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Subject: Bob Wright luncheon with reporter

I just spoke with [redacted] regarding this and saw your e-mail response to his message to you, and thought it would be prudent (for me) to give you my end of it. Wright did call me the other day to ask for my input (at [redacted] request) on a proposed meeting over lunch he was having with his attorney and a former reporter. He told me this meeting was simply to introduce him to this individual. He also told me that his attorney had advised him the Bureau could not prevent him from having lunch with someone, but that he didn't want to run afoul of anything and so sought Phil's advice and mine.

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My first question to him was whether any ground rules regarding his law suit had been proposed or established by his supervisor or the front office, and he emphatically told me "No." I did tell him that while I didn't think I could prevent him from having lunch with someone on his own time, that he absolutely could not discuss anything regarding FBI cases or files. He assured me that he would not, and indicated his attorney had set this up and that he didn't know much more about it other than it was just to be an introduction.

If there's the possibility that he'll be seeking advice from a number of parties during the course of this litigation, perhaps we should have a POC for him regarding questions like this, so there's a single voice. If there is POC I wasn't aware of it or I would have referred him to that person.

If we need to talk about this, let me know.

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