

**Exhibit A**

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Good afternoon,

Happy New Year, gentlemen. FYSA I reached out to the case agent regarding an investigation question. During one of our exchanges, the case agent remarked to me, "they were the most cooperative and polite subjects/defendants I've dealt with in my 10 years in the FBI." Referencing both C. and M. Hand.

I wanted to pass that along to you consistent with my discovery obligations.

Sincerely,

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