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Doug - Update since our discussion earlier:

We just found out that coordination target dates for the press event with OCIF in Puerto Rico are June 6 or 7. In addition, it is now being suggested that the event would be held at the Governor's Mansion with the participation of the Governor as well in some capacity. Coordination ongoing.....

Additional Detail:

We asked OCIF if there were any other coordination items we should be aware of as we prepare for this event. OCIF said they have been working with the US Federal Reserve who is actively "de-risking" several banks down in Puerto Rico. Specifically, the other banks in question were/are being look at for some nefarious activity related to a couple of South American countries. These banks in question DO NOT include the bank we are looking at as part of the J5 operation and the topic of this event. OCIF believes that this work by the Fed is very much along the lines of what we are doing with our J5 operation and the forthcoming action that OCIF will take and announce at the press event. In other words, our actions are seen as complimentary to this effort.

I know that there are sensitivities here regarding the timing with the CIR being in the PR. I did confirm with the CPD that the CIR trip is currently being planned for 071722 - 072022 so more than a month later.....

The date of June 6 or 7 creates some urgency for coordination purposes due to the level of coordination required with the PR government.

Is there anything else that you need from me to assist in getting to a decision point on my participation for this event?

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Doug

Good morning

Please see the attached 1-pager to support my though/recommendation to participate in an international media event with the Director of OCIF in Puerto Rico representing the J5 based on the Euro Pacific Bank (EPB)

investigation. This matter has been ongoing for some time and this was the JSs 1st outward facing item revolving around a 'day of action' where all 5 countries participated in enforcement actions, interviews, service of 'subpoenas', etc. around the world all on the same day.

A Press Conference would occur sometime during the 1st two weeks of June. After the Press Conference the intention would be to issue a joint press release with OCIF. The coordination will become more secure when I agree to do it.....

For further discussion