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To: [Lee James C](#)
Subject: FW: OCIF Partnership-Press Conference - Update 042722
Date: Friday, April 29, 2022 2:13:00 PM
Attachments: [OCIF Partnership-Press.docx](#)

Jim,

You should plan to attend the event and support the global effort of the J5. This is especially the case given the multiple arms of the Puerto Rico government involved in this matter.

Curious that the Fed is looking at others to de-risk. Query whether it is possible to coordinate with them in a federal law enforcement capacity focusing upon tax and coordinating with partners? I suspect the Fed would be interested but would not want to disrupt their plans. I could imagine them being interested in referring to you any work/information that falls into your remit...

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 Deputy Commissioner, Services & Enforcement

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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 J5s 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

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Justin

Initial reaction is agreed that this creates a strong argument.....Well done.....i do have some questions that I noted or areas I highlighted that I want to talk to you about so we can wrap this up quickly

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Subject: OCIF Primer for Deputy Commissioner

Chief,

Attached is a one-pager on the potential OCIF-press event to announce the de-banking of our target in Puerto Rico. It is meant to provide background on actions to date, recommendations on press events, and future actions to be taken by the US, J5 and OCIF. This is meant to be shared with Doug as a background on our future plans, and I think makes a strong case for our intended action. Ideally, we can get a comfortable feeling from him to proceed shortly so we can move forward with OCIF to plan and include members of the PR government.

Please let me know if you need anything else.

Thanks,

Justin

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