



VIA EMAIL

(LM 2017-111)

August 1, 2017

The Honorable Donald F. McGahn, II
Counsel to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20502

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If you have any questions relating to this request, please contact me at (202) 357-5144 or NARA General Counsel Gary M. Stern at (301) 837-3026.

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