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Matt,

Looping in Justin Cole for his awareness.

I concur with that message. I cannot stress enough how important this outcome is for the J5 partners. With that being said, if there is any consternation with this "phase 1" plan with partners on other efforts, I would ask you to stress that importance with a request for them to acquiesce on this particular issue. Phase 2, likely occurring in the criminal realm, will be better served if separated from this action and will amplify the overall compliance efforts.

I just spoke with the OCIF commissioner and since Chief Lee is not available the week of 6/20, the next date acceptable to OCIF is 6/30 and 7/1. I sent that through to Justin Cole to confirm with the Chief. Bottom line is the date is still being finalized.

I mentioned that you had been briefed on this action. Natalia was happy to hear that. She confirmed her preference to limit the participation to OCIF and IRS-CI for the purpose of ensuring this is not confused with other ongoing efforts. If at the end, you determine that the participation of partners would help the relationship with that partner or the Miami FO/ IRS-CI, I am sure we can massage that with Natalia.

Feel free to call any time. I am always available.

Thanks.

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Gary, Darrell, and Mike,

Thanks to all for your time today. As Mike mentioned, this is very exciting and these are really good problems to be working through. As I mentioned on the call, I will be reaching out and messaging the planned press conference with our other partners (starting with the USA in PR) who are engaged in trying to address the threat posed by the rampant non-compliance within the IFEs in Puerto Rico. My message to them will be to let them know that our role is supporting the great work by CI, the J5, and OCIF in this specific matter; however, we will ensure our Chief is aware of the larger government-wide efforts to tighten up this area of non-compliance and strengthen the financial system. I will also message the opportunity this is for everyone as the first publicly facing outcome to IFE compliance.

If there are any concerns with this approach (or if I misunderstood the messaging), please let me know. I really do think that this a great thing for CI and the J5 on this success, but can also help to bolster the overall efforts to drive compliance in this area.

Gary – congrats on this outcome in this case! I'm excited for your team, CI, and the J5 on this win!

Lastly, I will continue to keep everyone apprised of my discussions with the partners and any other items that may overlap with this. If there are any questions, items I need to clarify, or items I can assist with don't hesitate to reach out.

Thanks,
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