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**Fwd: Meeting this week - 4/24 at 3:00pm**

2 messages

**Paul Wester** <paul.wester@nara.gov>

Tue, Apr 21, 2015 at 11:52 AM

To: "Stern, GaryM" &lt;garym.stern@nara.gov&gt;, "Brewer, Laurence" &lt;laurence.brewer@nara.gov&gt;, "Trainer, Jay" &lt;jay.trainer@nara.gov&gt;

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From: **Grafeld, Margaret P** <GrafeldMP@state.gov>

Date: Tue, Apr 21, 2015 at 11:34 AM

Subject: Re: Meeting this week - 4/24 at 3:00pm

To: "paul.wester@nara.gov" &lt;paul.wester@nara.gov&gt;

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Best,

Peggy

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**From:** Paul Wester [mailto:paul.wester@nara.gov]**Sent:** Monday, April 20, 2015 01:04 PM**To:** Grafeld, Margaret P**Subject:** Meeting this week - 4/24 at 3:00pm

NW Hi Peggy, DocId: 70098794 Page 1

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Thanks so much!

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To: "Grafeld, Margaret P" <GrafeldMP@state.gov>  
Bcc: laurence.brewer@nara.gov

Tue, Apr 21, 2015 at 5:56 PM

Peggy,  
Here you go. Hopefully, everything will wrapped up this evening!

I am looking forward to seeing you on Friday.

Thanks, Paul

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On Tue, Apr 21, 2015 at 5:19 PM, Grafeld, Margaret P <GrafeldMP@state.gov> wrote:

Paul,

Never any reason to apologize to me, especially for timeliness. At least you're not at The Mountain for the exercise, though you could stop at the renowned local pie shop. :-)

The March 17 letter is the one. I'd really appreciate getting a copy as a model for ours. If you attached your letter to me, perhaps we'll attach my response and also mention that we're following up with the Clinton team.

Thanks for the help. Looking forward to seeing you Friday.

Best,  
Peggy

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Peggy,  
My apologies for the delay in responding. We are having the governmentwide Eagle Horizon 2015 exercise today, and I have some responsibilities in our COOP activities.

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On the DocId:70008794 Page 2, I am checking with the Archivist's office to get a copy, but I believe David already responded with a very short letter saying we are working the issue with State, per our regs. We also attached a copy of the letter that I sent you on March 3rd.

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We are talking about the March 17th letter to Secretary Kerry and David Ferriero from the public interest groups, correct?

Thanks, Paul

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**VIA EMAIL TRANSMISSION**

23 March 2015

Daniel Epstein, Executive Director  
Cause of Action  
Patrice McDermott, Executive Director  
OpenTheGovernment.org  
By Email

Dear Mr. Epstein and Ms. McDermott:

Thank you for the letter of March 17, 2015, from you and your fellow organizations. I welcome your perspective. NARA is committed to ensuring that all agencies properly manage federal records. As you are likely aware, the National Archives and Records Administration wrote a letter earlier this month requesting that the Department of State provide us with a report on this matter in accordance with our statutory and regulatory authority. (A copy of the letter is attached.) We are awaiting a response from the State Department and will work with them to address these records management issues.

Sincerely,

DAVID S. FERRIERO  
Archivist of the United States