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**Subject:** RE: Attorney General's Award Nominations  
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The Exec Staff met yesterday to make our selections. I don't think Epstein would have been a contender, but I will circulate this in case anybody wants to consider changing their mind.

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We'd like to nominate the prosecution of Jeffrey Epstein for an AG award. Although it ended without a conviction, as you are aware, the effort and initial success of the prosecution was remarkable. Here's a short write-up for now:

On July 2, 2019, a federal grand jury in the Southern District of New York returned a sealed indictment (the "Indictment") charging Epstein with one count of sex trafficking of minors, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1591, and one count of conspiracy to commit sex trafficking of minors, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 371.

Beginning in at least 2002, Epstein enticed and recruited dozens of minor girls to engage in sex acts with him, for which he paid the victims hundreds of dollars in cash. He undertook this activity myriad locations, including his mansion in Manhattan, New York and his estate in Palm Beach, Florida. In both New York and Florida, Epstein perpetuated this abuse in similar ways. Victims were initially recruited to provide "massages" to Epstein, which would be performed nude or partially nude, would become increasingly sexual in nature, and would typically include one or more sex acts, including groping and direct or indirect contact with victims' genitals. Epstein paid his victims hundreds of dollars in cash for each separate encounter. Moreover, Epstein actively encouraged certain of his victims to recruit additional girls to be similarly sexually abused. He incentivized his victims to become recruiters by paying these victim-recruiters hundreds of dollars for each additional girl they brought to him. In this fashion, Epstein created a vast network of underage victims – as young as 14 – in locations including New York and Palm Beach.

Epstein was initially investigated by the Southern District of Florida, which resulted in a 2007 non-prosecution agreement combined with a underage prostitution conviction in Florida state court. He was sentenced to 13 months in prison, some of which he served on work release. The process resulted in widespread criticism of the Department for its handling of victim notification issues, including substantial MVRA litigation in Florida. Leaving aside the merits of that litigation, the SDNY prosecution, though short-lived, was marked by remarkable coordination with victims whose trust we worked hard to gain successfully over the course of months, helping to restore the faith of those victims in the justice system. In addition, the Epstein matter – resulting in charges against one of the most heinous and prolific abusers of minors this century – took only 7 months from inception to charges. During that time, the team worked tirelessly to ensure both swift progress and that the investigation would remain entirely covert, due to the substantial flight risk Epstein posed were he to learn he was again under investigation. An indictment was secured against Epstein when he traveled abroad from his estate in the U.S. Virgin Islands in July 2019, with the expectation that he would fly to Teterboro airport upon his ultimate return to the U.S. That ultimately did happen, leading to Epstein's arrest on July 6, 2019. Epstein, who we then successfully detained pending trial after a bail argument before Judge Richard Berman, committed suicide in his cell at the MCC on August 10, 2019.

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**Subject:** Attorney General's Award Nominations

Chiefs: it is time to submit nominations for the Attorney General's Awards. Our Office can submit six nominations. The list of awards is attached. Exceptional Service, Distinguished Service, and Fraud Prevention can be used to nominate a group of up to 15 persons from various agencies. Think also of exceptional work that was done by an AUSA or small group of AUSAs—the John Marshal awards are for AUSAs only.

Here's the schedule:

**By Thursday, Feb. 6:** send your suggested nominations to me. I need a little blurb about what the nomination is for, how complete the case or matter is, and who, and from what agencies, will be nominated.

**Friday, Feb. 7:** the executive staff will start considering the suggestions to decide on what we will nominate. The executive staff will notify the selected nominees to prepare the nomination package.

**Thursday Feb. 26:** all nomination packages must be completed and sent to Luke U. and to me where they will be reviewed for form and edited as need be.

**Monday, March 2:** nomination packages submitted to EOUSA.

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