



**United States Department of State**

*Washington, D.C. 20520*

November 30, 2023

Case No. FL-2023-00036

Reed Rubinstein  
America First Legal  
611 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE #231  
Washington, DC 20003

Dear Mr. Rubinstein:

As we noted in our letter dated October 31, 2023, we are processing your request for material under the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552. The Department of State (the "Department") has identified an additional 43 responsive records subject to the FOIA. We have determined all 43 records may be released in part.

An enclosure explains the FOIA exemptions and other grounds for withholding material. Where we have made redactions, the applicable FOIA exemptions are marked on each record. Where applicable, the Department has considered the foreseeable harm standard when reviewing these records and applying FOIA exemptions. All non-exempt material that is reasonably segregable from the exempt material has been released and is enclosed.

We will keep you informed as your case progresses. If you have any questions, your attorney may contact Assistant United States Attorney Jeremy Simon at [Jeremy.simon@usdoj.gov](mailto:Jeremy.simon@usdoj.gov). Please refer to the case number, FL-2023-00036, and the civil action number, 23-cv-00419, in all correspondence about this case.

Sincerely,



Diamonece Hickson  
Chief, Litigation and Appeals Branch  
Office of Information Programs and Services

Enclosures: As stated.

**Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. § 552) and Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. § 552a)**

**FOIA Exemptions**

(b)(1) Information specifically authorized by an executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy. Executive Order 13526 includes the following classification categories:

- 1.4(a) Military plans, systems, or operations
- 1.4(b) Foreign government information
- 1.4(c) Intelligence activities, sources or methods, or cryptology
- 1.4(d) Foreign relations or foreign activities of the US, including confidential sources
- 1.4(e) Scientific, technological, or economic matters relating to national security, including defense against transnational terrorism
- 1.4(f) U.S. Government programs for safeguarding nuclear materials or facilities
- 1.4(g) Vulnerabilities or capabilities of systems, installations, infrastructures, projects, plans, or protection services relating to US national security, including defense against transnational terrorism
- 1.4(h) Weapons of mass destruction

(b)(2) Related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency

(b)(3) Specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than 5 USC 552), for example:

ARMSEXP	Arms Export Control Act, 50a USC 2411(c)
CIA PERS/ORG	Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, 50 USC 403(g)
EXPORT CONTROL	Export Administration Act of 1979, 50 USC App. Sec. 2411(c)
FS ACT	Foreign Service Act of 1980, 22 USC 4004
INA	Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 USC 1202(f), Sec. 222(f)
IRAN	Iran Claims Settlement Act, Public Law 99-99, Sec. 505

(b)(4) Trade secrets and confidential commercial or financial information

(b)(5) Interagency or intra-agency communications forming part of the deliberative process, attorney-client privilege, or attorney work product

(b)(6) Personal privacy information

(b)(7) Law enforcement information whose disclosure would:

- (A) interfere with enforcement proceedings
- (B) deprive a person of a fair trial
- (C) constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy
- (D) disclose confidential sources
- (E) disclose investigation techniques
- (F) endanger life or physical safety of an individual

(b)(8) Prepared by or for a government agency regulating or supervising financial institutions

(b)(9) Geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells

**Other Grounds for Withholding**

NR Material not responsive to a FOIA request excised with the agreement of the requester

**From:** (b)(6)  
**To:** (b)(6)@state.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Upcoming DRL Israel/West Bank/Gaza Panel  
**Date:** Wed, 11 May 2022 23:44:56 +0000

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**From:** (b)(6)@state.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 11, 2022 11:01 AM  
**To:** (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Upcoming DRL Israel/West Bank/Gaza Panel

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**From:** (b)(6)@state.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 11, 2022 1:36:19 AM  
**To:** (b)(6)@state.gov>  
**Cc:** (b)(6)@state.gov>; (b)(6)@state.gov>  
**Subject:** Upcoming DRL Israel/West Bank/Gaza Panel

Hi (b)(6)

Thanks again for taking the time to chat this morning! (b)(5)

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I know it has been a couple of years since we have conducted a DRL-funded panel for Israel, so please find a couple of notes below on this process:

1. Per federal procurement guidelines, all panelists must come to the panel with the ability to represent their office's vote on each proposal. The panel is the opportunity for the different stakeholders across the Department to weigh in on each proposal based on their office's specific equities. We are unable to allow votes on proposals after a panel has concluded, as this would be considered actions/review outside of the procurement process.
2. Panelists who participate in the review of each proposal are highly encouraged to include specific suggested conditions and/or recommendations that could enhance each proposal in the evaluation scoresheet, and share those suggestions during the panel;
  - Conditions are hard and fast rules that must be met for the proposal to be funded. Recommendations are strong requests for clarifications that should be addressed by the applicant in a revised proposal if it is voted forward by the panel and approved by the DRL Front Office.



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Happy to answer any other questions you might have. Thanks again for your time and participation in this process!

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Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor  
Team Lead, NEA Programs

I am working remotely. For urgent matters, please call me at (b)(6)

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<b>Date:</b>	Wed, 1 Jun 2022 20:24:16 +0000

yep, tx

**From:** (b)(6)@state.gov>

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Me too, but it is simple enough.

I reply to this email. Correct?

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**From:** Media Inquiries System [noreplymediainquiry@state.gov]

**Sent:** 5/26/2022 2:13 PM

**To:** gabby@jewishinsider.com

**Subject:** Confirmation: DRL Human Rights Grant / Israel-Palestine - 00232736

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I wonder why (b)(6) in GPA/PRS does not since she received; can u ask her?

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Is this on me to send to the reporter on background?

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**From:** Department of State Media Inquiries <mediainquiries@state.gov>

**Sent:** Wednesday, June 1, 2022 4:14 PM

**To:** (b)(6)@state.gov>

**Cc:** DRL-Press <DRL-Press@state.gov>; NEA-Press <NEA-Press@state.gov>; (b)(6)

(b)(6)@state.gov>; (b)(6)@state.gov>

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Thanks!

**Response:**

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**From:** (b)(6)@state.gov

**Sent:** Wednesday, June 1, 2022 2:41:53 PM

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**Cc:** DRL-Press <DRL-Press@state.gov>; NEA-Press <NEA-Press@state.gov>

**Subject:** Re: Status Check: MEDIA INQUIRY - JEWIISH INSIDER Deadline: May 27 before 5 p.m. - DRL Human Rights Grant / Israel-Palestine - 00232736 [ ref:\_00D30mqyv.\_5003d3FCkh:ref ]

Working on it

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**Sent:** Wednesday, June 1, 2022 1:58:52 PM

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**Cc:** DRL-Press <DRL-Press@state.gov>; NEA-Press <NEA-Press@state.gov>

**Subject:** RE: Status Check: MEDIA INQUIRY - JEWIISH INSIDER Deadline: May 27 before 5 p.m. - DRL Human Rights Grant / Israel-Palestine - 00232736 [ ref:\_00D30mqyv.\_5003d3FCkh:ref ]

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**Sent:** 6/1/2022 8:48 AM

**To:** (b)(6)@state.gov

**Cc:** drl-press@state.gov; nea-press@state.gov

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Good Morning,

Checking/confirming this call has been closed out.

(b)(6)

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**From:** (b)(6)@state.gov]

**Sent:** 5/27/2022 4:07 PM

**To:** nea-press@state.gov; drl-press@state.gov; viaujl@state.gov; mediainquiries@state.gov

**Subject:** Re: MEDIA INQUIRY - JEWIISH INSIDER Deadline: May 27 before 5 p.m. - DRL Human Rights Grant / Israel-Palestine - 00232736 [ ref:\_00D30mqyv.\_5003d3FCkh:ref ]

Hi All,

DRL recommends this response, pending NEA's clearance.

**Response:**

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DRL/GP: (b)(6) (ok)

DRL/Press: (b)(6) (ok)

Best regards,

(b)(6)

Public Affairs Specialist  
U.S. Department of State | DRL/Press | HST 5531

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**From:** (b)(6)@state.gov

**Sent:** Thursday, May 26, 2022 3:28 PM

**To:** (b)(6)@state.gov; Department of State Media Inquiries  
<MediaInquiries@state.gov>; DRL-Press <DRL-Press@state.gov>; NEA-Press <NEA-Press@state.gov>

**Subject:** RE: MEDIA INQUIRY - JEWIISH INSIDER Deadline: May 27 before 5 p.m. - DRL Human Rights Grant / Israel-Palestine - 00232736 [ ref:\_00D30mqyv.\_5003d3FCkh:ref ]

Thanks (b)(6)

It seemed familiar. Hopefully we have some sort of update... I can understand why she's asking again - 3 months later for details or an update... Also, if my Public Diplomacy mind serves me correctly, the fiscal year budget ends /wraps in late August /early September, so grant money for a certain year would need to be allotted /spent by then... If that's not the case for this program, then maybe sharing/clarifying the time line could be part of the response.

Just a thought for DRL to consider... Will keep any eye out for your response to Gabby.

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Hi all,

I'll check with our DRL/GP office if there's anything more to handle, but flagging that this reporter already contacted us on this subject in March:

**March 23, 2022 – RTQ – Gabby Deutch of Jewish Insider - Israel, West Bank and Gaza: DRL Grant Program (via GPA/PRS with NEA-Press at 1:25pm):**

**Q:** Writing with a question about this funding opportunity being offered by the State Department "to strengthen accountability and human rights in Israel and the West Bank and Gaza." I was wondering if there's **any additional information you could share about the type of human rights work** that State hopes to support. A few more specific questions below:

- Is there a particular focus on any one entity — whether that's human rights abuses perpetrated by Israel, Fatah or Hamas? Or some combination of the three?
- In line with this funding opportunity, does Secretary Blinken plan to make human rights violations a major focus of his upcoming trip to the region?
- Lastly: The State Department has been highly critical of human rights groups such as Amnesty and HRW for calling Israel an apartheid state. If those groups apply for this funding opportunity, would State consider funding their work in Israel? What about other groups working in the region that call Israel an apartheid state?

**Attribution: On background to a Department of State spokesperson**

**Response:**

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- The Department vets recipients of federal funds per our well-established processes.
- The solicitation referenced here has been drafted specifically to allow local civil society organizations to submit proposals designed based on their assessment of local needs.
- As part of a normal procurement process, we are seeking only proposals at this point. All proposals will be subject to the Department's rigorous review process.



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Defer to DRL to respond to the journalist in coordination with NEA, given the nature of the inquiry.

Please copy me on the response to the journalist... Will let her know we are working on it. Hopefully this is one we can knock out well before COB on a Friday before a holiday weekend! : )

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<b>Date:</b>	Wed, 1 Jun 2022 20:33:58 +0000

Gabby:

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Here is our response to your questions *on background*. Please attribute the following remarks to “a State Department spokesperson.”

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Many thanks,  
Patrick Harvey

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Awesome! Thanks.

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**Subject:** Status Check: MEDIA INQUIRY - JEWIISH INSIDER Deadline: May 27 before 5 p.m. - DRL Human Rights Grant / Israel-Palestine - 00232736 [ ref:\_00D30mqyv.\_5003d3FCkh:ref ]



Good Morning,  
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Hi All,

DRL recommends this response, pending NEA's clearance.

**Response:**

- Thank you for following up on this request. As noted previously, the State Department seeks grant applications from and funds programs with a wide range of non-government partners around the world. These programs are intended to foster respect for human rights and the rule of law and support democracy globally.
- As the review of proposals is part of internal deliberation processes within the Department of State, we are unable to share information on the applicants or applications submitted. Please be assured, though, that the Department vets recipients of federal funds per our well-established processes, and all proposals will be subject to the Department's rigorous review process.

DRL/GP: (b)(6) (ok)

DRL/Press: (b)(6) (ok)

Best regards,

(b)(6)

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**To:** (b)(6)@state.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: SFRC Cruz QFRs on DRL Solicitation  
**Date:** Wed, 30 Mar 2022 20:31:37 +0000

That works

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**From:** (b)(6)@state.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 30, 2022 4:31 PM  
**To:** (b)(6)@state.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: SFRC Cruz QFRs on DRL Solicitation

Awesome thanks. Think this is the best place?

In 2019, DRL solicited in SFOP0006474, through an open competition, proposals for programs supporting civil society organizations to reduce barriers to full inclusion of members of marginalized groups in Israel in political and economic processes. DRL funds a wide range of programs aimed at promoting civil society engagement at the local level as well as on issues related to human rights violations by security forces around the world. We have not issued any solicitations for these specific activities with respect to Israel or the West Bank/Gaza previously.

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Here you go

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**Sent:** Wednesday, March 30, 2022 4:28 PM  
**To:** (b)(6)@state.gov>; (b)(6)@state.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Urgent: J SFRC Cruz QFRs on DRL Solicitation

Hi (b)(6) the number for the 2019 notice of funding opportunity is **SFOP0006474**.

Thanks,

(b)(6)

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**To:** (b)(6)@state.gov>; (b)(6)@state.gov>  
**Subject:** Urgent: J SFRC Cruz QFRs on DRL Solicitation  
**Importance:** High

(b)(6) – Could you please send me ASAP the funding opportunity number for the program highlighted below?

**Question 1:**

To what extent has DRL previously issued notices for projects aimed at documenting human rights violations occurring in Israel? Please explicitly cite and convey any notices you believe are precedents for or similar to SFOP0008613 in that context.

**Answer 1:**

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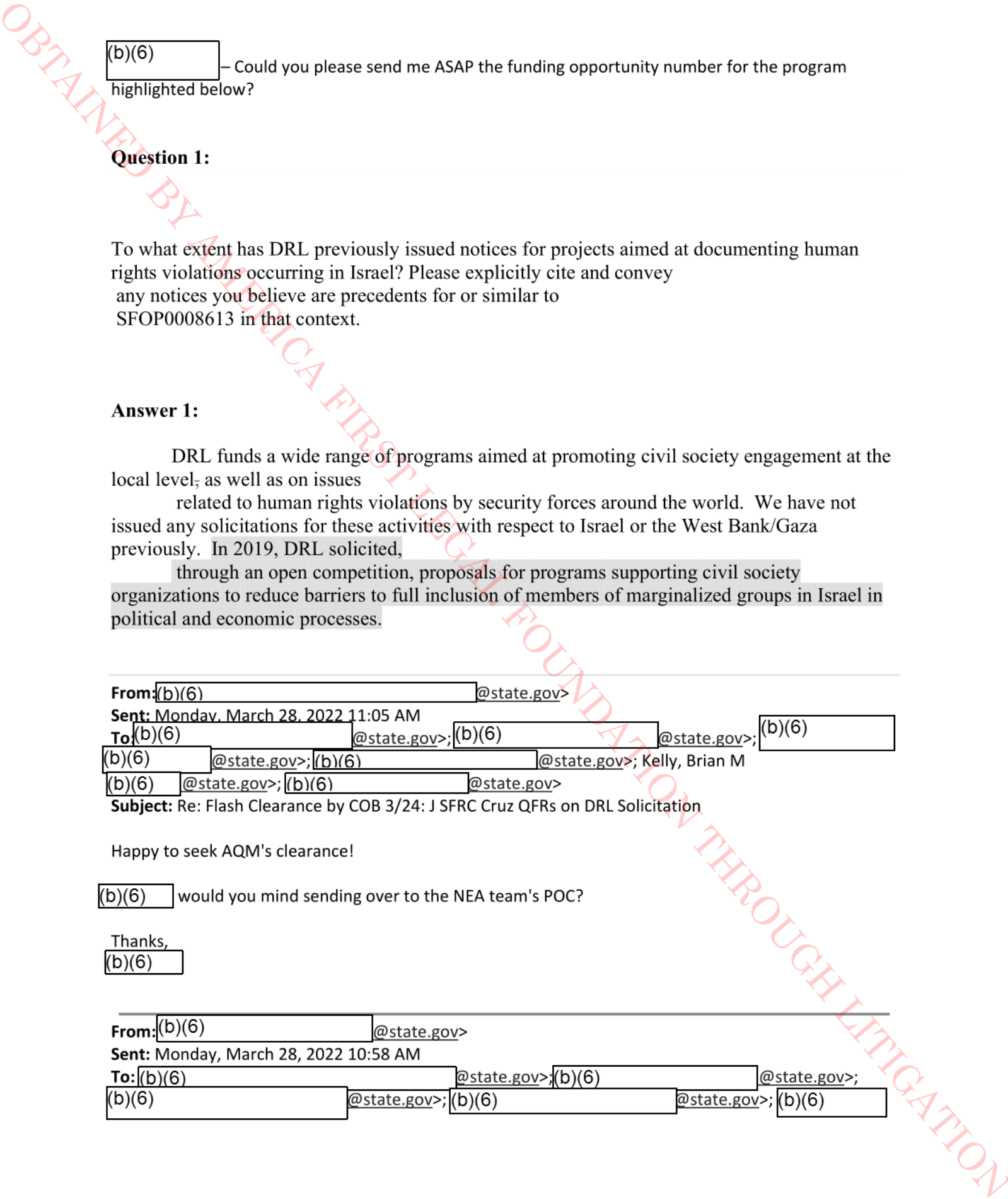
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(b)(6)@state.gov>; (b)(6)@state.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Flash Clearance by COB 3/24: J SFRC Cruz QFRs on DRL Solicitation

Happy to seek AQM's clearance!

(b)(6) would you mind sending over to the NEA team's POC?

Thanks,  
(b)(6)

**From:** (b)(6)@state.gov>  
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Is AQM clearing?

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**Subject:** Re: Flash Clearance by COB 3/24: J SFRC Cruz QFRs on DRL Solicitation

Hello all,

Following up on this clearance request for the QFRs linked here: [2022 03 J Hearing QFRs Cruz 1-4](#)

(b)(6) would you mind confirming (b)(6) edits on QFR 1? With this addressed, are we set from L's end?

(b)(6) would you mind taking a look at (b)(6) responses to your comments on QFR 3?

Thanks so much!

(b)(6)

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**Cc:** (b)(6)@state.gov>

**Subject:** Re: Flash Clearance by COB 3/24: J SFRC Cruz QFRs on DRL Solicitation

Hello all - flagging the QFRs linked here for your review and clearance!

[2022 03 J Hearing QFRs Cruz 1-4](#)

Happy to answer any further questions or concerns!

Thanks,

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**From:** (b)(6)@state.gov>

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OK for R - Have an amazing afternoon.

Many thanks,

(b)(6)

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Subject: Flash Clearance by COB 3/24: J SFRC Cruz QFRs on DRL Solicitation

Hi all,

My apologies for the last minute clearance request, but please find at the link below for your review and clearance **by COB today, 3/24**, DRL's response to QFRs Cruz 1-4 from J's SFRC Hearing on Combating Authoritarianism.

The questions focus on a DRL Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for projects that strengthen accountability and human rights in Israel and the West Bank and Gaza.

[2022 03 J Hearing QFRs Cruz 1-4](#)

Happy to answer any questions or concerns!

Thanks,

(b)(6)

DRL/Office of Global Programs (DRL/GP)

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**CC:** (b)(6)@state.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Script on NOFO  
**Date:** Mon, 28 Mar 2022 23:46:21 +0000

Great- I'll raise it at das's tomorrow morning.

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**Subject:** RE: Script on NOFO

Agreed, it makes sense for us to own this one. NEA/IPA is also working on an internal paper just so they're prepared as they receive questions, which I think will be good to have on file with ours.

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**Subject:** Script on NOFO

**Importance:** High

Hey there – thinking ahead to A A/S Peterson's round table with groups about this NOFO, seems to make sense that GP and DRL/NEA own the script. We can help feed in IPA's input, and SEAS can add through clearance process.

Does that make sense to you all?

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**Subject:** Note for S staff re Isr-WBG NOFO

**Importance:** High

Lisa,

As promised, below is a note for Suzy George and Tom Sullivan re the Isr-WBG NOFO reactions. It has inputs from across DRL and from SEAS, NEA, and H. Suggested recipients noted below.

Christopher

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RE: Update on reactions to DRL funding notice for Isr-WBG

Suzy, Tom,

(b)(5)

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I'll update further if we get notable additional inquiries, or if you or others have questions or concerns.

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**To:** (b)(6)@state.gov>; (b)(6)@state.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: RTQ on reconsidering NOFO for 'Strengthening Human Rights and Accountability in Israel and the West Bank and Gaza'  
**Date:** Fri, 10 Jun 2022 13:28:45 +0000

Great, thank you both!

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I think this makes sense - thanks

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Works for me; will let (b)(6) comment too. Sticks to the lines we've used before. Thanks (b)(6)

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**To:** (b)(6)@state.gov>; (b)(6)@state.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: RTQ on reconsidering NOFO for 'Strengthening Human Rights and Accountability in Israel and the West Bank and Gaza'

Hi (b)(6)

In (b)(6) absence, I've drafted the below, pulling from previously cleared lines. Can you please let me know if you have any edits?

(b)(5)

Thanks

(b)(6)

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**Sent:** Friday, June 10, 2022 8:55 AM

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**Cc:** DRL-Press <DRL-Press@state.gov>

**Subject:** RE: RTQ on reconsidering NOFO for 'Strengthening Human Rights and Accountability in Israel and the West Bank and Gaza

Hi (b)(6)

(b)(5)

Thanks,

(b)(6)

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**Subject:** Re: RTQ on reconsidering NOFO for 'Strengthening Human Rights and Accountability in Israel and the West Bank and Gaza

Per (b)(6) email, we look forward to your reply by 10 am today. Thank you!

(b)(6)

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**Cc:** DRL-Press <DRL-Press@state.gov>

**Subject:** RTQ on reconsidering NOFO for 'Strengthening Human Rights and Accountability in Israel and the West Bank and Gaza

Colleagues,

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**To:** Omri Nahmias DRL-Press <[DRL-Press@state.gov](mailto:DRL-Press@state.gov)>; NEA-Press <[NEA-Press@state.gov](mailto:NEA-Press@state.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: media inquiry

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<b>Date:</b>	Fri, 10 Jun 2022 12:53:47 +0000

Hi (b)(6)

Yes, exactly. DRL/GP will take the pen on this one and we wouldn't want to publicly say anything about where we've landed.

Best,

(b)(6)

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**Sent:** Friday, June 10, 2022 8:25 AM

**To:** (b)(6)@state.gov>

**Subject:** FW: RTQ on reconsidering NOFO for 'Strengthening Human Rights and Accountability in Israel and the West Bank and Gaza

Hi (b)(6) – I think we would defer to GP on this one but I wouldn't think we can say anything publicly yet about where we landed on this NOFO, right?

(b)(6)

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(b)(6) just confirmed GP will pen this reply, and won't have anything to say publicly anyway.

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Hi (b)(6)  
DRL/NEA defers to GP initially as we're not sure what exactly we can say based on where the procurement process stands. Of course happy to consult/clear on lines.

Thanks,

(b)(6)

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**Subject:** Re: RTQ on reconsidering NOFO for 'Strength ening Human Rights and Accountability in Isra el and the West Bank and Gaza'  
**Date:** Fri, 10 Jun 2022 02:28:10 +0000

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**From:** (b)(6)@state.gov>

**Sent:** Thursday, June 9, 2022 7:42:02 PM

**To:** (b)(6)@state.gov>; (b)(6)@state.gov>

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**Sent:** Thursday, June 9, 2022 7:17 PM

**To:** DRL-NEA-Team-2 <DRL-NEA-Team-2@state.gov>; DRL-GP-NEA <DRL-GP-NEA@state.gov>

**Cc:** DRL-Press <DRL-Press@state.gov>

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Colleagues,

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**Subject:** Re: media inquiry

Adding colleagues here to assist

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<b>Date:</b>	Mon, 28 Mar 2022 16:42:15 +0000

Clear. Should go to Hady – he's tracking closely.

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**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2022 12:35 PM  
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Where's the guidance? I can clear, but I don't see anything

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**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2022 12:31 PM

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**Importance:** High

All—I know (b)(6) is slammed, flagging that DRL needs this in the next 30 min or they'll move with us as info. Thanks!

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if it is same as what (b)(6) cleared on but we only removed bullets, you can note that and have GPA/PRS full distro ((b)(6)) clear (b)(6) then can say if he or SPox should clear.

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(b)(6)

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Please see below as cleared by NEA. Sorry for delay, DSA Amr notes that IPA and DRL are working up more robust answers which I hope we can deploy in the next round of this...

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<b>Date:</b>	Mon, 28 Mar 2022 17:39:14 +0000

DAS Amr is following this issue closely, I've been told his clearance is required. He's meeting with the Speaker of Knesset now hopefully will clear the moment he's out- thanks!

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**From:** (b)(6)@state.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2022 1:36 PM  
**To:** (b)(6)@state.gov>  
**Cc:** DRL-Press <DRL-Press@state.gov>; NEA-Press <NEA-Press@state.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: (b)(6) // Fw: Clear by 10 am: query on DRL Strengthening Human Rights and Accountability in Israel and the West Bank and Gaza  
**Importance:** High

H (b)(6) checking again for your clearance ASAP. As mentioned in the email below, NEA already cleared on these two lines. The only different is that we removed two lines from last week's RTQ.

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**From:** (b)(6)@state.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2022 12:29 PM  
**To:** (b)(6)@state.gov>  
**Cc:** DRL-Press <DRL-Press@state.gov>; NEA-Press <NEA-Press@state.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: (b)(6) // Fw: Clear by 10 am: query on DRL Strengthening Human Rights and Accountability in Israel and the West Bank and Gaza

Thank you (b)(6) can we get your clearance NLT 1 pm? Want to run this by GPA and possibly SPOX before the reporter's 3 pm deadline.

Best regards,

(b)(6)

Public Affairs Specialist

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(b)(6)@state.gov

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**From:** (b)(6)@state.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2022 12:09 PM  
**To:** (b)(6)@state.gov>  
**Cc:** DRL-Press <DRL-Press@state.gov>; NEA-Press <NEA-Press@state.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: (b)(6) // Fw: Clear by 10 am: query on DRL Strengthening Human Rights and Accountability in Israel and the West Bank and Gaza

Yes we do—I spoke with Desk on this in AM will call them now. Analogies I know you need this—we've been under water with S trip paper however it is with (b)(6)

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**From:** (b)(6)@state.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2022 12:06 PM  
**To:** (b)(6)@state.gov>  
**Cc:** DRL-Press <DRL-Press@state.gov>; NEA-Press <NEA-Press@state.gov>  
**Subject:** (b)(6) // Fw: Clear by 10 am: query on DRL Strengthening Human Rights and Accountability in Israel and the West Bank and Gaza  
**Importance:** High

(b)(6) can you let me know ASAP if NEA Press wants to clear on this? Or would your office prefer to be info'd?

Best regards,

(b)(6)

Public Affairs Specialist

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(b)(6)@state.gov

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**From:** (b)(6)@state.gov

**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2022 10:37 AM

**To:** NEA-Press <NEA-Press@state.gov>

**Cc:** DRL-Press <DRL-Press@state.gov>

**Subject:** Re: Clear by 10 am: query on DRL Strengthening Human Rights and Accountability in Israel and the West Bank and Gaza

Hi NEA - repinging on this request. Thank you.

Best regards,

(b)(6)

Public Affairs Specialist

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(b)(6)@state.gov



**From:** (b)(6) @state.gov>

**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2022 8:22 AM

**To:** NEA-Press <NEA-Press@state.gov>

**Cc:** DRL-Press <DRL-Press@state.gov>

**Subject:** Clear by 10 am: query on DRL Strengthening Human Rights and Accountability in Israel and the West Bank and Gaza

NEA/Press,

DRL recommends this response using two of the previously cleared lines from last week - please let us know by 10 am if you have any objections.

**March 23, 2022 – RTQ – Lahav Harkov of Jerusalem Post - Israel, West Bank and Gaza:  
DRL Grant Program (via NEA-Press at 2:30 pm)**

**Question:** Is this tender new and unprecedented as it has been portrayed in some media? Or is this something DRL has advanced in the past?

<https://www.state.gov/drl-strengthening-human-rights-and-accountability-in-israel-and-the-west-bank-and-gaza/>

My deadline is Monday 3 pm.

**Attribution: On background to a Department of State spokesperson**

**Response:**

(b)(5)

Best regards,

(b)(6)

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**From:** (b)(6)@state.gov

**Sent:** Friday, March 25, 2022 5:22 PM

**To:** NEA-Press <NEA-Press@state.gov>

**Cc:** DRL-Press <DRL-Press@state.gov>

**Subject:** Fw: Fwd: query on DRL Strengthening Human Rights and Accountability in Israel and the West Bank and Gaza

Hi NEA Press,

I'm checking with our DRL/GP office to see if there's anything to add to our previous lines cleared by SPOX. Will loop back Monday morning since the reporter's deadline isn't until Monday 3 pm.

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Best regards.

(b)(6)

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(b)(6)@state.gov

From: Amr, Hady A (b)(6)@state.gov

Sent: Friday, March 25, 2022 4:08 PM

To: (b)(6)@state.gov; (b)(6)@state.gov; (b)(6)

(b)(6)@state.gov; (b)(6)

Subject: Re: Fwd: query on DRL Strengthening Human Rights and Accountability in Israel and the West Bank and Gaza

Correcting chain.

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Sent from Workspace ONE Boxer

On March 25, 2022 at 15:26:55 EDT, Amr, Hady A (b)(6)@state.gov wrote:  
If we get our talking points together we have an opportunity to engage on this...

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Sent from Workspace ONE Boxer

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Ron Kampeas <rkampeas@jta.org>

Date: March 25, 2022 at 14:26:00 EDT

Subject: query on DRL Strengthening Human Rights and Accountability in Israel and the West Bank and

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Gaza

To: (b)(6)@state.gov>,PA Press Duty <PAPressDuty@state.gov>,Amr, Hady A  
<(b)(6)@state.gov>

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My deadline is Monday 3 pm.

Regards

Ron

Ron Kampeas  
Washington bureau chief  
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PO Box 5401  
Arlington VA 22205  
USA  
Office: (b)(6)  
Cell: (b)(6)

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<b>Recipient:</b>	(b)(6)@state.gov>; DRL-Press <DRL-Press@state.gov>; NEA-Press <NEA-Press@state.gov>

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**From:** (b)(6)@state.gov>  
**To:** (b)(6)@state.gov>  
**CC:** (b)(6)@state.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Question RE DRL Funding Notice Strengthening Human Rights and Accountability Israel/ West Bank/ Gaza  
**Date:** Thu, 14 Apr 2022 19:53:45 +0000

Right. Maybe this inquiry will prompt a response. Marin Stein is not one to be slow to respond to.

(b)(6)

Deputy Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Antisemitism  
U.S. Department of State

(b)(6)

**From:** (b)(6)@state.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 14, 2022 3:47:26 PM  
**To:** (b)(6)@state.gov>  
**Cc:** (b)(6)@state.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Question RE DRL Funding Notice Strengthening Human Rights and Accountability Israel/ West Bank/ Gaza

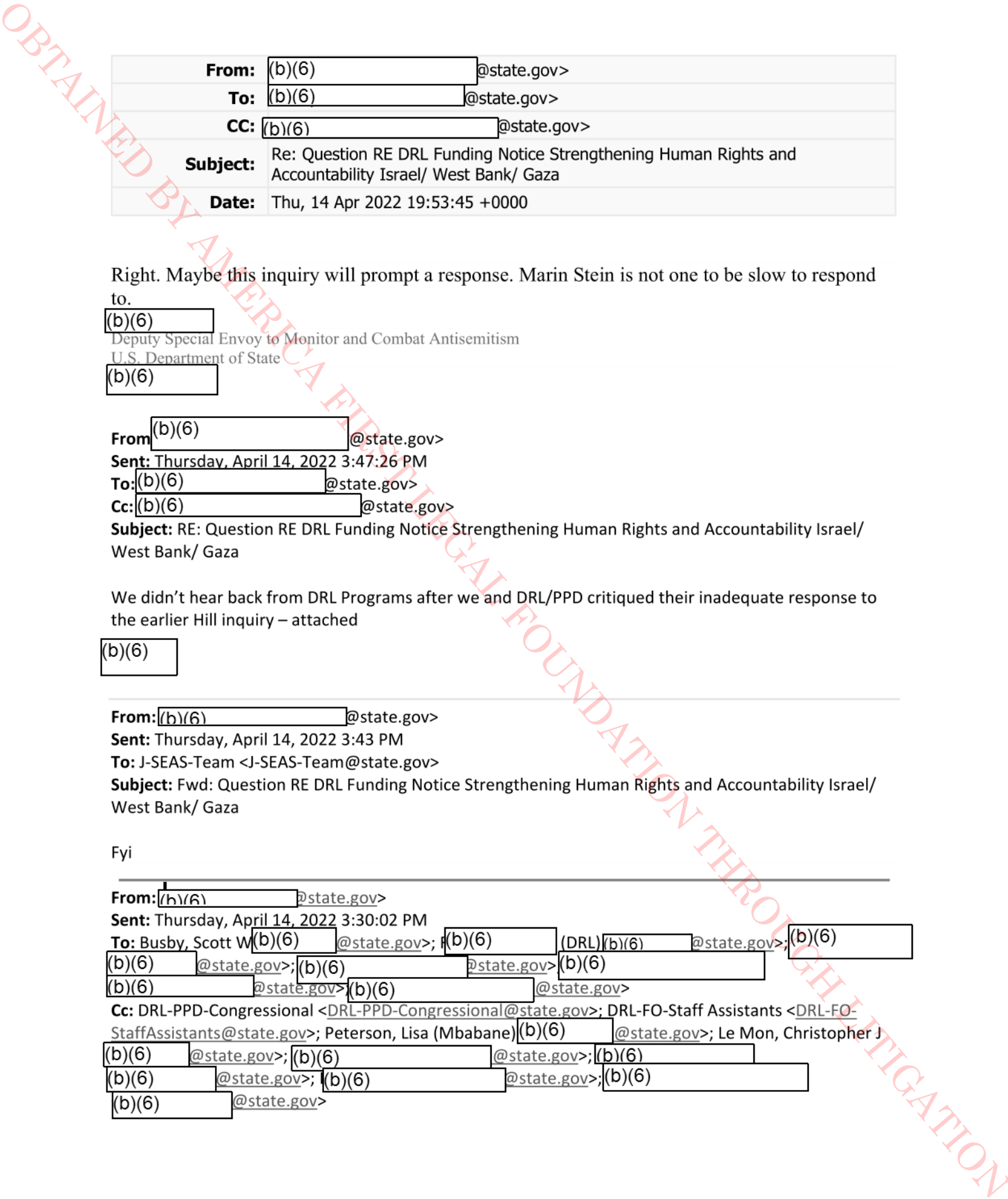
We didn't hear back from DRL Programs after we and DRL/PPD critiqued their inadequate response to the earlier Hill inquiry – attached

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**From:** (b)(6)@state.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 14, 2022 3:43 PM  
**To:** J-SEAS-Team <J-SEAS-Team@state.gov>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Question RE DRL Funding Notice Strengthening Human Rights and Accountability Israel/ West Bank/ Gaza

Fyi

**From:** (b)(6)@state.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 14, 2022 3:30:02 PM  
**To:** Busby, Scott W (b)(6)@state.gov>; (b)(6) (DRL) (b)(6)@state.gov>; (b)(6)@state.gov>; (b)(6)@state.gov>; (b)(6)@state.gov>; (b)(6)@state.gov>  
**Cc:** DRL-PPD-Congressional <DRL-PPD-Congressional@state.gov>; DRL-FO-Staff Assistants <DRL-FO-StaffAssistants@state.gov>; Peterson, Lisa (Mbabane) (b)(6)@state.gov>; Le Mon, Christopher J (b)(6)@state.gov>; (b)(6)@state.gov>; (b)(6)@state.gov>; (b)(6)@state.gov>; (b)(6)@state.gov>; (b)(6)@state.gov>; (b)(6)@state.gov>



**Subject:** RE: Question RE DRL Funding Notice Strengthening Human Rights and Accountability Israel/ West Bank/ Gaza

Hey Scott!

My colleague (b)(6) will work on setting this up. Please stay tuned.

**From:** Busby, Scott W (b)(6)@state.gov>

**Sent:** Thursday, April 14, 2022 3:28 PM

**To:** (b)(6)@state.gov>; (b)(6)@state.gov>; (b)(6)

(b)(6)@state.gov>; (b)(6)@state.gov>; (b)(6)

<SawezN@state.gov>

**Cc:** DRL-PPD-Congressional <DRL-PPD-Congressional@state.gov>; DRL-FO-Staff Assistants <DRL-FO-

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(b)(6)@state.gov>

**Subject:** RE: Question RE DRL Funding Notice Strengthening Human Rights and Accountability Israel/ West Bank/ Gaza

And a few others for awareness.

Hi (b)(6)

**From:** (b)(6) (DRL) (b)(6)@state.gov>

**Sent:** Thursday, April 14, 2022 3:03 PM

**To:** (b)(6)@state.gov>; (b)(6)@state.gov>; (b)(6)

(b)(6)@state.gov>; (b)(6)@state.gov>

**Cc:** Busby, Scott W (b)(6)@state.gov>; DRL-PPD-Congressional <DRL-PPD-Congressional@state.gov>; DRL-FO-Staff Assistants <DRL-FO-StaffAssistants@state.gov>; (b)(6)

(b)(6)@state.gov>

**Subject:** Fw: Question RE DRL Funding Notice Strengthening Human Rights and Accountability Israel/ West Bank/ Gaza

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Looping in colleagues for their action.

**From:** (b)(6)@state.gov>

**Sent:** Thursday, April 14, 2022 2:48 PM

**To:** (b)(6)@state.gov>; DRL-PPD-Congressional <DRL-PPD-Congressional@state.gov>

**Cc:** (b)(6)@state.gov>; (b)(6)@state.gov>

**Subject:** FW: Question RE DRL Funding Notice Strengthening Human Rights and Accountability Israel/ West Bank/ Gaza

DRL colleagues: We have received a request for information regarding the Funding Notice on Strengthening Human Rights and Accountability Israel/West Bank/Gaza. Would DRL like to offer a briefing on this issue?

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Thank you.

(b)(6)

**From:** (b)(6)

**Sent:** Thursday, April 14, 2022 2:41 PM

**To:** Stein, Marin <marin.stein@mail.house.gov>; (b)(6)@state.gov; (b)(6)

(b)(6)@state.gov; (b)(6)@state.gov; (b)(6)

(b)(6)@state.gov>

**Cc:** Kwon, Jean <jean.kwon@mail.house.gov>; Kolodjeski, Erin <erin.kolodjeski@mail.house.gov>

**Subject:** FW: Question RE DRL Funding Notice Strengthening Human Rights and Accountability Israel/ West Bank/ Gaza

Hello, Marin: Sorry for the delay in getting back to you. Will revert soonest.

Best,

(b)(6)

Director and A/DAS  
Office of Regional, Global and Functional Affairs  
Bureau of Legislative Affairs

**From:** Stein, Marin <Marin.Stein@mail.house.gov>

**Sent:** Thursday, April 14, 2022 11:39 AM

**To:** (b)(6)@state.gov; (b)(6)@state.gov; Miller,

(b)(6)@state.gov; (b)(6)@state.gov>

**Cc:** Kwon, Jean <jean.kwon@mail.house.gov>; Kolodjeski, Erin <erin.kolodjeski@mail.house.gov>

**Subject:** RE: Question RE DRL Funding Notice Strengthening Human Rights and Accountability Israel/ West Bank/ Gaza

Hi all,

I had hoped to hear back from someone this week. Making sure you saw this email?

Thanks,

Marin

Marin Stein  
Professional Staff Member  
Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs  
House Committee on Appropriations

(b)(6)

**From:** Stein, Marin

**Sent:** Monday, April 11, 2022 2:38 PM

**To:** (b)(6)@state.gov; (b)(6)@state.gov; (b)(6)@state.gov;

(b)(6)@state.gov

**Cc:** Kwon, Jean <Jean.Kwon@mail.house.gov>; Kolodjeski, Erin <Erin.Kolodjeski@mail.house.gov>

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(b)(6) **Subject:** FW: Question RE DRL Funding Notice Strengthening Human Rights and Accountability Israel/ West Bank/ Gaza

Hi all,

I know (b)(6) is out this week, but I was hoping to please follow up on my colleague Michelle's (in Rep. Meng's office) email below. Michelle flagged this NOFO for me, and I too would appreciate knowing more background. What is the funding account for this award and from which fiscal year? Is this the first time State has offered such an award? Were these funds part of a CN we received and if so, when, what number, etc? I would also appreciate speaking to someone in DRL about this program. Adding in my colleague Jean who covers DRL for us.

Thanks,  
Marin

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House Committee on Appropriations

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**From:** Schein, Michelle <Michelle.Schein@mail.house.gov>

**Sent:** Monday, April 11, 2022 2:22 PM

**To:** Stein, Marin <Marin.Stein@mail.house.gov>

**Subject:** FW: Question RE DRL Funding Notice Strengthening Human Rights and Accountability Israel/ West Bank/ Gaza

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**From:** Schein, Michelle

**Sent:** Thursday, March 24, 2022 10:40 AM

**To:** (b)(6)@state.gov' (b)(6)@state.gov>

**Cc:** '(b)(6)@state.gov>

**Subject:** Question RE DRL Funding Notice Strengthening Human Rights and Accountability Israel/ West Bank/ Gaza

Hi (b)(6) and (b)(6),

I hope this email finds you well.

Question for you: could you please provide some background information on what the "DRL Strengthening Human Rights and Accountability in Israel and the West Bank and Gaza" funding opportunity is? Is this related at all to the Nita M. Lowey Partnership for Peace Act?

We are mostly asking for clarification as you may have seen a number of right-leaning media sources have labeled this funding opportunity as the Biden Administration seeking to fund an effort to delegitimize Israel.

Appreciate it!

Best,

**Michelle Schein** (she/hers) | **Legislative Assistant**  
Office of Congresswoman Grace Meng (NY-06)  
2209 Rayburn House Office Building  
(b)(6)  
202-225-2601 (Office)



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**To:** (b)(6)@state.gov;  
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 (b)(6)@state.gov  
**CC:** Kwon, Jean <Jean.Kwon@mail.house.gov>;  
 Kolodjeski, Erin <Erin.Kolodjeski@mail.house.gov>;  
 (b)(6)@state.gov  
**Subject:** RE: Question RE DRL Funding Notice Strengthening Human Rights and  
 Accountability Israel/ West Bank/ Gaza  
**Date:** Mon, 18 Apr 2022 20:30:50 +0000

(b)(6)

Ok thanks (b)(6) Please do keep us posted. This was originally meant just for our corner, but if you want to include others, please let us know.  
 Marin

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 House Committee on Appropriations  
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**From:** (b)(6)@state.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, April 18, 2022 3:05 PM  
**To:** Stein, Marin <Marin.Stein@mail.house.gov>; (b)(6)@state.gov;  
 (b)(6)@state.gov; (b)(6)@state.gov  
**Cc:** Kwon, Jean <Jean.Kwon@mail.house.gov>; Kolodjeski, Erin <Erin.Kolodjeski@mail.house.gov>; (b)(6)@state.gov  
**Subject:** Re: Question RE DRL Funding Notice Strengthening Human Rights and Accountability Israel/ West Bank/ Gaza

Hi All,

Our sincere apologies but we're going to need to postpone this briefing as we're still working through some details on our end and don't want to get ahead of anything that will be conveyed to Members in a written response. I will follow up in the days ahead with an offer to brief staff.

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**From:** Stein, Marin <Marin.Stein@mail.house.gov>

**Sent:** Thursday, April 14, 2022 4:17:26 PM

**To:** (b)(6)@state.gov; (b)(6)@state.gov;

(b)(6)@state.gov; (b)(6)@state.gov

**Cc:** Kwon, Jean <jean.kwon@mail.house.gov>; Kolodjeski, Erin <erin.kolodjeski@mail.house.gov> (b)(6)

(b)(6)@state.gov

**Subject:** RE: Question RE DRL Funding Notice Strengthening Human Rights and Accountability Israel/  
West Bank/ Gaza

Thank you very much (b)(6)

Wednesday, 4/20 at 1pm would be great.

Marin

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Professional Staff Member  
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House Committee on Appropriations  
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Hi Marin,

We've reached out to DRL to help answer your questions, and they offer these briefing times if any work for you and those joining you.

- Monday, 4/18:** 12-1 PM
- Tuesday, 4/19:** 12-1 PM
- Wednesday, 4/20:** 12-2 PM
- Thursday, 4/21:** 12-2 PM

Friday, 4/22: 12-1 PM

Thanks,

(b)(6)

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**From:** Stein, Marin <Marin.Stein@mail.house.gov>

**Sent:** Thursday, April 14, 2022 11:52 AM

**To:** (b)(6)@state.gov; (b)(6)@state.gov; (b)(6)

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**Cc:** Kwon, Jean <jean.kwon@mail.house.gov>; Kolodjeski, Erin <erin.kolodjeski@mail.house.gov>

**Subject:** RE: Question RE DRL Funding Notice Strengthening Human Rights and Accountability Israel/ West Bank/ Gaza

Thanks (b)(6) Understood, but I actually haven't even googled any articles about this, and I have no doubt of the Administration's support for Israel. My questions are just from reading the Notice and seeking additional info and ideally a call.

Thanks,

Marin

Marin Stein

Professional Staff Member

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**Cc:** Kwon, Jean <Jean.Kwon@mail.house.gov>; Kolodjeski, Erin <Erin.Kolodjeski@mail.house.gov>

**Subject:** RE: Question RE DRL Funding Notice Strengthening Human Rights and Accountability Israel/ West Bank/ Gaza

Just to answer a few questions quickly I can tell you that no program has been reviewed or awarded; the article is inaccurate and we're only in the solicitation phase. As you know, all of our programs are intended to foster respect for human rights and the rule of law and support democracy. The President has been clear regarding his support for Israel and that has not changed.

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Thank you, much appreciated.

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**Cc:** Busby, Scott W (b)(6)@state.gov; DRL-PPD-Congressional <DRL-PPD-Congressional@state.gov>; DRL-FO-Staff Assistants <DRL-FO-StaffAssistants@state.gov>; (b)(6)  
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(b)(6) Looping in colleagues for their action.

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**Sent:** Thursday, April 14, 2022 2:48 PM  
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**Cc:** (b)(6)@state.gov; (b)(6)@state.gov  
**Subject:** FW: Question RE DRL Funding Notice Strengthening Human Rights and Accountability Israel/ West Bank/ Gaza

DRL colleagues: We have received a request for information regarding the Funding Notice on Strengthening Human Rights and Accountability Israel/West Bank/Gaza. Would DRL like to offer a briefing on this issue?

Thank you.

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**Sent:** Thursday, April 14, 2022 2:41 PM  
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Hello, Marin: Sorry for the delay in getting back to you. Will revert soonest.

Best,

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**To:** Stein, Marin <Marin.Stein@mail.house.gov>

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<https://www.state.gov/drl-strengthening-human-rights-and-accountability-in-israel-and-the-west-bank-and-gaza/>

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**Sent:** Thursday, March 24, 2022 10:40 AM

**To:** (b)(6) @state.gov' (b)(6) @state.gov>

**Cc:** (b)(6) @state.gov>

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<b>Date:</b>	Wed, 11 May 2022 13:38:20 +0000	

Woo! Good to brief after the panel - would you mind providing your availability for the following days?

**Wednesday, 5/18:** 9:30 AM - 5 PM

**Thursday, 5/19:** 9:30 AM - 5 PM

**Friday, 5/20:** 9 - 10 AM

Thanks,

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**From:** (b)(6) @state.gov>

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 10, 2022 5:46 PM

**To:** (b)(6) @state.gov> (b)(6) @state.gov>; (b)(6)

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**Sent:** Wednesday, May 4, 2022 16:08

**To:** (b)(6)@state.gov

**Cc:** Kwon, Jean <jean.kwon@mail.house.gov>; Kolodjeski, Erin <erin.kolodjeski@mail.house.gov>

**Subject:** RE: Question RE DRL Funding Notice Strengthening Human Rights and Accountability Israel/ West Bank/ Gaza

(b)(6) does the attached CN that we just received account for the funds in this NOFO? Any update on a call for us on this?

Thanks,  
Marin

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**From:** Stein, Marin

**Sent:** Friday, April 29, 2022 4:33 PM

**To:** (b)(6)@state.gov; (b)(6)@state.gov; (b)(6)

(b)(6)@state.gov

**Cc:** Kwon, Jean <Jean.Kwon@mail.house.gov>; Kolodjeski, Erin <Erin.Kolodjeski@mail.house.gov>; (b)(6)

(b)(6)@state.gov

**Subject:** RE: Question RE DRL Funding Notice Strengthening Human Rights and Accountability Israel/ West Bank/ Gaza

Hi (b)(6)

Any update on this issue? Could we possibly do a call next week?

Thanks,  
Marin

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**Cc:** Kwon, Jean <Jean.Kwon@mail.house.gov>; Kolodjeski, Erin <Erin.Kolodjeski@mail.house.gov>; (b)(6)

(b)(6)@state.gov

**Subject:** Re: Question RE DRL Funding Notice Strengthening Human Rights and Accountability Israel/ West Bank/ Gaza

Hi All,

Our sincere apologies but we're going to need to postpone this briefing as we're still working through some details on our end and don't want to get ahead of anything that will be conveyed to Members in a written response. I will follow up in the days ahead with an offer to brief staff.



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(b)(6)@state.gov

**Subject:** RE: Question RE DRL Funding Notice Strengthening Human Rights and Accountability Israel/  
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Thank you very much (b)(6)

Wednesday, 4/20 at 1pm would be great.

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**Subject:** RE: Question RE DRL Funding Notice Strengthening Human Rights and Accountability Israel/  
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Hi Marin,

We've reached out to DRL to help answer your questions, and they offer these briefing times if any work for you and those joining you.

**Monday, 4/18:** 12-1 PM

**Tuesday, 4/19:** 12-1 PM

**Wednesday, 4/20:** 12-2 PM

**Thursday, 4/21:** 12-2 PM

**Friday, 4/22:** 12-1 PM

Thanks,

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**Sent:** Thursday, April 14, 2022 11:52 AM

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**Cc:** Kwon, Jean <jean.kwon@mail.house.gov>; Kolodjeski, Erin <erin.kolodjeski@mail.house.gov>

**Subject:** RE: Question RE DRL Funding Notice Strengthening Human Rights and Accountability Israel/  
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Thanks (b)(6) Understood, but I actually haven't even googled any articles about this, and I have no doubt of the Administration's support for Israel. My questions are just from reading the Notice and seeking additional info and ideally a call.

Thanks,

Marin

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**Cc:** Kwon, Jean <Jean.Kwon@mail.house.gov>; Kolodjeski, Erin <Erin.Kolodjeski@mail.house.gov>

**Subject:** RE: Question RE DRL Funding Notice Strengthening Human Rights and Accountability Israel/  
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Just to answer a few questions quickly I can tell you that no program has been reviewed or awarded; the article is inaccurate and we're only in the solicitation phase. As you know, all of our programs are

intended to foster respect for human rights and the rule of law and support democracy. The President has been clear regarding his support for Israel and that has not changed.

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**Sent:** Thursday, March 24, 2022 10:40 AM

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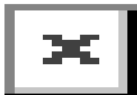
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<b>Date:</b>	Thu, 14 Apr 2022 15:41:41 +0000

Hi Marin-

(b)(6) is unexpectedly out, let me see what we can find out from DRL for you.

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**Date:** Thu, 12 May 2022 12:51:27 +0000

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I am so sorry—now Post is asking if we can slide the panel a few days back so we can arrange the phone call between [redacted] and the ambassador. I could move the panel to the 20<sup>th</sup> but that would mean pushing the briefing back to the next week. What do you think?  
 Should we do the briefing pre-panel anyway but post FO phone call, as we now have an idea of the proposals and will hopefully by then have an idea of how the embassy is leaning?

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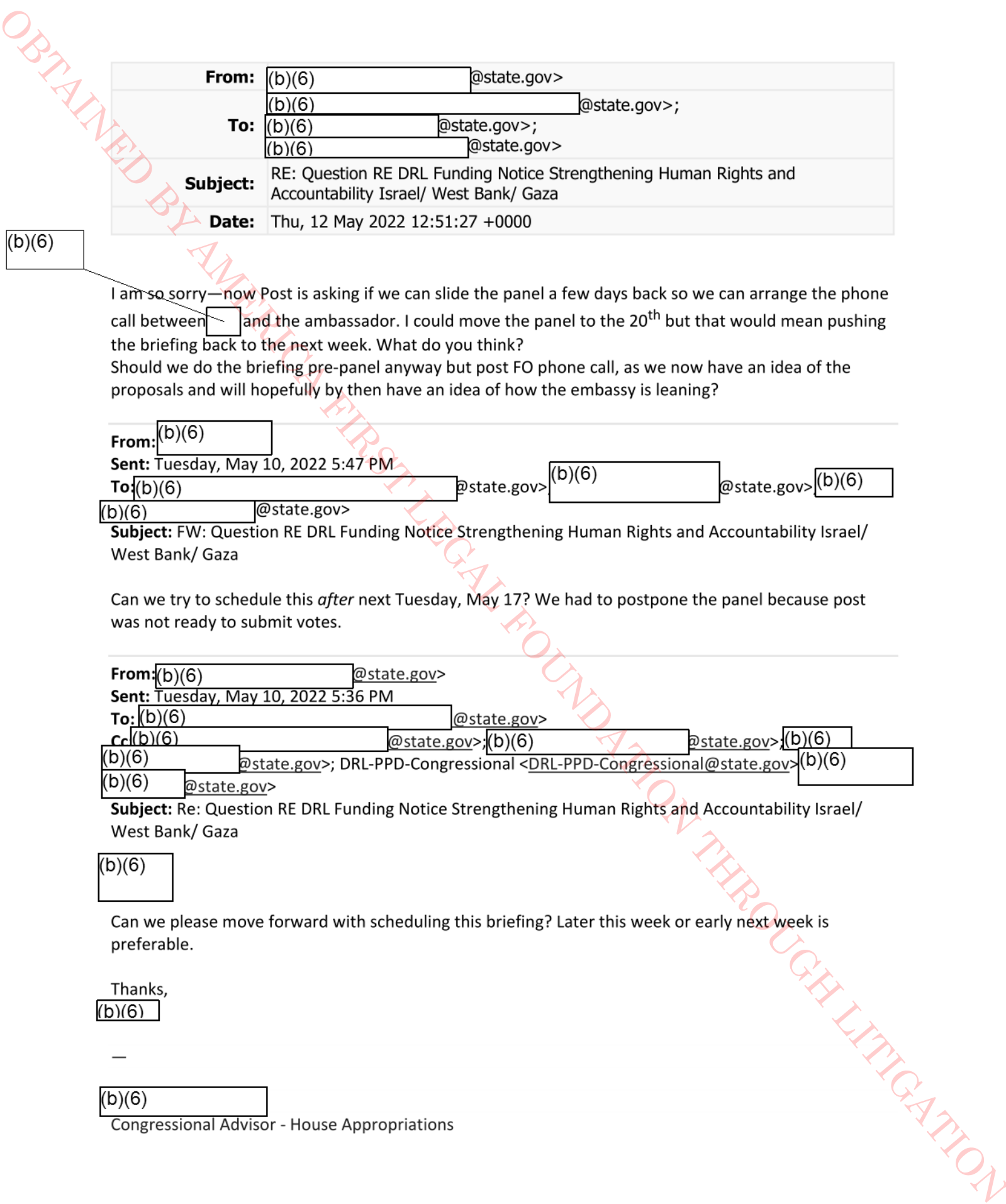
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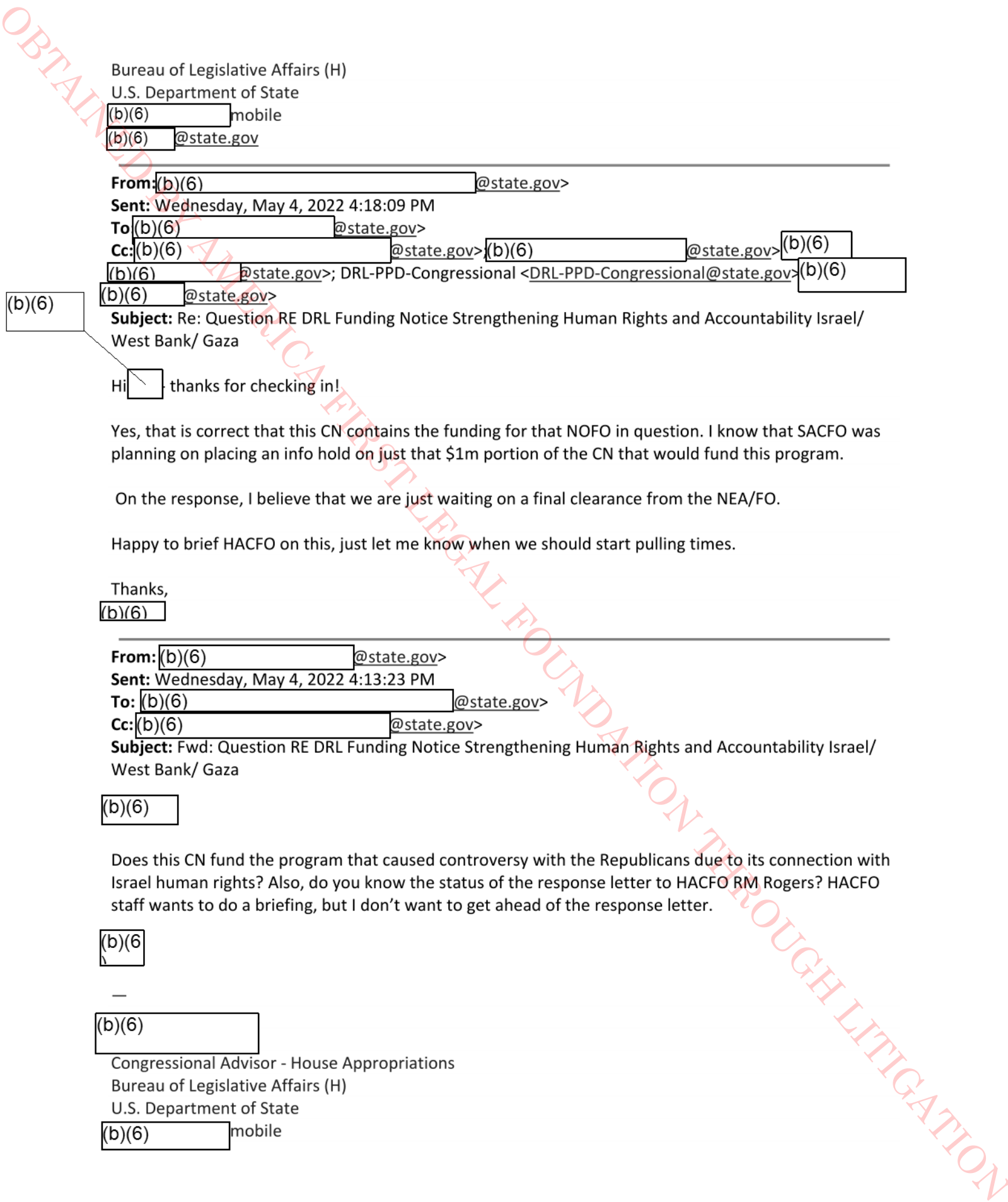
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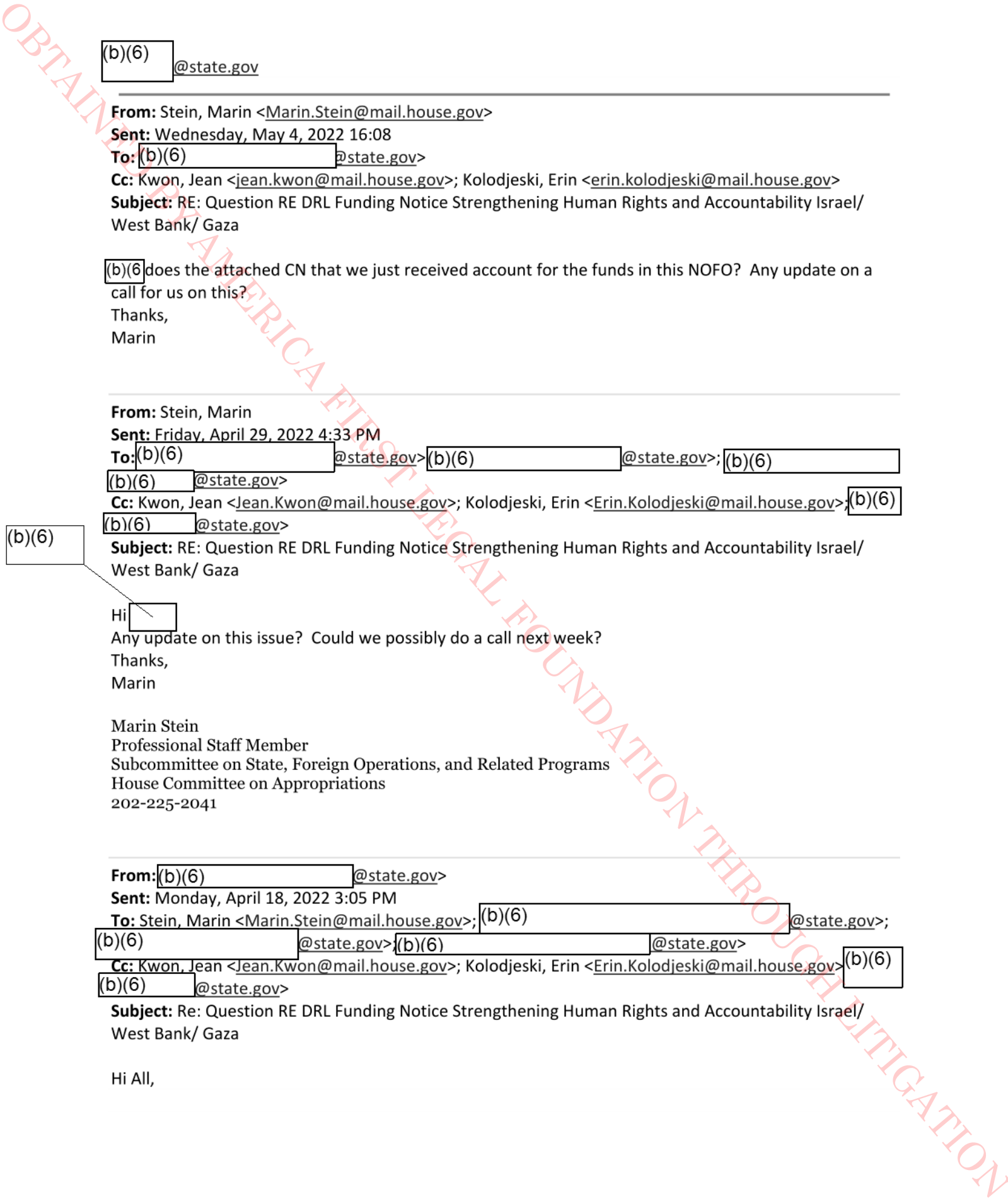
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Just to answer a few questions quickly I can tell you that no program has been reviewed or awarded; the article is inaccurate and we're only in the solicitation phase. As you know, all of our programs are intended to foster respect for human rights and the rule of law and support democracy. The President has been clear regarding his support for Israel and that has not changed.

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<https://www.state.gov/drl-strengthening-human-rights-and-accountability-in-israel-and-the-west-bank-and-gaza/>

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**From:** Schein, Michelle

**Sent:** Thursday, March 24, 2022 10:40 AM

**To:** (b)(6)@state.gov, (b)(6)@state.gov

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Thanks, (b)(6) I can make noon-2 pm work every day next week.

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(just GP)

I think it would make the most sense to just brief on this similar to what we did with SACFO. We can answer all their questions and preview the inclusion of this in the Global CN as well.

(b)(6) if you wouldn't mind providing your availability for early next week I'll set up! Appreciate your patience with all of these requests...

Thanks,

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(b)(6) Looping in colleagues for their action.

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**Subject:** FW: Question RE DRL Funding Notice Strengthening Human Rights and Accountability Israel/ West Bank/ Gaza

DRL colleagues: We have received a request for information regarding the Funding Notice on Strengthening Human Rights and Accountability Israel/West Bank/Gaza. Would DRL like to offer a briefing on this issue?

Thank you.

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Yes, that works.

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Hi (b)(6) - happy to!

Would it be possible for us to schedule this briefing after next Tuesday, May 17? Maybe that Wednesday, 5/18?

We have the proposal review panel panel for this program scheduled for early next week and will be better able to provide details on the proposals that we received / would like to move forward with following the panel.

Thanks!

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Hi (b)(6) thanks for checking in!

Yes, that is correct that this CN contains the funding for that NOFO in question. I know that SACFO was planning on placing an info hold on just that \$1m portion of the CN that would fund this program.

On the response, I believe that we are just waiting on a final clearance from the NEA/FO. Happy to brief HACFO on this, just let me know when we should start pulling times.

Thanks,

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Oh no!! Good luck. (b)(6) will be back on Monday! ☺

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(b)(6) just passed it off to me. ☹

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**Date:** Thu, 14 Apr 2022 21:40:22 +0000

?? "I cannot tell a lie..."

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**Sent:** Thursday, April 14, 2022 5:40 PM  
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Haha!! Oh wow...you're having a tough day. ☺

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You are my favorite CA for the afternoon!! ☐ Thank you!

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Hi Marin,

Confirmed! I'll send a calendar invite tomorrow.

Thanks,

(b)(6)

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Thank you very much (b)(6)  
Wednesday, 4/20 at 1pm would be great.  
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<b>Date:</b>	Mon, 18 Apr 2022 20:40:22 +0000

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Able? Yes.

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**Sent:** Monday, April 18, 2022 3:05 PM  
**To:** Stein, Marin <Marin.Stein@mail.house.gov>; (b)(6)@state.gov>; (b)(6)@state.gov>; (b)(6)@state.gov>  
**Cc:** Kwon, Jean <Jean.Kwon@mail.house.gov>; Kolodjeski, Erin <Erin.Kolodjeski@mail.house.gov>; (b)(6)@state.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Question RE DRL Funding Notice Strengthening Human Rights and Accountability Israel/ West Bank/ Gaza

Hi All,

Our sincere apologies but we're going to need to postpone this briefing as we're still working through some details on our end and don't want to get ahead of anything that will be conveyed to Members in a written response. I will follow up in the days ahead with an offer to brief staff.

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**From:** Stein, Marin <Marin.Stein@mail.house.gov>

**Sent:** Thursday, April 14, 2022 4:17:26 PM

**To:** (b)(6) @state.gov; (b)(6) @state.gov;  
(b)(6) @state.gov; (b)(6) @state.gov

**Cc:** Kwon, Jean <jean.kwon@mail.house.gov>; Kolodjeski, Erin <erin.kolodjeski@mail.house.gov>; (b)(6) @state.gov

**Subject:** RE: Question RE DRL Funding Notice Strengthening Human Rights and Accountability Israel/  
West Bank/ Gaza

Thank you very much (b)(6)  
Wednesday, 4/20 at 1pm would be great.  
Marin

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**From:** (b)(6) @state.gov

**Sent:** Thursday, April 14, 2022 3:30 PM

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**Subject:** RE: Question RE DRL Funding Notice Strengthening Human Rights and Accountability Israel/  
West Bank/ Gaza

Hi Marin,



We've reached out to DRL to help answer your questions, and they offer these briefing times if any work for you and those joining you.

**Monday, 4/18:** 12-1 PM

**Tuesday, 4/19:** 12-1 PM

**Wednesday, 4/20:** 12-2 PM

**Thursday, 4/21:** 12-2 PM

**Friday, 4/22:** 12-1 PM

Thanks,

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**From:** Stein, Marin <Marin.Stein@mail.house.gov>

**Sent:** Thursday, April 14, 2022 11:52 AM

**To:** (b)(6)@state.gov; (b)(6)@state.gov; (b)(6)

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**Cc:** Kwon, Jean <jean.kwon@mail.house.gov>; Kolodjeski, Erin <erin.kolodjeski@mail.house.gov>

**Subject:** RE: Question RE DRL Funding Notice Strengthening Human Rights and Accountability Israel/ West Bank/ Gaza

Thanks (b)(6) Understood, but I actually haven't even googled any articles about this, and I have no doubt of the Administration's support for Israel. My questions are just from reading the Notice and seeking additional info and ideally a call.

Thanks,

Marin

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**Cc:** Kwon, Jean <Jean.Kwon@mail.house.gov>; Kolodjeski, Erin <Erin.Kolodjeski@mail.house.gov>

**Subject:** RE: Question RE DRL Funding Notice Strengthening Human Rights and Accountability Israel/ West Bank/ Gaza

Just to answer a few questions quickly I can tell you that no program has been reviewed or awarded; the article is inaccurate and we're only in the solicitation phase. As you know, all of our programs are intended to foster respect for human rights and the rule of law and support democracy. The President has been clear regarding his support for Israel and that has not changed.

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**From:** Stein, Marin <Marin.Stein@mail.house.gov>

**Sent:** Thursday, April 14, 2022 11:39 AM

**To:** (b)(6)@state.gov; (b)(6)@state.gov; (b)(6)  
(b)(6)@state.gov; (b)(6)@state.gov

**Cc:** Kwon, Jean <Jean.Kwon@mail.house.gov>; Kolodjeski, Erin <erin.kolodjeski@mail.house.gov>

**Subject:** RE: Question RE DRL Funding Notice Strengthening Human Rights and Accountability Israel/  
West Bank/ Gaza

Hi all,

I had hoped to hear back from someone this week. Making sure you saw this email?

Thanks,

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**From:** Stein, Marin

**Sent:** Monday, April 11, 2022 2:38 PM

**To:** (b)(6)@state.gov; (b)(6)@state.gov; (b)(6)@state.gov;  
(b)(6)@state.gov

**Cc:** Kwon, Jean <Jean.Kwon@mail.house.gov>; Kolodjeski, Erin <Erin.Kolodjeski@mail.house.gov>

**Subject:** FW: Question RE DRL Funding Notice Strengthening Human Rights and Accountability Israel/  
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Hi all,

I know [redacted] is out this week, but I was hoping to please follow up on my colleague Michelle's (in Rep. Meng's office) email below. Michelle flagged this NOFO for me, and I too would appreciate knowing more background. What is the funding account for this award and from which fiscal year? Is this the first time State has offered such an award? Were these funds part of a CN we received and if so, when, what number, etc? I would also appreciate speaking to someone in DRL about this program. Adding in my colleague Jean who covers DRL for us.

Thanks,

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**From:** Schein, Michelle <Michelle.Schein@mail.house.gov>

**Sent:** Monday, April 11, 2022 2:22 PM

**To:** Stein, Marin <Marin.Stein@mail.house.gov>

**Subject:** FW: Question RE DRL Funding Notice Strengthening Human Rights and Accountability Israel/ West Bank/ Gaza

<https://www.state.gov/drl-strengthening-human-rights-and-accountability-in-israel-and-the-west-bank-and-gaza/>

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**From:** Schein, Michelle

**Sent:** Thursday, March 24, 2022 10:40 AM

**To:** (b)(6)@state.gov (b)(6)@state.gov

**Cc:** (b)(6)@state.gov

**Subject:** Question RE DRL Funding Notice Strengthening Human Rights and Accountability Israel/ West Bank/ Gaza

Hi (b)(6)

I hope this email finds you well.

Question for you: could you please provide some background information on what the "DRL Strengthening Human Rights and Accountability in Israel and the West Bank and Gaza" funding opportunity is? Is this related at all to the Nita M. Lowey Partnership for Peace Act?

We are mostly asking for clarification as you may have seen a number of right-leaning media sources have labeled this funding opportunity as the Biden Administration seeking to fund an effort to delegitimize Israel.

Appreciate it!

Best,

**Michelle Schein** (she/hers) | **Legislative Assistant**

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202-225-2601 (Office)



**Sender:** "Stein, Marin" <Marin.Stein@mail.house.gov>

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<b>From:</b>	(b)(6)@state.gov>
<b>To:</b>	Peterson, Lisa (Mbabane) (b)(6)@state.gov>
<b>Subject:</b>	Re: Question RE DRL Funding Notice Strengthening Human Rights and Accountability Israel/ West Bank/ Gaza
<b>Date:</b>	Thu, 14 Apr 2022 19:13:53 +0000

I'm sure GP will be pleased to do so as well, (b)(6) and I will inform you if otherwise. Thanks.

**From:** Peterson, Lisa (Mbabane) (b)(6)@state.gov>

**Sent:** Thursday, April 14, 2022 3:12 PM

**To:** (b)(6)@state.gov>

**Subject:** RE: Question RE DRL Funding Notice Strengthening Human Rights and Accountability Israel/ West Bank/ Gaza

I suspect GP would be happy to roll out another Hill briefing on this. If not, I'm happy to do (if folks feel that's appropriate). Lisa P.

**From:** (b)(6)@state.gov>

**Sent:** Thursday, April 14, 2022 3:02 PM

**To:** Peterson, Lisa (Mbabane) (b)(6)@state.gov>

**Subject:** Fw: Question RE DRL Funding Notice Strengthening Human Rights and Accountability Israel/ West Bank/ Gaza

FYI

**From:** (b)(6)@state.gov>

**Sent:** Thursday, April 14, 2022 2:48 PM

**To:** (b)(6)@state.gov>; DRL-PPD-Congressional <DRL-PPD-Congressional@state.gov>

**Cc:** (b)(6)@state.gov>; (b)(6)@state.gov>

**Subject:** FW: Question RE DRL Funding Notice Strengthening Human Rights and Accountability Israel/ West Bank/ Gaza

DRL colleagues: We have received a request for information regarding the Funding Notice on Strengthening Human Rights and Accountability Israel/West Bank/Gaza. Would DRL like to offer a briefing on this issue?

Thank you.

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**From:** (b)(6)

**Sent:** Thursday, April 14, 2022 2:41 PM

**To:** (b)(6)@mail.house.gov>; (b)(6)@state.gov>; (b)(6)

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**Cc:** Kwon, Jean <jean.kwon@mail.house.gov>; Kolodjeski, Erin <erin.kolodjeski@mail.house.gov>

**Subject:** FW: Question RE DRL Funding Notice Strengthening Human Rights and Accountability Israel/  
West Bank/ Gaza

Hello, Marin: Sorry for the delay in getting back to you. Will revert soonest.

Best,

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Bureau of Legislative Affairs

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**From:** Schein, Michelle  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 24, 2022 10:40 AM  
**To:** (b)(6)@state.gov>  
**Cc:** (b)(6)@state.gov>  
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<b>From:</b>	(b)(6)@state.gov>
<b>To:</b>	(b)(6)@state.gov>; DRL-Press <DRL-Press@state.gov>
<b>Subject:</b>	Re: Question on DRL Funding Opportunity in Israel, Gaza, West Bank
<b>Date:</b>	Wed, 23 Mar 2022 23:11:19 +0000

Hi (b)(6)  
 On Jewish Insider RTQ, (b)(6) just cleared this version:  
 On background:

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Clearance:

DRL/GP: (b)(6) (ok)  
 DRL/NEA: (b)(6) (ok)  
 DRL/Press: (b)(6) (ok)  
 NEA/Press: (b)(6) (ok)  
 J/SEAS: (b)(6) (ok)  
 Spox: (b)(6) (ok)

**From:** (b)(6)@state.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 23, 2022 1:58 PM  
**To:** DRL-Press <DRL-Press@state.gov>  
**Subject:** Fw: Question on DRL Funding Opportunity in Israel, Gaza, West Bank

Hi DRL Press colleagues,  
 Flagging that NEA wants to clear before deploying. Thanks. V/r, (b)(6)  
**From:** (b)(6)@state.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 23, 2022 1:43 PM  
**To:** (b)(6)@state.gov>  
**Cc:** NEA-Press <NEA-Press@state.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Question on DRL Funding Opportunity in Israel, Gaza, West Bank

We'll clear on DRL lines

**From:** (b)(6)@state.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 23, 2022 1:40 PM  
**To:** DRL-Press <DRL-Press@state.gov>  
**Cc:** (b)(6)@state.gov> (b)(6)@state.gov>; NEA-Press <NEA-

Press@state.gov>

**Subject:** RE: Question on DRL Funding Opportunity in Israel, Gaza, West Bank

Thanks (b)(6)

DRL, please respond with lines to my other chain. Please advise (to me only) of your timeframe, reporter has given us a deadline of 8pm tonight. V/r, (b)(6)

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**From:** (b)(6)@state.gov>

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 23, 2022 1:24 PM

**To:** (b)(6)@state.gov>; PA Press Duty <PAPressDuty@state.gov>; NEA-Press <NEA-Press@state.gov>; DRL-Press <DRL-Press@state.gov>

**Subject:** Re: Question on DRL Funding Opportunity in Israel, Gaza, West Bank

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- +DRL Press

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**From:** Gabby Deutch <gabby@jewishinsider.com>

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 23, 2022 1:22 PM

**To:** (b)(6)@state.gov>; PA Press Duty <PAPressDuty@state.gov>; NEA-Press <NEA-Press@state.gov>

**Subject:** Question on DRL Funding Opportunity in Israel, Gaza, West Bank

Hi (b)(6) and team,

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Thanks very much,

Gabby

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Gabby Deutch

Washington Correspondent, [Jewish Insider](#)

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**Recipient:** (b)(6)@state.gov>;  
DRL-Press <DRL-Press@state.gov>

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**From:** (b)(6)@state.gov>  
**To:** (b)(6)@state.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Question on DRL Funding Opportunity in Israel, Gaza, West Bank  
**Date:** Wed, 23 Mar 2022 20:47:22 +0000

Will send the JPost RTQ now to GPA - the Jewish Insider RTQ is still pending JSEAS clearance and I see them actively in the link.

**From:** (b)(6)@state.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 23, 2022 4:45 PM  
**To:** (b)(6)@state.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Question on DRL Funding Opportunity in Israel, Gaza, West Bank

fine, we need to email hers to PA Press Duty for clearance and then close the loop; on 2<sup>nd</sup> one, we just need to give it (b)(6) on the email he requested. he can close the loop

**From:** (b)(6)@state.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 23, 2022 4:44 PM  
**To:** (b)(6)@state.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Question on DRL Funding Opportunity in Israel, Gaza, West Bank

Hi (b)(6) - when I spoke with (b)(6) earlier, she indicated that NEA had wanted us to return clearances on the Jerusalem Post item since it pertained to DRL.

Best regards,

(b)(6)

(b)(6)

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U.S. Department of State | DRL/Press | HST 5531  
(b)(6)@state.gov

**From:** (b)(6)@state.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 23, 2022 4:08 PM  
**To:** (b)(6)@state.gov>; (b)(6)@state.gov>; PA Press Duty <PAPressDuty@state.gov>; NEA-Press <NEA-Press@state.gov>; DRL-Press <DRL-Press@state.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Question on DRL Funding Opportunity in Israel, Gaza, West Bank

Hi (b)(6)

One you sent us from Jerusalem Post is pending NEA-Press clearance; one below from Jewish Insider - we added extra lines, and just sent for clearance. Both RTQs will then go to GPA/PRS (and for Spox as needed) for clearance.

When final, you can close the loop with Jerusalem Post since it came to you, and one from Jewish Insider GPA/PRS would close as it came to them.

Thanks, (b)(6)

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<b>From:</b>	(b)(6)@state.gov>
<b>To:</b>	(b)(6)@state.gov>
<b>Subject:</b>	RE: Question about DRL grant to "strengthen accountability and human rights in Israel and the West Bank and Gaza,"
<b>Date:</b>	Mon, 14 Mar 2022 21:36:09 +0000

The points that you sent are the latest points that I have from (b)(6) DRL/GP). I'd recommend asking (b)(6) if she's okay with you putting her in direct touch with Leah to answer any specific program questions.

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**From:** (b)(6)@state.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 14, 2022 4:12 PM  
**To:** (b)(6)@state.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: Question about DRL grant to "strengthen accountability and human rights in Israel and the West Bank and Gaza,"

Hi (b)(6) - let me know if you have time to discuss today!

(b)(6)

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**Sent:** Monday, March 14, 2022 12:43 PM  
**To:** (b)(6)@state.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: Question about DRL grant to "strengthen accountability and human rights in Israel and the West Bank and Gaza,"

Can you make sure to coordinate with (b)(6) on this?

Thanks!

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**Cc:** (b)(6)@state.gov>; (b)(6)@state.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Question about DRL grant to "strengthen accountability and human rights in Israel and the West Bank and Gaza,"

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Good morning (b)(6) This grant is being run by DRL/GP. We developed some Q&A (attached). Defer to (b)(6) to discuss the specifics of the grant.

(b)(6)



Foreign Affairs Officer - Egypt, Israel, West Bank and Gaza

Office of Near Eastern Affairs

Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor

U.S. Department of State

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**From:** (b)(6)@state.gov

**Sent:** Monday, March 14, 2022 11:25 AM

**To:** (b)(6)@state.gov; (b)(6)@state.gov; (b)(6)

(b)(6)@state.gov

**Cc:** (b)(6)@state.gov

**Subject:** Re: Question about DRL grant to "strengthen accountability and human rights in Israel and the West Bank and Gaza,"

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Is there someone in DRL who may be able to speak to Leah and answer questions about this grant? If not, is there a cleared response I should provide?

Many thanks in advance for your assistance and guidance on answering this inquiry.

Best,

(b)(6)

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**From:** Leah Odinec <lodinec@aipac.org>

**Sent:** Monday, March 14, 2022 10:55 AM

**To:** (b)(6)@state.gov

**Subject:** Question about DRL grant to "strengthen accountability and human rights in Israel and the West Bank and Gaza,"

H (b)(6)

Hope you are doing well. I've been getting some questions about the grant mentioned in the below article. Do you know anything about this? Or do you know who is responsible for this at DRL? Please let me know. Thanks so much.

Best,



Leah

<https://freebeacon.com/biden-administration/how-the-biden-administration-is-funding-effort-to-delegitimize-israel/>

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<b>Date:</b>	Mon, 14 Mar 2022 15:29:57 +0000

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Adding in (b)(6) from our program team. I know they had been working up a cleared Q&A on this topic and will have guidance on how we can speak with external audiences about this solicitation. Thanks,

(b)(6)

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Best,

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**Sent:** Monday, March 14, 2022 10:55 AM

**To:** (b)(6)@state.gov>

**Subject:** Question about DRL grant to "strengthen accountability and human rights in Israel and the West Bank and Gaza,"

H (b)(6)

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**To:** (b)(6)@state.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Question about DRL grant to "strengthen accountability and human rights in Israel and the West Bank and Gaza,"  
**Date:** Mon, 14 Mar 2022 19:37:41 +0000

Thank you very much for the information (b)(6)

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**From:** (b)(6)@state.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 14, 2022 12:39 PM  
**To:** (b)(6)@state.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Question about DRL grant to "strengthen accountability and human rights in Israel and the West Bank and Gaza,"

Unfortunately our programming is often designated as "sensitive" and we cannot share them with others outside of the USG for the safety of our implementing partners and their work. She is welcome to review other open DRL solicitations and will be able to see the similarities in language and scope for many of our projects globally if she wishes.

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**Sent:** Monday, March 14, 2022 12:37 PM  
**To:** (b)(6)@state.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Question about DRL grant to "strengthen accountability and human rights in Israel and the West Bank and Gaza,"

Thank you (b)(6) The Q&A mentions that that similar grants exist for EU countries – can you let me know which ones? This is something that Leah asked me.

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**Cc:** (b)(6)@state.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Question about DRL grant to "strengthen accountability and human rights in Israel and the West Bank and Gaza,"

Hi (b)(6)  
Please find the final version of the QA attached.

This is a new grant for Israel and/or West Bank Gaza, but not new to the Department's global work funded out of DRL.

We cannot provide specifics into the USG's vetting processes as those are considered sensitive, but we do certainly vet all recipients of USG funding.

I hope that helps!

(b)(6)

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**Subject:** RE: Question about DRL grant to "strengthen accountability and human rights in Israel and the West Bank and Gaza,"

Thank you (b)(6) and thank you (b)(6). The Q&A is helpful.

Leah followed up with some additional questions including whether this grant is something new, or whether it has existed in previous years – and if DRL has any vetting process for grantees and if so, what is the criteria they are using? (b)(6) – any additional information you can provide would be much appreciated.

Best,

(b)(6)

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**Subject:** Re: Question about DRL grant to "strengthen accountability and human rights in Israel and the West Bank and Gaza,"

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Good morning (b)(6) This grant is being run by DRL/GP. We developed some Q&A (attached). Defer to (b)(6) to discuss the specifics of the grant.

(b)(6)

Foreign Affairs Officer - Egypt, Israel, West Bank and Gaza

Office of Near Eastern Affairs

Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor

U.S. Department of State

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**From:** (b)(6)@state.gov>  
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(b)(6)@state.gov>  
**Cc:** (b)(6)@state.gov>  
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**To:** (b)(6)@state.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: query on DRL Strengthening Human Rights and Accountability in Israel and the West Bank and Gaza  
**Date:** Fri, 25 Mar 2022 19:50:47 +0000

Even better. Thanks.

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**Sent:** Friday, March 25, 2022 3:50 PM  
**To:** (b)(6)@state.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: query on DRL Strengthening Human Rights and Accountability in Israel and the West Bank and Gaza

DRL has the action to pull something together

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**Sent:** Friday, March 25, 2022 3:48 PM  
**To:** (b)(6)@state.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: query on DRL Strengthening Human Rights and Accountability in Israel and the West Bank and Gaza

I have no idea where that conversation went today, so welcome any thoughts you have on this.

**From:** Amr, Hady A (b)(6)@state.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 25, 2022 3:27 PM  
**To:** (b)(6)@state.gov> (b)(6)@state.gov>; Le Mon, Christopher J (b)(6)@state.gov>; (b)(6)@state.gov>  
**Subject:** Fwd: query on DRL Strengthening Human Rights and Accountability in Israel and the West Bank and Gaza

If we get our talking points together we have an opportunity to engage on this...

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**From:** Ron Kampeas <rkampeas@jta.org>  
**Date:** March 25, 2022 at 14:26:00 EDT  
**Subject:** query on DRL Strengthening Human Rights and Accountability in Israel and the West Bank and Gaza



To: (b)(6)@state.gov>, PA Press Duty <PAPressDuty@state.gov>, Amr, Hady A  
(b)(6)@state.gov>

Hi all-

Is this tender new and unprecedented as it has been portrayed in some media? Or is this something DRL has advanced in the past?

<https://www.state.gov/drl-strengthening-human-rights-and-accountability-in-israel-and-the-west-bank-and-gaza/>

My deadline is Monday 3 pm.

Regards

Ron

Ron Kampeas  
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**To:** (b)(6)@state.gov>; J-SEAS-Team <J-SEAS-Team@state.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: QA on Isr-Pal prog for J SFRC Briefing  
**Date:** Sun, 13 Mar 2022 00:12:20 +0000

Thank you. Those are indeed some great edits by (b)(6) — and you, of course. Glad to see we have a bit more time. Given (b)(6) comments in response to my question Friday morning during the murderboard, I was surprised to see that so many folks cleared before SEAS even got eyes on it. Hope everyone is having a good weekend.

(b)(6)  
 Deputy Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Antisemitism  
 U.S. Department of State

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**From:** (b)(6)@state.gov>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 12, 2022 3:44:39 PM  
**To:** (b)(6)@state.gov>; J-SEAS-Team <J-SEAS-Team@state.gov>  
**Subject:** Fw: QA on Isr-Pal prog for J SFRC Briefing

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(b)(6) in J FO gave us until Monday OOB to provide feedback. He also very kindly made some good edits to the paper, which I supplemented/edited in a couple of places — see this link:

[QA on 2021 IPA NOFO - J.docx](#)

Let me know if this is what you were looking for.

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**Subject:** RE: QA for J SFRC Briefing

Here are my edits, which are largely meant to streamline the paper. For the last “if pressed” point, how

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**Subject:** RE: QA for J SFRC Briefing

Hi, all. Let’s aim for a final product by OOB Monday.

I’ll send some edits in a few minutes.

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**Subject:** RE: QA for J SFRC Briefing

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We'll try and get one of the officers who covers this portfolio to look this over as soon as possible.

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**To:** Kevak, Aaron J (b)(6)@state.gov>; J-SEAS-Team <J-SEAS-Team@state.gov>; (b)(6)

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**Subject:** RE: QA for J SFRC Briefing

Just updating to remove "Sri Lanka" — the rest of the document hasn't changed. Thank you!

**From:** (b)(6)

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I believe ASAP? Apologies, the question only dropped last night and we would like this to be included in J's briefing book tonight.

**From:** (b)(6)@state.gov>

**Sent:** Friday, March 11, 2022 5:58 PM

**To:** (b)(6)@state.gov>; J-SEAS-Team <J-SEAS-Team@state.gov>; (b)(6)

(b)(6)@state.gov>

**Subject:** Re: QA for J SFRC Briefing

Thanks for this. What's the timeline?

(b)(6)

Deputy Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Antisemitism  
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**Subject:** QA for J SFRC Briefing

H (b)(6) J/SEAS colleagues,

My apologies for the rush request on a Friday evening, but attached please find a draft QA ahead of J's upcoming SFRC brief. I would appreciate if you can clear internally within J for SEAS and share with (b)(6) directly.

Thank you all!

(b)(6)

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Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor  
 Team Lead, NEA Programs

I am working remotely. For urgent matters, please call me at

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**To:** (b)(6) @state.gov>;  
(b)(6) @state.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: J Hearing QFRs -- DRL submission IV  
**Date:** Thu, 31 Mar 2022 02:10:13 +0000

Hey (b)(6)

I checked, it is not at all critical.

(b)(6)

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**From:** (b)(6) @state.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 30, 2022 8:18 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) (DRL) (b)(6) @state.gov> (b)(6) @state.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: J Hearing QFRs -- DRL submission IV

If it is we need an explanation as to why and need to very urgently check with H if too late.

(b)(6)

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**To:** (b)(6) @state.gov> (b)(6) @state.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: J Hearing QFRs -- DRL submission IV

Let me check, I don't think it's critical.

Stand by.

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Where did this language come from, has this been cleared with L, and is it critical enough to see if we can pull down with H, re-clear with J, and send these in late?

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**Subject:** RE: J Hearing QFRs -- DRL submission IV

It's in red below:

**Question 4:**

What proposals have already been submitted for projects described by SFOP0008613?

**Answer 4:**

The number and organizational specifics of proposals are not known as the Notice of Funding Opportunity has not closed yet. Additionally, Department grants policy directs the process remain confidential until a Federal Assistance Award has been granted (b)(5)

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**Subject:** Re: J Hearing QFRs -- DRL submission IV

They've already been submitted to H with J's approval. I don't know if they've been sent to the hill yet. What is the edit and is it critical?

(b)(6)

Senior Advisor  
Under Secretary for Civilian Security, Democracy, and Human Rights  
US Department of State

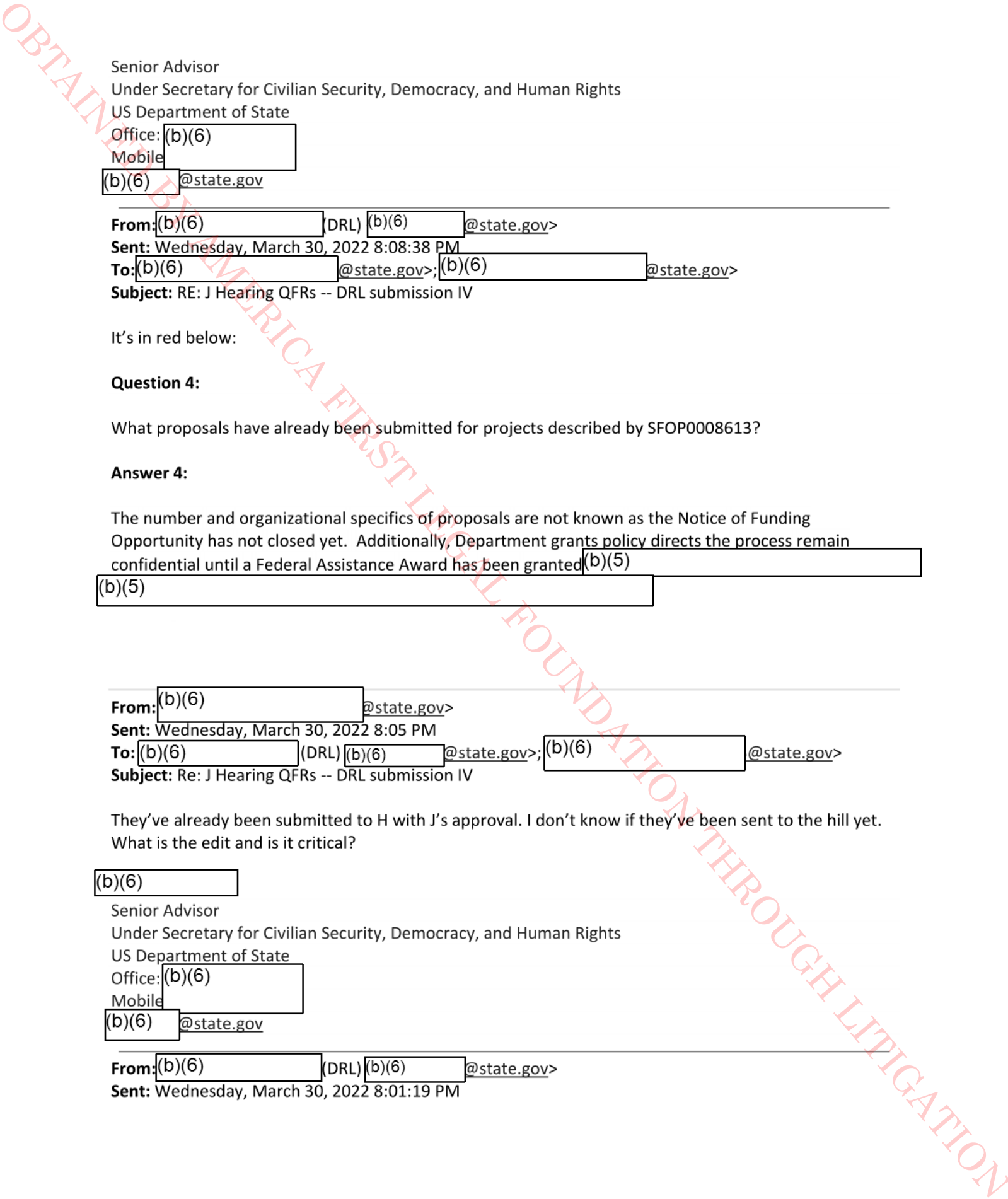
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To: (b)(6)@state.gov>  
Subject: RE: J Hearing QFRs -- DRL submission IV

Hi – We have an addition to Cruz 4. Is it too late to send an update?

Thanks (b)(6)

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Cruz 1-4.

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Risch 1 and 2.

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DRL submission. A few more coming.



Still pending building clearance:  
Risch 1-2  
Cruz 1-4

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**Subject:** TASKER: J Hearing QFRs Fri. March 25 COB

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Good Afternoon –

This is a tasker for questions for the record (QFR) from J's recent SFRC hearing on Combating Authoritarianism. The attached spreadsheet indicates the lead drafting bureau and the required clearers for each.

Please strictly follow the attached template and ensure all drafters have a copy of the template as well. Questions that do not follow this template will be returned. Directions include:

- **The Drafting Bureau, R, and H must clear all QFRs along with those listed as required clearers in the attached. Info by Request D (exception for PRC-related questions in which D and NSC should clear), D-MR, P and S/P.**
- Member QFRs should be written with single space and no indent. State's responses should be double spaced and indented one tab for each new paragraph.
- All Member QFRs should be labeled with the corresponding number as indicated in the attached spreadsheet (i.e. Menendez 1, Risch 2)
- The response should be short, preferable one page or less and focus only on responding to the question.
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**Responses are due to the J/FO by Friday March 25<sup>th</sup> COB.** Please submit papers to Allison Peters (PetersAL@state.gov) and copy J\_StaffAssistants@state.gov and AllisonAP@state.gov.

Note: Several of these questions already have responses that were drafted for the hearing. Please review the full list of questions that were drafted in the link below to pull from pre-cleared language. We have done our best in the notes section of the spreadsheet to flag where language exists already.

Murder Board Combined Q&As

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**Subject:** RE: Israel NOFO Script and Hard Q and A  
**Date:** Thu, 31 Mar 2022 21:04:42 +0000

Thanks – (b)(5) I think we go with what we have.

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IPA colleagues – see below. This is what we came up with. Recommend we put this into the script.

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**Subject:** RE: Israel NOFO Script and Hard Q and A

Thanks (b)(6) – apologies, I was on a call. Consolidating both of your helpful inputs:

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(b)(6) We have over \$1 billion in active programming across over 400 programs. Every year we issue over 100 NOFOs. If a program is ultimately funded, it will be 1 out of 400 plus, constituting 0.01% of our on-going funding. (b)(5)

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Just got off the phone with (b)(6) said the one point that is missing –

(b)(5); (b)(6)

(b)(5)

As it stands, we have this in the points:

**The State Department seeks grant applications for, and funds, a wide range of programs globally to foster respect for human rights and the rule of law and support democracy.**

(b)(5); (b)(6)

Thoughts? Worth going in this direction? FYI – heard from (b)(6) that Lisa was supposed to speak with Tom Sullivan about this at 1430. If the 7<sup>th</sup> floor gives the green light, Lisa may try to hold the meeting with Jewish groups as early as Monday.

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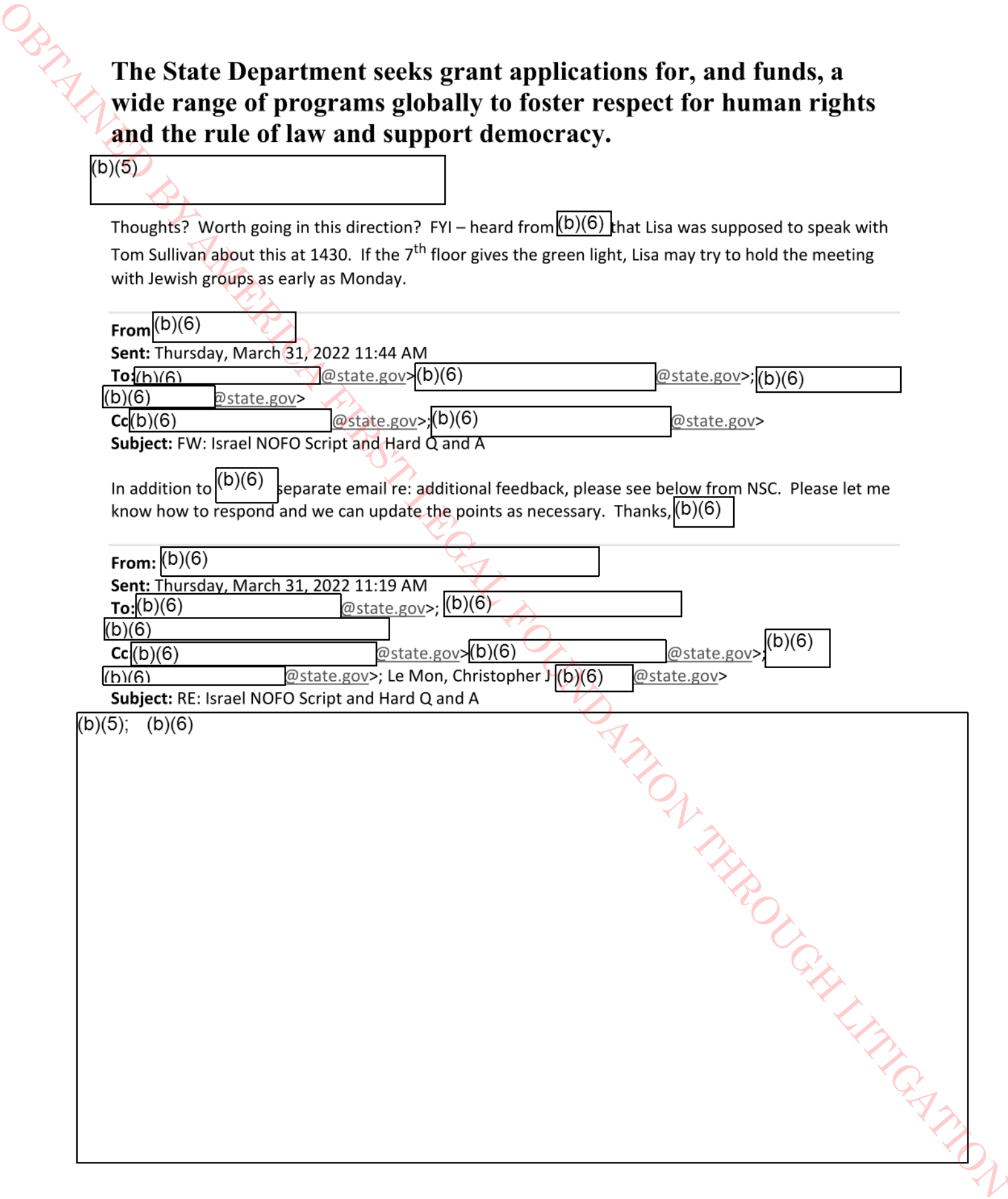
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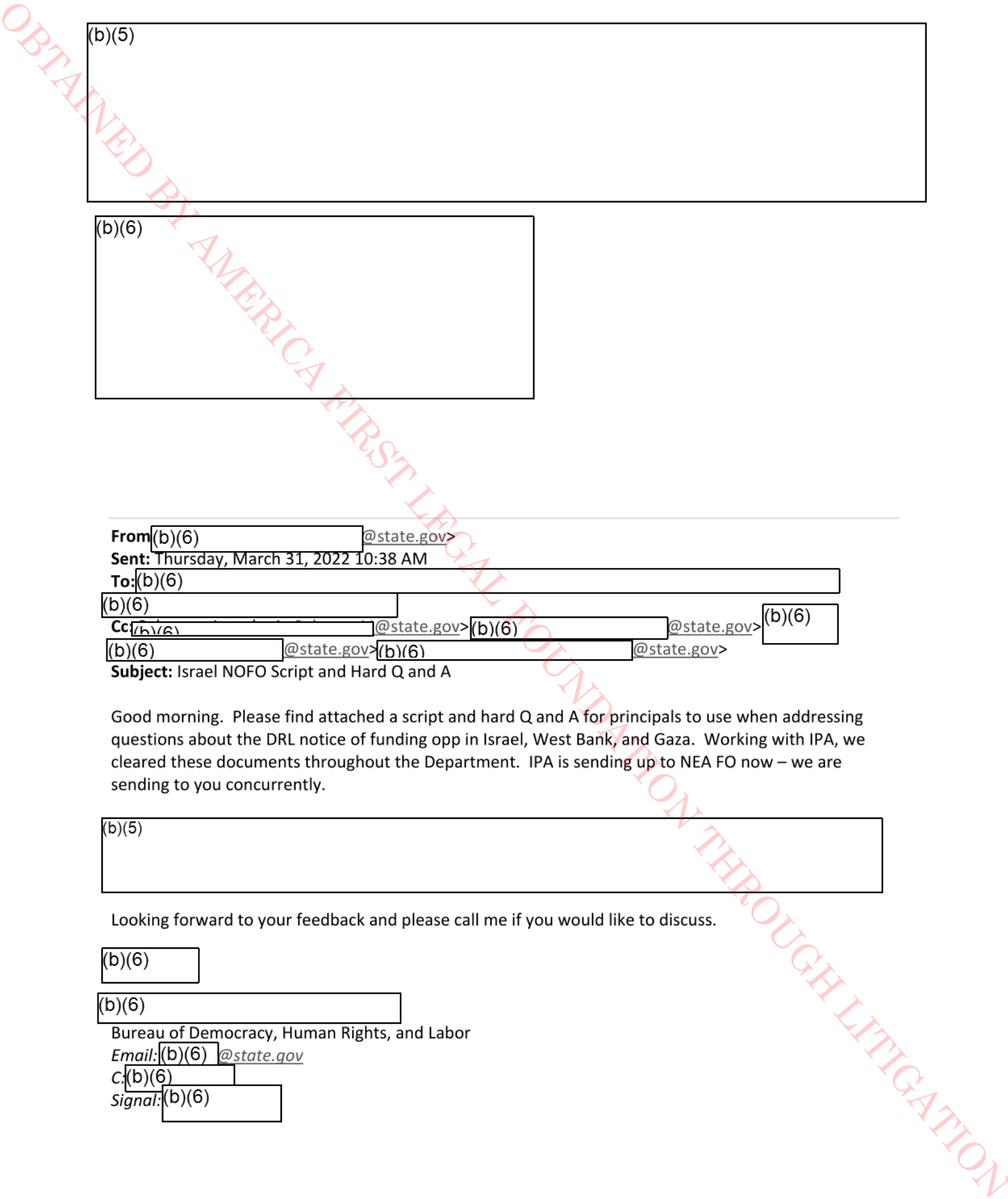
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**Subject:** RE: Israel NOFO Script and Hard Q and A  
**Date:** Thu, 31 Mar 2022 20:45:23 +0000

Thanks – we'll get this into the script.

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Thanks (b)(6) – apologies, I was on a call. Consolidating both of your helpful inputs:

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(b)(5) We have over \$1 billion in active programming across over 400 programs. Every year we issue over 100 NOFOs. If a program is ultimately funded, it will be 1 out of 400 plus, constituting 0.01% of our on-going funding. (b)(5)  
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Just got off the phone with (b)(6) said the one point that is missing –

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As it stands, we have this in the points:

**The State Department seeks grant applications for, and funds, a wide range of programs globally to foster respect for human rights and the rule of law and support democracy.**

(b)(6) worried this didn't go far enough.

Thoughts? Worth going in this direction? FYI – heard from Nicole that Lisa was supposed to speak with Tom Sullivan about this at 1430. If the 7<sup>th</sup> floor gives the green light, Lisa may try to hold the meeting with Jewish groups as early as Monday.

From (b)(6)

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In addition to (b)(6) separate email re: additional feedback, please see below from NSC. Please let me know how to respond and we can update the points as necessary. Thanks (b)(6)

From: Cook, Cynthia L. EOP/NSC (b)(6)

Sent: Thursday, March 31, 2022 11:19 AM

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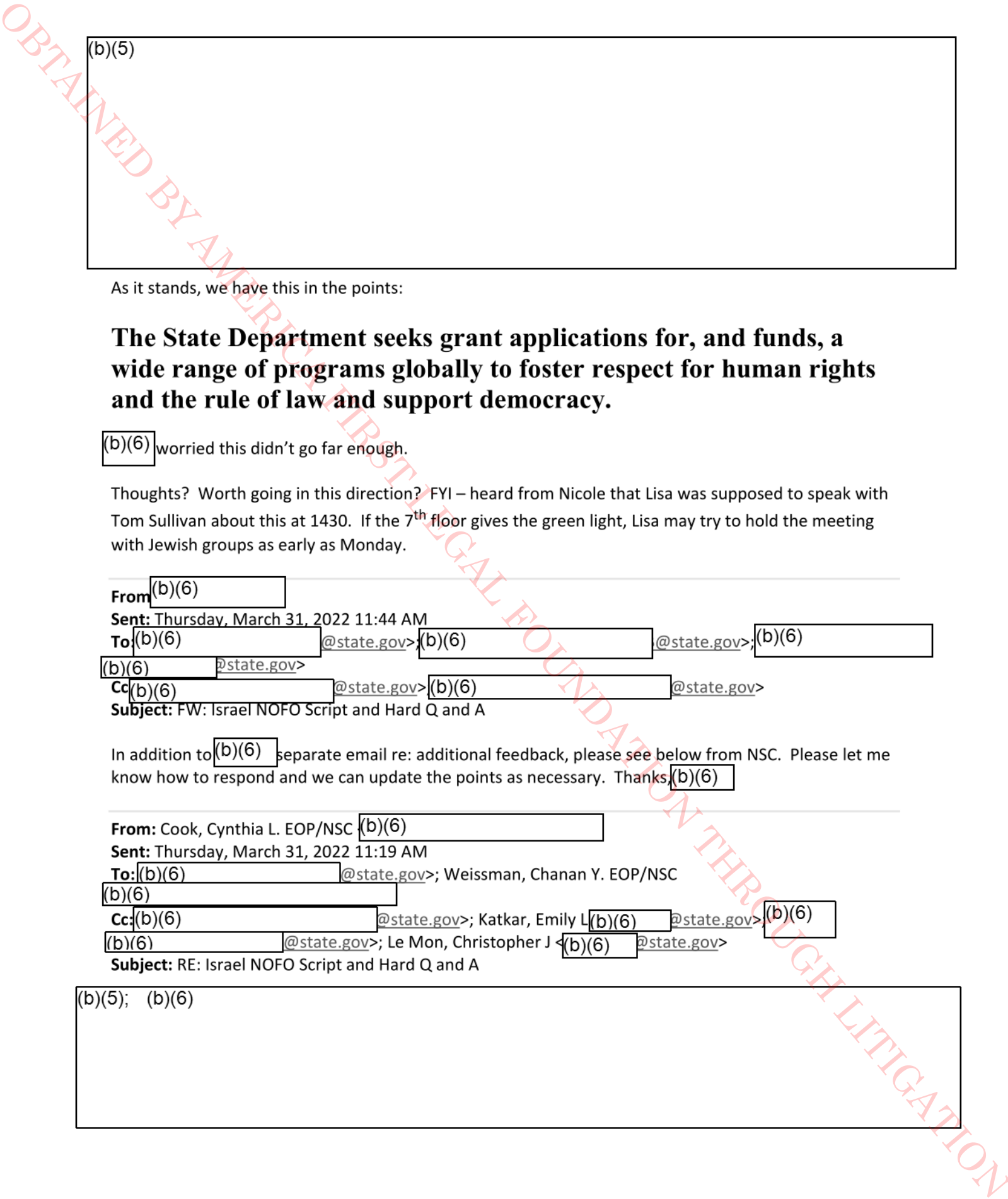
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Cynthia Cook  
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From: (b)(6)@state.gov

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Subject: Israel NOFO Script and Hard Q and A

Good morning. Please find attached a script and hard Q and A for principals to use when addressing questions about the DRL notice of funding opp in Israel, West Bank, and Gaza. Working with IPA, we cleared these documents throughout the Department. IPA is sending up to NEA FO now – we are sending to you concurrently.

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DRL A A/S Peterson is planning to speak with Tom Sullivan sometime today to get his feedback and guidance re: proactive engagement with Jewish groups about this. We do not have an engagement planned as of now, but could get one on the books early next week if appropriate.

Looking forward to your feedback and please call me if you would like to discuss.

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(b)(6) Near Eastern Affairs  
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**Subject:** RE: Israel NOFO and further research  
**Date:** Mon, 28 Mar 2022 18:30:47 +0000

I'll clean it up and diplomafify it and then send it to (b)(6) to further professionalize and diplomaticize it.

**From:** (b)(6)@state.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2022 2:26 PM  
**To:** (b)(6)@state.gov>; (b)(6)@state.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Israel NOFO and further research

I think that (b)(6) and others could benefit from it. Do you want to clean it up for you or me to send to (b)(6)

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(b)(6) Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Antisemitism  
U.S. Department of State  
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**From:** (b)(6)@state.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2022 10:20:41 PM  
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**Subject:** Israel NOFO and further research

I went down a rabbit hole on this Israel NOFO, but from what I saw, I think our DRL colleagues are a bit in denial and don't want to see the reality.

DRL lists the NOFOs they have released since Nov 2020 on the State Dept website here:  
[https://www.state.gov/statements-of-interest-requests-for-proposals-and-notice-of-funding-opportunity/?coll filter year&coll filter month&coll filter country&coll filter release type&coll filter bureau=73&results](https://www.state.gov/statements-of-interest-requests-for-proposals-and-notice-of-funding-opportunity/?coll%5Bfilter%5Dyear&coll%5Bfilter%5Dmonth&coll%5Bfilter%5Dcountry&coll%5Bfilter%5Drelease%5Btype%5D&coll%5Bfilter%5Dbureau=73&results)

There are 100 NOFOs listed. Of those 100 listed, in addition to the Israel NOFO, I found 6 other NOFOs that addressed accountability or human rights writ large in a specific country. Check out the six countries:

*Supporting Efforts to Address Accountability, Justice, and the Rule of Law in **Libya** JANUARY 21, 2022*

*Promoting and Protecting Human Rights in **Malaysia** DECEMBER 21, 2021*

*Supporting Democracy, Human Rights, and Rule of Law in **Syria** APRIL 27, 2021*

*Strengthening Democracy and Human Rights in **Thailand** APRIL 12, 2021*

*Supporting Transparency and Accountability in Sudan FEBRUARY 16, 2021*  
*Burma Democracy and Human Rights Programs DECEMBER 7, 2020*

In the email chain that was run on the Free Beacon article (attached) when we were putting points together, (b)(6) noted, "Aren't there some democratic European countries where we have funded programs, too? If so, it would be good to list one or two of those. I just cleared on a NOFO, for instance, involving Roma in Eastern Europe." Below is the program description from the Roma Inclusion NOFO and the Israel NOFO. See the difference. One is talking about inclusion of a minority group, the other is talking about collecting documentation to pursue ACCOUNTABILITY, TRUTH and SUPPORT TO SURVIVORS OF ATROCITIES.

***DRL Promoting Roma Inclusion in Central Europe***

*DRL's goal is to increase civic and political participation of Roma, as well as other ethnic minorities, in Central Europe. DRL requests proposals that seek to increase the capacity of Roma and other ethnic minority leaders to advocate for and effectuate their inclusion and to increase their representation in political parties. Activities could include: training Roma and other minority civic leaders and civil society organizations (CSOs) to effectively engage in political advocacy, and to participate in decision-making and political processes; providing opportunities for participants to network with other minority leaders both within their own countries and through regional civil society networks; and targeting training for civic leaders and CSOs on advocacy skills, political engagement, legal rights and enforcement, organizational management, community organizing, and communication skills. Countries that are eligible for participation include Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Hungary, Romania, and Slovakia. Proposals must include a minimum of three countries.*

***DRL Strengthening Human Rights and Accountability in Israel and the West Bank and Gaza***

*Program activities should focus on enabling independent civil society in Israel and the West Bank and Gaza to: collect, archive, and maintain human rights documentation to support justice and accountability and civil society-led advocacy efforts, which may include documentation of legal or security sector violations and housing, land, and property rights; understand and access the forums and processes available to take meaningful action in pursuing truth, accountability, and memorialization; and/or provide psychosocial support to survivors of atrocities.*

The issue isn't that DRL funds programs in European countries or other countries we are allied with – the issue is that DRL is funding a program to collect evidence of human rights abuses and atrocities in a country that is our ally. And the NOFO specifically says it may include documentation of violations of land and property rights! (I mean, come on!) Who wrote this thing??

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