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Cheers,

Julie Holt

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Hi everyone,

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Lots of moving parts here guys – lots to talk about.
Thanks,

Justin

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Subject: FW: Logistics
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Justin,

Tentative agenda is below. Chief would not need to be at OCIF's office until 2pm.

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To: Shapley Gary A Jr (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Cc: Mónica Rodríguez (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Subject: RE: Logistics

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From: Shapley Gary A Jr (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 10:56 AM

To: Natalia I. Zequeira (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); Mónica Rodríguez (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Subject: Logistics

Natalia,

What time would you like us to arrive at your office on Thursday? It will be the Chief, the case agent you met in March, me and Justin.

Any last minute items we need to address?

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Jim,

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Subject: J5 - Operation Atlantis - OCIF Press Conference Update
Date: Tuesday, May 24, 2022 10:44:41 AM

Looks like flights will work with no problem for the planned OCIF event. I will coordinate with Matt Line and Mike Batdorf some deconfliction issues but all good on our side.

Thanks,
Justin

From the call with OCIF Commissioner Natalia Diaz earlier today the general schedule would be as follows:

Thursday 6/30

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3. 1400 (Approx)
 - a. Press conference

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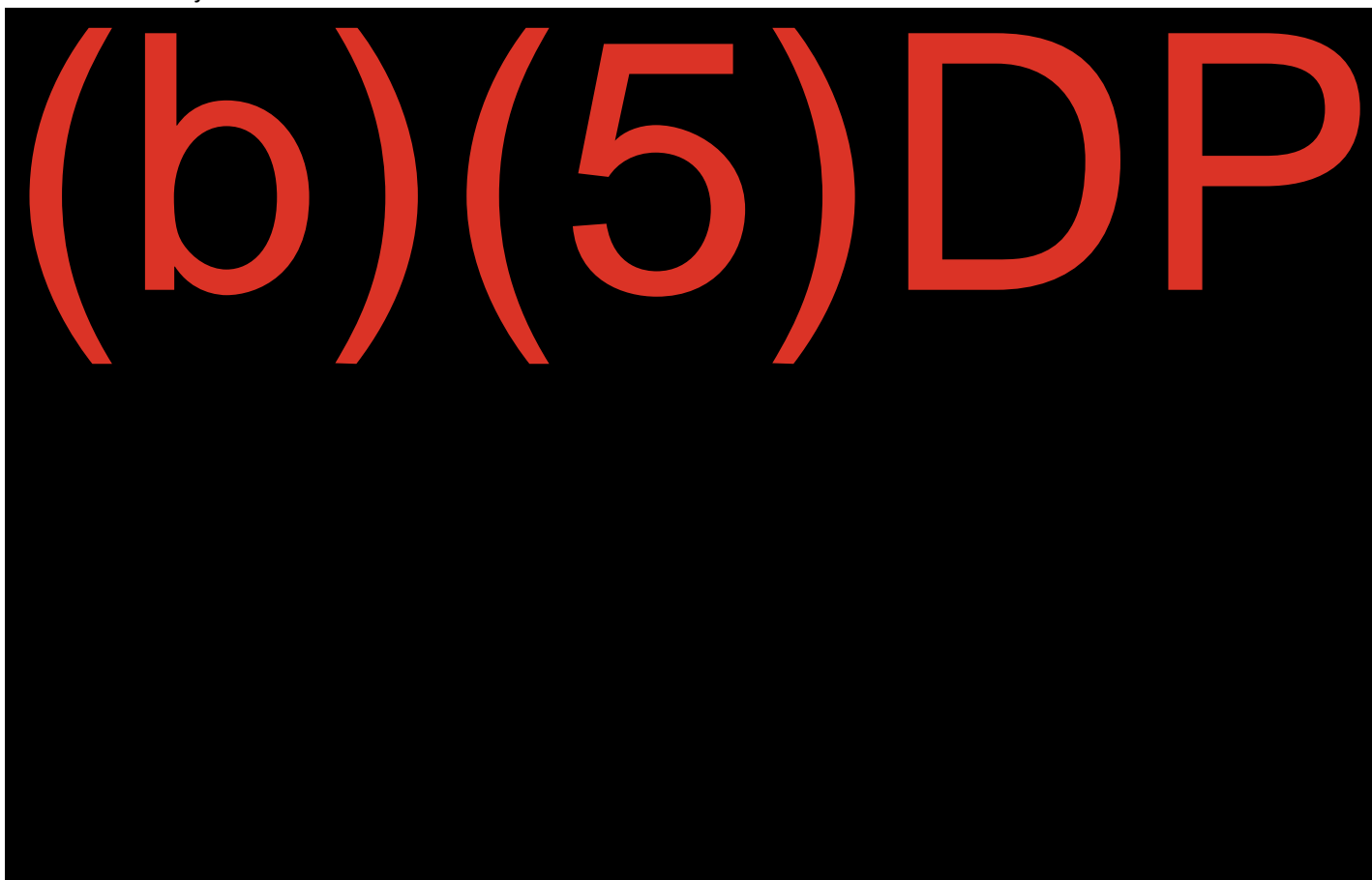
J5 communication snapshot – Atlantis

This document provides a communication snapshot of performance of the media and communications undertaken to support Operation Atlantis. Evaluation covers the period 23 January – 29 January 2020.

About the Operation Atlantis Day of Action

On 22 January 2020, J5 countries undertook various actions in support of a coordinated “Day of Action”. The enforcement activities were supported by a global communication strategy that included media, social media, internal communication, newsletter articles and updated web content.

Our objectives were to:



In detail, this is what we did, and how each activity performed.

Media

The communication was spearheaded by a global media release that included quotes from all countries. This was complemented by domestic releases in some countries where either additional information was included, or where their market needed additional localised media. The media release was published around 4pm US time on Thursday 23 January. The media approach included the issue of media release, embargoed information to selected journalists, facilitated interviews and responses to queries.

Australia: published the global [media release](#) which was provided under embargo to key journalists beforehand. We facilitated four interviews across print, radio and television and two written responses to requests for additional information. This resulted in 16 online articles and 2 print articles, with coverage across print, radio and television.

United Kingdom (UK): issued the global media release on [mynewsdesk](#). Simon York was interviewed by the Times of London

United States (US): published the global [media release](#) which was provided under embargo to journalists. Within the first six hours of the release, a majority of those reporters had published articles. Interviews were not undertaken however media enquiries were responded to.

Canada: published the global media release in both [English](#) and [French](#). Five enquiries were received and coverage was limited to Canadian publications.

Netherlands (NL): published the global [media release](#) and received enquiries focusing on details such as the name and location of the bank and the involvement of Dutch citizens.

Media coverage

Media coverage from each country was variable. Australia and US received substantial coverage despite issuing a release that was light on facts. Australia's coverage spanned radio, tv, press and online. US media wrote basic J5 articles with some operational details. Canada received limited coverage in traditional media, possibly because no Canadian residents were involved, however still achieved coverage in specialist publications and radio. UK and NL did not receive a great deal of coverage, but some online coverage and requests for updates were asked for. Coverage in the UK was localised to where the arrest was made, and special interest media. Dutch media coverage included a small newspaper and a platform for tax experts.

It is clear that when we are able to provide facts, media outlets are interested. They are hungry for updates about operational details. It is likely that we will be able to continue the conversation as further facts about the case are able to be issued.

Web content

Each country either updated their web content to include new information and logos or published the media releases to their website, or both. The IRS J5 website continues to be our main call to

action for people wanting further information but each country maintains important information in support of the J5.

Australia: In addition to publishing the media release (approx. 680 views at 6 minutes time on page), we also updated our [web page](#) (approx. 300 views at almost 4 minutes time on page).

United Kingdom: published the media release (approx. 1,570 views).

United States: published the media release and updated our web page.

Canada: published the media release in both English (230 views) and French (approx. 90 views).

Netherlands: published the media release (approx. 180 views).

Newsletters

Not every country has newsletters in place for specific audiences. Australia has newsletters targeting large business and tax agents.

Australia: developed articles for newsletters targeting large business and tax professionals. These newsletters typically have reasonable levels of readership and subscription levels are quite high.

Social media

Social media provided each country with a chance to show our unification, by sharing, retweeting, commenting and engaging on each other's posts. We ensured that all social media carried our #j5taxcrime hashtag to further consolidate our alliance. The hashtag was tweeted 18 times, with 10 of them coming from our agencies. One of our objectives was to position our Chiefs as thought leaders in tax crime, and the high level of engagement shows that this objective is achieving success. To further demonstrate our collaborative efforts, each country retweeted/shared/liked social media tweets/posts where it was possible to do so.

Twitter

Australia: posted a high performing [tweet](#) that was seen over 11,000 times (10 likes, one retweet and one negative reply).

United Kingdom: posted a [tweet](#) (17 likes, 14 retweets and five negative replies).

United States: tweeted four times:

- 7:49am 23 January – [retweeted](#) HMRC's [tweet](#) (three likes, one retweet and one reply (hidden)).
- 11:40am 23 January – [tweet](#) (seven likes, two retweets and one reply (hidden)).
- 2:50pm 23 January – [tweet](#) (13 likes and 11 retweets).
- 3:00pm 25 January – [tweet](#) (11 likes, five retweets and one neutral reply)

Canada: used a Twitter thread , which is a series of tweets that are linked, allowing for more information to be shared below in subsequent tweets. There were four threaded tweets in total:

- The first English [tweet](#) in the thread received 17 likes, 12 retweets and three replies (hidden). The first French [tweet](#) received one reply (hidden).
- The second English [tweet](#) received four likes, one retweet and one reply (hidden). The French [tweet](#) received one retweet and one reply (hidden).
- The third English [tweet](#) received four likes, one retweet and one reply (hidden). The French [tweet](#) received one reply (hidden).
- The last English [tweet](#) in the thread received five likes and one retweet. The French [tweet](#) received no engagement.

Netherlands: posted a [tweet](#) which was viewed 3,160 times (nine likes and eight retweets).

LinkedIn

Australia: published a [post](#) on the ATO corporate page (144 reactions, one negative comment) and Deputy Commissioner Will Day published a [LinkedIn pulse article](#) which was high performing (130 reactions, five positive comments) for an article of this type.

United Kingdom: Fraud Investigation Service Director Simon York published a [post](#) (100 reactions, 11 positive comments). HMRC [shared](#) Director Simon York's post (55 likes and one positive comment).

United States: IRS – CI Chief Don Fort published a [post](#) which was considered high performing (190 reactions and 16 positive comments).

Canada: [shared](#) ATO Deputy Commissioner Will Day's LinkedIn pulse article in both official languages on their LinkedIn account, with an accompanying post. (23 reactions and one comment).

Facebook

Canada: posted high performing posts on their [English](#) (24 likes, eight shares and 14 comments positive to neutral in sentiment) and [French](#) (nine reactions) Facebook pages.

Other social media coverage

Third party social media coverage from each country was variable. Australia achieved high levels of social media traction, a number of British trade journalists promoted the “Day of Action” and so did Canadian Accountant, an independent news source for the accounting profession.

Australia: Many media outlets backed their stories with social media which achieved high levels of coverage. Please note it is only possible to show number of followers, rather than actual views and sentiment of engagement was mixed:

- [ABC News](#) posted a [link](#) to their [article](#) on Facebook (746 reactions, 279 comments and 128 shares –4 million followers).
- [The Sydney Morning Herald](#) posted a [link](#) to their [article](#) on Facebook (55 reactions, 12 comments and six shares –1.1 million followers).
- [The Age](#) tweeted a [link](#) to their [article](#) on Twitter (10 likes, seven replies and six retweets – 877,000 followers).

- [Nassim Khadem](#) tweeted a [link](#) to the ABC News [article](#) on Twitter (six likes, one reply and one retweet –8,000 followers).

United Kingdom: A number of British trade journalists communicated about the media release on Twitter. The [Financial Crime Reporter](#) for [ACAMS moneylaundering.com](#) evidenced [this](#) (five likes and four retweets).

Canada: confirmed to the [Canadian Accountant](#) that ‘no Canadians detained in a major tax evasion bust by the J5 in Central America but they will be reviewing all files.’ The Canadian Accountant published this information in a [tweet](#) (one like and one retweet).

Internal communications

Every country promoted the “Day of Action” through internal communications. No external links to these communications are available.

Australia: published an article in our internal newsletter which reaches more than 20,000 staff.

United Kingdom: posted an internal newsroom article on the intranet and on Yammer. Both communications achieved a good level of engagement and generated conversations between staff.

United States: published articles on our internal websites for IRS employees.

Canada: will circulate an article to colleagues within the directorate and posting an article to the Wiki.

Netherlands: shared the media release on our intranet.

What do these results tell us?

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Date: Wednesday, June 29, 2022 2:16:14 PM
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[Media Advisory -OCIF-J5 Announcement 6_29.pdf](#)
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Good afternoon,

Please see the media advisory for a 2-part press conference taking place in Puerto Rico tomorrow. The first part will be an announcement by the Office of the Commissioner of Financial Institutions (OCIF) in Puerto Rico along with IRS-CI Chief Jim Lee. Australian J5 Chief Will Day and UK J5 Chief Simon York will also be present at the first event. The second event will take place 45 mins later on a different zoom link where Will Day and Simon York will make remarks. Jim Lee and OCIF Commissioner will also be available for questions on the second call. The events are being split up in order to allow the focus in the first event to be on the civil action being announced by OCIF tomorrow. The second event will focus primarily on the J5 actions related and moving forward. Media are invited to attend one or both of these calls. Please reach out with any questions.

Thanks,
Justin



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Santurce, Puerto Rico

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Global tax chiefs stand by Puerto Rico's financial institution regulator as bank is shut down

Bank was once target of J5 countries in a global day of action in 2020

June 30, 2022

SAN JUAN, PR – Three global tax chiefs commended a decision announced today by Puerto Rico's financial institution regulator. The move to suspend the operations of a financial institution in Puerto Rico follows a global effort launched by the Joint Chiefs of Global Tax Enforcement (J5) two years ago.

The Office of the Commissioner of Financial Institutions (OCIF) of Puerto Rico issued a Cease and Desist order and suspended the operations of Euro Pacific International Bank. The action was commended by the J5, who had, two years prior, conducted a global day-of-action to put a stop to the suspected facilitation of offshore tax evasion by the bank.

Known as Operation Atlantis, the 2020 day-of-action was the first major operational activity for the J5. During the day of action, each country independently executed enforcement actions consistent with the legal requirements in their countries. These actions included intelligence and information gathering, search warrants, interviews, production orders and subpoenas.

The 2020 day-of-action occurred as part of a series of internationally led investigations that revealed a number of clients used a series of sophisticated structures and international financial institutions to obfuscate their tax situations. These conscious attempts were for the purpose of evading their tax obligations and/or laundering the proceeds of their crimes.

"The actions we have taken today in the Euro Pacific matter are in full compliance with our duty as regulator, pursuant to OCIF's laws and regulations, to protect against irreparable damage the interests of the entity and/or the persons or entities that own funds or assets in the institution and, ultimately, to protect also the solidity and reputation of Puerto Rico's financial system," said OCIF Commissioner Natalia Zequeira Diaz. "Although OCIF has guaranteed the entity's due process under law and regulation, including giving it multiple opportunities to undertake corrective actions, unfortunately, Euro Pacific has a long history of non-compliance with the Law and regulations that govern the Puerto Rico International Financial Center. OCIF will not allow or tolerate any financial entity with a license issued by the Government of Puerto Rico to operate outside the law or ignore the clear mandates of applicable laws and regulations."

"There is no doubt that OCIF's work sends a strong message to others that the Puerto Rican financial industry will not be a haven for tax evaders or illegal conduct. We stand here together today to display the strong partnership we have with OCIF and to commend their leadership for taking decisive action," said Jim Lee, Chief, Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation. "We are also

here with our J5 partners, celebrating four years together this week, showing the world the power of coordination, collaboration and partnerships. The actions announced today are an example of the wide-ranging tools available only through our collaboration with partner agencies. The independent actions taken by OCIF today represent an all-inclusive compliance effort that the J5 chiefs are committed to furthering in an effort to assist bringing to justice those who avoid paying taxes or commit other financial crimes.”

The Chiefs explained that while they supported the actions taken by OCIF, the outcomes were not the result of a joint investigation and the decision OCIF made was done independently of the J5. The J5 did not participate in the investigation by OCIF but welcomed the result.

“This announcement by the OCIF today is an important milestone for Operation Atlantis. Four years ago, the J5 set out to tackle international tax crimes and money laundering. Our approach is achieving results on a broader scale,” said ATO Deputy Commissioner and J5 Chief Will Day. “Ceasing a financial institution’s operations stops it from being able to facilitate suspected tax evasion. This is the strongest warning globally that tax evasion is being targeted, and while we believe there are only a handful of Australians involved, there could be further investigations and audits into this matter moving forward.”

“Today is a landmark moment for the J5 and the UK’s response to tackling offshore tax evasion. When we launched the J5 four years ago, we were determined to make the world a smaller place for those suspected of tax evasion. The honest majority can be confident our approach is working,” said Simon York, HMRC’s Director of Fraud Investigation and the UK’s J5 Chief. “We already have a significant number of criminal and civil investigations underway and are now looking at what more we can do to reinforce the message that the game is up for offshore tax evaders. To those UK citizens involved with this bank, I say – come and talk to us before we come and talk to you.”

Chief Lee said that the J5 continued to collectively work hundreds of civil and criminal investigations within the J5 jurisdictions related to entities and individuals associated with Euro Pacific Bank. Those investigations continue unaffected by the actions today.

“FIOD is very pleased to present the results of our joint efforts to combat tax crimes. The investigation started some years ago based on Dutch intelligence, which was shared with the J5 partners,” said Niels Obbink, Chief and General Director, Dutch Fiscal Information and Investigation Service (FIOD). “And then leading to these results, also including investigations by the Dutch government, proves how much value there is to the J5 collaboration.”

Canadian Chief Eric Ferron added, “The Canada Revenue Agency is proud to have contributed our expertise and best practices to assist with this important action. Operation Atlantis illustrates the greater reach our nations have when working as a team to combat not only tax crime, but also money laundering and cybercrime. I look forward to our continued collaboration.”

Formed in 2018, the J5 works together to gather information, share intelligence and conduct coordinated operations against transnational financial crimes. The J5 includes the Australian Taxation Office, the Canada Revenue Agency, the Dutch Fiscal Information and Investigation Service, Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs from the UK and IRS Criminal Investigation from the US.

For more information about the J5, please visit www.irs.gov/j5.



From: [Justin Cole](#)
To: [Justin Cole](#)
Subject: OCCT Director
Date: Thursday, June 26, 2020 3:11:36 PM





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(b)(5)DP; (b)(7)(A); (b)(7)(E)



(b)(5)DP; (b)(7)(A); (b)(7)(E)



(b)(5)DP; (b)(7)(A); (b)(7)(E)



From: [Cole Justin T](#)
To: [Lee James C](#)
Cc: [Robnett James D](#); [Sadler Jonathan](#); [Cole Justin T](#)
Subject: OCIF Primer for Deputy Commissioner
Date: Tuesday, April 19, 2022 5:17:27 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
(b)(5)DP

Chief,

(b)(5)DP

Please let me know if you need anything else.

Thanks,
Justin

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(b)(5)DP; (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(A); (b)(7)(E)



(b)(5)DP; (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(A); (b)(7)(E)



From: [Julie Holt](#)
To: [Cole Justin T](#)
Cc: [Duncan Harrod](#)
Subject: Q&A pack [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Wednesday, June 29, 2022 11:17:51 PM

Hi Justin

(b)(5)DP; (b)(7)(E)

Julie Holt

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From: [Julie Holt](#)
To: [Cole Justin T](#)
Cc: [Brett Martin](#); [Kelly Leperou](#)
Subject: RE: Atlantis press conference [SEC=OFFICIAL] [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]
Date: Monday, May 30, 2022 12:54:00 AM
Attachments: [image003.png](#)

Hi there

Just emailing to see if there has been an update on this one at all? If we're looking to do a joint press conference, it's going to take a lot to get it over the line here, especially as it will be just on one week out from our tax time in Australia. (b)(5)DP

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

(b)(5)DP; (b)(7)(A); (b)(7)(E)

[REDACTED]

(b)(5)DP; (b)(7)(A); (b)(7)(E)

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From: Cole Justin T <Justin.Cole@ci.irs.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, 11 May 2022 4:12 PM

To: Julie Holt (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Cc: Brett Martin (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Kelly Leperou (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Subject: RE: Atlantis press conference [SEC=OFFICIAL]

EXTERNAL EMAIL: EXERCISE CAUTION

Hi Julie,

Thanks for starting the discussion. I can tell you that OCIF has NOT yet developed the media release. They are looking to do the event June 6 or 7 at their governor's mansion. They are hoping to nail down the exact date and time this week. (b)(7)(A); (b)(7)(E)

(b)(7)(A); (b)(7)(E)

(b)(7)(A); (b)(7)(E)

I'll have a discussion with Brett and Jim this week for sure and make sure any items of concern are covered so we are only left with logistics on our end. We should catch-up early next week on this separately.

Thanks!

Justin

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From: Julie Holt (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2022 2:02 AM

To: Cole Justin T <Justin.Cole@ci.irs.gov>

Cc: Brett Martin (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); Kelly Leperou (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Subject: FW: Atlantis press conference [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi Justin

Just following this one up. Since you, Brett and Jim are all in the same place, maybe it could be a useful discussion topic?

We will need to plan ahead for this one due to time zone differences and calendar availability. (b)(5)DP; (b)(7)(A)

(b)(5)DP; (b)(7)(A)

(b)(5)DP; (b)(7)(A) We'll also need to seek some legal advice in preparation for briefing media.

Do you know if OCIF has drafted the media release yet?

Julie

From: Julie Holt

Sent: Tuesday, 12 April 2022 5:03 PM

To: 'Cole Justin T' <Justin.Cole@ci.irs.gov>

Cc: Kelly Leperou (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Subject: Atlantis press conference [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi Justin

Following on from the discussion about the OCIF and their consideration of a press conference about Atlantis, please find following some thoughts. (b)(5)DP

(b)(5)DP

Obviously I'm not across all the developments, but I don't want us to be caught short with this so I thought I'd get the ball rolling. I did mention to Brett and he's keen to brief Will as soon as we have something firmed up.

(b)(5)DP; (b)(7)(A); (b)(7)(E)

(b)(5)DP; (b)(7)(A); (b)(7)(E)

Happy to chat.

Julie Holt

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From: [Shapley Gary A Jr](#)
To: [Cole Justin T](#)
Subject: RE: Draft OCIF Remarks for Chief
Date: Thursday, June 16, 2022 11:13:00 AM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)

Justin,

Looks real good! I defer to you but wanted to throw some options for you. Available to chat anytime.

Thanks.

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From: Cole Justin T <Justin.Cole@ci.irs.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, June 14, 2022 5:21 PM
To: Shapley Gary A Jr (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
Cc: Cole Justin T <Justin.Cole@ci.irs.gov>
Subject: Draft OCIF Remarks for Chief

Gary,

(b)(5)DP; (b)(7)(A); (b)(7)(E)

(b)(5)DP; (b)(7)(A); (b)(7)(E)



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From: [José Luis Cedeño](#)
To: [Francisco Cimadevilla](#)
Cc: [Cole Justin T](#); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C);
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C); [Shapley Gary A Jr](#)
Subject: Re: English version of press release
Date: Wednesday, June 29, 2022 11:06:05 AM

Below the two links to connect tomorrow:

3:00 PM Press Conference (PR)

Topic: OCIF-PR/IRS Announcement (1)
Time: Jun 30, 2022 03:00 PM Puerto Rico

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81050627825?pwd=rLJZ75cz6wQmGglwGt5qqSryg_Y2Z7.1

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3:45 PM Press Conference (Stateside)

Topic: OCIF-PR/IRS Announcement (2)
Time: Jun 30, 2022 03:45 PM Puerto Rico

Join Zoom Meeting

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On Jun 29, 2022, at 10:25 AM, Francisco Javier Cimadevilla
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) wrote:

Got it. Thanks.

From: Cole Justin T [<mailto:Justin.Cole@ci.irs.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, June 29, 2022 9:59 AM
To: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C);
Cc: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C);
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C);
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C); [Shapley Gary A Jr](#);
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C);
Subject: RE: English version of press release

Very sorry – attached is our final release – a last minute quote change was requested.

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From: Cole Justin T <Justin.Cole@ci.irs.gov>
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To: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
Cc: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C);
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); Shapley Gary A Jr
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); Cole Justin T
 <Justin.Cole@ci.irs.gov>
Subject: RE: English version of press release

Francisco,
 Please find attached the final version of our press release. I do not plan any other changes so if you all plan to translate it, then it is ready from our perspective.

My biggest concern this morning is getting the link for the event so we can start to pitch the event through a media advisory to interested parties. Due to time changes and our travel schedule this afternoon, this is becoming our biggest item to do this morning.

Thanks for anything you can do to push that link our way.
 Justin

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From: fcimadevilla (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 7:43 AM
To: Cole Justin T <Justin.Cole@ci.irs.gov>
Cc: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C); Shapley Gary A Jr
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C); Jose Luis Cedeño
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
Subject: RE: English version of press release

Hi Justin. (b)(5)DP

They are a go.

Will revert later regarding other items.

Francisco

Sent from my Galaxy

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From: fcimadevilla (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
Date: 6/28/22 6:10 AM (GMT-04:00)
To: Cole Justin T <Justin.Cole@ci.irs.gov>
Cc: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C), Shapley Gary A Jr
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) >
Subject: RE: English version of press release

Thank you Justin. (b)(5)DP.

Sent from my Galaxy

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From: Cole Justin T <Justin.Cole@ci.irs.gov>
Date: 6/27/22 9:54 PM (GMT-04:00)

To: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
Cc: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C),
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(b)(6); (b)(7)(C), Shapley
Gary A Jr (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) >, Cole Justin T
<Justin.Cole@ci.irs.gov>
Subject: RE: English version of press release

Francisco,

(b)(5)DP

Thanks again and I suspect we will talk more tomorrow.
Thanks,
Justin

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From: Francisco Javier Cimadevilla (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
Sent: Monday, June 27, 2022 4:16 PM
To: Cole Justin T <Justin.Cole@ci.irs.gov>; Shapley Gary A Jr
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
Cc: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Heriberto Lopez (b)(6); (b)(7)(C);
Mónica Rodríguez (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); Griselle Morales Rodríguez
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) >; "Carlos J. Sagardía Abreu"

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Subject: English version of press release

Hi Justin and Gary:

(b)(5)DP

Regards,

Francisco

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(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

From: [Shapley Gary A Jr](#)
To: [Line Matthew D](#); [Waldon Darrell J](#); [Batdorf Michael T](#)
Cc: [Cole Justin T](#)
Subject: RE: Follow-up
Date: Thursday, May 12, 2022 11:51:52 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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. (b)(5)DP

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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. (b)(5)DP

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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

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From: Line Matthew D (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2022 5:13 PM

To: Shapley Gary A Jr (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) >; Waldon Darrell J
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) ; Batdorf Michael T (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) >

Subject: Follow-up

Gary, Darrell, and Mike,

(b)(5)DP

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,
Matt

Matthew D. Line
Special Agent in Charge
Miami Field Office
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (cell)

From: [Shapley Gary A Jr](#)
To: [Cole Justin T](#)
Subject: RE: J5 - Operation Atlantis - OCIF Press Conference Update
Date: Monday, May 23, 2022 2:26:42 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)

Justin,

From the call with OCIF Commissioner Natalia Diaz earlier today the general schedule would be as follows:

Thursday 6/30

(b)(7)(A); (b)(7)(E)

3. 1400 (Approx)
 - a. Press conference

Call if you have any questions.

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Sent: Monday, May 16, 2022 3:12 PM
To: Shapley Gary A Jr (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) v>
Subject: RE: J5 - Operation Atlantis - OCIF Press Conference Update

Chief would like to sign up for AM on 1 July. Second choice is late in the day on 6/30.

How firm are these dates looking like? We are moving a lot of things around and want to start some coordination. He has already asked me to look at travel also. Let me know if easier to chat – I know there are lots of moving parts.

Thanks,
Justin

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From: Shapley Gary A Jr <(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)>
Sent: Thursday, May 12, 2022 12:01 PM
To: Cole Justin T <Justin.Cole@ci.irs.gov>
Subject: RE: J5 - Operation Atlantis - OCIF Press Conference Update

Justin

I think that is off the table. Unless it is best for the chief. 6/30 or 7/1 seemed to relieve some of the scheduling stress.

Gary Shapley
Assistant Special Agent in Charge
Chicago Field Office
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

From: Cole Justin T <Justin.Cole@ci.irs.gov>
Sent: May 12, 2022 11:58 AM
To: Shapley Gary A Jr <(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)>
Subject: RE: J5 - Operation Atlantis - OCIF Press Conference Update

I will float those to Chief tonight. He did say he was willing to go down there on Sunday 6/19 so he could do the event Monday morning 6/20 and then fly home Monday afternoon. That way he can still travel out with his family on 6/22. Let me know if that option is off the table or if you all prefer 6/30 or 7/1 instead.

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From: Shapley Gary A Jr (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) >
Sent: Thursday, May 12, 2022 11:29 AM
To: Cole Justin T <Justin.Cole@ci.irs.gov>
Subject: RE: J5 - Operation Atlantis - OCIF Press Conference Update

Justin,

Since the Chief is not available 6/22, **how does 6/30 (Thursday) or 7/1 (Friday) look for the Chief.** I just spoke with OCIF Commissioner and she said these dates would work taking into account the other requirements of the process.

Let me know what you think. Thanks.

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To: Cole Justin T <Justin.Cole@ci.irs.gov>
Subject: J5 - Operation Atlantis - OCIF Press Conference Update

Justin,

The OCIF Commissioner asked that we postpone the date to the week of 6/20. (b)(7)(A); (b)(7)(E)

(b)(7)(A); (b)(7)(E)

I apologize and hopefully the Chief is available. If not, we can discuss our options. I will keep you updated in real time.

Available any time to discuss. Thanks.

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From: [Shapley Gary A Jr](#)
To: [Cole Justin T](#)
Subject: RE: J5 - Operation Atlantis - OCIF Press Conference Update
Date: Thursday, May 12, 2022 11:29:21 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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To: Cole Justin T <Justin.Cole@ci.irs.gov>
Subject: J5 - Operation Atlantis - OCIF Press Conference Update

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(b)(7)(A); (b)(7)(E)

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To: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); Bish Rebecca M; Winston Remi N; (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); Cole Justin T; (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
Subject: RE: J5 Media and Comms Team Meeting Agenda - 15 June 2022
Date: Tuesday, June 14, 2022 7:29:15 PM
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My apologies for not including this in the previous email.

Thanks,

Justin

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Subject: J5 Media and Comms Team Meeting Agenda - 15 June 2022

Hi everyone,

Looking forward to our chat in a few hours. As a reminder, this is the first call that we will be using Julie's Teams invite – NOT mine. You can go ahead and delete mine from your calendars if it has not disappeared. If you see a cancelation notice in email, that is just for the old Teams invite – the meeting is STILL happening. Again, please sign in using Julie's invite.

I've attached an agenda to guide our call tomorrow. I've also included a global comms plan

for Atlantis compliments of Julie as well. We will discuss this in detail during the meeting and will need each country's concurrence and input. I've also attached Jim's draft remarks for the OCIF press conference in a couple of weeks. They are still in draft form and will undergo further edits. Not looking for edits from you all for those, more so just awareness.

Chat in just a bit.

Thanks,

Justin

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From: [Kevin Pinner](#)
To: [Cole Justin T](#)
Subject: Re: Law360 Media Request
Date: Thursday, June 30, 2022 5:12:33 PM
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Thank you very much! Those answers are great and I appreciate your patience with my questions.

After watching Part 2, I have some further questions I'd like you to address if possible, and some quotes from Jim Lee which I'd like you to check for accuracy and clarity if possible.

Could you provide an estimate for Euro Pacific's total assets under management as of today?

Could you provide an estimate for Euro Pacific's total number of clients as of today?

Could you confirm whether today's actions involved Euro Pacific Capital Inc.'s chief global strategist Peter Schiff?

Would you mind confirming what Lee said in the following bolded part? "We stand here together today to display the strong partnership and collaborative efforts that we have with [OCIF?], and really to commend their leadership for taking decisive action. Moving forward, our work with the J5 countries continues, and collectively we're working more than 100 civil and criminal investigations within the J5 jurisdictions related to any individual associated with this bank. Those investigations continue unaffected by the actions here today."

Would this quote from Lee come across as clearer if I inserted "structures" like this? "The J5 is here to drive compliance, to deter folks from using offshore [**structures?**] of any bank – as far as that goes, whether it's a U.S. bank, or any bank anywhere – that's why we formed the J5: to combat tax evasion and financial crime."

Is this correct? Lee said the J5 coordinated a "day of action" in January 2020 "based on intelligence gathered by the [**Dutch Fiscal Information and Investigation Service**]"

Thank you again,

On Thu, Jun 30, 2022 at 4:31 PM Cole Justin T <Justin.Cole@ci.irs.gov> wrote:

Hi Kevin,

I've tried to answer your questions below.

Thanks,
Justin

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From: Kevin Pinner <kevin.pinner@law360.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 30, 2022 4:04 PM
To: Cole Justin T <Justin.Cole@ci.irs.gov>
Subject: Re: Law360 Media Request

Hi Justin,

Thank you again for providing the press release and media advisory ahead of time. I've already pre-written most of my article, which I plan to turn in around 5:30 p.m., and I would like to run some questions by you. I think most were answered during part 1 of the media event, but my audio wasn't coming through very well.

On what date did the Office of the Commissioner of Financial Institutions issue the cease and desist order against Euro Pacific International Bank?

Today, 6/30

What date did OCIF suspend Euro Pacific International Bank's operations?

Today, 6/30

Would you please provide a list of all jurisdictions involved in this case? I heard Simon York from HMRC mention Saint Vincent and the Grenadines was involved, and that Euro Pacific has hundreds of customers in the U.K. What other jurisdictions are involved other than the U.S., Puerto Rico, Australia and the other J5 members?

From an OCIF perspective, no other jurisdictions. From a J5 perspective, we are not able to comment on the locations of the hundreds of other civil and criminal cases.

Jim Lee said the investigation began years ago. What date exactly? Month and year would be great if you can't give an exact date.

The J5's day of action was January 2020. We became aware that OCIF was conducting an independent investigation in January 2021 and at that point we began to share information legally through official channels.

Would it be fair to characterize Commissioner Natalia Zequeira Diaz as the official which made OCIF's decision to issue the cease and desist order on Euro Pacific International Bank? How about the decision to halt the bank's operations?

Yes and Yes.

I might have further questions later. Thank you in advance! I will be available to discuss by phone -- 353-316-1505

Sincerely,

On Thu, Jun 30, 2022 at 11:02 AM Kevin Pinner <kevin.pinner@law360.com> wrote:

Justin,

It's wonderful to make your acquaintance and thank you for sending over those

materials, which I'll keep embargoed until 3:00 p.m. Thank you for clarifying that OCIF is making the announcement of the action.

Would you mind sharing the person whom I should contact there for more information? I looked for a press email on their website, but didn't find it.

Thank you again,

On Thu, Jun 30, 2022 at 10:46 AM Cole Justin T <Justin.Cole@ci.irs.gov> wrote:

Hi Kevin,

You have come to the right place. Attaching the media advisory and embargoed press release form the J5 today. Embargoed until 3pm, when the event starts. To be clear, OCIF is making the announcement of the action they are taking today so they will be putting out their own press release at that time and it will have more specifics about what they are doing to the bank in question. Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Justin

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From: Kevin Pinner <kevin.pinner@law360.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 30, 2022 10:41 AM
To: Cole Justin T <Justin.Cole@ci.irs.gov>
Subject: Law360 Media Request

Hi Justin,

My name is Kevin Pinner and I'm an international tax correspondent at Law360. Today, I've been assigned a story about a two-part media event scheduled for this afternoon involving IRS Criminal Investigation, and I'm told you're the person to contact with any questions. I'd like to establish this connection in case I have questions following the event.

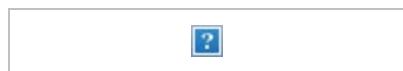
If you plan to release any documentation of the event, please forward those materials to me. Thank you!

With best regards,

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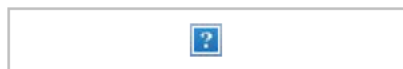
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Cc: Shapley Gary A Jr; (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); Cole Justin T
Subject: RE: Public Relations Contact - J5
Date: Thursday, June 23, 2022 10:02:18 PM
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Thank you very much for making the connection. We are looking forward to the event next week.

Mr. Cimadevilla, please let me know if you have time to chat or if you'd prefer to connect just via email. I was wondering if you might have a draft press release that you could share? (b)(5)DP

Finally, As you are aware, the Australian Chief is participating as well virtually. I'm told that the UK's Chief may also want to participate – we actually expect that he will want to and will know for sure by Monday. I wanted to run through the logistics of the event – what platform will be used, etc. Also, do you have any issues if we begin to do a media advisory and invite media to the event as well?

Thank you in advance,
Justin

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Cc: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
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Cimadevilla,
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Looking forward to next week.

Regards,

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Sent: Tuesday, June 21, 2022 10:17 AM
To: Cole Justin T <Justin.Cole@ci.irs.gov>; Natalia I. Zequeira (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
Cc: Mónica Rodríguez (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
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From: [Shapley Gary A Jr](#)
To: [Cole Justin T](#)
Subject: RE: Questions
Date: Thursday, June 30, 2022 11:10:19 AM
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Justin

A couple quick answers. The rest are probably better talking through.

(b)(5)DP; (b)(7)(A)

See you soon. Thanks.

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From: Cole Justin T <Justin.Cole@ci.irs.gov>
Sent: Jun 30, 2022 10:44 AM
To: Shapley Gary A Jr (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
Subject: FW: Questions

Will call you in a couple of minutes.

From: Lee James C <James.Lee@ci.irs.gov>
Sent: Thursday, June 30, 2022 10:25 AM
To: Cole Justin T <Justin.Cole@ci.irs.gov>
Subject: Questions

Questions

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The OCIF press release indicates this.....

In her announcement, Commissioner Zaqueira was accompanied by Jim Lee, Chief of Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") Criminal Investigation in Washington, D.C., with whom OCIF has a collaboration and resource exchange agreement to assist the local regulator in its investigation efforts, particularly in instances like Euro Pacific's in which the entity has operations and/or holds assets outside the local jurisdiction.

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***Justin – also a reminder for the J5 successes

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From: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
To: Cole Justin T; (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); Bish Rebecca M; Winston Remi N; (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
Subject: Re: Update to plans for OCIF announcement
Date: Sunday, June 26, 2022 3:09:52 AM
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Thanks Justin

I'm with you and am comfortable with the second option too.

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Simon

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 <Justin.Cole@ci.irs.gov>; York, Simon (FIS Director) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
Subject: Update to plans for OCIF announcement

Hi Guys,

A quick update after speaking with the OCIF team – it appears our plans may be altered for this coming week's announcement – they might not, but they might. Let me explain.

(b)(5)DP

Happy to chat offline. I plan to send the updated press release sometime Sunday.

Thanks and talk soon,

Justin

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Subject: Meeting Minutes - J5 Media and Comms Team Meeting - 21 June 2022

Hi everyone,

(b)(5)DP; (b)(7)(A); (b)(7)(E)

Happy Summer Solstice! Longest day of the year (most sunlight) here in the US. I'm now realizing that this is probably not the case for all of you, but happy day nonetheless!

Talk soon,
Justin

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Subject: UPDATE: OCIF Event Brief for Deputy Commissioner
Date: Wednesday, April 27, 2022 12:01:04 PM
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Jim,

Following up on our conversation this AM, we have nailed down some target dates for the press event with OCIF in Puerto Rico. June 6 or 7 is the target date and the event would be held at the Governor's Mansion with the participation of the Governor. To follow up with the additional items I briefed you on this AM:

(b)(5)DP; (b)(7)(A); (b)(7)(E)

I've included Guy on the email as well. I also know we talked about adding Miami to this trip as well. These dates will come up rather quickly, so good to get started with planning if you agree.

Thanks,

Justin

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To: Lee James C <James.Lee@ci.irs.gov>

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Cole Justin T <Justin.Cole@ci.irs.gov>

Subject: OCIF Primer for Deputy Commissioner

Chief,

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Please let me know if you need anything else.

Thanks,

Justin

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From: [Cutrell Carissa F](#)
To: [Cole Justin T](#)
Subject: Updated Media Advisory
Date: Wednesday, June 29, 2022 11:42:45 AM
Attachments: (b)(5)DP

Hi Justin.

I added the Zoom info and OCIF's address (pulled from their website). I'll let you push to your list first, and then I'll follow up with reporters not on your list.

Carissa Cutrell

IRS Criminal Investigation

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From: [Cole Justin T](#)
To: [Lee James C](#)
Cc: [Cole Justin T](#)
Subject: Updated OCIF Remarks
Date: Monday, June 20, 2022 12:51:11 PM
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Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Justin

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From: [Cutrell Carissa F](#)
To: [Cole Justin T](#)
Subject: UPDATED! Draft Media Advisory for June 30 J5 Event
Date: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 4:24:41 PM
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Hi Justin. I couldn't remember whether you wanted me to send this to the group. (My bad. I should have written it down.) I updated with additional details below.

From: Cutrell Carissa F
Sent: Monday, June 27, 2022 10:18 AM
To: Cole Justin T (Justin.Cole@ci.irs.gov) <Justin.Cole@ci.irs.gov>
Subject: Draft Media Advisory for June 30 J5 Event

Hi Justin. Here's a draft advisory for Thursday's event. I left placeholders for some of the missing pieces. Will we be livestreaming the event? If not, I would recommend posting remarks/transcripts on the J5 website for media who cannot attend in person.



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