

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Fw: Maxwell Audio

Date: Mon, 04 Aug 2025 20:31:23 +0000

Importance: Normal

Essentially we want the short clips to be combined w the original start clip.

Can you coordinate.

Thanks.

[REDACTED]

From: Pestana, Diego (ODAG) <Diego.Pestana@usdoj.gov>

Sent: Monday, August 4, 2025 4:21:24 PM

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - RE: Maxwell Audio

Hi, all,

Amending Request 2 slightly: We would like the following files combined as they are part of larger recordings. ASAC [REDACTED] will be able to explain better.

One recording:

7_24_25_Tallahassee.007 (3:01 in length): Begins at 12:59 p.m., no end given

7_24_25_Tallahassee.008 (1:00:53 in length): No begin given, ends at 2:03 p.m.

Separate recording:

xxx7_25.005 (0:49 in length): Begins at 11:49 a.m., no end given

xxx7_25.006 (16:18 in length): No begin given, ends at 12:05 p.m.

Diego M. Pestana

Acting Associate Deputy Attorney General

[REDACTED]

From: Pestana, Diego (ODAG)

Sent: Monday, August 4, 2025 1:44 PM

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Maxwell Audio

Follow up to Request 2: Keep the files separate as they currently are. What we are looking for is an explanation (technical or otherwise) on why the files were split up the way they were, especially the two shorter ones highlighted below.

Diego M. Pestana

Acting Associate Deputy Attorney General
[REDACTED]

From: Pestana, Diego (ODAG)

Sent: Monday, August 4, 2025 1:36 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Maxwell Audio

Request 1: If you could upload the audio file with the time stamps redacted for [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] into JEFs and share the link with me, that would be great.

Request 2: I am working on obtaining an answer on this and will update ASAP.

Thank you, all!

Diego M. Pestana

Acting Associate Deputy Attorney General
[REDACTED]

From: Linda Grody [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, August 4, 2025 1:29 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: Maxwell Audio

Good Afternoon,

To meet expectations, OTD is requesting clarification on the instructions for the Maxwell audio recording.

Request #1: ODAG Acting Associate Deputy Attorney General Diego Pestana requested OTD to redact the portions identified below in the one audio file. Should OTD upload the result to the provided shared folder?

Below are the portions requested for redaction from the audio file that is 42:10 in length (it is the second substantive recording from 7/25).

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- Redact the name [REDACTED] from 42:10 file at time stamps 11:25, 11:27, and 18:24
- Redact "Stein" from 42:10 file at timestamp 18:18.

OTD will overwrite the timestamps stated above with an audible sound to redact the names [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] unless otherwise advised.

In addition, OTD will remove the metadata from the one file above with the length of 42:10.

Request #2: [REDACTED] requested OTD to merge the list of the below recordings into one audio recording. Is this accurate? Should OTD upload the result to the provided shared folder?

Thursday July 24

7_24_25_Tallahassee.004 (44:33 in length): Begins at 10:12 a.m., ends at 10:56 a.m.

7_24_25_Tallahassee.005 (1:06:24 in length): Begins at 11:07 a.m., ends at 12:15 p.m.

7_24_25_Tallahassee.007 (3:01 in length): Begins at 12:59 p.m., no end given

7_24_25_Tallahassee.008 (1:00:53 in length): No begin given, ends at 2:03 p.m.

7_24_25_Tallahassee.009 (36:42 in length): Begins at 2:16 p.m., ends at 2:53 p.m.

7_24_25_Tallahassee.010 (24:46 in length): Begins at 3:10 p.m., ends at 3:34 p.m.

Friday July 25

xxx7_25.003 (1:11:28 in length): Begins at 9:24 a.m., ends at 10:35 a.m.

xxx7_25.004 (42:10 in length): Begins at 10:49 a.m., ends at 11:31 a.m.

xxx7_25.005 (0:49 in length): Begins at 11:49 a.m., no end given

xxx7_25.006 (16:18 in length): No begin given, ends at 12:05 p.m.

OTD personnel were provided access to two folders dated July 24th (10 audio files) and July 25th (6 audio files) for a total of 16 audio files. In request #2 from NY, there are 10 audio files listed for processing, please confirm OTD should not process the other 6 audio files in the shared folder.

Who should OTD provide the one combined audio file to or should OTD upload the file to the provided shared folder? OTD will remove the metadata from the combined audio file.

Currently, OTD is working on the redaction request from the one audio file per the ODAG's request. To ensure the redactions are completed accurately, OTD will need until tomorrow afternoon for the ODAG request #1 and until Wednesday afternoon for the NY request #2. Once OTD receives clarity on the final instructions we will be able to provide a specific timeline.

Thank you,
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
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Operational Technology Division
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