obtaining a certificate of divestiture as quickly as possible. We are available at any time to answer questions from your office once they begin to review the draft SF-278 and draft COD application material.

Thank you again – we recognize that this is a challenging stretch for everyone on your team.

Thanks,

Blake

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Brandon A. Steele

From: Monica M. G. Ashar
Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2017 11:51 AM
To: 'Passantino, Stefan C. EOP/WHO'
Cc: Elaine Newton; Rodrick T. Johnson
Subject: RE: Certificate of Divestiture for Jared C. Kushner

Thanks, Stefan. What would be the best way to get the originals of the CDs over to you?

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From: Passantino, Stefan C. EOP/WHO [[\(b\) \(6\)](mailto:(b) (6))]
Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2017 11:22 AM
To: Rodrick T. Johnson; Walter M. Shaub
Cc: Elaine Newton; Teresa L. Williamson; Sandra S. Mabry; Monica M. G. Ashar
Subject: RE: Certificate of Divestiture for Jared C. Kushner

Thank you. I have received this and am grateful for the prompt attention your office has been paying to issues such as this. Stefan.

STEFAN C. PASSANTINO
Deputy Counsel to the President, Ethics & Compliance
Office of the White House Counsel
(b) (6)

From: Rodrick T. Johnson [<mailto:rjohnson@oge.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2017 9:30 AM
To: Passantino, Stefan C. EOP/WHO (b) (6)
Cc: Elaine Newton <enewton@oge.gov>; Teresa L. Williamson <tlwillia@oge.gov>; Sandra S. Mabry <ssmabry@oge.gov>; Monica M. G. Ashar <mmgashar@oge.gov>
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Importance: High

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Brandon A. Steele

From: Walter M. Shaub
Sent: Saturday, January 07, 2017 11:29 AM
To: Gorelick, Jamie
Cc: Siskel, Edward N; Roberts, Blake; Brown, Reginald
Subject: Re: NYTimes: Jared Kushner, a Trump In-Law and Adviser, Chases a Chinese Deal

Thanks. That's good to hear!

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Verizon Wireless 4G LTE network.

Original Message

From: Gorelick, Jamie
Sent: Saturday, January 7, 2017 10:36 AM
To: Walter M. Shaub
Cc: Siskel, Edward N; Roberts, Blake; Brown, Reginald
Subject: Re: NYTimes: Jared Kushner, a Trump In-Law and Adviser, Chases a Chinese Deal

Walt -

I know you have been trading notes with Reg. (b) (6) is done.
As he mentioned, (b) (6). We obviously represent Kushner. (b) (6)
You will see the same conservative approach with each.

Jamie

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

Original Message

From: Gorelick, Jamie
Sent: Saturday, January 7, 2017 10:28 AM
To: Walter M. Shaub
Cc: Siskel, Edward N; Roberts, Blake; Gorelick, Jamie
Subject: Re: NYTimes: Jared Kushner, a Trump In-Law and Adviser, Chases a Chinese Deal

We agree. We are trying to make a workable and conservative plan. We have met with the person who will be doing ethics for McGahn so he can become familiar with the issues and be of help in keeping Jared clear of the line. Your advice is welcome!

Jamie

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From: Walter M. Shaub
Sent: Saturday, January 7, 2017 10:17 AM
To: Gorelick, Jamie
Cc: Siskel, Edward N; Roberts, Blake
Subject: RE: NYTimes: Jared Kushner, a Trump In-Law and Adviser, Chases a Chinese Deal

Thanks for sharing this, Jamie. Blake gave me a heads up that an article was in the works. The letter I sent Ed yesterday highlights some suggestions for protecting your client against potential conflicts of interest and other ethics issues.

I have one additional suggestion. There is a strong temptation for lawyers to think that it's enough to put together ethics arrangements that are legally compliant. As you know from your own time in government, senior officials invariably find themselves operating in a fast-paced work environment in which they necessarily move from one vaguely defined subject to another quickly throughout the day. Ethics issues arise unexpectedly, and they don't come with the label "Caution! I'm an ethics issue." For this reason, we encourage folks to set up ethics arrangements that put senior officials two steps back from the line between what is permissible and what is not. OGE can enforce that approach in the nominee program, but White House appointees are at the mercy of the attention span of a White House Counsel's office with a thousand other things to do. As things are currently shaping up, it's not clear that this new White House will have a fully functioning ethics office of its own on the first day. For that reason, caution is advisable. The further you can put him back from the line, the better you will protect him.

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From: Gorelick, Jamie [mailto:(b) (6)]
Sent: Saturday, January 07, 2017 9:42 AM
To: Walter M. Shaub
Cc: Siskel, Edward N; Roberts, Blake; Gorelick, Jamie
Subject: Fw: NYTimes: Jared Kushner, a Trump In-Law and Adviser, Chases a Chinese Deal

Walt -

Just a heads up so you know this is out there. Our proposed plan contemplates steps to remove and mitigate sources of conflict.

Best -

Jamie

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Original Message

<http://www.nytimes.com/2017/01/07/us/politics/jared-kushner-trump-business.html?smprod=nytcore-iphone&smid=nytcore-iphone-share>

As Donald J. Trump's son-in-law prepares for a White House role, his undisclosed talks with a secretive Chinese company highlight potential conflicts of interest.

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From: Walter M. Shaub
Sent: Thursday, January 05, 2017 7:01 PM
To: Heather A. Jones
Subject: Letter.docx
Attachments: Letter.docx

Please review and offer any edits you think are appropriate using tracked changes. I need to send this letter before c.o.b. Friday. Thanks!

Brandon A. Steele

From: Gorelick, Jamie (b) (6)
Sent: Saturday, January 07, 2017 3:01 PM
To: Walter M. Shaub
Subject: Re: NYTimes: Jared Kushner, a Trump In-Law and Adviser, Chases a Chinese Deal

That would be fine, Walt. It is certainly a true statement. And we have appreciated and followed that advice, for example, with regard to the (b) (6)

Best -

Jamie

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Original Message

From: Walter M. Shaub

Sent: Saturday, January 7, 2017 2:51 PM

To: Gorelick, Jamie

Subject: Re: NYTimes: Jared Kushner, a Trump In-Law and Adviser, Chases a Chinese Deal

Jamie,

Do you have any concerns if at some point I state publicly that, "We have consulted with attorneys for Jared Kushner to provide assistance in connection with some steps he may take to avoid conflicts of interest if he comes into government." This seems to be consistent with what you told the NY Times.

Walt

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Original Message

From: Gorelick, Jamie

Sent: Saturday, January 7, 2017 11:37 AM

To: Walter M. Shaub

Subject: Re: NYTimes: Jared Kushner, a Trump In-Law and Adviser, Chases a Chinese Deal

Will do.

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From: Walter M. Shaub

Sent: Saturday, January 7, 2017 11:32 AM

To: Gorelick, Jamie

Subject: Re: NYTimes: Jared Kushner, a Trump In-Law and Adviser, Chases a Chinese Deal

They have not shared with us that they've hired someone. If you get the chance, please let him know that I'd love to meet with him. Emory Rounds of my office and I can give him some ideas for setting up shop.

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Original Message

From: Gorelick, Jamie

Sent: Saturday, January 7, 2017 10:27 AM

To: Walter M. Shaub

Cc: Siskel, Edward N; Roberts, Blake; Gorelick, Jamie

Subject: Re: NYTimes: Jared Kushner, a Trump In-Law and Adviser, Chases a Chinese Deal

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Brandon A. Steele

From: Roberts, Blake (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, January 10, 2017 1:31 PM
To: David J. Apol; David J. Apol; Heather A. Jones
Subject: Quick Call

Hi – Do any of you all have time for a quick call today? We have a few (hopefully straightforward) questions.

Thanks,

Blake

Blake Roberts | WilmerHale

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Brandon A. Steele

From: Roberts, Blake (b) (6)
Sent: Friday, January 13, 2017 1:47 PM
To: David J. Apol; Heather A. Jones; Deborah J. Bortot
Subject: Quick questions today

Please let me know whenever you have availability today and I will make myself available. Thank you!

From: Roberts, Blake
Sent: Friday, January 13, 2017 12:19 PM
To: djapol@oge.gov; hajones@oge.gov; djbortot@oge.gov
Subject: Quick questions before 2:30

All,

Do any of you have 10 minutes for a few quick questions sometime before 2:30?

Thank you,

Blake

Blake Roberts | WilmerHale

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From: Roberts, Blake (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 11:17 AM
To: David J. Apol
Cc: Heather A. Jones; Deborah J. Bortot; Siskel, Edward N
Subject: RE: Call re Questions

Dave – That works. Thank you. I will send an invite.

Thanks,

Blake

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From: David J. Apol [<mailto:djapol@oge.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 11:02 AM
To: Roberts, Blake
Cc: Heather A. Jones ; Deborah J. Bortot
Subject: RE: Call re Questions

Blake,

Heather and I would be available at 3. Does that work for you?

Dave

From: Roberts, Blake [mailto:(b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 9:27 AM
To: Walter M. Shaub; David J. Apol; Deborah J. Bortot; Heather A. Jones
Cc: Siskel, Edward N
Subject: Call re Questions

All,

We know that you are very busy with all of your work for nominees. However, we would be very appreciative if it would be possible to schedule a 30 minute call with some of you this afternoon. We have several questions, one of which (b) (6). Please let us know what times could work for you and we will do our best to make ourselves available.

Thank you,

Blake

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Brandon A. Steele

From: David J. Apol
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2017 2:58 PM
To: 'Roberts, Blake'
Cc: Monica M. G. Ashar; Elaine Newton
Subject: RE: Call Thursday morning

Blake,

Monica and Elaine are taking the lead on the CD. Are you available to talk to them at 3:15? If so, they will call you.

Dave

From: Roberts, Blake [[\(b\) \(6\)](mailto:(b) (6))]
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2017 1:46 PM
To: David J. Apol
Subject: RE: Call Thursday morning

Dave – Just following up. Can we possibly touch base quickly this afternoon?

From: Roberts, Blake
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 11:57 PM
To: djapol@oge.gov
Subject: Call Thursday morning

Dave,

I know this is a very busy time. Would it be possible to schedule a short call tomorrow morning to go over some procedural and substantive questions?

Thanks,

Blake

Blake Roberts | WilmerHale

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From: Monica M. G. Ashar
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2017 11:34 AM
To: 'Roberts, Blake'
Subject: RE: Call Thursday morning

Thanks.

From: Roberts, Blake [mailto:(b) (6)]
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2017 11:34 AM
To: Monica M. G. Ashar
Subject: RE: Call Thursday morning

They are not.

From: Monica M. G. Ashar [<mailto:mmgashar@oge.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2017 11:33 AM
To: Roberts, Blake (b) (6)
Subject: RE: Call Thursday morning

I have one more quick question: (b) (6)

Thanks,

Monica

Monica Ashar

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From: Roberts, Blake [mailto:(b) (6)]
Sent: Sunday, January 22, 2017 11:10 AM
To: Elaine Newton; Monica M. G. Ashar
Cc: David J. Apol
Subject: RE: Call Thursday morning

Elaine – Thanks again for these helpful questions. Here are our responses. Please let me know if you have any further questions.

Thank you,

Blake

(1) Please instruct Mr. Kushner not to divest any holdings prior to receiving the CD for those holdings. According to the statute, OGE cannot issue a CD after the conflicting property has been divested. (b) (6)

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From: Roberts, Blake
Sent: Saturday, January 21, 2017 12:16 PM
To: 'Elaine Newton' <enewton@oge.gov>; Monica M. G. Ashar <mmgashar@oge.gov>
Cc: David J. Apol <djapol@oge.gov>
Subject: RE: Call Thursday morning

Elaine – Thanks very much. I will get back to you with answers to these questions as quickly as possible. I will continue to be your point of contact for Jared’s personal counsel. I believe that Stefan Passantino will be your contact in the Counsel’s Office on this.

From: Elaine Newton [<mailto:enewton@oge.gov>]
Sent: Saturday, January 21, 2017 12:09 PM
To: Roberts, Blake (b) (6); Monica M. G. Ashar <mmgashar@oge.gov>
Cc: David J. Apol <djapol@oge.gov>
Subject: RE: Call Thursday morning

Good Afternoon,

Thank you for the additional information and draft documents. We are continuing to review the information and have some additional questions:

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(b) (6)

Monica and I will continue to review the draft documents. Will you continue to be our point of contact or is there another name (and contact information) that you can provide?

Thanks, Elaine

Elaine Newton

Associate Counsel

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From: Roberts, Blake [mailto:(b) (6)]
Sent: Friday, January 20, 2017 4:56 PM
To: Monica M. G. Ashar; Elaine Newton
Cc: David J. Apol
Subject: RE: Call Thursday morning

Monica and Elaine – Please also find attached drafts of a memo from Jared applying for the COD and a memo from the WH Counsel’s Office forwarding the application to OGE. Please let us know if you have any comments on these or if they seem sufficient.

Thank you,

Blake

From: Roberts, Blake
Sent: Friday, January 20, 2017 4:39 PM
To: 'Monica M. G. Ashar' <mmgashar@oge.gov>; 'Elaine Newton' <enewton@oge.gov>
Cc: 'David J. Apol' <djapol@oge.gov>
Subject: RE: Call Thursday morning

Monica and Elaine – Here is the redacted trust document. Can you please let me know if this is adequate for your purposes? If not, can you please let me know what information you need?

On timing, my understanding is that Jared will be sworn in Sunday afternoon. Hopefully, you will receive the official package that afternoon.

Thanks,

Blake

From: Roberts, Blake
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2017 5:17 PM
To: 'Monica M. G. Ashar' <mmgashar@oge.gov>; 'Elaine Newton' <enewton@oge.gov>
Cc: 'David J. Apol' <djapol@oge.gov>
Subject: RE: Call Thursday morning

Monica and Elaine,

Thank you so much for our discussion earlier. I am attaching updated materials, which include revisions addressing questions you raised. Briefly:

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· The application contains additional information that was missing in the prior version we sent you. (b) (6)

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· We have added a note that (b) (6)

Please let me know if you have any questions as you review this updated material.

Thanks,

Blake

From: Roberts, Blake

Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2017 3:21 PM

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

Cc: Monica M. G. Ashar <mmgashar@oge.gov>; Elaine Newton <enewton@oge.gov>

Subject: RE: Call Thursday morning

Just saw this – yes. Please call whenever – (b) (6)

From: David J. Apol [<mailto:djapol@oge.gov>]

Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2017 2:58 PM

To: Roberts, Blake (b) (6)
Cc: Monica M. G. Ashar <mmgashar@oge.gov>; Elaine Newton <enewton@oge.gov>
Subject: RE: Call Thursday morning

Blake,

Monica and Elaine are taking the lead on the CD. Are you available to talk to them at 3:15? If so, they will call you.

Dave

From: Roberts, Blake [[\(b\) \(6\)](mailto:(b) (6))]
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2017 1:46 PM
To: David J. Apol
Subject: RE: Call Thursday morning

Dave – Just following up. Can we possibly touch base quickly this afternoon?

From: Roberts, Blake
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 11:57 PM
To: djapol@oge.gov
Subject: Call Thursday morning

Dave,

I know this is a very busy time. Would it be possible to schedule a short call tomorrow morning to go over some procedural and substantive questions?

Thanks,

Blake

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