

From: ROBERT WRIGHT
To: [redacted]
Subject: Lunch meeting with a member of the media.

Dear Sir, My attorney, David Schippers, has invited me to have lunch with him and Carol Marin, 60 Minutes. Marin has expressed interest in the recent civil action filed on my behalf by Schippers. Marin has been told, and she agrees, that anything discussed during this lunch meeting is off the record. The lunch will allow us to become acquainted with one another. There will not be any news stories or news articles written as a result of this lunch meeting.

I am aware of the Bureau constraints regarding the discussion of Bureau matters with the media. I have no intentions to discuss pending cases, policies &/or classified information. However, should the issue of HAMAS &/or Mohammad Salah arise, my statements will be limited to available public source information, such as my affidavit from June 1998, which was filed in support of the seizure of HAMAS assets.

On 7/10/01, I discussed this matter with [redacted] Chicago Associate Division Counsel. Mr. [redacted] saw no problem with this lunch meeting provided I was aware of the Bureau constraints. I also informed my supervisor, SSA [redacted] about this matter.

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MCCHESEY, KATHLEEN,

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I thought you should all be aware of the attached E-mail of SA Robert G. Wright, Jr.

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From: KATHLEEN MCCHESENEY
To: [redacted]
Date: Fri, Jul 13, 2001 11:35 AM
Subject: Re: Fwd: Lunch meeting with a member of the media.

[redacted] this may be the result of bad timing, but I told Pat Daly on Wed. that Bob was not to do this, despite what [redacted] said. I will talk to [redacted] about it. Thanks -KM

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From: [redacted]
To: MCCHESENEY, KATHLEEN
Date: Fri, Jul 13, 2001 8:41 AM
Subject: Re: Fwd: Lunch meeting with a member of the media.

Kathleen - It is my understanding that SA Wright has met with the reporter and did so after consulting SA [redacted] as to Bu policy. I will insure that SA Wright is aware of your instructions and I will document the same.

>>> KATHLEEN MCCHESENEY 07/13 7:19 AM >>>

[redacted] As I told Pat Daly, our policy precludes this type of meeting and furthermore, even if there is publicly available information on the case it is in litigation and should NOT be discussed. Advise SA Wright he is not to have contact with the media regarding Bureau related matters, to "get to know" a reporter, etc. Though he is involved in a private lawsuit it centers around FBI operations and he cannot discuss that either. [redacted] I suggest you document your advice to Bob regarding this. - KM

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From: [REDACTED]
To: KMCCHESNEY
Date: Fri, Jul 13, 2001 9:38 AM
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 [REDACTED] advice and mine.

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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