

Eilperin, Juliet

From: Eilperin, Juliet
Sent: Tuesday, September 10, 2019 7:14 PM
To: Julie Roberts - NOAA Federal
Subject: RE: I was hoping to talk to you for a few minutes, on background

Dear Julie,

Thanks for your prompt reply. I'm writing because we understand that there have been some inaccuracies in the reporting thus far, and wanted to clarify one aspect of Friday's discussions. We understand that WH chief of staff Mick Mulvaney had a discussion with Neil Jacobs, in which he suggested some NOAA programs could be cut depending on the agency's response when it came to clarifying the Dorian forecast. We believe that the possibility of moving some personnel also came up during this conversation. This was a separate conversation from the one that the Secretary had with the acting administrator on Friday.

I wanted to check with you to see if that was an accurate description of the conversation, and see if you wanted to elaborate on any aspect of that conversation. So, just to be clear, what I'd like to clarify is the following:

1. Did Mick Mulvaney have a conversation with the Acting Administrator, separate from the one Acting Administrator Jacobs had with the Secretary?
2. Did Chief of Staff Mulvaney raise the prospect of cutting funding for some NOAA programs?
3. Did CoS Mulvaney raise the prospect of moving some personnel at the agency?

Thanks so much for your time on this,
Juliet

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From: Julie Roberts - NOAA Federal <julie.roberts@noaa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, September 10, 2019 5:40 PM
To: Eilperin, Juliet <Juliet.Eilperin@washpost.com>
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Juliet

If you would like to provide me the questions on Hurricane Dorian I would be happy to take a look and see if I can provide clarification. I may need to put you in touch with one of the hurricane forecast team.

Kindest regards,
Julie Kay Roberts, CEM
Deputy Chief of Staff
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“You can tell a lot about a fellow's character by his way of eating jelly beans.” President Ronald Reagan

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Dear Julie,

I know the last few days have been difficult. I was hoping you could give me a ring on my cell, 202-302-3663, so we could chat, I would appreciate it. I think something has been off in the reporting on Hurricane Dorian, and I would like to run it by you.

Best,

Juliet

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