

From: Alice Yates - S
To: Susan Farinelli
Cc: Alice Blaylock, Andrew Blaylock - GSA
Subject: Re: Old Post Office Tower
Date: Tuesday, December 13, 2016 8:45:29 AM

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Date: August 1, 2016 at 11:41:33 AM EDT
To: "Vietzke, Gay" <gay.vietzke@nps.gov>
Cc: Karen Cucinello <karen.cucinello@nps.gov>, Bob Vogel <bob.vogel@nps.gov>, Mary Gilbert - WP <mary.gilbert@gsa.gov>, Ivan Swain - WPT <ivan.swain@gsa.gov>, William Marshall - WA <william.marshall@gsa.gov>
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Regional Administrator Hudson

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National Mall & Memorial Parks
900 Ohio Drive, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20024-2000

July 26, 2016

Julia E. Hudson
NCR Regional Administrator
General Services Administration
301 7th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20407

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From: Peter May
To: Brandon Bies <brandon_bies@nps.gov>
Subject: RE: Old Post Office Tower
Date: Tuesday, December 13, 2016 4:54:39 PM

Yes. There was a late development from Bob so it is probably good we did not take action tgis afternoon.

Peter May
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National Park Service - National Capital Region
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(202) 619-7025
pmay@nps.gov

----- Original message -----

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Date: 12/13/16 6:43 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: pmay@nps.gov
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I forgot to follow up on this with you - let's be sure to discuss in our morning meeting so I can follow up and/or at least respond to GSA.

Brandon

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Alice Yates - S <alice.yates@gsa.gov>
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To: "Farinelli, Susan" <susan_farinelli@nps.gov>
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We've read various news reports that the Old Post Office is scheduled to re-open on September 12, 2016. We are at a point where we are past the time when we could meet the deadline and accomplish all the necessary tasks to prepare our operation and this space for visitors by the opening of the hotel. We have shared this with many of your staff people, but wanted to make you aware of the situation. The National Park Service will be unable to begin interpretive operations in September, or at any point in 2016. We require a minimum of 6 months from the date of budget approval before interpretive operations can resume. Once GSA informs the NPS of this approval and initiates the schedule and transfer of operating funds, we will begin preparations to resume interpretive operations for the Old Post Office Tower six months from that date. We ask that the interpretive operations budget proposal submitted on October 9, 2015, be immediately reviewed and approved and all ABAAS issues be addressed so that together we can schedule the resumption of interpretive operations.

Thank you so much for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Gay Vietzke

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Superintendent
National Mall and Memorial Parks
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Washington, DC 20004
[202-241-4661](tel:202-241-4661)



Susan Farinelli
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From: [Gay Vietzke](#)
To: [Tim Turano - WPM](#)
Subject: Re: Solicitor reviewed Agreement on OPOT
Date: Wednesday, December 14, 2016 8:52:29 AM

Hi Tim,
Any chance we can do Monday?
My schedule is already very full for Thurs and Friday.

I do not have the management meeting on my calendar. Can you please send an invite with details.

Thanks,
Gay

Gay Vietzke
Superintendent
National Mall and Memorial Parks

On Dec 14, 2016, at 10:14 AM, Tim Turano - WPM <tim.turano@gsa.gov> wrote:

Good Morning Gay - I wanted to follow up. I tried to call you a couple of times on your phone number on the bottom of your email (4661) and also on a number to the front office (4670). I end of getting a v/m from a guy who is asking to leave a message.

I want to see if we can arrange a meeting with you, Mary, Tony and myself tomorrow, Thursday, Dec. 15th, to see if we can finalize the MOA/MOU and get is signed tomorrow. Also, I wanted to check and see if you are aware of the meeting to tour the Clock Tour with our Management teams on 12/22?

Please let me know when you have a moment so we can chat on the phone. My cell phone number is listed below.

Thank you.

Tim Turano
Director
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U.S. General Services Administration
National Capital Region
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c) 202-236-1560

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From: **Tim Turano - WPM** <tim.turano@gsa.gov>
Date: Wed, Dec 14, 2016 at 6:05 AM
Subject: Re: Solicitor reviewed Agreement on OPOT
To: Calvin Myint - WPM1D <calvin.myint@gsa.gov>
Cc: "Cucurullo, Karen" <karen_cucurullo@nps.gov>, Gay Vietzke

<gay_vietzke@nps.gov>, "bryan_joyner@nps.gov" <bryan_joyner@nps.gov>, "Ollig, Paul" <paul_ollig@nps.gov>, Sean Kennealy <sean_kennealy@nps.gov>, Robin Nixon <robin_nixon@nps.gov>

Thank you Calvin.

Greeting NPS. Gay and Karen, I am glad to get on a call today, too to further discuss, in addition to our GC/Solicitors Office's, as well.

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Thank you. Have a good day everyone.

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On Dec 13, 2016, at 2:43 PM, Calvin Myint - WPM1D <calvin.myint@gsa.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon Karen,

I have attached GSA's response to the DOI Solicitor's two questions below. Additionally, we have reviewed the latest version of the MOA that includes new language from NPS and have provided comments and recommended changes in the attached MOA.

To help facilitate our collective efforts to finalize this MOA, if the DOI Solicitor has any additional questions, our General Counsel is available to answer them directly. I can help arrange the conference call if necessary.

Please let me know if you have any questions or comments. If at all possible, we would like to finalize the MOA by Friday. I will call you tomorrow to see if you have any questions regarding the latest GSA comments. I called earlier today, but I understand you are out of the office until tomorrow. Thank you.

Calvin

Answers to DOI Solicitor's Two Questions:

1) The correct name is being used in the MOA for GSA.

2) Consistent with the Federal Tort Claims Act (FTCA), the Federal government [not Trump Organization] is liable for willful misconduct or negligent acts or omissions of its Federal employees. *See* Article 14.1 (ii).

The MOU, Clause VI, appropriately restates liability under the FTCA [which cannot be shifted to a private entity under a ground lease]:

Each Party agrees to assume responsibility for any and all claims resulting from the acts or omissions of its employees or representatives, to the greatest extent permitted by law. In the event a claim is brought under the Federal Tort Claims Act, 28 U.S.C. 2671 et seq., (FTCA), it shall be the responsibility of the Party receiving the claim to coordinate with the other Party regarding responsibility to investigate any such claim, to issue an administrative determination as required by the FTCA, and to assist in the defense of any litigation arising from any such claim, and the other Party to cooperate in this effort.

This liability has not changed with the signing of the ground lease. That is, before the ground lease, GSA was responsible for the building itself [e.g. known tripping hazards, elevators, etc.]. NPS and GSA were each responsible for acts/omissions of their own employees acting in the scope of their employment. Only difference is that the Trump Organization is now responsible for the building itself [not GSA].

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On Thu, Dec 8, 2016 at 5:44 PM, Cucurullo, Karen

<karen_cucurullo@nps.gov> wrote:

Calvin,

Here is the agreement, reviewed by our solicitor. There are two questions we would like you to answer. Thank you for your patience.

Karen

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Karen Cucurullo
Deputy Superintendent
National Mall and Memorial Parks
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GSA Comments 161213.docx>

From: [Alexa Viets](#)
To: [Cannuscio, Lisa](#)
Cc: [Doris Lowery](#); [Slayton, April](#); perry_wheelock@nps.gov; [Brian Joyner](#); [Denise Ryan](#); [Gay Vietzke](#)
Subject: Re: Old Post Office Clock Tower Opening - National Park Service
Date: Tuesday, December 27, 2016 2:06:21 PM

Thanks, Lisa. We have been working closely with GSA on this issue.

Brian & Perry,

Can you please respond on behalf of NPS from the RD/acting signature?

Thanks,
Alexa

Sent from my iPhone

Acting Chief of Staff
National Park Service

On Dec 27, 2016, at 11:40 AM, Cannuscio, Lisa <lisa_cannuscio@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Ciao:

Hope the holiday weekend was terrific!

Please confirm that this letter from GSA has been received. Please send me a copy of the response - **GSA is looking to open up for tours January 5th, so please let me know status of response.**

Thank you,
Lisa

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Date: Tue, Dec 27, 2016 at 7:52 AM
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Please handle

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Department of the Interior Executive Secretariat,

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December 23, 2016

The Honorable Jonathan B. Jarvis
Director
National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior
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Dear Director Jarvis:

Thank you for your commitment to re-opening the Old Post Office Clock Tower to the public. I am pleased that National Park Service (NPS) and the General Services Administration (GSA) signed the memorandum of understanding for operating the space earlier this week.

Yesterday, I had the opportunity to walk through the clock tower with the team from GSA. The space for NPS employees and the general public is ready for use and we are eager to resume public tour operations of the tower. If necessary, GSA stands ready to supplement NPS staffing for a period of time in order to open the facility more expeditiously. My hope would be that the tower could be opened to tours by January 5, 2017.

If you have additional questions or concerns, please contact me at (202) 501-1100.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Norman Dong", written over a horizontal line.

Norman Dong
Commissioner

cc: Peggy O'Dell, Deputy Director NPS
Gay Vietzke, NPS Superintendent of National Mall and Memorial Parks
Julia Hudson, Regional Administrator, National Capital Region
Mary Gibert, Regional Commissioner, PBS National Capital Region

From: [Lisa Mendelson](#)
To: [Whelock, Perry](#)
Subject: Re: Old Post Office Clock Tower Opening - National Park Service
Date: Tuesday, December 27, 2016, 4:03:01 PM

Thanks :) all is well :)



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Lisa Mendelson
Deputy Regional Director
Cell 202-297-1338
Office 202-619-7023
Sent by mobile device

On Dec 27, 2016, at 5:17 PM, Wheelock, Perry <perry_wheelock@nps.gov> wrote:

Sending it shortly - they forgot to attach it. I hope all is well in FL!

Perry

Perry C. Wheelock
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On Tue, Dec 27, 2016 at 5:13 PM, Lisa Mendelson <lisa_mendelson-jelmini@nps.gov> wrote:
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Thank you,

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Subject: Re: Old Post Office Clock Tower Opening - National Park Service
Date: Wednesday, December 28, 2016 6:34:09 AM

We need NAMA to develop response to proposal to open in less than a week.

Sent from my iPhone

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Bob, Lisa, Jennifer,

Here is the subject letter from GSA.

Perry

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To: [Patricia Richey](#)
Cc: [Bob Vogel](#)
Subject: Revised GSA Letter with cc"s added
Date: Thursday, December 29, 2016 12:00:51 PM
Attachments: [GSA Letter OPOT 12-29-2016.docx](#)

Thanks Patricia. Please use this one.

Tonya

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Date: Thursday, December 29, 2016 1:03:58 PM
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Jennifer:

Here is the draft letter, which Patricia can put into final today or tomorrow, depending on when Bob gets back to me. I have emailed him and left him a voice mail.

I will come down to go over all of this with you shortly.

Thanks,

Perry

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DEC 30 2016

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In previous discussions with GSA, the Park indicated that it would take some time to properly staff the tower tours. In the annual operating plan, agreed to by GSA and the NPS, the NPS committed to resuming operations on February 1, 2017. We have made staffing the tours a high priority and have expedited our process to hire and train term-appointment rangers to meet our commitment.

We look forward to our continued relationship and to resuming tours on February 1.

Sincerely,



Robert A. Vogel
Regional Director

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Lisa;

I have reached out to Bob so as to get his review of the attached final draft letter that was sent over from NAMA regarding the OPOT matter. Jennifer M and I have a few questions regarding edits and next steps to discuss with Bob and/or you. Just keeping you in the loop.

I am at my desk until just before 5, then off tomorrow. Jennifer is acting RD tomorrow.

Thank you,

Perry

Perry C. Wheelock
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Washington, DC 20242

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From: **Richey, Patricia** <patricia_richey@nps.gov>
Date: Thu, Dec 29, 2016 at 2:55 PM
Subject: Fwd: Revised GSA Letter with cc's added
To: Perry Wheelock <perry_wheelock@nps.gov>

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From: **Thomas, Tonya** <tonya_thomas@nps.gov>
Date: Thu, Dec 29, 2016 at 2:00 PM
Subject: Revised GSA Letter with cc's added
To: Patricia Richey <patricia_richey@nps.gov>
Cc: Bob Vogel <bob_vogel@nps.gov>

Thanks Patricia. Please use this one.

Tonya

December 29, 2016

Mr. Norman Dong
Commissioner
General Services Administration
1800 F Street, NW
Washington, DC 20405-0002

Dear Mr. Dong

The National Park Service (NPS) and the National Mall and Memorial Parks (NAMA) appreciate the opportunity to renew our relationship with the General Services Administration (GSA) in providing public interpretative tours at the Old Post Office Clock Tower.

In our previous discussions, NAMA indicated that it would take some time to provide proper staffing for the tower. NAMA is in the process of hiring term-appointment rangers and according to the annual operating plans agreed upon by GSA and NPS, the commitment date for resuming full operations is February 1, 2017. The National Capital Region's Human Resource Office has prioritized these hires to meet that time frame. NPS and the park appreciate the offer to supplement NPS staffing, however to ensure that the park does not violate the Anti-Deficiency Act of 1982, it cannot staff the tower with permanent park rangers.

We look forward to our continued relationship.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Vogel
Regional Director, National Capital Region

cc Michael Reynolds, Deputy Director, National Park Service
Alexa Viets, Chief of Staff, National Park Service
Gay Vietzke, Superintendent, National Mall and Memorial Parks

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To: [Gay Vietzke](#)
Cc: perry_wheelock@nps.gov; [Brian Joyner](#)
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Date: Wednesday, January 04, 2017 1:00:47 PM

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To: [Viets, Alexa](#)
Cc: [Gay Vietzke](#); perry_wheelock@nps.gov
Subject: Re: Old Post Office Clock Tower Opening - National Park Service
Date: Wednesday, January 04, 2017 1:11:09 PM
Attachments: [GSA Letter OPOT 12-29-2016 JMUM.docx](#)

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Brian D. Joyner | Chief of Staff, **National Mall and Memorial Parks**

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From: [Cannuscio, Lisa](#)
To: [Viets, Alexa](#)
Subject: Re: Old Post Office Clock Tower Opening - National Park Service
Date: Friday, January 06, 2017 7:59:46 AM

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To: [O'Connell, Jonathan](#)
Cc: [Michael Litterst](#)
Subject: Re: factual correction on you RFK article
Date: Friday, January 06, 2017 9:24:45 AM

Thank you.
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Sent: Friday, January 6, 2017 11:10:53 AM
To: O'Connell, Jonathan
Subject: Re: factual correction on you RFK article

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From: [Litterst, Michael](#)
To: [O'Connell, Jonathan](#)
Cc: [Anzelmo-Sarles, Jenny](#); [Renee Kelly - ZBB](#)
Subject: Re: OPOT reopening
Date: Thursday, January 12, 2017 2:45:45 PM

Jonathan:

Renee Kelly, my colleague at the General Services Administration (copied here), can give you an update on the Old Post Office Tower.

Mike

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Mike Litterst  
Chief of Communications

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On Thu, Jan 12, 2017 at 3:08 PM, O'Connell, Jonathan <[Jonathan.OConnell@washpost.com](mailto:Jonathan.OConnell@washpost.com)> wrote:

Hi Mike,

Could you please tell me the date of when the clock tower at the Old Post Office Pavilion is reopening?

Thank you

Jonathan

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**From:** Anzelmo-Sarles, Jenny <[jenny\\_anzelmo-sarles@nps.gov](mailto:jenny_anzelmo-sarles@nps.gov)>

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**To:** [Conway, Bradley](#)  
**Cc:** [Karen Cucurullo](#); [Timmy Moore](#); [Jeffrey Jones](#); [Paul Ollig](#); [Rhonda Cook](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Old Post Office NPS Data Services  
**Date:** Thursday, January 26, 2017 8:28:04 PM

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Brad,

Let me check with our project team on this issue and get back to you.

Calvin

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Calvin Myint  
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GSA NCR PBS  
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On Jan 26, 2017, at 3:46 PM, Conway, Bradley <[bradley\\_conway@nps.gov](mailto:bradley_conway@nps.gov)> wrote:

Hello Mr. Myint,

To clarify, the National Park Service has agreed to provide network service for NPS computers in the Old Post Office Tower. This means we will establish a connection from the tower to the NPS network and the wider internet.

Our issue with the network in the tower has to do with the wiring of the individual network ports in the office space. Although it looks like all the network ports have been replaced with new ports, it is not clear where the wiring for those ports run to. If the wiring for these individual ports was cut when we vacated the space and new wiring was not run from the ports to a centralized location, GSA will need to re-wire the ports. Without network cable running from the office space to a centralized location, there will be no way for us to connect our computers to the NPS network.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Brad Conway  
Supervisory IT Specialist  
National Mall & Memorial Parks  
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On Thu, Jan 26, 2017 at 11:51 AM, Karen Cucurullo  
<[karen\\_cucurullo@nps.gov](mailto:karen_cucurullo@nps.gov)> wrote:

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Calvin Myint - WPM1D <[calvin.myint@gsa.gov](mailto:calvin.myint@gsa.gov)>  
**Date:** January 25, 2017 at 9:48:54 AM EST  
**To:** Karen Cucurullo <[Karen\\_Cucurullo@nps.gov](mailto:Karen_Cucurullo@nps.gov)>, "Ollig, Paul" <[paul\\_ollig@nps.gov](mailto:paul_ollig@nps.gov)>, Jeffrey Jones <[jeffrey\\_m\\_jones@nps.gov](mailto:jeffrey_m_jones@nps.gov)>, Tim Moore <[Tim\\_Moore@nps.gov](mailto:Tim_Moore@nps.gov)>  
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**Subject: Old Post Office NPS Data Services**

Good morning Karen, et al.,

Please see the emails below regarding data services for NPS in the OPO clock tower. I hope this helps.

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On Thu, Jan 26, 2017 at 11:51 AM, Karen Cucurullo <[karen\\_cucurullo@nps.gov](mailto:karen_cucurullo@nps.gov)> wrote:

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Good morning Karen, et al.,

Please see the emails below regarding data services for NPS in the OPO clock tower. I hope this helps.

Calvin

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