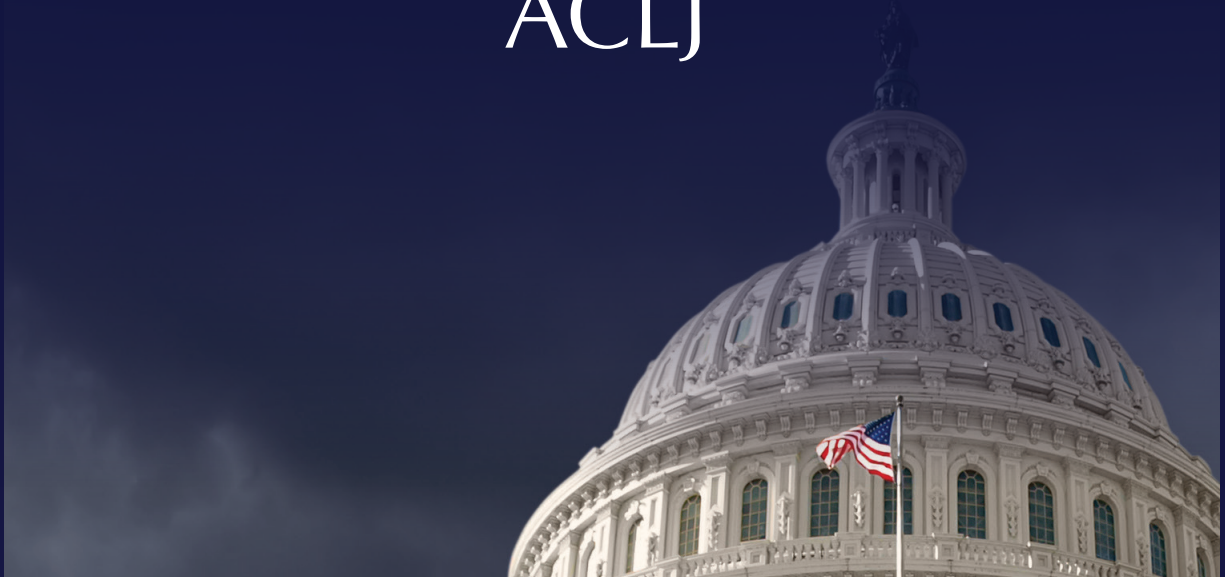


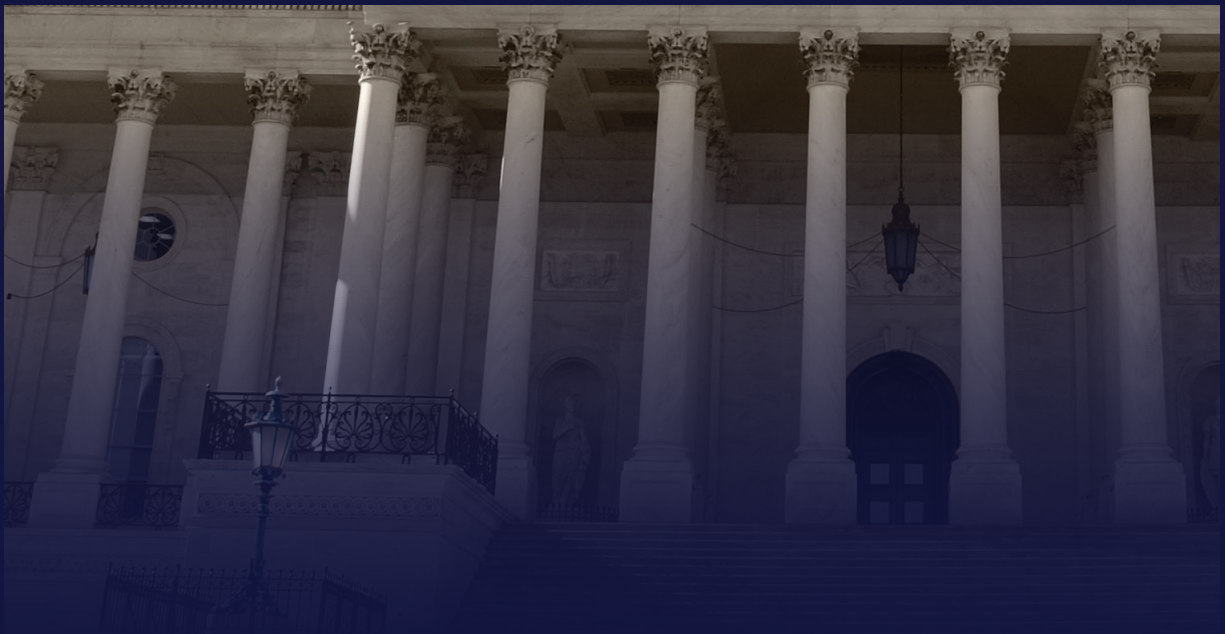
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A MESSAGE FROM CHIEF COUNSEL JAY SEKULOW



Just over two years ago, I mobilized a dedicated team of attorneys and staff to launch our Government Accountability Project. This project aimed at shedding light on burgeoning corruption in the bureaucracy that controls our government agencies and implements our laws. We are fighting to hold this ever-expanding “Deep State” accountable to the American people. Thanks to your support, our efforts have been a resounding success.

As part of this effort, we have issued more than fifty-one Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests. The law requires government agencies to respond to these lawful requests. Yet, the bureaucracy fights tooth and nail to protect its secrets, often refusing to comply with our requests or the law. So, we have been forced to bring them to account – in court. To that end, we have filed eleven federal lawsuits (two of which have been combined) against five different bureaucratic agencies. We are fighting every day to expose the truth.

Over the course of the last two years, we have exposed corruption, lawlessness, influence peddling, and deception in our government. We have ensured that numerous Deep State bureaucrats are no longer in positions of power. We have dug into the Obama Administration’s funding of anti-Israel causes – including an attempt to unseat the government of Israel - exposed major corruption and collusion surrounding the infamous Clinton-Lynch tarmac meeting, and revealed the “purposeful” deletion of an official State Department briefing video to hide when the Iran nuclear deal negotiations began.

The goal of our Government Accountability Project is clear: ensure the United States Government remains of the People, dedicated to the People, and run for the People and not entrenched Washington elites, the ever-expanding bureaucratic Deep State, and corrupting special interests. The following is the first in a long line of quarterly reports that the ACLJ will issue to Members of Congress and the general public to update and empower those with a voice to make a difference and hold the government accountable.

After a review of the report’s findings, I encourage the appropriate congressional committees to provide oversight, hold hearings, and take whatever corrective action is necessary, including new legislation. I also encourage you, the American people, to remain ever vigilant; your voice makes a huge difference.

Thank you for your continued support. Without you, the virus of deception would remain hidden. With your help, we will continue to expose the truth and defeat the Deep State.

Signed,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jay Sekulow". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.



ABOUT THE ACLJ

Founded in 1990 with the mandate to protect religious and constitutional freedoms, the American Center for Law and Justice (ACLJ) engages legal, legislative, and cultural issues by implementing an effective strategy of advocacy, education, and litigation that includes representing clients before the Supreme Court of the United States and international tribunals around the globe.

As ACLJ Chief Counsel Jay Sekulow continued to build his legal and legislative team, the ACLJ experienced tremendous success in litigating cases at all levels of the judiciary – from the federal district court level to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Over the last two decades, Sekulow has appeared before the U.S. Supreme Court on numerous occasions, successfully arguing precedent-setting cases before the High Court: protecting the free speech rights of pro-life demonstrators; safeguarding the constitutional rights of religious groups to have equal access to public facilities; ensuring that public school students can form and participate in religious organizations, including Bible clubs, on campus; and, guaranteeing that minors can participate in the political process by protecting their free speech rights in the political setting.

Headquartered in Washington, D.C., the ACLJ's work reaches across the globe with affiliated offices in Israel, Russia, France, Pakistan, and Zimbabwe. In addition to its religious liberties work, the ACLJ also focuses on constitutional law involving the issues of national security, human life, judicial nominations, government corruption, and protecting patriotic expression such as our National Motto and the Pledge of Allegiance.

OUR FOIA PRACTICE:

The ACLJ has litigated and pursued governmental accountability for decades. Over the past several years, the ACLJ has intensified its advocacy in this area, focusing on identifying and countering the dangers of the unelected bureaucratic morass known as the “fourth branch of government.” In the last two years, the ACLJ has responded to troubling reports of the ever-growing “Deep State” – an out-of-control, unelected, unaccountable bureaucracy – by throwing back the curtain and shedding light on the ongoing government corruption and lawlessness. To that end, the ACLJ launched its Government Accountability Project.

One of the ACLJ’s most useful tools in this fight is the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). This law requires federal government agencies and departments, when asked by appropriately concerned citizens, to turn over unclassified documents, records, and more as they relate to particular governmental activities. FOIA requests are almost never as simple as they sound. They require the requesting party to provide a detailed contextual background forming the basis of the request, define the parameters of the search, and regularly engage in a back-and-forth battle with an unwilling department that will use every possible technicality to reject, delay, or otherwise impede the release of information.

Thankfully, the ACLJ has extensive experience filing FOIA requests, and the necessary legal and media resources to make sure that these requests are seen, heard, and responded to. In the past two years, the ACLJ has issued fifty-one FOIA requests to more than fifteen different agencies and their component entities. Due to the repeated refusal of these agencies to comply with the ACLJ’s requests, the ACLJ has filed lawsuits to compel compliance in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia in nearly a dozen cases. Thus far, the ACLJ has been successful in every single case.

To date, the ACLJ has obtained nearly 14,000 pages of records, comprising approximately 4,000 responsive documents. These documents shed light on corruption at the highest levels of our government, exposing lies, cover-ups, influence peddling, and even attempts to unseat the duly-elected government of one of our closest allies. In addition, our discoveries have been prominently featured in the media and have led to significant policy and personnel changes in the federal bureaucracy.

The ACLJ will continue to remain ever vigilant and carry out its obligation to hold the government accountable for its actions. The ACLJ will continue to be on the front lines in this fight, issuing more requests and, if necessary, taking the government to court to get to the truth.

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QUARTERLY REPORT EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

In response to troubling reports over the last two years of the ever-growing “Deep State” – an out-of-control, unelected, unaccountable bureaucracy – as well as holdover bureaucrats issuing grants and entering into contracts inconsistent with the will of the People, the ACLJ has utilized the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) to request documents and records from federal government agencies with the intent of then using that information to shed light on the ongoing government corruption and lawlessness. The ACLJ has issued over seventy FOIA requests to more than fifteen different agencies and their components.

Very recently, the ACLJ issued additional FOIA requests to two federal agencies seeking records that will call the Trump Administration’s attention to the use of certain contracts and grant funds (i.e., U.S. taxpayer dollars) to advance disturbing agendas. The first was sent to the National Institute of Health (NIH) concerning a contract awarded to the University of California San Francisco (UCSF) that “requires UCSF to obtain body parts from unborn babies to make at least two types of ‘humanized mice.’”¹ The second was sent to the Department of Education in our effort to find out why government grant funds have been and are being awarded to implement Buddhist-based meditation programs on young school children – in many cases against their parents’ wishes.

The ACLJ has also issued state-level FOIA requests to New York and Virginia to shine light on who is behind both State’s alarming efforts to allow unrestricted abortion up through or even after birth – infanticide.² State leaders advancing the radical abortion lobby’s agenda are funded by those activists’ campaign contributions, and those leaders must be held accountable. The people need to know just how beholden to the abortion lobby these politicians really are.

As these new FOIA requests proceed, the ACLJ will continue to provide updates both on our website, www.ACLJ.org, and through our FOIA Quarterly Reports.

As we have said many times, Deep State corruption is extensive and federal agencies and departments have repeatedly refused to provide the requested information to the ACLJ. As a result, the ACLJ has had to file federal lawsuits in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia to compel compliance in nearly a dozen cases. In October 2018, the ACLJ appealed an unfavorable ruling to the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. In addition to this appeal, the ACLJ is currently litigating seven FOIA lawsuits. To date, the ACLJ has been successful in obtaining documents in every single case – but not until we were willing to take the

¹Benjamin P. Sisney, *Demanding Contract Records for Aborted Baby Parts*, ACLJ (Jan. 2019), <https://aclj.org/pro-life/aclj-sends-foia-to-nih-demands-records-of-contracts-for-aborted-baby-body-parts>.

²Benjamin P. Sisney, *Exposing the Abortion Industry’s Control Over New York Law*, ACLJ (Feb. 2019), <https://aclj.org/pro-life/in-wake-of-shocking-abortion-through-birth-legislation-aclj-demands-records-from-new-york-governors-office-exposing-abortion-industrys-control-over-new-york-law/>.

agencies to federal court. In fact, we have obtained nearly 18,000 pages of records, all but approximately 70 of which we obtained only after filing lawsuits.

This Quarterly Report provides updates on some of our FOIA requests and lawsuits.

First, we discuss one of our FOIA requests issued to unearth evidence that the Obama State Department awarded U.S. taxpayer funds to an organization with known ties to and interactions with Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas.

Second, we detail new information uncovered in our FOIA request and subsequent lawsuit against the State Department that provides more evidence that the Clinton State Department colluded with the Clinton Foundation, including an email chain between Huma Abedin and senior Clinton Foundation employee Doug Band which the State Department FOIA office marked as classified only one week after it filed its answer to our lawsuit in court.

As always, the ACLJ will continue to remain ever vigilant and carry out its obligation to hold those in government accountable for their actions and provide that information to the American people.

**ACLJ FOIA LAWSUIT DEMANDING STATE DEPARTMENT RECORDS
REGARDING GRANT FUNDS AWARDED TO ONE VOICE USED IN ITS EFFORT TO
UNSEAT ISRAEL’S ELECTED GOVERNMENT UNCOVERS MORE EVIDENCE OF
ONE VOICE’S TIES TO ABBAS – AND STATE DEPARTMENT KNOWLEDGE OF
THOSE TIES**

ACLJ v. Department of State, 16-cv-2516 (D.D.C.)

I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

When under U.S. Senate inquiry for its grant awards to One Voice Israel (OVI) and One Voice Palestine (OVP) (collectively, “One Voice” or “OV”), the State Department attempted to paint the picture that it was not familiar with OV’s political bent toward Mahmoud Abbas and against Benjamin Netanyahu. The ACLJ issued a FOIA request and filed a lawsuit to obtain records surrounding the suspicious grants. Newly produced documents obtained by the ACLJ, read in conjunction with documents previously obtained by the ACLJ and information released by the U.S. Senate, show:

- (1) An invitation to an OVI-hosted event where a “senior advisor to Mahmoud Abbas” will be speaking was circulated favorably among State Department personnel;
- (2) Direct State Department awareness of OVI participation in a meeting with Mahmoud Abbas himself in Ramallah; and,
- (3) An overtly expressed State Department desire to ensure that OVI complied with its grant term requirements to provide information about its plans because it did not want OVI to forfeit its final payment of almost \$50K under the grant:
 - (A) *All while being fully aware of OVI’s interactions with Abbas during the grant; and,*
 - (B) *While having told the Senate it was not aware of OV’s political plans during the grant and had not even read the political plans OV had sent during the grant.*

These newly produced State Department records obtained by the ACLJ prove the State Department’s dishonesty and/or incompetence as well as its awareness of OV’s relationship with Abbas.

II. BACKGROUND

The documents identified and described below show *even more* direct knowledge by the relevant State Department personnel of OV’s interaction and relationship with Abbas and his people than what the ACLJ had already learned – e.g., “that one of the senior advisers to OneVoice Palestine was none other than the son of Mahmoud Abbas, the president of the Palestinian Authority – something the Obama Administration clearly knew (since these documents were in its possession).”³

³Carly F. Gammill, *Evidence Obama Admin Influenced Israeli Election*, ACLJ (June 2019), <https://aclj.org/israel/aclj-uncovers-evidence-obama-state-department-misled-congress-on-the-use-of-taxpayer-funding-to-influence-the-current-israeli-election>. As we had previously announced, the ACLJ had learned through this FOIA lawsuit that Abbas’ son, Yasser Mahmoud Abbas, was a senior member of OV, and that the State

III. THE ACLJ'S WORK TO ACHIEVE TRANSPARENCY

The most recently produced State Department documents shine more light on the agency's knowledge of OV's interaction with Abbas and his associates as well as intentional effort by the State Department to ensure that OVI did not lose any of its grant funds for non-compliance with the terms of the grant.

A. AN INVITATION TO AN OVI-HOSTED EVENT WHERE A "SENIOR ADVISOR TO MAHMOUD ABBAS" WILL BE SPEAKING CIRCULATED FAVORABLY AMONG STATE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

In a March 27, 2014, email from Eitan Schiffman (the U.S. Embassy in Tel Aviv's Cultural Affairs Specialist), to several other State Department employees, including Michele Dastin-van Rijn (the then-Cultural Affairs Attaché at the U.S. Embassy), Mr. Schiffman says:

"One Voice Israel will be hosting a talk by **Elias Zangiri, a senior advisor to Mahmoud Abbas** at the Hebrew University Mt. Scopus campus in Jerusalem. He will be introduced by Gershon Baskin.⁴ **If you'd like to come, please let me know.**" [Appendix A, Doc. # 1].

One of the State Department employees on the chain responds to Mr. Schiffman, "Eitan, are you already going and have transport?" [*Id.*]. This indicates the suggestion of attendance was taken seriously and was more than a mere peripheral or courtesy suggestion.

The reference to "Elias Zangiri," a "senior advisor to Mahmoud Abbas," is almost certainly a misspelled reference Elias Zananiri, who "is Vice-Chairman of the PLO Committee for Interaction with the Israeli Society"; and "a former journalist and spokesperson for the PA's Ministry of Interior and Internal Security."⁵ Also, Elias Zananiri authored a piece calling on

Department knew it – despite the State Department's efforts to distance itself from OV's political proclivities and cooperation with V15 to try to unseat Netanyahu's government. *See also, ACLJ Gets Answers: Obama State Department Funded Palestinian Authority-Led Effort to "Replace the Government" of Israel*, ACLJ (Jan. 2018), <https://aclj.org/israel/aclj-gets-answers-obama-state-department-funded-palestinian-authority-led-effort-to-replace-the-government-of-israel>.

⁴According to his own website, Gershon Baskin spoke out in opposition to the Trump Administration's decision to move the U.S. Embassy to Jerusalem and applauded that "[h]undreds of left wing Israelis and Palestinians have marched through the streets of Jerusalem tonight in opposition to Trump's moving the US Embassy to the city." *Gershon Baskin Speaks at Rally in Opposition to Trump's Moving the US Embassy to Jerusalem*, GERSHON BASKIN (May 12, 2018), <http://gershonbaskin.org/video/ger-shon-baskin-speaks-at-rally-in-opposition-to-trumps-moving-the-us-embassy-to-jerusalem/>. Highlighted on Baskin's website is a piece entitled: "Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazen) salutes Gerson Baskin" accompanied by a picture of Baskin shaking Abbas' hand. Mahmoud Abbas, *Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazen) Salutes Gerson Baskin*, GERSHON BASKIN (Mar. 24, 2003), <http://gershonbaskin.org/insights/mahmoud-abbas-abu-mazen-salutes-gerson-baskin/>.

⁵Elias Zananiri, FATHOM, <http://fathomjournal.org/author/elias-zananiri/>.

Britain to recognize the state of Palestine,⁶ and he and Gershon Baskin have a history of participating in Palestinian-related events, even an event hosted by OV.⁷

B. DIRECT STATE DEPARTMENT AWARENESS – AND APPARENT APPROVAL OF – OVI’S PARTICIPATION IN A MEETING WITH MAHMOUD ABBAS HIMSELF IN RAMALLAH

In a May 29, 2014, email from Michele Dastin-van Rijn (then-Cultural Affairs Attaché for the U.S. Embassy in Tel Aviv⁸), to Laura Talinovsky (the Executive Director of One Voice Israel), Ms. Dastin-van Rijn says:

“I hope all is well and look forward to seeing you soon. Did OVI have a meeting in Ramallah yesterday? Our friends in the US Consulate mentioned that you may have a new meeting set up with Abbas. I’d love to hear about it. Thanks!” [Appendix A, Doc. # 2].

Ms. Talinovsky responds,

“OVI participated in the meeting with Abbas on Wednesday, [REDACTED B6 (privacy)] so I couldn’t be there myself. I will send you a summary of the visit. We have no further meetings set with Abbas so far, but we will definitely keep you posted on that.”

Ms. Dastin-van Rijn replies, “Thanks.” [Redacted B6 (privacy)].⁹

The documents also show that approximately two and a half months earlier, in a March 18, 2014, email, OVI’s Project Manager told the State Department’s Eitan Schiffman¹⁰ that she “want[s] to set up a meeting next week to present to you and Michelle the media campaign and have a meeting with students that were in the Abu Mazen event. Call me tomorrow morning and we will schedule.” [Appendix A, Doc. # 3]. *Abu Mazen is another name for Mahmoud Abbas.*

⁶Elias Zananiri, *Balfour 100: Repairing the World: Why Britain Should Now Recognise the State of Palestine*, FATHOM (2017), <http://fathomjournal.org/balfour-100-repairing-the-world-why-britain-should-now-recognise-the-state-of-palestine/>.

⁷Josh Rutstein, *Regional Activity Wrap Up – May 2014*, ONE VOICE (June 09, 2014), <http://onevoicemovement.org/news/view/regional-activity-wrap-up-may-2014>. See also, Joshua Mitnick, *Why Palestinian Authority Leader Mahmoud Abbas is Upbeat about Meeting Trump*, L.A. TIMES (May 2, 2017, 5:00 AM), <https://www.latimes.com/world/middleeast/la-fg-abbas-trump-2017-story.html> (Zananiri explaining Abbas’ political goals).

⁸It appears that Michele Dastin-van Rijn still works at the State Department. She took her most recent post in September 2018 at the U.S. Mission in Vienna as Counselor for UN Affairs.

⁹The documents also show that a State Department meeting with OVI personnel in which the U.S. Ambassador to Israel himself participated was scheduled for April 4, 2014. [See App. A, Doc. # 3; *id.* Doc. # 4]. The fact that OVI had met privately and directly with the U.S. Ambassador to Israel was not addressed by the Senate Report and is apparently not publicly known.

¹⁰It appears that Eitan Schiffman remains at the U.S. Embassy in Tel Aviv’s Public Affairs Section.

All of these documents must be considered in context: In 2017, under Abbas' leadership and to no great surprise, the Palestinian Authority (PA) united¹¹ with Hamas – an extremist group designated by *the State Department* as a “foreign terrorist organization”¹² – in opposition to Israel; and, very recently (December 2018), the PA and Hamas united to oppose the United States' U.N. Resolution condemning Hamas' rocket attacks on Israeli civilians and incitement to violence.¹³

Ironically, Ms. Dastin van-Rijn told the Senate that, when the grant application was under review, “she and her colleagues discussed whether OVI was too far to the ‘left’ to execute the grant’s goals of targeting a broad base of citizens, **but saw no ‘red flags’ associated with OVI’s political record.**”¹⁴

We now know that the Obama State Department gave U.S. taxpayer funds to OV while being keenly aware that OV was interacting directly with Abbas, hosting an Abbas “senior advisor” who is PLO/former-PA – and who used the funds to build a network and infrastructure to unseat the democratically elected leader of the only free democracy in the Middle East and vital U.S. ally.

C. AN OVERTLY EXPRESSED STATE DEPARTMENT DESIRE TO ENSURE THAT OVI COMPLIED WITH ITS GRANT TERM REQUIREMENTS TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT ITS PLANS BECAUSE THE STATE DEPARTMENT DIDN'T WANT OVI TO FORFEIT ITS FOURTH QUARTER (Q4) AND FINAL PAYMENT UNDER THE GRANT

1. THE STATE DEPARTMENT TREATED OVI FAVORABLY WHILE BEING FULLY AWARE OF OVI'S INTERACTIONS WITH ABBAS.

These newly obtained communications are especially relevant because they show State Department personnel having specific knowledge of the OVI/Abbas interaction during the time the State Department was urging OVI to timely comply with the grant terms by providing information about scheduled activities so it would not lose any grant funds.

In an email sent May 29, 2014, State Department/U.S. Embassy Tel Aviv Cultural Attaché Michele Dastin-van Rijn urged OVI personnel to take action “as soon as possible as **we would not want you to lose the balance**” of nearly \$50,000. [Appendix A, Doc. # 5].¹⁵

¹¹Oren Liebermann, *US Says Hamas Must Disarm, Recognize Israel if It Joins Palestinian Unity Government*, CNN (Oct. 19, 2017, 8:30 AM), <https://www.cnn.com/2017/10/19/middleeast/us-hamas-israel/index.html>.

¹²*Foreign Terrorist Organizations*, U.S. DEP'T OF STATE, <https://www.state.gov/j/ct/rls/other/des/123085.htm> (last visited Feb. 26, 2019), <https://www.state.gov/j/ct/rls/other/des/123085.htm>.

¹³Yoni Ban Menachem, *Palestinian Authority and Hamas Join Forces Against U.S. at UN*, JERUSALEM CTR. FOR PUB. AFF. (Dec. 3, 2018), <http://jcpa.org/palestinian-authority-and-hamas-join-forces-against-the-united-states/>.

¹⁴U.S. SENATE, PERMANENT SUBCOMM. ON INVESTIGATIONS, REVIEW OF U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT GRANTS TO ONE VOICE 15, <https://www.hsgac.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/OneVoice%20Report.pdf> [hereinafter, Senate Report].

¹⁵This particular email was Ms. Dastin-van Rijn's input on an email chain where State Department Grant Specialist Veronique Weber had asked OVI personnel for a meeting “to discuss your Q4 anticipated activities and expenses,” and advising OVI that even after the Q3 payment, it still had \$49,818 available but which it could lose if it did not provide the necessary information. [App. A, Doc. # 5].

Consider this statement against the backdrop of the Senate Committee’s finding that OV’s “use of government-funded resources for political purposes was permitted by the grant because the State Department failed to adequately guard against the risk that campaign resources could be repurposed in that manner.”¹⁶ In other words, the State Department failed to guard against political misuse of grant funds by OV – *while it actively urged OV to comply with other grant terms to ensure it received all the funds.*

This State Department desire to ensure OVI did not lose any grant funds came in late May 2014, a time period during which Ms. Dastin-van Rijn and others had been a part of emails showing OVI’s interaction with Abbas. *Yet in spite of the OVI/Abbas connection, or perhaps because of it, State Department officials wanted OVI to receive as much funding as possible.*

Ms. Dastin-van Rijn clearly favored OV, even promoting their work to other department personnel, which explains her desire that OV continue their efforts and not forfeit the grant funds. For example, on May 12, 2014, she forwarded to other State Department employees, including department official Rachel Leslie, a list of upcoming events OV had advised it was hosting, and prefaced the list with this: **“Rachel, we will be meeting with OVI tomorrow, but wanted you to see that they continue to move forward.”** [See Appendix A, Doc. # 6 (emphasis added)]. Ms. Leslie replies, “Michele, Thanks. I spoke with Samer Makhoul last Friday to discuss OVP’s strategy forward as well, and am waiting for him to send an e-mail with details of the activities that we discussed,” followed by a redacted sentence marked as B5 (privileged). [See Appendix A, Doc. # 7]. Ms. Dastin-van Rijn replies, but her response is redacted. Ms. Leslie replies again, but her entire response is redacted. Both redactions are marked B5.

Ms. Dastin-van Rijn was no small player at the State Department: When 270 Strategies’ Marc Ginsberg, who was “advising” OVI’s “campaign,” reached out to the State Department, he specifically asked for a meeting with Ms. Dastin van-Rijn. [Appendix A, Doc. # 8]. This occurred on May 29, 2014 – the same day Ms. Dastin-van Rijn told OVI, “we would not want you to lose the balance” of nearly \$50,000 [Appendix A, Doc. # 9], and the same day that Ms. Dastin-van Rijn asked and confirmed with OVI’s Executive Director a direct OVI meeting with Mahmoud Abbas, saying, “I’d love to hear about it. Thanks!” [Appendix A, Doc. # 10].

2. THE STATE DEPARTMENT ACTIVELY ENCOURAGED OVI TO TIMELY PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT ITS PLANS TO COMPLY WITH GRANT TERMS BUT HAD TOLD THE SENATE COMMITTEE IT WAS NOT AWARE OF OVI’S POLITICAL PLANS DURING THE GRANT AND A SENIOR OFFICIAL SAID HE DID NOT OPEN THE POLITICAL PLAN ATTACHED TO AN EMAIL WHICH HE DELETED.

The State Department’s efforts to ensure OV complied with the grant terms by timely advising of their plans and strategy so that it received all of the grant funds is untenable in light of the Senate Committee’s finding that OV “had inform[ed] at least two State Department officials of its political plans *during the grant period.*”¹⁷ One, Consul General Michael Ratney, later told the Senate he remembered the email but was “quite sure” he

¹⁶Senate Report, *supra* note 14, at 5.

¹⁷*Id.* at 17 (emphasis added).

did not read the attached plan.¹⁸ The other, “senior adviser for Middle East strategy” Frank Lowenstein, received an Executive Summary of the OV Plan which did not specifically mention Netanyahu or his Likud-led government by name, but did include the fact that **“270 Strategies has been quietly working with our Israeli and Palestinian staff for over a year to lay the groundwork for this new strategy.”**¹⁹

As described by the Senate Committee:

The proposal sent to Mr. Ratney, “*A Strategic Plan to Mobilize Centrist Israeli & Palestinian*,” was the culmination of months of work and presented a “bold and definable” political option to “[l]aunch a major strategic campaign that could shift a key portion of the Israeli and Palestinian electorates in a direction that would marginalize the extremists on either side,” according to Mr. Ginsberg’s email. The proposal outlined the political goals of OneVoice in the next Israeli election, which was yet to be scheduled: “The [center-left] bloc has not been able to unify around a common message, a common agenda, or a strong leader. **Our aim is to strengthen the bloc, rather than any one party, [and] in tandem weaken Netanyahu and his right wing parties.**”²⁰

We know that Ms. Dastin-van Rijn and Michael Ratney told the Senate they did not know or learn of OV’s political plans until they “read news accounts concerning its ‘partnership’ with V15” in December 2014, which is after the grant period ended. However, in the documents obtained by the ACLJ, OVI’s Executive Director Laura Talinovsky emailed an attached “OVI proposed outline – 4th quarter” to Ms. Dastin-van Rijn, Grant Specialist Veronique Werber, and Eitan Schiffman, on June 4, 2014, explaining that

OneVoice is convening strategy meetings, involving the leadership of our offices from Israel, Palestine, the United States and Europe, as well as our partners at 270 Strategies, from the 5th – 13th of June. A much more fully fleshed out strategic document will be produced following these consultations, as well as an expanded schedule of activities. [Appendix A, Doc. # 11].

It is difficult to believe that Ms. Dastin-van Rijn and *the Grant Specialist* never received the ultimate “strategic document” following OV’s consultation with 270 Strategies – that may have been the document revealing OV’s political plans (the one Mr. Ratney admitted to the Senate he received but said he didn’t read). Either way, we now know both Ms. Dastin-van Rijn and the Grant Specialist – not some peripheral or unconnected staff – were put on notice *that there was going to be a master strategic document*, and that they received an as of yet undisclosed “outline” of the plan.

For context, remember that according to the Senate Committee, “It is clear that OneVoice successfully built its contact database during the grant period,” and the State Department’s Mr. Nerpel told the Committee **“it was OVI’s plan that the data collected during the grant was**

¹⁸*Id.* at 18.

¹⁹*Id.* (emphasis added).

²⁰*Id.* (emphasis added).

‘subsequently going to be used for the overall objectives of OneVoice after the grant period ended.’”²¹

Also, recall that in its effort to distance itself from the political activities of OVI, the State Department defended its grant to OVI (and OVP) in part by saying that the new elections in Israel were not announced until after and after the final Q4 payment and the grant ended in November 2014.²² The Department defended itself by arguing that OVI had not joined Victory 15 (V15), who sought to “replace the government”²³ of Israel, until December 2014, until immediately following the conclusion of the grant.

And, remember that Mr. Ratney is the State Department official the Senate found had deleted his relevant emails – including the one where OV had sent him their political plans to defeat Netanyahu, which were not able to be recovered by the Senate’s investigators.²⁴

IV. CONCLUSION & NEXT STEPS

When called to account by the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, the State Department essentially alleged it was not aware of OV’s political ambitions. These newly produced State Department records obtained by the ACLJ provide additional proof – beyond what we have already uncovered – that the State Department knew OV’s political inclinations and connections to Abbas full well and viewed OV favorably. As document productions continue, the ACLJ will continue to carefully review the State Department records to see what else the agency knew about OV’s connections to Abbas and its political intentions, as well as what other evidence exists of the agency’s approval of OV’s efforts and agenda.

²¹*Id.* at 11–12 (emphasis added).

²²Letter from Julia Frifield, Assistant Secretary Legislative Affairs, to Ted Cruz, United States Senator (Feb. 23, 2015), (available at <http://media.aclj.org/pdf/OneVoice---DOS-Response-Ltr-to-Cruz-Zeldin.pdf>).

²³E-mail from Issa Boursheh, (Feb. 2, 2015, 5:16 AM) (available at <http://media.aclj.org/pdf/Abbas's-Son-Adviser-to-OneVoice%5B14921%5D.pdf>).

²⁴Senate Report, *supra* note 14, at 4.

ACLJ FOIA LAWSUIT DEMANDING RECORDS
SHOWING THE CLINTON'S STATE DEPARTMENT'S COLLUSION WITH THE
CLINTON FOUNDATION UNCOVERS HUMA ABEDIN EMAILS CLASSIFIED BY
THE STATE DEPARTMENT ONLY *AFTER* ACLJ FILED SUIT

ACLJ v. Department of State, 16-cv-1975 (D.D.C.)

I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As we detailed in our previous FOIA Quarterly Reports, this ACLJ FOIA request to the State Department and subsequent litigation uncovered evidence that Secretary of State Hillary Clinton used her powerful government position as a favor-factory for the Clinton Foundation and its donors. In the hundreds of emails obtained by ACLJ between Hillary Clinton and her top aides and high-ranking officials at the Clinton Foundation, we found requests for State Department favors, jobs, and ambassadorships funneling through the Clinton Foundation.

As we explained in our most recent Quarterly Report, in addition to our efforts in the lawsuit to obtain documents from the State Department via monthly productions, we are also continuing our litigation to hold the State Department accountable for its continued and repeated unwillingness to be transparent, fully comply with FOIA, and maintain accountability to the American public: The ACLJ sought and obtained a court order, over the State Department's objection, requiring the State Department to produce internal procedures via discovery – something that is very rare in FOIA cases. To date, more than 3,000 documents have been produced responsive to our discovery requests.

In a November 2018 State Department document production, the ACLJ obtained emails sent to top Clinton aide Huma Abedin's government email account from the private email account of a Clinton Foundation employee back in 2011 that was deemed and marked classified by the State Department *after* the ACLJ filed its FOIA lawsuit.

II. BACKGROUND

The ACLJ issued its FOIA request to the State Department on August 15, 2016.²⁵ After the State Department failed to comply with the law – as it has done with regards to every single FOIA request issued by ACLJ – we filed a lawsuit in federal court in October 2016 challenging the agency’s failure to produce documents and alleging that the agency is engaged in a long-time pattern and practice of violating FOIA – a claim that allows for injunctive and declaratory relief against the agency.²⁶ Following a court-ordered status report, on January 19, 2017, the State Department finally began producing documents. Since then, the ACLJ has been in court on numerous occasions securing the production of thousands of documents evidencing more favors, collusion and corruption, and advancing our pattern-and-practice claim against the State Department for willful, intentional delay in violation of FOIA.

III. THE ACLJ’S WORK TO ACHIEVE TRANSPARENCY

On November 30, 2018, the State Department produced documents to the ACLJ that included an email chain *that the DOS had classified on November 17, 2016 – approximately six weeks after we filed our lawsuit and just one week after it responded to our lawsuit.*

The email chain was from January 19, 2011, and began with a Clinton Foundation employee identified as Amitabh Desai (the former Deputy Director of Foreign Policy at the Obama White House) describing the “key points” of Bill Clinton’s meeting with the then-president of China, President Hu – all of which are redacted due to the classification:

“WJC just met as scheduled with President Hu of China. The meeting was about 40 minutes. Below are the key points. Sincerely, Ami.”

[REDACTED]

[Appendix B, Doc. # 1]. Desai sent this email to top Clinton Foundation employee and well-known Clinton confidante Doug Band, along with Bruce Lindsey, Laura Graham, and Justin Cooper.

The next day, Desai forwarded the email to Huma Abedin at her SBU (Sensitive but Unclassified) State Department email address with an “FYI.” [*Id.*].

Abedin replied, “Thank you. Shared with her yesterday” – almost certainly referencing Secretary Clinton. [*Id.*].

In sum, the ACLJ uncovered an email chain sent to Huma Abedin at her State Department email account from Clinton Foundation individuals that the State Department later classified – but not until after we filed our FOIA lawsuit.

²⁵FOIA Request from ACLJ to Dep’t of State (Aug. 15, 2016), available at http://media.aclj.org/pdf/FOIARquest-StateDept-EmailsApril2009%5B2%5D_Redacted.pdf.

²⁶Complaint, ACLJ v. Dep’t of State, No. 16-cv-1975 (D.D.C. Oct. 5, 2016), ECF No. 1, available at [http://media.aclj.org/pdf/Complaint-\(ACLJ-v.-DOS,-16-cv-1975\)_Redacted.pdf](http://media.aclj.org/pdf/Complaint-(ACLJ-v.-DOS,-16-cv-1975)_Redacted.pdf).

This reveals several important facts.

First, it is yet another example of Hillary Clinton’s State Department colluding with the Clinton Foundation. This fact is disturbing, but not as earthshattering, though, in that the ACLJ, and others, have obtained numerous records showing how deep the interaction really was between the Clinton State Department and the Clinton Foundation.

Second, and significantly more important, it reveals that the content of the email communication sent from non-governmental Clinton Foundation employees was apparently so sensitive that the State Department later deemed it as classified. While improper emailing and storage of classified information became the crux of the infamous Clinton email scandal and the resulting investigations, to the best of our knowledge, *this particular email containing classified information has not yet been made public.*

Third, and perhaps most importantly, it reveals that the State Department did not classify the email until the ACLJ filed its lawsuit demanding records regarding Doug Band and Huma Abedin – begging the question whether State classified the email for the primary purpose of keeping us from seeing what was in it. The email was classified by Eric Stein, then the Acting Director of the office handling FOIA requests for the State Department six weeks after we filed our FOIA lawsuit in this case – and just *one week* after filing its answer. According to the classification marking, the email was “Classified by Director A/GIS/IPS, DoS on 11/17/2016.” [Appendix B, Doc. # 1]. The acronym shows that the Director of the Office of Information Programs and Services is the person who classified this email. This is the office that handles FOIA for the State Department. We know from Eric Stein’s own Declaration filed in court in this case that he was the Acting Director of this office at this time. He is the one who classified this Clinton Foundation just *one week* after the State Department filed its answer to our FOIA lawsuit.

We have seen Eric Stein’s name before. We alleged in our lawsuit that the State Department, and specifically, the Office of Information Programs and Services (which is directed by Eric Stein), is engaged in a pattern or practice of violating FOIA’s requirements. We were forced to go to court to obtain discovery which may support our pattern or practice allegations. Over Eric Stein’s objections, we were successful in obtaining that court-ordered discovery and are currently reviewing that discovery. Eric Stein has used every opportunity to delay and even block his agency’s production of documents as required by the FOIA in each and every one of our FOIA cases against the State Department. In fact, in this case, his office actually proposed a production schedule that would have taken more than 18 – 36 years to complete – something even Eric Stein was forced to admit was “unacceptable” to the court. *And, now we know that it was Eric Stein who, just one week after his agency responded to our lawsuit, decided to classify this email.*

As the ACLJ exposed in a previous FOIA Quarterly Report, the sheer volume of emails between Clinton Foundation officials, such as Doug Band, and senior aides to Secretary of State Clinton, such as Huma Abedin, show that there was no firewall between these entities. As we have previously revealed, we have successfully obtained:

Mounting evidence that Secretary Clinton used the State Department as a favor factory for donors and Clinton Foundation associates. Through our litigation, we have been informed that the State Department has located – and will be forced to turn over to the ACLJ –thousands of documents involving State Department officials’ communications with and about the Clinton Foundation, its subsidiaries, and its senior operatives during the duration of Hillary Clinton’s time as Secretary of State.

The sheer volume alone – some 30,000 emails – debunks the false assertion that there was any kind of firewall whatsoever between Clinton’s State Department and the Clinton Foundation or that she had any intention of honoring her assurances to Congress or the American people.

The alarming number of such communications,²⁷ only now being uncovered through our FOIA request and subsequent litigation, show extensive communications exchanged between Clinton or her senior staff at the State Department and Doug Band – a senior aide at the Clinton Foundation and creator of the Clinton Global Initiative (CGI).

In . . . court filings, the State Department has revealed²⁸ that more than 8,700 documents (not pages) exist in Cheryl Mills’ and/or Huma Abedin’s files which contain the single search term, “Doug Band.” It is possible, and indeed likely, that each document consists of several pages.

The ACLJ has also learned through our litigation that another 22,000 documents exist in Cheryl Mills’ and Huma Abedin’s files (not including attachments) mentioning or referring to the Clinton Foundation or a related term referencing the foundation. This information alone serves as overwhelming evidence of the corruption that occurred within the State Department during the time Hillary Clinton served as Secretary of State. The documents also confirm that Secretary Clinton intentionally lied to the American people and misled the Senate Foreign Relations Committee during her confirmation hearings for Secretary of State. On several occasions, Secretary Clinton assured the Senate that she would maintain a complete separation between her two worlds – the foundation and any donors hoping to obtain favors and her operation of the State Department. In fact, she informed the Senate that as early as January 2009, steps had already been taken to avoid even the appearance of a conflict of interest. Absolutely no such steps appear to have ever been taken.

Indeed, in . . . documents produced by the State Department which mention Doug Band, it is clear that Band served as a liaison for Clinton donors looking for favors and official acts from the Clinton-run State Department.

²⁷Clinton Foundation Favors Production, Doc. No. C05938906, (Feb. 28, 2018), available at <http://media.aclj.org/pdf/Full-Clinton-Email-production-Mar-Apr.pdf>.

²⁸Joint Status Report, ACLJ v. Dep’t of State, et al., No. 16-cv-1975 (D.D.C. Mar. 29, 2018) ECF No. 52, available at http://media.aclj.org/pdf/Doc.-52.-Status-Report_Redacted.pdf.

From requests²⁹ for Secretary Clinton's appearance at social events and fundraisers to requests for special consideration for government positions (e.g. Brock Johnson) and at least five ambassadorships³⁰ (a diplomatic official of the highest rank), Doug Band was "the guy" to contact; and he had a direct line to Secretary Clinton and her senior staff. If a foundation donor needed help with a visa application in light of a prior criminal conviction or experienced complications with international travel, they contacted³¹ Doug Band; and, within minutes of receiving their request, he would forward the request/favor to Huma Abedin or Cheryl Mills.

In fact, when other government employees or officials could not reach Secretary Clinton or her staff, they emailed³² Doug Band for a response.

The documents in the most recent productions³³ are full of examples of further favors and influence peddling. The documents also reveal that Doug Band received "Sensitive But Unclassified" information directly from Secretary Clinton's top aides, including confidential travel and congressional delegation schedules.

Finally, the documents also confirm that Secretary Clinton not only transmitted classified information via her private email account(s) (including the now infamous HDR22@clintonemail.com), but sent classified information to non-government officials lacking the necessary security clearance to view the information. One such example obtained by the ACLJ in this FOIA lawsuit is an email³⁴ regarding 2010 Nobel prize winner Muhammad Yunus (a Clinton Foundation donor),³⁵ who was accused of diverting foreign aid from his bank, Grameen Bank (a bank founded to assist the poorest of people in obtaining loans). The email originated with Melanne Verveer (a State Department employee) and was forwarded to Secretary Clinton. She then forwarded the email, with attachments, to Doug Band and Justine Cooper (another Clinton Foundation associate). She writes in her email to "print for Bill." That email has since been marked as classified, and most of the information contained in the email has been redacted (and won't be declassified until 2025).

²⁹Clinton Foundation Favors Production, Doc. No. C06016559 (Apr. 30, 2018), available at <http://media.aclj.org/pdf/Huma-Abedin-Emails-Fn-3.pdf>.

³⁰Clinton Foundation Favors Production, Doc. No. C05938906, *supra* note 27.

³¹Clinton Foundation Favors Production, Doc. No. C05956773 (Feb. 28, 2018), available at <http://media.aclj.org/pdf/Doug-Band-Emails-Fn-5.pdf>.

³²Clinton Foundation Favors Production, Doc. No. C05973003 (Apr. 30, 2018), available at <http://media.aclj.org/pdf/Continued-Doug-Band-Emails-Fn-6.pdf>.

³³Clinton Foundation Favors Production, Doc. No. C05938906, *supra* note 27.

³⁴Clinton Foundation Favors Production, Doc. No. C06070930 (Apr. 30, 2018), available at [http://media.aclj.org/pdf/Clinton-Classified-Email-\(fn-8\).pdf](http://media.aclj.org/pdf/Clinton-Classified-Email-(fn-8).pdf).

³⁵Sarah Westwood, *Emails Show Hillary's Deep Involvement in Bank Investigation*, WASH. EXAMINER (Oct. 2, 2015, 12:49 PM), <https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/emails-show-hillarys-deep-involvement-in-bank-investigation/article/2573299>.

V. CONCLUSION AND NEXT STEPS

As you can see, the ACLJ has been litigating this case for over two years and we continue to obtain evidence of just how intertwined the Clinton State Department and the Clinton Foundation really were. We are continuing to review the court-ordered discovery produced to us by the State Department in our effort to expose agency policies, patterns and practices resulting in unlawful delays and failure to comply with the FOIA. At the same time, we are also continuing to review monthly document productions allowing us to expose the incompetence of the Clinton State Department and its collusion with the Clinton Foundation.

APPENDIX A

**ACLJ FOIA LAWSUIT DEMANDING STATE DEPARTMENT RECORDS
REGARDING GRANT FUNDS AWARDED TO ONE VOICE USED IN ITS EFFORT TO
UNSEAT ISRAEL'S ELECTED GOVERNMENT UNCOVERS MORE EVIDENCE OF
ONE VOICE'S TIES TO ABBAS –
AND STATE DEPARTMENT KNOWLEDGE OF THOSE TIES**

ACLJ v. Department of State, 16-cv-2516 (D.D.C.)

APPENDIX A

DOCUMENT # 1

From: Asnes, Miriam R <AsnesMR@state.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 27, 2014 5:24 AM
To: Schiffman, Eitan <SchiffmanEX@state.gov>
Subject: Re: OVI event 3/31 at Hebrew U

Eitan, are you already going and have transport?

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From: Schiffman, Eitan
Sent: Thursday, March 27, 2014 10:01 AM
To: Dastin-van Rijn, Michele; Rlder, James T (Tel Aviv); Magdell, Miriam
Cc: Slutzky, Linda; Aziz, Felicity R; Berger, Jonathan M; Asnes, Miriam R; Werber, Veronique M
Subject: OVI event 3/31 at Hebrew U

On Monday, March 31, at 6:00 p.m. One Voice Israel will be hosting a talk by Elias Zangiri, a senior advisor to Mahmoud Abbas at the Hebrew University Mt. Scopus campus in Jerusalem. He will be introduced by Gershon Baskin. If you'd like to come, please let me know.

-Eitan

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DOCUMENT # 2

From: Dustin-van Rijn, Michele </O=SBUSTATE/OU=BRUSSELS
AG/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=DASTINMJ>
Sent: Saturday, May 31, 2014 3:35 AM
To: 'laural'; Schiffman, Eitan <SchiffmanEX@state.gov>; Werber, Veronique
M <WerberVM@state.gov>
Subject: Re: OVI - Ramallah and Abbass

Thanks. [redacted] B6

From: Laura Talinovsky - OneVoice IL [mailto:[redacted]] B6
Sent: Saturday, May 31, 2014 08:36 AM
To: Dustin-van Rijn, Michele; Schiffman, Eitan; Werber, Veronique M
Subject: Re: OVI - Ramallah and Abbass

Dear Michele,
OVI [redacted] participated in the meeting with Abbas on Wednesday, [redacted] so I couldn't be
there [redacted] myself. B6
I will send you a summary of the visit.
We have no further meetings set with Abbas so far, but we will definitely keep you posted on that. [redacted]

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On Thu, May 29, 2014 at 6:22 PM, Dustin-van Rijn, Michele <DustinMJ@state.gov> wrote:
Laura,

I hope all is well and look forward to seeing you soon. [redacted] Did OVI have a meeting in Ramallah yesterday? [redacted] Our
friends in the US Consulate mentioned that you may have a new meeting set up with Abbas. [redacted] I'd love to hear
about it. [redacted] Thanks!

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DOCUMENT # 3

From: Elanit Green [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2014 2:45 PM
To: Schiffman, Eitan <SchiffmanEX@state.gov>
Subject: RE: setting up a meeting
Attach: Current%20List%20of%20Delegates_Names%20and%20Bios_ExternalUse.pdf

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Attached is the final list of delegates.

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Elanit

From: Schiffman, Eitan [mailto:SchiffmanEX@state.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2014 12:45
To: Elanit Green
Subject: RE: setting up a meeting

Hi Elanit,

As we just discussed by phone, please send me a final list of the delegates and One Voice staff members who will attend the meeting on April 4 at 1:00 p.m. The meeting will last about an hour. It will begin with a briefing from political and economic officers and the Ambassador will join after we get started.

Thanks, Eitan

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From: Elanit Green [mailto:[redacted]]
Sent: Tuesday, March 18, 2014 7:10 PM
To: Schiffman, Eitan
Cc: laurat [redacted] 'Adva Vilchinsk'
Subject: setting up a meeting

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Hey Eitan,

1. first of all of course let me know if there is any news with the ambassador – we might need to cancel the event if we don't have a confirmation by tomorrow.
2. I want to set up a meeting next week to present to you and Michelle the media campaign and have a meeting with students that were in the Abu Mazen event.

Call me tomorrow morning and we will schedule.

Best,

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DOCUMENT # 4

From: Dastin-van Rijn, Michele </O=SBUSTATE/OU=BRUSSELS
AG/CN=RECIPIENTS CN=DASTINMJ>
Sent: Friday, March 28, 2014 11:49 AM
To: Schiffman, Eitan <SchiffmanEX@state.gov>; Olsin-Windecker, Hilary S <Olsin-
WindeckerH@state.gov>
Subject: Re: TASKER: One Voice delegation (4/4)

Looks like Keith and Jon

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From: Schiffman, Eitan
Sent: Thursday, March 27, 2014 04:34 PM
To: Olsin-Windecker, Hilary S (Olsin-WindeckerH@state.gov)
Cc: Dastin-van Rijn, Michele (DastinMJ@state.gov)
Subject: FW: TASKER: One Voice delegation (4/4)

Hi Hilary,

For the One Voice Delegation that's coming next Friday, the Ambassador requests that POL/ECON do a portion of the briefing and he says that he will join later for 20/30 minutes. Do we know who from POL/ECON will do the first part of the briefing?

Along with the decision memo, I'm attaching an updated list of the delegation members.

-Eitan

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From: Listerman, Allison Werner
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2014 12:01 PM
To: Olsin-Windecker, Hilary S
Cc: Dastin-van Rijn, Michele; Rider, James T (Tel Aviv); Schiffman, Eitan; Harley, Joyce E (Tel Aviv); Mines, Keith W; Welgold Schultz, Eva A; Forden, Robert W; Fisher, David L (Tel Aviv); Juliano, Joanne M; Simonson-Hijarunguru, Angela; LaReau, Cindy K; Dylewicz, Joanna M
Subject: TASKER: One Voice delegation (4/4)

Hilary,

Per your recommendation memo, the AMB agreed to meet with the One Voice delegation on April 4 at 1 p.m.

He asks that POL/ECON do a portion of the briefing and have the AMB join for the latter portion (20-30 mins). Please work with POL and ECON to coordinate additional logistics for this delegation meeting.

PD, Please send up a final list of delegates in advance of the meeting.

Thanks,

Allison

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DOCUMENT # 5

From: Dastin-van Rijn, Michele </O=SBUSTATE/OU=BRUSSELS
AG/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=DASTINMJ>
Sent: Thursday, May 29, 2014 3:57 AM
To: Werber, Veronique M <WerberVM@state.gov>; Laura T. - OV IL
[redacted]; 'Leonid Ostrovsky' [redacted]
Cc: Schiffman, Eitan <SchiffmanEX@state.gov>
Subject: RE: One Voice Israel - Financial Meeting - Q4 Plan and activities

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It makes sense to do so as soon as possible as we would not want you to lose the balance.

Michele Dastin-van Rijn

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From: Werber, Veronique M
Sent: Thursday, May 29, 2014 10:30 AM
To: Laura T. - OV IL; Leonid Ostrovsky
Cc: Dastin-van Rijn, Michele; Schiffman, Eitan
Subject: One Voice Israel - Financial Meeting - Q4 Plan and activities

Dear Laura and Leonid,

Could you please let us know when a meeting can be arranged to discuss your Q4 anticipated activities and expenses. Currently, no expenses have been planned for the activities taking place July –Sept 2014. After the Q3 payment, you still have an available balance of \$49,818 and if your activities end at the end of June 2014, then the grant must be closed and funds must be de-obligated.
I am looking forward to meeting you soon.

Best Regards

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From: Dastin-van Rijn, Michele </O=SBUSTATE/OU=BRUSSELS
AG/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=DASTINMJ>
Sent: Monday, May 12, 2014 2:17 AM
To: Leslie, Rachel D <LeslieRD@state.gov>; Sherman, Jerome L <ShermanJL2@state.gov>
Cc: Schiffman, Eitan <SchiffmanEX@state.gov>
Subject: FW: upcoming One Voice campus events
Attach: OVI TAU.jpg; OVI Kibbutzim.jpg; OVI Bar Ilan.jpg

Rachel,

We will be meeting with OVI tomorrow, but wanted you to see that they continue to move forward.

Michele Dastin-van Rijn

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Cc: Tel Aviv PD Cultural; Tel Aviv POL Section
Subject: upcoming One Voice campus events

A few upcoming One Voice Israel events on campuses that may be of interest:

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Sent: Monday, May 12, 2014 2:43 AM
To: Dustin-van Rijn, Michele <DustinMJ@state.gov>; Sherman, Jerome L <ShermanJL2@state.gov>
Cc: Schiffman, Eitan <SchiffmanEX@state.gov>
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Cc: Schiffman, Eitan
Subject: RE: upcoming One Voice campus events

Michele,

Thanks. I spoke with Samer Makhlouf last Friday to discuss OVP's strategy forward as well, and am waiting for him to

send an e-mail with details of the activities that we discussed.

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Rachel

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Subject: RE: Meeting with US Embassy

Hi Eitan,

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June 11 is fine but not June 12 – I will be out of the country.

Vero

From: Schiffman, Eitan
Sent: 16:55 2014 מאי 29 יום ה
To: Dastin-van Rijn, Michele; Rider, James T (Tel Aviv); Werber, Veronique M
Subject: Fw: Meeting with US Embassy

Marc Ginzburg and the 270 Strategies team advising OVI would like to schedule a meeting when they are in Israel. Are any of the dates/times mentioned below available?

-Eitan
Eitan Schiffman
Cultural Affairs Specialist
Office of Public Affairs
U.S. Embassy, Tel Aviv
Tel. 03-517-6161 x.574
Mobile

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From: Elanit Green - OneVoice IL [mailto:
Sent: Thursday, May 29, 2014 04:02 PM Jerusalem Standard Time
To: Schiffman, Eitan
Subject: FW: Meeting with US Embassy

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Hi eitan,
I'm very sorry about today.

Can we schedule the meeting with Marc Ginzburg and 270 strategies on June 11th during the day he is free or the 12th wither before 14:00 or after 16:00.

Please let me know when is most convenient for you.

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Best,

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ONE VOICE

From: Jamie Kessler (mailto: [REDACTED])
Sent: Wednesday, May 28, 2014 19:27
To: Elanit Green
Subject: Meeting with US Embassy

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Hi Elanit,

Marc asked me to reach out to schedule form him and 270 Strategies to meet with Michelle and anyone at the Embassy who she would like to take part while he is in the region in June. Please let me know if you need any further information.

Thanks,
Jamie

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APPENDIX A

DOCUMENT # 9

From: Dustin-van Rijn, Michele </O=SBUSTATE/OU=BRUSSELS
AG/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=DASTINMJ>
Sent: Thursday, May 29, 2014 3:57 AM
To: Werber, Veronique M <WerberVM@state.gov>; Laura T. - OV IL
[redacted]; 'Leonid Ostrovsky' [redacted]
Cc: Schiffman, Eitan <SchiffmanEX@state.gov>
Subject: RE: One Voice Israel - Financial Meeting - Q4 Plan and activities

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It makes sense to do so as soon as possible as we would not want you to lose the balance.

Michele Dustin-van Rijn

Cultural Attaché
U.S. Embassy Tel Aviv

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From: Werber, Veronique M
Sent: Thursday, May 29, 2014 10:30 AM
To: Laura T. - OV IL; Leonid Ostrovsky
Cc: Dustin-van Rijn, Michele; Schiffman, Eitan
Subject: One Voice Israel - Financial Meeting - Q4 Plan and activities

Dear Laura and Leonid,

Could you please let us know when a meeting can be arranged to discuss your Q4 anticipated activities and expenses. Currently, no expenses have been planned for the activities taking place July–Sept 2014. After the Q3 payment, you still have an available balance of \$49,818 and if your activities end at the end of June 2014, then the grant must be closed and funds must be de-obligated.

I am looking forward to meeting you soon.

Best Regards

Veronique Werber
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DOCUMENT # 10

From: Dustin-van Rijn, Michele </O=SBUSTATE/OU=BRUSSELS
AG/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=DASTINMJ>
Sent: Saturday, May 31, 2014 3:35 AM
To: 'laural'; Schiffman, Eitan <SchiffmanEX@state.gov>; Werber, Veronique M <WerberVM@state.gov> B6
Subject: Re: OVI - Ramallah and Abbass

Thanks. [redacted] B6

From: Laura Talinovsky - OneVoice IL [mailto:[redacted]] B6
Sent: Saturday, May 31, 2014 08:36 AM
To: Dustin-van Rijn, Michele; Schiffman, Eitan; Werber, Veronique M
Subject: Re: OVI - Ramallah and Abbass

Dear Michele,
OVI [redacted] participated in the meeting with Abbas on Wednesday, [redacted] so I couldn't be there [redacted] myself. B6
I will send you a summary of the visit.
We have no further meetings set with Abbas so far. but we will definitely keep you posted on that. [redacted]

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On Thu, May 29, 2014 at 6:22 PM, Dustin-van Rijn, Michele <DustinMJ@state.gov> wrote:
Laura,

I hope all is well and look forward to seeing you soon. [redacted] Did OVI have a meeting in Ramallah yesterday? [redacted] Our friends in the US Consulate mentioned that you may have a new meeting set up with Abbas. [redacted] I'd love to hear about it. [redacted] Thanks!

APPENDIX A

DOCUMENT # 11

From: Dustin-van Rijn, Michele </O=SBUSTATE/OU=BRUSSELS
AG/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=DASTINMJ>
Sent: Wednesday, June 11, 2014 5:17 AM
To: Werber, Veronique M <WerberVM@state.gov>; Schiffman, Eitan
 <SchiffmanEX@state.gov>
Cc: Rider, James T (Tel Aviv) <RiderJT@state.gov>; Cavness, William D
 <CavnessWD@state.gov>
Subject: OVI Meeting and proposed outline - 4th quarter

Also - isn't there an event for July 25 that was supposed to take place this Friday?

From: Werber, Veronique M
Sent: Wednesday, June 11, 2014 11:52 AM
To: Schiffman, Eitan; Dustin-van Rijn, Michele
Cc: Rider, James T (Tel Aviv)
Subject: RE: OVI proposed outline - 4th quarter

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Some additional info for the meeting:

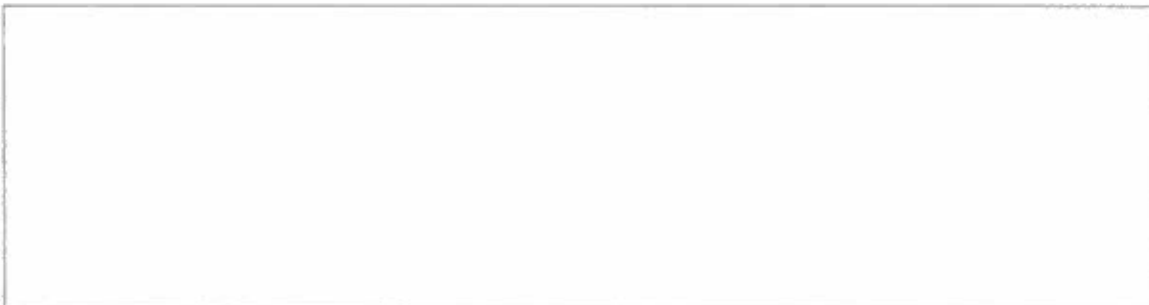
So far the amount spent under this award for Q1 and Q2 with Q3 plan is as follows:

| | |
|------------------|------------------|
| Federal: | Cost |
| \$ | Share: |
| 183,682 | \$ |
| | 238,837 |
| Available | Available |
| Balance | Balance: |
| \$ | \$ |
| 49,817 | 156,214 |

This means that the available balance from Federal funds is \$49,817 and from Cost-share is \$156,214 totaling \$206,031.00. This amount should be reprogrammed to the 4th quarter activities which have not been budgeted yet.

Veronique

From: Schiffman, Eitan
Sent: Wednesday, June 11, 2014 11:02 AM
To: Dustin-van Rijn, Michele; Werber, Veronique M
Cc: Rider, James T (Tel Aviv)
Subject: RE: OVI proposed outline - 4th quarter



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-Eitan

From: laurat [redacted] (mailto:[redacted]) **On Behalf Of** Laura Talinovsky - OneVoice IL
Sent: Wednesday, June 04, 2014 9:37 AM
To: Dustin-van Rijn, Michele; Schiffman, Eitan; Werber, Veronique M
Subject: OVI proposed outline - 4th quarter

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Dear all,
Please see the file attached.

OneVoice is convening strategy meetings, involving the leadership of our offices from Israel, Palestine, the United States and Europe, as well as our partners at 270 Strategies, from the 5th—13th of June. A much more fully fleshed out strategic document will be produced following these consultations, as well as an expanded schedule of activities.

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APPENDIX B

DOCUMENT # 1

From: Abedin, Huma </O=SBUSTATE/OU=SES/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=ABEDINH>
Sent: Thursday, January 20, 2011 12:02 PM
To: 'Amitabh Desai' [redacted]
Subject: RE: WJC meeting with Hu (NOTES)

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Thank you
Shared with her yesterday

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From: Amitabh Desai [mailto:[redacted]]
Sent: Wednesday, January 19, 2011 6:37 PM
To: Abedin, Huma; Sullivan, Jacob J
Subject: Fw: WJC meeting with Hu (NOTES)

FYI

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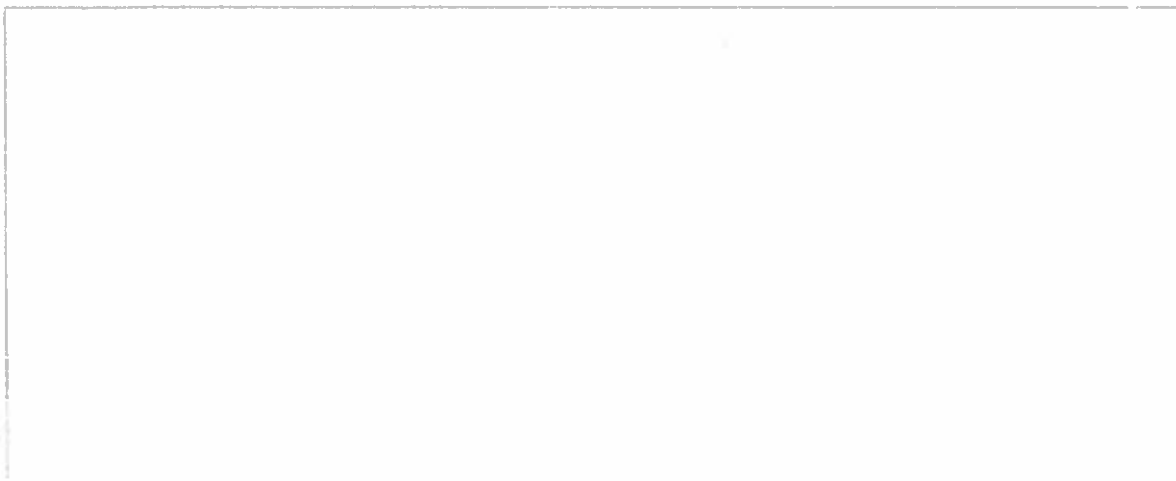
----- Original Message -----

From: Amitabh Desai
To: Bruce Lindsey; Laura Graham; Doug Band - PC; Justin Cooper
Sent: Wed Jan 19 18:34:20 2011
Subject: WJC meeting with Hu (NOTES)

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B1
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WJC just met as scheduled with President Hu of China. The meeting was about 40 minutes. Below are the key points. Sincerely, Ami

[Redacted content]



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