

Harris, Grant T. (AF)

From: Wolosky, Lee S. (TNT)
Sent: Thursday, October 26, 2000 1:49 PM
To: Harris, Grant T. (AF)
Subject: FW: Butt memo ~~{TOP SECRET}~~



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From: Wolosky, Lee S. (TNT)
Sent: Thursday, October 26, 2000 1:10 PM
To: DeRosa, Mary B. (LEGAL)
Cc: Clarke, Richard A. (TNT); Rosa, Frederick M. (TNT)
Subject: RE: Butt memo ~~{TOP SECRET}~~

It is unclear to me what "new information" DOJ has reviewed, because they don't participate in the NSC-led group on this subject (and won't participate in tomorrow's Pickering-led session), nor were they routed, so far as I know, 1.4(c)

Three points might be reinforced to Swartz or higher: (1) DOJ should participate in these and similar interagency efforts -- if for no other reason to ensure that they receive accurate information; (2) we are sending a team to South Africa as early as next week and would like to be in a position to follow up on DAG's August visit to that country by offering TDY prosecutorial assistance; and (3) if we don't get satisfaction on the process points (and assuming others around here agree), we're going to move for a DC to ensure that the USG is most effectively coordinating its efforts to shut down a significant international criminal syndicate that is threatening US foreign policy objectives across Africa; that is threatening the security of UNAMSIL forces; and that is contributing to human misery more than any other int'l criminal group of which we are aware.

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From: DeRosa, Mary B. (LEGAL)
Sent: Thursday, October 26, 2000 12:13 PM
To: Wolosky, Lee S. (TNT)
Cc: DeRosa, Mary B. (LEGAL)
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One more thing. Ann said I should feel free to follow up with Bruce Swartz directly, which I will do.

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From: DeRosa, Mary B. (LEGAL)
Sent: Thursday, October 26, 2000 12:11 PM
To: Wolosky, Lee S. (TNT)
Subject: RE: Butt memo ~~{TOP SECRET}~~

The first word I heard back from Ann Harkin -- a few minutes ago -- was not good. Clearly they are focused only on the U.S. law enforcement issue, and -- although they have received new information that they want to review -- they do not believe there is enough there. If true, I don't believe we can push that issue any more. I asked her again about the need for DOJ cooperation on the broader international effort. It was clear she hadn't pressed that point, and I asked her to go back and do so. She agreed and said she would get back to me. I'm not optimistic.

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From: Wolosky, Lee S. (TNT)
Sent: Thursday, October 26, 2000 11:57 AM
To: DeRosa, Mary B. (LEGAL)
Subject: RE: Butt memo ~~{TOP SECRET}~~
Importance: High

Thanks. I learned a short while ago that Jim Robinson declined U/S Pickering's invite to the 10am meeting on this topic tomorrow morning referred to below. I do not know the timing of Robinson's refusal relative to your efforts. But if your/Ann Harkin's message got through, then I would expect either Robinson or Bruce Swartz to make themselves available for the Pickering-chaired meeting. In any event, please keep me posted if you

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hear more. And thanks again.

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From: DeRosa, Mary B. (LEGAL)
Sent: Wednesday, October 25, 2000 8:02 PM
To: Wolosky, Lee S. (TNT)
Subject: FW: Butt memo ~~(TOP SECRET)~~
Importance: High

I had a conversation with Ann Harkin -- the AG's Chief of Staff -- about this. She was very receptive and said she is going to talk to Mike Horowitz (Chief of staff of the Criminal Division) first thing tomorrow morning about it. She'll call me tomorrow and we'll talk more about what to do next. I proposed a meeting. I'll keep you posted.

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From: DeRosa, Mary B. (LEGAL)
Sent: Wednesday, October 25, 2000 5:16 PM
To: DeRosa, Mary B. (LEGAL)
Subject: FW: Butt memo ~~(TOP SECRET)~~
Importance: High

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From: DeRosa, Mary B. (LEGAL)
Sent: Wednesday, October 25, 2000 5:15 PM
To: Wolosky, Lee S. (TNT)
Cc: Smith, Gayle E. (AF); Harris, Grant T. (AF)
Subject: FW: Butt memo ~~(TOP SECRET)~~
Importance: High

Sorry, I misunderstood your earlier e-mail and thought you would be sending me a revised draft. I have suggested some changes to the document.

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From: Wolosky, Lee S. (TNT)
Sent: Wednesday, October 25, 2000 4:55 PM
To: DeRosa, Mary B. (LEGAL)
Cc: Smith, Gayle E. (AF); Harris, Grant T. (AF)
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Importance: High

Mary -- We really need feedback on this. U/S Pickering has called a meeting on Mr. Butt for Friday am, and we need to get our memo to Kerrick moved forward asap to ensure that NSC and State continue to work off the same playbook. Thanks, Lee

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From: Wolosky, Lee S. (TNT)
Sent: Tuesday, October 24, 2000 10:11 PM
To: DeRosa, Mary B. (LEGAL)
Cc: Harris, Grant T. (AF)
Subject: FW: Butt memo ~~(TOP SECRET)~~

Mary: Tomorrow (10/25) we're sending forward a memo to Kerrick updating him on our recent activities with regard to Victor Butt. A very rough cut follows below. As you will see, we intend to ask for an assist in engaging Justice at or following next week's DC on Sierra Leone-- unless you tell us that that is not necessary due to your own efforts. We'd be grateful for a brief update. (Note that there are two separate, specific components to our request -- aside from our general interest in seeing DOJ become more forthcoming in vectoring their experience into the work of NSC's @crime group : (i) prioritizing a criminal investigation, if appropriate, based on known U.S. nexus of the Victor Butt Organization; and (ii) possibly sending a TDY team of investigators/prosecutors to South Africa -- you'll recall that we have approached the South Africans about issuing a warrant for Butt's arrest, and initial

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steps are now moving forward on a fast-track). Many thanks, Lee

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From: Harris, Grant T. (AF)
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Here is my cut.

Grant

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