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**Sent:** Friday, April 7, 2017 10:47 AM  
**To:** Dobbs, Michael X <DobbsMX@state.gov>; Pugliese, Millie G <PuglieseMG@state.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: Hotel Letters  
**Attach:** 170406 - Palm Beach FL (RON) Hotel Letter - MAR-A-LAGO.DOCX; 170406 - Hotel Letter (PRESS) PALM BEACH, FL (1).docx; 170406 - Palm Beach FL (RON) Hotel Letter - Updated.docx; 170406 - Palm Beach FL Hotel Letter - HYATT WEST PALM BEACH-signed.pdf

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Michael/Millie,

FYI – Attached are the hotel letters for the Xi visit. As Mike notes, the names and dates have shifted since the attached, but I want to pass along to give you a basic idea of who is where and the expected costs.

Best,

Tom

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**From:** Haidet, Michael B. EOP/WHO [mailto:  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 06, 2017 7:30 PM  
**To:** Parrillo, Thomas D; Wasserstein, Rebecca L. EOP/WHO  
**Subject:** RE: Hotel Letters

Tom – Please see attached.

- 1) Mar-a-Lago (RON/Senior Staff)
- 2) Tideline (Press)
- 3) Hampton Inn/Hilton Garden Inn (HUB)
- 4) Hyatt (Overflow)

It sounds like the manifest is changing a bit and a lot of people are going to depart tomorrow. McEntee is likely to shift over to MAL.

Is it easiest for you if we update these letters to reflect the final locations and dates of State-funded travelers?

Below is the hotel manifest for tonight. Note: Dates will likely change.

**APRIL 6-9, 2017 - PALM BEACH, FL  
STAFF ROOMING LIST**

Last	First	Title	Hotel	Room #	Arrival Date	Departure Date
Salem	Hannah	Press Lead	Hampton Inn - West Palm Beach	101	3/29/2017	4/9/2017
Hughes	William	Site Advance	Hampton Inn - West Palm Beach	122	4/5/2017	4/7/2017
Craighead	Shealah	Director of the White House Photo Office	Hampton Inn - West Palm Beach	128	4/6/2017	4/9/2017
Ambrosini	Michael	Director of the Office of the COS	Hampton Inn - West Palm Beach	205	4/6/2017	4/9/2017
Cullen	Myles	White House Photographer	Hampton Inn - West Palm Beach	210	4/6/2017	4/8/2017
Hinson	Alex	Press Site	Hampton Inn - West Palm Beach	220	4/2/2017	4/7/2017
Meadows	Michelle	Site Advance / Deputy Director of Press Advance	Hampton Inn - West Palm Beach	221	4/2/2017	4/7/2017
Lyons	Derek	Deputy White House Staff Secretary	Hampton Inn - West Palm Beach	301	4/6/2017	4/9/2017
Miller	Ben	Site Advance	Hampton Inn - West Palm Beach	309	4/3/2017	4/9/2017
Sands	Amy	White House Stenographer	Hampton Inn - West Palm Beach	310	4/6/2017	4/9/2017
McEntee	John	Personal Aide to the President	Hampton Inn - West Palm Beach	311	4/6/2017	4/7/2017
Karem	Jordan	Site Advance / Deputy Director of Advance	Hampton Inn - West Palm Beach	313	4/3/2017	4/7/2017
Caporale	Justin	Advance Lead	Hampton Inn - West Palm Beach	331	3/29/2017	4/9/2017
Recher	Jason	Site Advance	Hampton Inn - West Palm Beach	408	3/31/2017	4/7/2017
McCartier	Jonathan	Briefer	Hampton Inn - West Palm Beach	412	4/6/2017	4/9/2017
Forrest	Jordan	Site Advance / Senior Trip Coordinator	Hampton Inn - West Palm Beach	417	4/3/2017	4/9/2017
Cuzmar	Andrei	White House TV	Hilton Garden Inn - West Palm Beach	101	4/6/2017	4/9/2017
Lutkins	Cari	Deputy Director for Visits, Planning, and Diplomatic Affairs, NSC	Hilton Garden Inn - West Palm Beach	106	4/6/2017	4/9/2017
Fletcher	Mark	White House TV	Hilton Garden Inn - West Palm Beach	117	4/6/2017	4/9/2017
Adams	Christopher	Department of Treasury Director for Visits, Planning, and Diplomatic Affairs, NSC	Hilton Garden Inn - West Palm Beach	119	4/6/2017	4/7/2017
Lawler	Sean	NSC	Hilton Garden Inn - West Palm Beach	205	4/6/2017	4/7/2017
Cintron	Dan	Director for Japan and Oceania, NSC	Hilton Garden Inn - West Palm Beach	210	4/5/2017	4/9/2017
Pottinger	Matthew	Director of Asian Affairs, NSC	Hilton Garden Inn - West Palm Beach	403	4/6/2017	4/7/2017
Bray	Leah	Director for China, NSC	Hilton Garden Inn - West Palm Beach	410	4/5/2017	4/7/2017
Tillerson	Rex	Secretary of State	Mar-a-Lago Club	Adams Suite	4/6/2017	4/8/2017
Hagin	Joe	Deputy COS for Operations	Mar-a-Lago Club	Banyan Bungalow	4/6/2017	4/9/2017
Porter	Rob	Staff Secretary	Mar-a-Lago Club	Banyan Bungalow	4/6/2017	4/9/2017

Giggos	George	Trip Director / Director of Advance	Mar-a-Lago Club	Beach Penthouse 1	4/5/2017	4/9/2017
Thornton	Susan	State Department	Mar-a-Lago Club	Bridal Suite	4/6/2017	4/8/2017
Hicks	Hope	Director of Strategic Communications	Mar-a-Lago Club	Cabana 1	4/6/2017	4/7/2017
Hook	Brian	State Department	Mar-a-Lago Club	Cabana 2	4/6/2017	4/8/2017
Miller	Eli	Chief of Staff, Department of the Treasury	Mar-a-Lago Club	Cabana 3	4/6/2017	4/9/2017
Cohn	Gary	Director of the NEC	Mar-a-Lago Club	Cabana 4	4/6/2017	4/7/2017
Navarro	Peter	Director of National Trade Council	Mar-a-Lago Club	Cabana 4	4/7/2017	4/9/2017
Scavino	Dan	Director of Social Media	Mar-a-Lago Club	Cabana 5	4/6/2017	4/9/2017
Mattis	Jim	Secretary of Defense	Mar-a-Lago Club	Dutch Room	4/6/2017	4/9/2017
Reynolds	Lindsay	Chief of Staff, Office of the First Lady	Mar-a-Lago Club	EF Hutton Suite	4/6/2017	4/9/2017
McEntee	John	Personal Aide to the President	Mar-a-Lago Club	Fountain Suite	4/7/2017	4/9/2017
Powell	Dina	Deputy National Security Advisor for Strategy	Mar-a-Lago Club	Fountain Suite	4/6/2017	4/7/2017
Miller	Stephen	Senior Advisor for Policy	Mar-a-Lago Club	French Room	4/6/2017	4/9/2017
Spicer	Sean	Press Secretary	Mar-a-Lago Club	M.M. Post Suite	4/6/2017	4/7/2017
McMaster	H.R.	National Security Advisor	Mar-a-Lago Club	Pool Cottage 1	4/6/2017	4/9/2017
Schiller	Keith	Director of Oval Office Operations	Mar-a-Lago Club	Pool Cottage 2	4/6/2017	4/7/2017
Peterlin	Margaret	Chief of Staff, Department of State	Mar-a-Lago Club	Pool Cottage 3	4/6/2017	4/8/2017
Mnuchin	Steven	Secretary of the Treasury	Mar-a-Lago Club	Portuguese Room	4/6/2017	4/9/2017
		Diplomatic Security	Mar-a-Lago Club		4/6/2017	4/8/2017
Priebus	Reince	Chief of Staff	Mar-a-Lago Club	Spanish Room	4/6/2017	4/9/2017
Bannon	Steve	Chief Strategist & Senior Counselor	Mar-a-Lago Club	Sunshine Room	4/6/2017	4/9/2017
Morrone	Vanessa	Advisor to the Press Secretary	Tideline Ocean Resort & Spa	401	4/6/2017	4/7/2017
Coia	Giovanna	Press Assistant	Tideline Ocean Resort & Spa	406	4/6/2017	4/9/2017
Grisham	Stephanie	Deputy Press Secretary	Tideline Ocean Resort & Spa	427	4/6/2017	4/9/2017
Anton	Michael	Strategic Communications, NSC	Tideline Ocean Resort & Spa	504	4/6/2017	4/7/2017

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Thanks,  
Mike

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**From:** Parrillo, Thomas D [mailto:ParrilloTD@state.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 6, 2017 7:09 PM  
**To:** Haidet, Michael B. EOP/WHO [redacted]; Wasserstein, Rebecca L. EOP/WHO [redacted]  
**Subject:** Hotel Letters

Mike/Rebecca,

When you have a moment, would you mind sending me the hotel letter for the various hotels that we're using on the Xi trip?

Thanks,

Tom

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**STAFF – STATE DEPARTMENT – OFFICIAL  
BILLING PROCEDURES  
NEGOTIATED RATES/TAX EXEMPT**

As a confirmation, Eastlake, Inc. has been quoted the following daily room rates:

- **Negotiated Rate: \$305.00**
- **Parking – TBD**

**Incidentals** (room service, personal phone calls, mini-bar, movies, etc.) are the responsibility of each individual staff person. Payment on incidental charges should be made by the staff person incurring those charges prior to their departure from the hotel. A credit card imprint should be obtained from each person upon check-in. **The hotel should note on all portfolios that incidentals may not be charged against any staff office space.**

**STAFF:**

Eastlake will only be responsible for the room charges. These rooms should be charged at the government rate if available and are tax-exempt (government tax exemption #9199-77489-01). Payment for any other charges requires prior written approval from this office. Payment of the direct bill will be made upon receipt of a correct and final invoice following internal financial approval. Payment will be made in accordance with government regulations and policies. Please email individual room vouchers and billing information to:

**ATTN: Millie Purliese  
Office of the Presidential Travel Support  
U.S. Department of State  
Phone: (202) 663-2945 Email: PuglieseMG@state.gov**

Please note office space may incur an additional room night charge depending on break down time.

**STAFF:**

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|----------------------|------------|---------------------|
| 1. Stephanie Grisham | Single – 1 | 06 April – 08 April |
| 2. Giovanna Coia     | Single – 1 | 06 April – 08 April |
| 3. Sean Spicer       | Single – 1 | 06 April – 08 April |
| 4. Vanessa Morrone   | Single – 1 | 06 April – 08 April |

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**ATTN: Travel Support Services; Robert Kryder  
Washington, DC 20503  
Phone: 202-395-1141  
Fax: 202-395-7778 Email:**

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**STAFF:**

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| 5. Stephanie Grisham | Single – 1 | 08 April – 09 April |
| 6. Giovanna Coia     | Single – 1 | 08 April – 09 April |

**BILLING PROCEDURES  
NEGOTIATED RATES**

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- **Negotiated Rate – \$305.00**
- **Pool Hold Room – Element Room (\$350 per day) / Garden Room (\$500 per day)**
- **Parking – TBD**

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**ROOM CHARGES** will be handled as follows:

**Media:**

Media members will pay for their sleeping rooms individually using personal or corporate credit cards. *Any additional costs incurred for the media, such as catering or function space, must be approved through our office and billed through Travel Command:*

ATTN: WH Press Corps  
White House Travel Office

202-881-8639

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**Media Needs:**

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| 1. Press Pool Hold | Meeting Space | 06 April – 09 April |
| 2. TBD             | Singles – 36  | 06 April – 09 April |

**BILLING PROCEDURES  
NEGOTIATED RATES/TAX EXEMPT**

As a confirmation, WHTV has been quoted the following daily room rates:

- **Negotiated Rate: \$305.00**
- **Parking – TBD**

**CHARGES** will be handled as follows:

Self-Pay

**WHTV:**

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| 1. TBD WHTV | Single – 1 | 06 April – 09 April |
| 2. TBD WHTV | Single – 1 | 06 April – 09 April |

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**Sent:** Thursday, April 6, 2017 12:53 PM  
**To:** Pugliese, Millie G <PuglieseMG@state.gov>  
**Cc:** Dobbs, Michael X <DobbsMX@state.gov>; Curtis, Melinda M <CurtisMM@state.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: Staffing Hold Friday Invoice  
**Attach:** CO1216431\_Staff Holding Area\_4-7-17.pdf; ATT00001.htm

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Millie,

The WH called me this morning to inform me of a cost for setting up the staff hold area in the grand ballroom at MAL. The vendor's invoice is attached; would we be able to use your credit card to fund the request?

Best,

Tom

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**Sent:** Thursday, April 06, 2017 12:16 PM  
**To:** Parrillo, Thomas D  
**Subject:** Staffing Hold Friday Invoice

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Hi Thomas,

Attached is the invoice we spoke about earlier.

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**Sent:** Thursday, April 6, 2017 12:46 PM  
**To:** Dobbs, Michael X <DobbsMX@state.gov>; Curtis, Melinda M <CurtisMM@state.gov>  
**Cc:** Pugliese, Millie G <PuglieseMG@state.gov>  
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Michael/Melinda,

The WH just forwarded the attached costs for building out the staff hold space in the grand ballroom area. Please let me know how you would like us to proceed.

Best,

Tom

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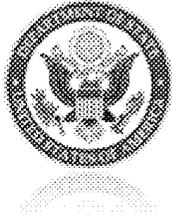
**From:** Curtis, Melinda M <CurtisMM@state.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 1, 2017 7:42 AM **RELEASE IN PART B6**  
**To:** Dobbs, Michael X <DobbsMX@state.gov>  
**Cc:** Pugliese, Millie G <PuglieseMG@state.gov>; Parrillo, Thomas D <ParrilloTD@state.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: 4/06 Updated Hotel Letters  
**Attach:** SKM\_C454e17042002380.pdf; SKM\_C454e17050304281.pdf

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The first attachment was paid on the travel credit card. The second was paid on the new lodging credit card.

*Melinda Curtis*

**Budget Analyst**  
**Office of Presidential Travel Support**  
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**From:** Dobbs, Michael X  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 31, 2017 2:06 PM  
**To:** Curtis, Melinda M  
**Cc:** Pugliese, Millie G; Parrillo, Thomas D  
**Subject:** FW: 4/06 Updated Hotel Letters

Melinda,

Did we fund these rooms with your credit card at Mar-a-Lago? See attached invoices.

Regards,

*Michael Dobbs*

*Director, Office of Presidential Travel Support (PTS)*

*U.S. Department of State*

*2401 E Street, NW*

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**Sent:** Thursday, August 31, 2017 1:48 PM  
**To:** Pugliese, Millie G; Parrillo, Thomas D ([ParrilloTD@state.gov](mailto:ParrilloTD@state.gov))  
**Subject:** RE: 4/06 Updated Hotel Letters

+Tom Parrillo.

Tom,

Do we know what this trip to Mar-a-Lago is in support of (pre-advance or advance)?

Regards,

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**To:** Dobbs, Michael X  
**Subject:** FW: 4/06 Updated Hotel Letters

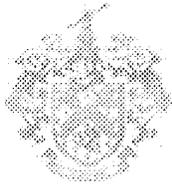
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**From:** Beverly Van Every [mailto: [REDACTED]]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 30, 2017 12:37 PM  
**To:** Pugliese, Millie G  
**Subject:** FW: 4/06 Updated Hotel Letters

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Trump International Golf Club  
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**From:** Haidet, Michael B. EOP/WHO [mailto: [REDACTED]]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 19, 2017 1:54 PM  
**To:** Heather Rinkus <[REDACTED]>; Beverly Van Every <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** 4/06 Updated Hotel Letters

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Mike

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**Sent:** Tuesday, September 5, 2017 11:24 AM  
**To:** Dobbs, Michael X <DobbsMX@state.gov>; Pugliese, Millie G <PuglieseMG@state.gov>  
**Cc:** Curtis, Melinda M <CurtisMM@state.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: 4/06 Updated Hotel Letters

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Hi Michael,

Hope you're well. Though this appears based on the email chain that it may be resolved, this attachments in question represent the bills from the advance/actual visit of President Xi of China to Mar-a-Lago.

Best,

Tom

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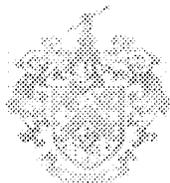
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**Sent:** Thursday, August 31, 2017 1:13 PM  
**To:** Beverly Van Every <[redacted]>  
**Cc:** Haidet, Michael B. EOP/WHO [redacted] Dobbs,  
Michael X <DobbsMX@state.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: 4/06 Updated Hotel Letters

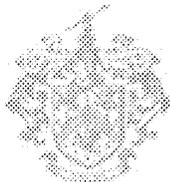
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Beverly please send us a folio for all senior staff asap.

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**Subject:** 4/06 Updated Hotel Letters

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**From:** Guthrie, Peter A <GuthriePA@state.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 12, 2017 4:56 PM  
**To:** Gidez, Frances Z <GidezFZ@state.gov>; Harris, Katherine A <HarrisKA2@state.gov>; Jacobs, Christine M <jacobscm@state.gov>  
**Cc:** Pan, Angela P <PanAP@state.gov>; Dinkelman, John W <DinkelmanJW@state.gov>; Meterko, Lisa M <MeterkoLM@state.gov>; Dobbs, Michael X <DobbsMX@state.gov>; Ngo, Phong C <NgoPC@state.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Can you tell me where these funds came from?

If those inquiries don't pan out, it may also be worthwhile to check with DS, as the expenses appear to possibly be security-related and linked to USSS protection.

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**From:** Gidez, Frances Z  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 12, 2017 4:53 PM  
**To:** Harris, Katherine A; Jacobs, Christine M  
**Cc:** Guthrie, Peter A; Pan, Angela P; Dinkelman, John W; Meterko, Lisa M; Dobbs, Michael X; Ngo, Phong C  
**Subject:** RE: Can you tell me where these funds came from?

We've not had these charges claimed for payment.  
I'm checking with WHA as I understand that the FOIA request was responded to by Consulate Vancouver. Maybe there's a pot of money used by the Consulate that explains the 15K - seems strange to me.  
Protocol didn't support the trip [which K funds would have covered]  
I've also got an email into Presidential Travel Staff [Michael Dobbs and Phong Ngo] to ascertain if they supported [which could have also been covered out of K funds].  
Regards, Fran

Fran Z. Gidez  
M/EDCS  
K Fund Director and Gift Funds Coordinator  
U.S. Department of State  
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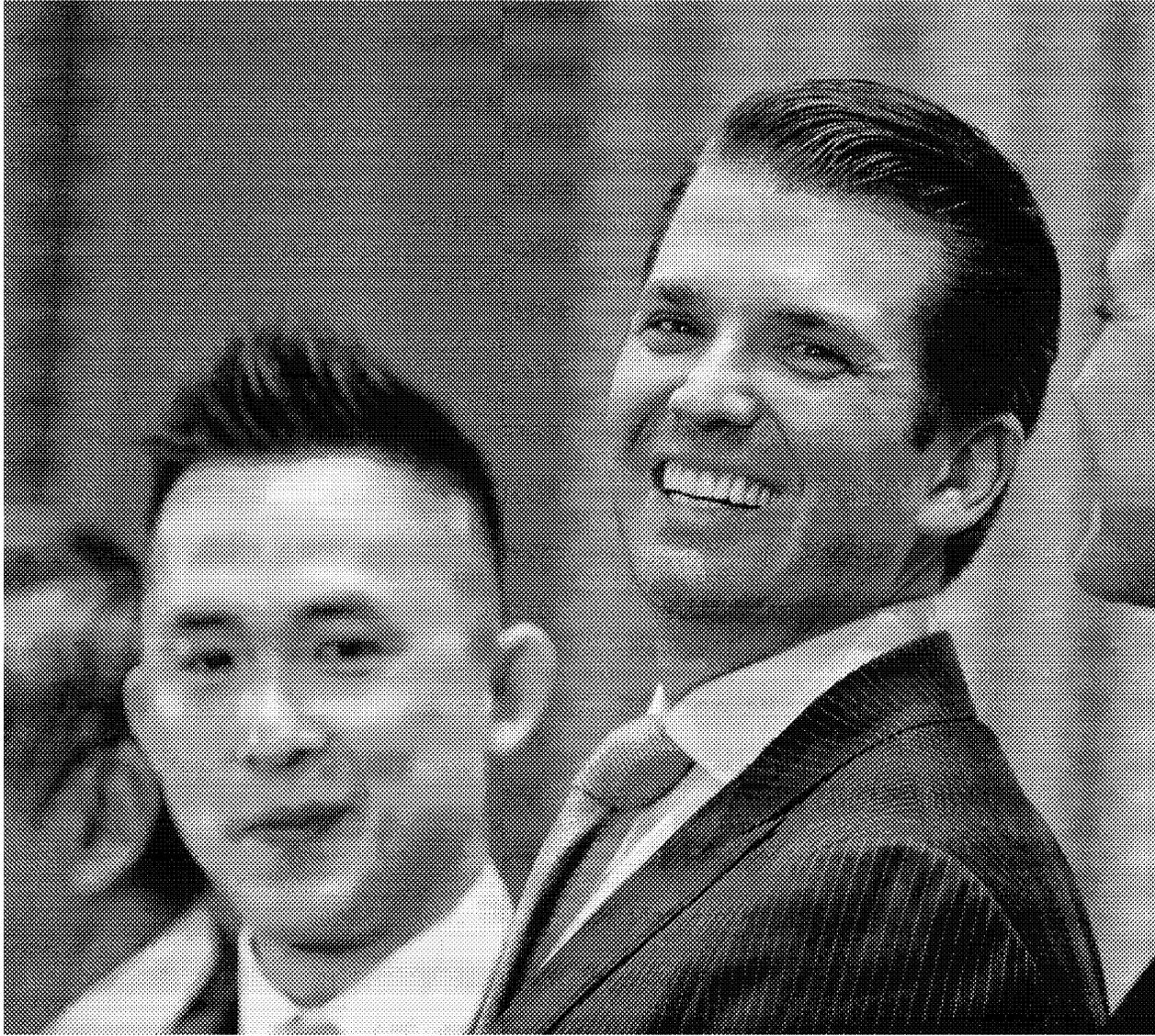
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PA folks are on it. I'll circle back with WHA PD tomorrow.

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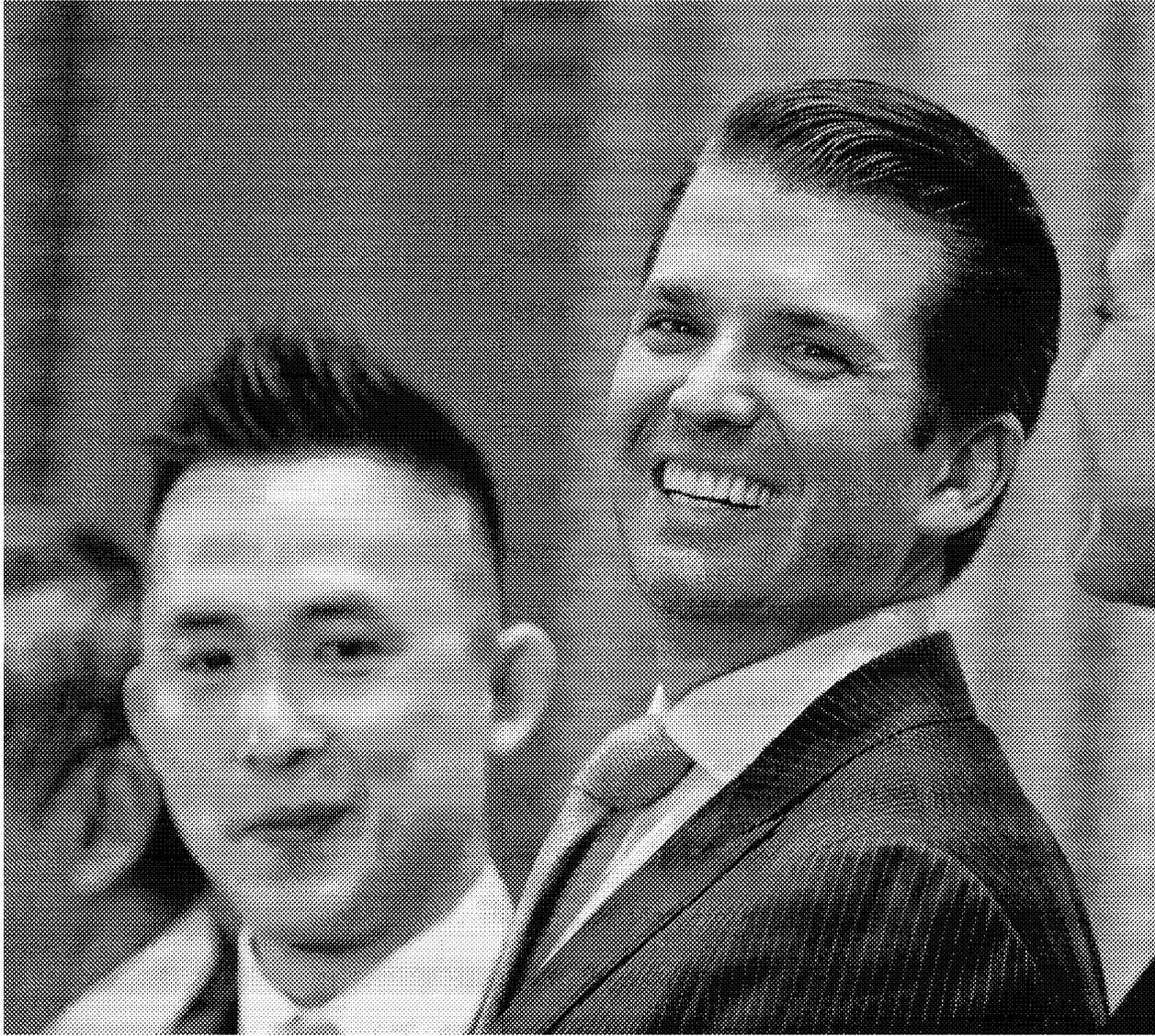
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Amelia

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-Michael

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Don SchlienZ  
Team Leader/Contracting Officer  
Worldwide Division/Regional Support Branch  
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Regards,

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Julianne,

Thanks for the clarification. Attached is an excel summary sheet with two tabs summarizing A Bureau State Department personnel expenses. Tab 1 is the Japanese PM trip and Tab 2 the Chinese Premier trip.

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Regards, Amelia

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In follow-up to our entrance last month – here is a revised data request from GAO. **Deadline is August 31.**

Adding the regional bureaus and the Protocol office for their data as well.

Any questions, let me know.

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Julie,

See if the attached request makes sense to you. If it doesn't, maybe a brief conversation next week might be helpful.

John

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1		<b>POTUS - Feb 10 - 12, 2017 (Mar-a-Largo)</b>						
2	Item #	Type of Expense	Vendor/Traveler	Total Cost	Transportation (Rental Cars)	Lodging	M&IE	Other Misc
3	1	L9 - 1087700395	Koari Marshall, Intepreter	<b>\$2,800.00</b>				\$2,800.00
4	2	TO - 1087720120	Lefteris Kafatos	<b>\$610.42</b>	\$9.82	\$438.00	\$147.50	\$15.10
5			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,410.42</b>				

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3	State contractor interpreter
4	State - Interpreter
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4	2	TO - 1087720155	James Brown	\$5,034.53	\$3,479.06	\$989.88	\$324.50	\$241.09
5	3	TO - 1087720152	Yunhyang Lee	\$1,628.42	\$588.42	\$742.41	\$206.50	\$91.09
6	4	TO - 1087720151	Michael Yan	\$2,228.23	\$995.64	\$876.00	\$265.50	\$91.09
7	5	L9 - 1087700049	Lam Chung-Pollpeter	\$3,560.00				\$3,560.00
8	6	L9 - 1087700030	Su Yu Ruby Lai	\$2,860.00				\$2,860.00
9	7	L9 - 1087700031	Chi Lee	\$2,860.00				\$2,860.00
10	8	AQ - SAQMMA17F0205	Goldbelt (Su Yu Ruby Lai)	\$1,555.90	\$606.99	\$742.41	\$206.50	
11	9	AQ - SAQMMA17F0205	Goldbelt (Lam Chung-Pollpeter)	\$1,720.90	\$579.40	\$876.00	\$265.50	
12	10	AQ - SAQMMA17F0205	Goldbelt (Chi Lee)	\$1,510.05	\$561.14	\$742.41	\$206.50	
13			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$23,881.36</b>				

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Amelia,

Audio and Video (AV) technicians Charles Turner, Anthony Crook and Tony Sims traveled to Mar-a-Lago to support the POTUS visit with the President of China o/a April 6-7, 2017.

Regards,

*Michael Dobbs*

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We are happy to talk to them on the process that I think they will like – if they want to get paid.

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**To:** Stever, John J; Bemish, Renee C

**Cc:** Dobbs, Michael X  
**Subject:** RE: POTUS - Palm Beach, Florida (Mar-a-Lago)

John,

I defer to you on who makes the call. Ed from MAL spoke with PTS earlier this week about some billing questions, but given the FAR component, it may have more weight coming from your shop. Let me know what you think.

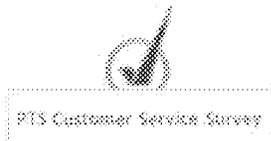
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Tom

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Overall – good news. If they bring down the cost to \$3,500, we should be able to use our credit card which contain no FAR clauses. Do you want us to contact them to discuss the cost?

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Thanks Tom -

Afraid if Maralargo wants to be paid, they will need to bring the amount for State under \$3500.

They need to understand that is our max limit BECAUSE they are unwilling/unable to accept a PO or BPA due to the FAR clauses.

Adding John Stever for further discussion between AQM and PTS expert negotiators.

Thanks,  
Renee

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Sorry it's not better news.

Tom

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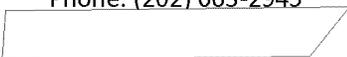
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Hi Michael – Have you received the bill for the shared conference space?

Clarification Dennis provided on “splitting” bills is helpful (I think).

Have you received a bill yet?

Thanks,  
Renee

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**To:** Gallagher, Dennis J; Read, Cathy J; Bemish, Renee C  
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Agree – With sleeping rooms costing \$600/night, I am wondering how much it will cost

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I agree, but you don't have to bundle purchases from multiple trips. The splitting issue would arise if multiple conference rooms were being booked for the same trip.

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Renee,

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Regards,

-Michael Dobbs

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WH is paying for the rooms via credit card authorization form. They can only charge our cards in \$10K increments.

Hope that helps.

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Allison,

I don't know if I have asked this before but how is OA funding the rooms at Mar-a-Lago for WH staff accompanying POTUS on the weekend? Any assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Regards,

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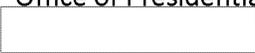
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Some of the rooms were \$520/night on the Japan trip as well.

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\$546 --- I believe which is 300% of the lodging per diem.

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Ok – Do you know what they charged for each room?

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John,

FYSA, We (PTS) only paid for the sleeping rooms with PTS' CBA card not the function space.

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**Cc:** Parrillo, Thomas D <ParrilloTD@state.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: POTUS - Palm Beach, Florida (Mar-a-Lago)

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Perfect. All is good.

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\$546 --- I believe which is 300% of the lodging per diem.

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Ok – Do you know what they charged for each room?

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**Cc:** Parrillo, Thomas D  
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John,

FYSA, We (PTS) only paid for the sleeping rooms with PTS' CBA card not the function space.

Regards,

Michael Dobbs

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**Sent:** Tuesday, April 18, 2017 8:31 AM  
**To:** Dobbs, Michael X  
**Subject:** RE: POTUS - Palm Beach, Florida (Mar-a-Lago)

Thanks Michael – Cathy Read is out this week, so I will follow up with AQM's John Stever.

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As stated by Cathy and Dennis yesterday, this is not a payment option we/State have FAR authority to follow.

You mentioned a CBA travel card that might be used to pay for lodging costs incurred by WH staff during recent Japanese and Chinese delegation visits to Mar-a-largo.

Could such a card be issued to PTS to pay consolidated lodging invoices for reservations made by PTS on behalf of POTUS and/or VPOTUS travel?

Thank you,  
Renee

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**Sent:** Tuesday, April 11, 2017 6:50 AM  
**To:** Bemish, Renee C  
**Subject:** RE: POTUS - Palm Beach, Florida (Mar-a-Lago)

I'm leaving here at 930 for TDY; so have time in the am...but using the travel card as Chris suggested is much better than trying to use any purchase card....

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**To:** Read, Cathy J  
**Subject:** FW: POTUS - Palm Beach, Florida (Mar-a-Lago)

Hi Cathy – Please see following.

Do you have time to discuss in the morning?

Thanks,  
Renee

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See response from Allison below.

Regards,

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**To:** Dobbs, Michael X  
**Cc:** Kryder, Robert S. EOP/OA  
**Subject:** Re: POTUS - Palm Beach, Florida (Mar-a-Lago)

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Have them contact Robert, as he has been working directly on Mar.

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Meals are separate through our travel system. And the hotel sends us an invoice that breaks out each travelers amount due.

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Are you grouping multiple travelers under one invoice for rooms only or does that include meals?

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**Cc:** Dobbs, Michael X <DobbsMX@state.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: POTUS - Palm Beach, Florida (Mar-a-Lago)

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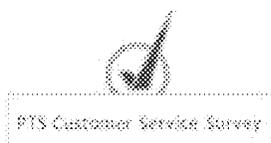
Thanks, John; I appreciate all of your help with this.

Tom

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Tom – We are still trying to reach them. We have left several message and they have not returned our calls.

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**To:** Stever, John J

**Cc:** Dobbs, Michael X  
**Subject:** RE: POTUS - Palm Beach, Florida (Mar-a-Lago)

Hi John,

Hope you're well today. Were you or a member of your team able to reach MAL about the function space?

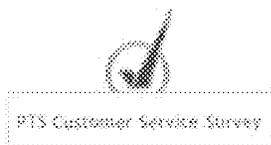
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We be happy to talk to them on the process that I think they will like – if they want to get paid.

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**Cc:** Dobbs, Michael X  
**Subject:** RE: POTUS - Palm Beach, Florida (Mar-a-Lago)

John,

I defer to you on who makes the call. Ed from MAL spoke with PTS earlier this week about some billing questions, but given the FAR component, it may have more weight coming from your shop. Let me know what you think.

Best,

Tom

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Overall – good news. If they bring down the cost to \$3,500, we should be able to use our credit card which contain no FAR clauses. Do you want us to contact them to discuss the cost?

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Thanks Tom -

Afraid if Maralargo wants to be paid, they will need to bring the amount for State under \$3500.

They need to understand that is our max limit BECAUSE they are unwilling/unable to accept a PO or BPA due to the FAR clauses.

Adding John Stever for further discussion between AQM and PTS expert negotiators.

Thanks,  
Renee

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**Cc:** Dobbs, Michael X  
**Subject:** RE: POTUS - Palm Beach, Florida (Mar-a-Lago)

No, the cost for the ballroom is only \$500; all of the rest are PTS expenses, so our final total is \$3,750, which is over the limit.

Sorry it's not better news.

Tom

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Thanks Tom – so total cost of the shared function space was \$4,000 and the Press Corp is responsible for paying half. Is that right?

If so, this appears to be good news as it puts the cost below the AQM purchase card limit of \$3,500.

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Hi Renee,

Hope this finds you well. Michael asked me to send to you the invoice that Mar-a-Lago sent to PTS for the function space usage for President Xi's visit. Along with that, I'm also attaching files that show how the space was used. Since both staff and the WH Press Corps made use of the Grand Ballroom on Friday, the press corps will bear half of the cost for that room for that day. Please let me know if you have any further questions.

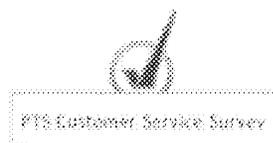
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Hi Michael – Have you received the bill for the shared conference space?

Clarification Dennis provided on “splitting” bills is helpful (I think).

Have you received a bill yet?

Thanks,  
Renee

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**To:** Gallagher, Dennis J; Read, Cathy J; Bemish, Renee C  
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Agree – With sleeping rooms costing \$600/night, I am wondering how much it will cost to use the ballroom and all the AV equipment for two or three days. We have not seen the invoice so I have no idea.

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I agree, but you don't have to bundle purchases from multiple trips. The splitting issue would arise if multiple conference rooms were being booked for the same trip.

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If the cost of the meeting rooms exceed \$3,500.00, I am not sure using Millie's purchase card for the meeting rooms is the right way to go. In the past we've applied her card as a payment mechanism connected with a signed contract document that the hotels signed. Under \$3,500.00 should be fine. At the all hands meeting which included Dennis, he made it clear that we cannot split the purchases in order to keep the cost under \$3,500.00.

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It appears WH is using a government purchase card to pay for staff lodging at Mar-a-largo. Per note below, they are doing so in \$10,000 increments.

As stated by Cathy and Dennis yesterday, this is not a payment option we/State have FAR authority to follow.

You mentioned a CBA travel card that might be used to pay for lodging costs incurred by WH staff during recent Japanese and Chinese delegation visits to Mar-a-largo.

Could such a card be issued to PTS to pay consolidated lodging invoices for reservations made by PTS on behalf of POTUS and/or VPOTUS travel?

Thank you,  
Renee

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**From:** Read, Cathy J  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 11, 2017 6:50 AM  
**To:** Bemish, Renee C  
**Subject:** RE: POTUS - Palm Beach, Florida (Mar-a-Lago)

I'm leaving here at 930 for TDY; so have time in the am...but using the travel card as Chris suggested is much better than trying to use any purchase card....

Cathy J. Read  
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**Sent:** Monday, April 10, 2017 4:52 PM  
**To:** Read, Cathy J  
**Subject:** FW: POTUS - Palm Beach, Florida (Mar-a-Lago)

Hi Cathy – Please see following.

Do you have time to discuss in the morning?

Thanks,  
Renee

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**Sent:** Monday, April 10, 2017 4:14 PM  
**To:** Bemish, Renee C  
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Renee,

See response from Allison below.

Regards,

-Michael Dobbs

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Curious – I wonder if they are using a government purchase card or a government travel card.

Would you be OK with someone else calling Ms. Johnson – me or Cathy Read?

Thank you,  
Renee

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FYI.....from the Office of Administration at the White House.

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**Sent:** Monday, April 10, 2017 4:28 PM  
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**Subject:** RE: POTUS - Palm Beach, Florida (Mar-a-Lago)

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**From:** Sligh, Amelia C <SlighAC@state.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 30, 2017 8:11 AM  
**To:** Shinnick, Julianne <ShinnickJ@state.gov>  
**Cc:** Dobbs, Michael X <DobbsMX@state.gov>; Hufford, Thomas F <HuffordTF@state.gov>; Hoy, Ryan J <HoyRJ@state.gov>; Bemish, Renee C <BemishR@state.gov>; DeGarmo, Janice L <DeGarmoJL@state.gov>; Rogier, Seth M <RogierSM@state.gov>  
**Subject:** Revised Submission: Costs of Presidential Travel GAO Engagement (101986)  
**Attach:** Tab 2 - 13. TO 2043720374.pdf; Tab 2 - 14. TO 8728710129.pdf; GAO - Mar-a-Largo-Summary- State Only.xlsx; Tab 1 - 1. L9 1087700395.pdf; Tab 1 - 2. TO 1087720120.pdf; Tab 2 - 1. TO 2043720307.pdf; Tab 2 - 2. TO 1087720155.pdf; Tab 2 - 3. TO 1087720152.pdf; Tab 2 - 4. TO 1087720151.pdf; Tab 2 - 5. L9 1087700049.pdf; Tab 2 - 6. L9 1087700030.pdf; Tab 2 - 7. L9 108770031.pdf; Tab 2 - 8. AQ SAQMMA17F0205.pdf; Tab 2 - 9. AQ SAQMMA17F0205.pdf; Tab 2 - 10. AQ SAQMMA17F0205.pdf; Tab 2 - 11. TO 2043720370.pdf; Tab 2 - 12. TO 2043720373.pdf

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Jul,

Please use this version. We added 4 new items we omitted yesterday. Please disregard the submission yesterday. Thanks. Amelia

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**From:** Shinnick, Julianne  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 29, 2017 4:57 PM  
**To:** Sligh, Amelia C  
**Cc:** Dobbs, Michael X; Hufford, Thomas F; Hoy, Ryan J; Bemish, Renee C; DeGarmo, Janice L; Rogier, Seth M  
**Subject:** RE: Costs of Presidential Travel GAO Engagement (101986)

Thanks Amelia! Jul.

Director, GAO Liaison

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Julianne,

Thanks for the clarification. Attached is an excel summary sheet with two tabs summarizing A Bureau State Department personnel expenses. Tab 1 is the Japanese PM trip and Tab 2 the Chinese Premier trip.

The pdf are the supporting documents. If they need all State expenses supporting the White House, we have a lot more transactions that we're working on just in case. Let me know if you need anything else.  
Regards, Amelia

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**Sent:** Tuesday, August 29, 2017 1:50 PM  
**To:** Sligh, Amelia C  
**Subject:** RE: Costs of Presidential Travel GAO Engagement (101986)

I just re-read the question – yep, he's just asking about State personnel. Thanks for calling. Jul.

Director, GAO Liaison

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**From:** Shinnick, Julianne  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 17, 2017 4:37 PM  
**To:** Mennuti, Jonathan R; Green, Reginald J; Dobbs, Michael X; Sligh, Amelia C; Dinkelman, John W; Blackstone, Kevin; Roberts, Asel K; VanVranken, Howard  
**Cc:** Bemish, Renee C; Harris, Katherine A; Schwan, Elizabeth J; Donnelly, Paulette V; Wearmouth, James; Boluda, Gladys  
**Subject:** Costs of Presidential Travel GAO Engagement (101986)  
**Importance:** High

In follow-up to our entrance last month – here is a revised data request from GAO. **Deadline is August 31.**

Adding the regional bureaus and the Protocol office for their data as well.

Any questions, let me know.

Director, GAO Liaison

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**From:** Wren, John C [mailto:  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 17, 2017 2:10 PM  
**To:** Shinnick, Julianne  
**Subject:** Revised Data Request

Julie,

See if the attached request makes sense to you. If it doesn't, maybe a brief conversation next week might be helpful.

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John