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Subject: article

Of course, I assume they mean lawyers within the WH and not DOJ. I'm about to send out a friendly reminder that we don't talk to the press.

https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/trumps-lawyers-seek-to-undercut-muellers-russia-investigation/2017/07/20/232ebf2c-6d71-11e7-b9e2-2056e768a7e5_story.html?hpid=hp_no-name_no-name%3Apage%2Fbreaking-news-bar&tid=a_breakingnews&utm_term=.1a06d8d499e4

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Subject: RE: happy Monday

I'm glad church camp was good, despite the rain! It looks like it ☺ I love camping, it's been too long!

I think similar thoughts have been passed around the office in some form in recent days, based on media reporting of this being a possibility. Ultimately, we serve a support role to the President. If something like this were to happen in any form, Twitter or otherwise, I think we would have very little if any involvement. Similar to the Manning case (b) (5) we would just be creating a WF for our records that a pardon was issued (even though in that case we did have a petition, (b) (5)). Plainly, there's no way to plan for the unexpected, especially since we likely won't have any solid details on any action of this nature until/unless it actually happens. Just an observation of past actions by this administration. And because the volume would be much less than we have dealt with in the past, really whatever they do throw our way, we'll likely be able to handle with no sweat. So while it is an unknown which makes it somewhat nerve-wracking, much like life in general, we can't try to be 2 steps ahead when we don't know which path we're being led down just yet ☺

From: Pendergrass, Matthew J. (OPATTY)
Sent: Monday, July 31, 2017 8:46 AM
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Subject: happy Monday

Hi, Jen,

I hope you had a nice weekend. I thought you might find interesting this internet news story excerpt. I have long thought this (referring to the non-warrant requirement, specifically Twitter) was a possibility and it looks like I am not alone. We should be prepared for this, but who knows how to do that or if it matters at all....

There'd be very little required of Trump if he decided to grant any pardons. The White House could issue a fairly short statement, and the form wouldn't really matter, Love said. Trump could do it in a tweet if he wanted, as USA Today wrote in January. (The biggest restriction might be Twitter's character limit: The key portion of Ford's letter pardoning Nixon ran to 442 characters. If Trump were to write something similar, he'd need to split it into a few tweets.)

"The president can do this pretty much in any form he wants, as long as it's a public announcement," Love said. The pardon doesn't even need to be a written document, she added: "Stick your head out the window, yell it out in the street." It just needs to be a matter of record that the pardon was issued.

Of course, the really remarkable thing is not that the words “Twitter” and “presidential pardon” are being mentioned in the same sentence. It’s the fact that Trump would consider issuing a preemptive pardon for a member of his family at all.

“It’d Be Pretty Easy For Trump To Pardon His Family Members. He Could Even Tweet It.” http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/trump-pardons-russia-probe_us_59762032e4b00e4363e1249b?ncid=inblnkushpmg00000009

PS – church camp was good. Only had to rescue two lost cars ☺ And rainy....



