

**From:** "[REDACTED] (NY) (FBI)" <[REDACTED]>  
**To:** "[REDACTED] (NY) (FBI)" <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Re: USA TODAY media request!  
**Date:** Wed, 22 Dec 2021 21:43:01 +0000  
**Importance:** Normal

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Thanks!

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**From:** [REDACTED] (NY) (FBI) <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 22, 2021 3:15 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED] (NY) (FBI) <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Fwd: USA TODAY media request!

I sent this to USAO. Haven't heard back from them yet - will let you know if I do.

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**From:** [REDACTED] (NY) (FBI) <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 22, 2021 1:48:59 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED] (USANYS) [Contractor] <[REDACTED]>; [REDACTED] (USANYS) <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Fwd: USA TODAY media request!

I think our inclination is to decline based on the fact check below that we got yesterday. Seems the reporter is aiming for the same information.  
Happy to discuss further if you need to.

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**From:** [REDACTED] (NY) (FBI) <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 21, 2021 12:56:03 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED] (NY) (FBI) <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] (NY) (FBI) <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** FW: USA TODAY media request!

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**From:** NPO <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 21, 2021 12:36 PM  
**To:** NY-OPA <[REDACTED]>; [REDACTED] (NY) (FBI) <[REDACTED]>; [REDACTED] (NY) (FBI) <[REDACTED]>; [REDACTED] (OPA) (FBI) <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FW: USA TODAY media request!  
**Importance:** High

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SSA [REDACTED]  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
National Press Office  
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**From:** Kochi, Sudiksha <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 21, 2021 12:00 PM  
**To:** NPO <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - USA TODAY media request!  
**Importance:** High

Hi,

My name is Sudiksha Kochi and I am a fact-check reporter for USA TODAY. I am fact-checking a claim that says the FBI destroyed all of the evidence seized in Jeffrey Epstein's safe. This narrative is spreading widely in various posts on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#), liked and shared tens of thousands of times.

I understand from reporting elsewhere that the FBI searched Epstein's safe in early July, but I was looking for a bit more detail than I saw in the testimony from Kelly Maguire. Hoping you can help me out so we're able to write up a response to this claim and attach it to the posts spreading it on social media.

1. Did the FBI destroy any or all of the evidence seized in Epstein's safe?
2. If not, where are the contents of that safe now?

I hope to file this fact check by today at 6 p.m. ET. I look forward to hearing from you.

Thanks so much!

Sincerely,  
Sudiksha Kochi