

Memorandum

SubjectDate

Memorandum seeking Travel Authorization August 14, 2007

Operation Leap Year

ToFrom

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██████████, Chief

Northern Division

I. INTRODUCTION

This memorandum seeks travel authorization to travel to New York from August 19 to August 22, 2007, in connection with Operation Leap Year.

II. THE PROPOSED TRAVEL AND ITS PURPOSE

As you know, we plan to present a final indictment to the grand jury in approximately four weeks. There are some essential interviews that need to be completed prior to indictment. Those have been delayed both due to the expense and also because the target is likely to learn about them. We previously had kept much of the investigation under wraps, which is no longer a concern. Accordingly, I propose to travel to New York on the evening of Sunday, August 19 and returning Wednesday, August 22nd. FBI Special Agents ██████████ and ██████████ also will be traveling, although they plan to stay through the week to do some surveillance work.

First, we would like to interview and/or serve target letters on two of Mr. Epstein's assistants – ██████████ and ██████████. At this time, we are debating whether or not to indict ██████████, so her interview will be helpful in determining her criminal culpability.

Second, we plan to interview one of Mr. Epstein's former personal assistants, Lesley Groff. Groff used to hold the position now held by ██████████, and she was responsible for making all of Mr. Epstein's personal arrangements. In an interview, Epstein referred to Groff as his "personal cell phone." We have recently interviewed a girl who was involved with Epstein in 2001, when Groff was a more active participant in Epstein's affairs.

Third, we plan to interview a personal friend of Epstein, Jean Luc, who is the head of MC² Modeling Agency. Jean Luc appears on several of the message pads. Some of the messages describe young girls that he would like Epstein to meet (including a 16-year-old who would teach Russian to Epstein), and another references a noted urologist who could help Epstein with his "problem." (It should be noted that there are now three girls who mention that Epstein's penis appeared abnormal.)

Fourth, we plan to interview one of Epstein's former personal chefs. One other personal chef has already been interviewed and was a wealth of information regarding the comings and goings of the girls. Many of the girls describe having meals prepared for them by the personal chef.

We also are trying to make contact with persons who may have 404(b)-type evidence.

FBI will be providing the car rental, but the Office will have to bear the costs of the flight and hotel room.