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GOVERNMENT ETHICS



JAN 31 2019

The Honorable Elijah E. Cummings  
Chairman  
Committee on Oversight and Reform  
United States House of Representatives  
2157 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cummings:

This responds to your letter dated January 22, 2019, requesting that the Office of Government Ethics (OGE) produce certain documents related to President Trump's reporting of debts and payments to his personal attorney.

In response, OGE is providing electronic access to the responsive documents via a flash drive delivered to each of the Committee's majority and minority offices.

If you require additional information or have questions regarding these documents, please contact OGE's Chief of Staff, Shelley K. Finlayson, at 202-482-9314.

Sincerely,

Emory A. Rounds, III  
Director

cc. The Honorable Jim Jordan  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Oversight and Reform  
United States House of Representatives



## **Index and Summary of Documents Responsive to Information Request**

Documents responsive to the Committee's document request dated January 22, 2019 are included on this flash drive. The documents are grouped by request number and have been produced in electronic format retaining the available metadata.

**The Committee is advised that public release of many of the documents produced is prohibited under the Privacy Act of 1974 and/or section 105 of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978.**

The following generally describes the documents the U.S. Office of Government Ethics (OGE) is providing in response to each specific document request. Note: the responsive documents are identified by the title or description that appears in the documents.

Request No. 1: All communications with any White House employee or any nongovernment representative for the filer related to the determination made by OGE regarding Note 3 to Part 8 of President Trump's May 2018 OGE Form 278e, as referenced in the May 16, 2018, letter to the Department of Justice.

Response No. 1: OGE is providing all of its typed and handwritten notes of discussions with representatives of President Trump related to OGE's determination regarding Note 3 to Part 8 of President Trump's May 2018 OGE Form 278e. There are two documents which OGE has had technical problems accessing. However, OGE believes that one of those documents is a duplicate of a document that has been provided and that the other document is not responsive to this request.

- Handwritten notes of 3/22/2018 call with Sheri Dillon (0001 – 0001)
- Handwritten notes of 3/30/2018 call with Sheri Dillon at 2:22 pm (0002 – 0002)
- Handwritten notes 4/26/18 (0003 – 0003)
- Undated Handwritten notes "call w/" (0004 – 0006)
- Typed notes to file regarding series of calls (0007 – 0008)
- Excerpt of typed and handwritten notes dated 4/27/18 (0009 – 0009)
- Handwritten notes of 5/8 call with Sheri Dillon (0010 – 0015)
- Handwritten notes 5/8/18 (0016 – 0026)
- Typed notes of call with President Trump's FD on May 8, 2018 2pm (0027 – 0029)
- Handwritten notes dated 5/10/18 (0030 – 0031)
- Handwritten notes of call 5/10/18 at 3:03 pm (0032 – 0032)

- Excerpt of handwritten notes of calls with Sheri, Fred, and Will 5/10 (0033 – 0035)
- Handwritten notes dated 5/11/18 (0036 – 0041)
- Handwritten notes dated 5/11/18 (0042 – 0044)
- Excerpt of typed notes referencing May 11 discussion (0045 – 0045)
- Excerpt of handwritten notes dated 5/14 at 4:34 pm (0046 – 0046)
- Excerpt of typed and handwritten notes of discussion 5/14/18 (0047 – 0048)
- Excerpt of typed review notes dated 5/16/2018 for Donald J. Trump 278e signed 5/15/2018 Appendices are excerpted (0049 – 0050)
- Handwritten notes dated 5/16/18 (0051 – 0052)

Request No. 2: All OGE materials related to the reporting of liabilities or payments made to or by Michael Cohen on President Trump's June 2017 OGE Form 278e and May 2018 OGE Form 278e.

Response No. 2: OGE is providing President Trump's June 2017 OGE Form 278e, President Trump's May 2018 OGE Form 278e, OGE's letter to the Department of Justice, OGE's tweets related to President Trump's May 2018 OGE Form 278e and OGE's letter to the Department of Justice, and records from OGE's Agency Information Management System documenting inquiries from members of the media regarding the President's financial disclosure report and OGE's letter to the Department of Justice.

- OGE Form 278e for Donald J. Trump signed 6/14/2017 (0053 – 0150)
- OGE Form 278e for Donald J. Trump signed 5/15/2018 (0151 – 0242)
- Letter to Rod J. Rosenstein dated May 16, 2018 (0243 – 0243)
- 5/16/18 Tweet (0244 – 0244)
- 5/16/18 - Question about the DOJ letter (Associated Press) (0245 – 0246)
- 5/16/18 - Question about the DOJ letter (New York Times) (0247 – 0248)
- 5/16/18 - Question about the President's financial disclosure report (Washington Post) (0249 – 0250)
- 5/16/18- Question about the President's financial disclosure report (Fox Business) (0251 – 0252)
- 5/16/18 - Question about the DOJ letter (Associated Press)

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- 5/16/18 - Question about the DOJ letter (CNN) (0255 – 0256)
  - 5/16/18 - Question about the DOJ letter (Bloomberg) (0257 – 0258)
  - 5/16/18 - Question about the DOJ letter (Huffington Post) (0259 – 0260)
  - 5/16/18 - Question about the DOJ letter (Washington Examiner) (0261 – 0262)
  - 5/16/19 - Question about the DOJ letter (Reuters) (0263 – 0264)
  - 5/16/18 - Question about the DOJ letter (Huffington Post) (0265 – 0266)
  - 5/16/18 - Question about the President's financial disclosure report and DOJ letter (USA Today) (0267 – 0268)
  - 5/16/18 - Question about the President's financial disclosure report and DOJ letter (CNBC) (0269 – 0270)
  - 5/16/18 - Question about DOJ letter (New York Post) (0271 – 0272)
  - 5/16/18 - Question about the President's financial disclosure report and DOJ letter (ABC News) (0273 – 0274)
  - 5/17/18 - CNN question about OGE Letter to DOJ (0275 – 0276)
  - 5/18/18 - Questions about President's financial disclosure report (Rachel Maddow) (0277 – 0278)
  - 8/24/18 - Question about POGO letter (USA Today) (0279 – 0280)
  - 8/24/18 - Question about individual's financial disclosure report (CNBC) (0281 – 0282)

## **CERTIFICATION**

I certify that a diligent search has been completed of all documents in the possession, custody, or control of the U.S. Office of Government Ethics which reasonably could contain responsive documents and all documents located during the search that are responsive have been produced to the Committee.

**SHELLEY  
FINLAYSON**

Shelley K. Finlayson  
Chief of Staff & Program Counsel  
U.S. Office of Government Ethics

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May 16, 2018

The Honorable Rod J. Rosenstein  
Deputy Attorney General  
U.S. Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20530-0001

Dear Mr. Rosenstein,

I write to you in connection with the complaint by Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington on March 8, 2018 with the Department of Justice (DOJ) and with the U.S. Office of Government Ethics (OGE). Specifically, the complaint requested that DOJ and OGE investigate whether a payment made by Mr. Michael Cohen to a third party constituted a loan to President Trump that should have been reported as a liability on his public financial disclosure report signed on June 14, 2017 (for calendar year 2016), and if so, whether the failure to report it was knowing and willful.

Today I certified President Trump's financial disclosure report signed on May 15, 2018 (for calendar year 2017). OGE has concluded that, based on the information provided as a note to part 8, the payment made by Mr. Cohen is required to be reported as a liability. OGE has determined that the information provided in that note meets the disclosure requirements for a reportable liability under the Ethics in Government Act.

I am providing both reports to you because you may find the disclosure relevant to any inquiry you may be pursuing regarding the President's prior report that was signed on June 14, 2017.

Sincerely,

David J. Apol  
Acting Director



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The President's certified annual financial disclosure report for CY 2017 is now available here:  
[oge.box.com/v/Trump2018Ann...](https://oge.box.com/v/Trump2018Ann...)

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Read OGE's letter to  
[@TheJusticeDept](#) regarding  
President Trump's financial  
disclosure report.  
[oge.box.com/v/OGELettertoD...](https://oge.box.com/v/OGELettertoD...)

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Interaction Number: 15230

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Initiation Date*	2018-05-16
Title*	Question about the DOJ letter (Associated Press)
Question*	The reporter had questions about OGE's letter to DOJ regarding the President's financial disclosure report.
Update:	
Categories*	Other
Origin Of Interaction*	Phone
Source*	Non-Agency Press
First Name:	Claire
Last Name:	Hymes
Title:	Reporter, CBS News
Position:	
Email:	none provided
Phone:	(b) (6)
Other Contact Notes:	
Assignment:	Elizabeth D. Horton
Watching:	
Temporary Notes:	
created by:	Elizabeth D. Horton

### Resolution Information

Resolution Date*	2018-05-16
Resolution Category*	Resolved
Response*	I told the reporter on background that "referral" is a more formal process and that this instance was not a referral but that OGE provided information to DOJ in connection with a complaint that we received. (Assigned to: Elizabeth D. Horton)
Complexity (level):	1 <a href="#">[Click to view/hide complexity guidelines]</a>
Time Spent (hours):	0-1 hour
Contributor:	
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## Resolved Interaction

Interaction Number: 15229

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Initiation Date*:	2018-05-16
Title:	Question about the DOJ letter (New York Times)
Question*:	<p>Hello,</p> <p>My name is Katie Benner and I'm a reporter at the NYT.</p> <p>I'm calling regarding a letter you sent today to DOJ/Rosenstein that included Trump's financial disclosure forms.</p> <p>The letter also attached last year's form and said "because you may find the disclosure relevant to any inquiry you may be pursuing regarding the president's prior report" which was signed in June 2017.</p> <p>Is this a criminal referral? Does DoJ have an open investigation?</p> <p>All best,</p>
Update:	
Categories*:	Other
Origin Of Interaction*:	Email
Source*:	Non-Agency Press
First Name:	Katie
Last Name:	Benner
Title:	Reporter, New York Times (Washington Bureau)
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*:	2018-05-23
Resolution Category*:	Resolved
Response*:	<p>I told the reporter on background for no attribution that OGE's letter was not a criminal referral but that OGE provided information to DOJ.</p> <p>(Assigned to: Elizabeth D. Horton)</p>
Complexity (level):	<p>1</p> <p><a href="#">[Click to view/hide complexity guidelines]</a></p>
Time Spent (hours):	0-1 hour
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## Resolved Interaction

Interaction Number: 15228

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Initiation Date*:	2018-05-16
Title*:	Question about the President's financial disclosure report (Washington Post)
Question*:	<p>Hi Elizabeth – I hope you're well. I have some questions about the President Trump PFD:</p> <p>–In the assets and income portion of the PFD filed June 14, 2017, does that cover a 15.5-month period or 16.5-month period? We know the period starts January 2016 but what is the cut-off date? (We're trying to find a way to accurately compare the last PFD and the one released today.)</p> <p>–Re: the OGE letter sent to DAG Rosenstein, exactly when did OGE come to the conclusion that the payment by Cohen was required to be reported as a liability?</p> <p>–Did OGE reach that conclusion before or after the PFD was filed yesterday? If before, how long ago? Was it before or after May 3, 2018?</p> <p>–What response has OGE received from DOJ to the letter sent today?</p>
Update:	
Categories*:	278s
Origin Of Interaction*:	Email
Source*:	Non-Agency Press
First Name:	Michelle
Last Name:	Lee
Title:	Reporter, 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*:	2018-05-16
Resolution Category*:	Resolved
Response*:	<p>I told the reporter on background that last year's report did cover a longer period than his year's report. I also told her that I was not aware of when OGE came to its conclusion.</p> <p>(Assigned to: Elizabeth D. Horton)</p>
Complexity (level):	<p>1</p> <p><a href="#">[Click to view/hide complexity guidelines]</a></p>
Time Spent (hours):	0-1 hour
Contributor:	
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## Resolved Interaction

Interaction Number: 15226

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Initiation Date*	2018-05-16
Title*	Question about the President's financial disclosure report (Fox Business)
Question*	The reporter had a question about why the payment should have been disclosed.
Update:	
Categories*	278s
Origin Of Interaction*	Phone
Source*	Non-Agency Press
First Name:	Blake
Last Name:	Berman
Title:	Reporter, Fox Business
Position:	
Email:	none provided
Phone:	(b) (6)
Other Contact Notes:	
Assignment:	Elizabeth D. Horton
Watching:	
Temporary Notes:	
created by:	Elizabeth D. Horton

### Resolution Information

Resolution Date*	2018-05-16
Resolution Category*	Resolved
Response*	The reporter stated that his question was answered by OGE's letter to DOJ. (Assigned to: Elizabeth D. Horton)
Complexity (level):	1 <a href="#">[Click to view/hide complexity guidelines]</a>
Time Spent (hours):	0-1 hour
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## Resolved Interaction

Interaction Number: 15224

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Initiation Date*:	2018-05-16
Title*:	Question about the DOJ letter (Associated Press)
Question*:	<p>Hi Elizabeth and Elaine - Just left a message on your cell. We're on a tight deadline so hoping you can respond quickly. Background is fine if that helps expedite things.</p> <p>Our questions center on the letter Director Apol sent today to DAG Rosenstein re: the CREW complaint on the Michael Cohen Payment. a. to be clear, what exactly did Mr. Apol refer to DAG Rosenstein: he president's 2017 financial disclosure and the CREW complaint? If not, what?</p> <p>b: has OGE ever before referred a sitting U.S. president's financial disclosure report to the Justice Department for further review?</p> <p>c. can you point us to any recent examples of other senior U.S. government officials who have been cited for not reporting an expense as a liability? How common is this?</p> <p>Thanks very much.</p>
Update:	
Categories*:	Other
Origin Of Interaction*:	Email
Source*:	Non-Agency Press
First Name:	Richard
Last Name:	Lardner
Title:	Reporter, Associated Press
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*:	2018-05-16
Resolution Category*:	Resolved
Response*:	<p>I told the reporter on background that "referral" is a more formal process hat is not made public and that this instance was not a referral but that OGE provided information to DOJ. I also told the reporter that I was not aware of any other instances of information about a sitting president's report being provided to DOJ or other officials not reporting a liability.</p> <p>(Assigned to: Elizabeth D. Horton)</p>
Complexity (level):	<p>1</p> <p><a href="#">[Click to view/hide complexity guidelines]</a></p>
Time Spent (hours):	0-1 hour
Contributor:	
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## Resolved Interaction

Interaction Number: 15223

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Initiation Date*:	2018-05-16
Title*:	Question about the DOJ letter (CNN)
Question*:	<p>Hi – I'm hoping to get a comment or statement from a press liaison about OGE's letter today to DAG Rosenstein on the President's financial disclosure form:  <a href="https://oge.app.box.com/v/OGELettertoDOJ">https://oge.app.box.com/v/OGELettertoDOJ</a></p> <p>Does OGE consider this a criminal referral to the Justice Department? And if not, can OGE explain why it was sent?</p> <p>Thanks very much in advance</p>
Update:	
Categories*:	278s
Origin Of Interaction*:	Email
Source*:	Non-Agency Press
First Name:	Laura
Last Name:	Jarrett
Title:	Reporter
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*:	2018-05-16
Resolution Category*:	Resolved
Response*:	<p>I told the reporter on background that "referral" has a formal process and that this instance was not a referral but that OGE provided information to DOJ.          (Assigned to: Elizabeth D. Horton)</p>
Complexity (level):	<p>1</p> <p><a href="#">[Click to view/hide complexity guidelines]</a></p>
Time Spent (hours):	0-1 hour
Contributor:	
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Closed	05/16/2018 06:44:30 PM by Elizabeth D. Horton
Create	05/16/2018 04:22:15 PM by Elizabeth D. Horton
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## Resolved Interaction

Interaction Number: 15221

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Initiation Date*:	2018-05-16
Title*:	Question about the DOJ letter (Bloomberg)
Question*:	The reporter had questions about OGE's letter to DOJ regarding the President's financial disclosure report and whether this was a referral.
Update:	
Categories*:	Other
Origin Of Interaction*:	Phone
Source*:	Non-Agency Press
First Name:	Bill
Last Name:	Allison
Title:	Journalist, Bloomberg News
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*:	2018-05-16
Resolution Category*:	Resolved
Response*:	The reporter said that he was able to get a copy of the letter. I told the reporter on background that "referral" is a term of art that has a formal process and that this instance was not a referral but that OGE provided information to DOJ. (Assigned to: Elizabeth D. Horton)
Complexity (level):	1 <a href="#">[Click to view/hide complexity guidelines]</a>
Time Spent (hours):	0-1 hour
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## Resolved Interaction

Interaction Number: 15220

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Initiation Date*:	2018-05-16
Title:	Question about the DOJ letter (Huffington Post)
Question*:	The reporter had questions about OGE's letter to DOJ regarding the President's financial disclosure report.
Update:	
Categories*:	Other
Origin Of Interaction*:	Phone
Source*:	Non-Agency Press
First Name:	Shirish
Last Name:	Date
Title:	Reporter, Huffington Post
Position:	
Email:	none provided
Phone:	(b) (6)
Other Contact Notes:	
Assignment:	Elizabeth D. Horton
Watching:	
Temporary Notes:	
created by:	Elizabeth D. Horton

### Resolution Information

Resolution Date*:	2018-05-16
Resolution Category*:	Resolved
Response*:	The reporter indicated that he was able to get a copy of the letter. (Assigned to: Elizabeth D. Horton)
Complexity (level):	1 <a href="#">[Click to view/hide complexity guidelines]</a>
Time Spent (hours):	0-1 hour
Contributor:	
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### Interaction History Log

Closed	05/16/2018 03:49:11 PM by Elizabeth D. Horton
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## Resolved Interaction

**Interaction Number: 15219**[copy press contact to new](#)

Initiation Date*:	2018-05-16
Title*:	Question about he DOJ letter (Washington Examiner)
Question*:	Hi there.  Was wondering if you can forward me this letter sent by Mr. Apol to DAG Rosenstein.  Thanks! <a href="https://twitter.com/AriMeiber/status/996805188232065024">https://twitter.com/AriMeiber/status/996805188232065024</a>
Update:	
Categories*:	Other
Origin Of Interaction*:	Email
Source*:	Non-Agency Press
First Name:	Kelly
Last Name:	Cohen
Title:	Reporter, Washington Examiner
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*:	2018-05-23
Resolution Category*:	Resolved
Response*:	I called the reporter on 5/16 and 5/23 but her mailbox was full. Since the letter has been accessible and the reporter has not called me back, I am closing out this inquiry. (Assigned to: Elizabeth D. Horton)
Complexity (level):	1 <a href="#">[Click to view/hide complexity guidelines]</a>
Time Spent (hours):	0-1 hour
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## Resolved Interaction

Interaction Number: 15218

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Initiation Date*:	2018-05-16
Title*:	Question about the DOJ letter (Reuters)
Question*:	To Whom It May Concern-- Can you please confirm the authenticity of this letter from AD Apol to DAG Rod Rosenstein and provide a link to or PDF version of the document from OGE? <a href="https://twitter.com/ABC/status/996810976799461376">https://twitter.com/ABC/status/996810976799461376</a>  Any help very much appreciated.
Update:	
Categories*:	Other
Origin Of Interaction*:	Email
Source*:	Non-Agency Press
First Name:	Zachary
Last Name:	Goelman
Title:	Correspondent, Reuters TV
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*:	2018-05-16
Resolution Category*:	Resolved
Response*:	The reporter said that he was able to get a copy of the letter. I told the reporter on background when he asked if this matter was "referred" to DOJ that "referral" is a term of art that has a formal process and that this instance was not a referral but the OGE provided information to DOJ. (Assigned to: Elizabeth D. Horton)
Complexity (level):	1 <a href="#">[Click to view/hide complexity guidelines]</a>
Time Spent (hours):	0-1 hour
Contributor:	
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## Resolved Interaction

Interaction Number: 15217

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Initiation Date*:	2018-05-16
Title*:	Question about the DOJ letter(Huffington Post)
Question*:	Is it possible to get a copy? Thanks,
Update:	
Categories*:	Other
Origin Of Interaction*:	Email
Source*:	Non-Agency Press
First Name:	Ryan
Last Name:	Reilly
Title:	Reporter, Huffington 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*:	2018-05-16
Resolution Category*:	Resolved
Response*:	The reporter indicated that he was able to get a copy of the letter. (Assigned to: Elizabeth D. Horton)
Complexity (level):	1 <a href="#">[Click to view/hide complexity guidelines]</a>
Time Spent (hours):	0-1 hour
Contributor:	
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### Interaction History Log

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## Resolved Interaction

Interaction Number: 15216

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Initiation Date*:	2018-05-16
Title*:	Question about the President's financial disclosure report and DOJ letter (USA Today)
Question*:	<p>A couple of technical questions. Thanks:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. There are reports of a letter OGE acting Apol sent to the Justice Department regarding the president's report and the "payment made by Mr. Cohen." Can I get a copy of that letter, or is it available online?</li> <li>2. I want to be clear on the timeline here: The 2017 report covered a 16-mon h period from January 2016 to April 2017. Is that for all sections of the report? Do the income levels in Part 2 of the 2017 report reflect that 16-month period?</li> <li>3. Specifically, what is the timeline covered by the May 15, 2018 report? Does it pick up in April, or is it for calendar year 2017?</li> </ol> <p>Disregard question number 1. I see it on Twitter.</p> <p>Still interested in 2 and 3. Thanks,</p>
Update:	
Categories*:	278s, Other
Origin Of Interaction*:	Email
Source*:	Non-Agency Press
First Name:	John
Last Name:	Fritze
Title:	White House correspondent, USA Today
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*:	2018-05-23
Resolution Category*:	Resolved
Response*:	<p>I left a voicemail message on 5/16 on both numbers asking the reporter to call me back if he still had questions. The reporter did not call me back. Accordingly, I am closing out this inquiry.</p> <p>(Assigned to: Elizabeth D. Horton)</p>
Complexity (level):	<p>1</p> <p>[Click to view/hide complexity guidelines]</p>
Time Spent (hours):	0-1 hour
Contributor:	

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## Resolved Interaction

Interaction Number: 15215

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Initiation Date*:	2018-05-16
Title*:	Question about the President's financial disclosure report and DOJ letter (CNBC)
Question*:	The reporter had questions about the President's financial disclosure report and OGE's related letter to DOJ.
Update:	
Categories*:	278s, Other
Origin Of Interaction*:	Phone
Source*:	Non-Agency Press
First Name:	Karen
Last Name:	James Sloan
Title:	Producer, CNBC
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*:	2018-05-16
Resolution Category*:	Resolved
Response*:	I told the reporter on background that as indicated in the letter, the subject payment was required to be disclosed and now it has been disclosed. Accordingly, there is no need to amend last year's report but we have provided the information to DOJ for them to determine if any additional action is required. (Assigned to: Elizabeth D. Horton)
Complexity (level):	1 <a href="#">[Click to view/hide complexity guidelines]</a>
Time Spent (hours):	0-1 hour
Contributor:	
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### Interaction History Log

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## Resolved Interaction

Interaction Number: 15209

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Initiation Date*:	2018-05-16
Title*:	Question about DOJ letter (New York Post)
Question*:	The reporter had questions about OGE's letter to DOJ regarding the President's financial disclosure report.
Update:	
Categories*:	278s, Other
Origin Of Interaction*:	Phone
Source*:	Non-Agency Press
First Name:	Marisa
Last Name:	Schultz
Title:	Reporter, NY 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*:	2018-05-16
Resolution Category*:	Resolved
Response*:	I told the reporter on background that "referral" is a more formal process that is not made public and that this instance was not a referral but that OGE provided information to DOJ. (Assigned to: Elizabeth D. Horton)
Complexity (level):	1 <a href="#">[Click to view/hide complexity guidelines]</a>
Time Spent (hours):	0-1 hour
Contributor:	
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### Interaction History Log

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## Resolved Interaction

Interaction Number: 15208

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Initiation Date*:	2018-05-16
Title*:	Question about the President's financial disclosure report and DOJ letter (ABC News)
Question*:	<p>The reporter wanted to know what prompted the letter to DOJ and whether OGE thought the information should have been disclosed on the 2016 report.</p> <p>Hi Elizabeth,</p> <p>Even off the record guidance would be appreciated here just for our clarity. But as for the discrepancy in the reporting periods between the 2016 and 2017 reports – for the 2016 disclosure, was the reporting period January 1st of 2016-April 15th of 2017? And this one is just Jan. 1st, 2017 – Dec. 31st, 2017? Any clarity would be greatly appreciated.</p>
Update:	
Categories*:	278s, Ethics Program Administration
Origin Of Interaction*:	Phone
Source*:	Non-Agency Press
First Name:	Alexander
Last Name:	Mallin
Title:	Digital Journalist, ABC News
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*:	2018-05-16
Resolution Category*:	Resolved
Response*:	<p>I told the reporter on background that as indicated in the letter, it is in connection with a complaint with OGE. I also told him that the letter concludes that the subject payment was required to be disclosed and now it has been disclosed. Finally, I told him that last year's report was not a purely annual report so the time periods for last year's report and this year's report differ.</p> <p>(Assigned to: Elizabeth D. Horton)</p>
Complexity (level):	<p>2</p> <p><a href="#">[Click to view/hide complexity guidelines]</a></p>
Time Spent (hours):	0-1 hour
Contributor:	
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## Resolved Interaction

Interaction Number: 15237

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Initiation Date*:	2018-05-17
Title*:	OGE Letter to DOJ
Question*:	Whether OGE can provide confirmation on the record that he letter to DOJ regarding the President's financial disclosure report is not a referral?
Update:	
Categories*:	278s
Origin Of Interaction*:	Phone
Source*:	Non-Agency Press
First Name:	Laura
Last Name:	Jerrod
Title:	Reporter - CNN
Position:	
Email:	
Phone:	(b) (6)
Other Contact Notes:	
Assignment:	Elaine Newton
Watching:	
Temporary Notes:	
created by:	Elaine Newton

### Resolution Information

Resolution Date*:	2018-05-17
Resolution Category*:	Resolved
Response*:	Reporter did not want to speak with me unless I could provide comments on the record, which I am not authorized to do so we ended the conversation. (Assigned to: Elaine Newton)
Complexity (level):	1 <a href="#">[Click to view/hide complexity guidelines]</a>
Time Spent (hours):	0-1 hour
Contributor:	
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### Interaction History Log

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## Resolved Interaction

Interaction Number: 15252

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Initiation Date*:	2018-05-18
Title*:	Questions about President's financial disclosure report (Rachel Maddow)
Question*:	<p>I'm a producer with The Rachel Maddow Show and we had a few questions about yesterday's referral from the OGE to Rod Rosenstein regarding the President's 2017 / 2018 personal financial disclosure forms:</p> <p>1.) Was Director Apol obligated to make his letter to Deputy AG Rosenstein <b>**public**</b>?</p> <p>2.) Now that Director Apol has sent that referral is the DOJ <b>**obligated**</b> to investigate? In other words, is the OGE's referral binding in any way for the DOJ?</p> <p>3.) Is there any historical precedent of the OGE sending this kind of a referral to DOJ regarding an American President? Has any other American President been in this position with the OGE?</p> <p>Many thanks and I appreciate your help!</p>
Update:	
Categories*:	278s, Ethics Program Administration
Origin Of Interaction*:	Email
Source*:	Non-Agency Press
First Name:	Lisa
Last Name:	Ferri
Title:	Producer, The Rachel Maddow Show
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*:	2018-05-23
Resolution Category*:	Resolved
Response*:	<p>I left a voicemail message on 5/21 asking the producer to call me back if she still had questions. The producer did not call me back and a story aired after her initial call. Accordingly, I am closing out this inquiry.</p> <p>(Assigned to: Elizabeth D. Horton)</p>
Complexity (level):	<p>1</p> <p><a href="#">[Click to view/hide complexity guidelines]</a></p>
Time Spent (hours):	0-1 hour
Contributor:	
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Interaction History Log	
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## Resolved Interaction

Interaction Number: 15947

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Initiation Date*:	2018-08-24
Title*:	Question about POGO letter (USA Today)
Question*:	<p>Good afternoon,</p> <p>I'm working on a story about the attached letter from the Project on Government Oversight ("POGO") to OGE, requesting that OGE update its May 2018 referral to the Department of Justice regarding the disclosure of payments to Michael Cohen President Trump's financial disclosure form.</p> <p>The requested update is due to the disclosure in a criminal Information which became public this week indicating payments to Michael Cohen totaling \$420,000 were made in 2017—in excess of the \$100,001 to \$250,000 range stated on President Trump's financial disclosure statement.</p> <p>I wanted to ask:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has OGE received the letter from POGO?</li> <li>• Either as a result of the POGO letter or independently, has the Office of Government Ethics updated its referral to the Department of Justice based on new information about payments to Michael Cohen?</li> </ul> <p>Thanks in advance for any help you can offer on this today. Please don't hesitate to call if you'd like to discuss.</p>
Update:	
Categories*:	Ethics Program Administration
Origin Of Interaction*:	Email
Source*:	Non-Agency Press
First Name:	Steve
Last Name:	Reilly
Title:	Reporter, USA Today
Position:	
Email:	(b) (6)
Phone:	(b) (6)
Other Contact Notes:	
Assignment:	Elizabeth D. Horton
Watching:	
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created by:	Elizabeth D. Horton

### Resolution Information

Resolution Date*:	2018-08-24
Resolution Category*:	Resolved
Response*:	I told the reporter on background for no attribution that OGE just received the letter and we are reviewing it. (Assigned to: Elizabeth D. Horton)
Complexity (level):	1 <a href="#">[Click to view/hide complexity guidelines]</a>
Time Spent (hours):	0-1 hour
Contributor:	

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## Resolved Interaction

Interaction Number: 15940

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Initiation Date*:	2018-08-24
Title*:	Question about individual's financial disclosure report (CNBC)
Question*:	<p>Hi,</p> <p>I'm a video producer at CNBC and I'd like to get a comment from somebody at the OGE regarding President Trump's 278e 2017 disclosure, signed May 15, 2018. Specifically I'd like to know if you are reviewing the disclosure of his reimbursement to Michael Cohen in light of new court documents that say Cohen received \$420,000 - more than the \$100,001-\$250,000 hat the President disclosed.</p> <p>I am working on deadline and would like a response ASAP. If somebody is available to talk first thing in the morning, that would work.</p>
Update:	
Categories*:	278s
Origin Of Interaction*:	Email
Source*:	Non-Agency Press
First Name:	Jordan
Last Name:	Malter
Title:	Senior Producer, CNBC
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*:	2018-08-24
Resolution Category*:	Resolved
Response*:	I told the reporter hat I do not discuss specific individuals and referred him to the letter to DOJ posted on OGE's website. (Assigned to: Elizabeth D. Horton)
Complexity (level):	1 <a href="#">[Click to view/hide complexity guidelines]</a>
Time Spent (hours):	0-1 hour
Contributor:	
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