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From: [Redacted]@gov.scot
Sent: 01 October 2020 20:07
To: Nicolson S (Stuart) Special Adviser <Stuart.Nicolson@gov.scot>; Ingebrigtsen R (Ross) <Ross.Ingebrigtsen@gov.scot>; Lloyd E (Elizabeth) <Elizabeth.Lloyd@gov.scot>; Hutchison D (David) <David.Hutchison@gov.scot>
Cc: News Desk <Newsdesk@gov.scot>; [Redacted]@gov.scot
Subject: RE: SPAD VIEW: FM bid - ITV

Thanks Stuart, will do.

[Redacted]

From: Nicolson S (Stuart) Special Adviser <Stuart.Nicolson@gov.scot>
Sent: 01 October 2020 20:06
To: [Redacted]@gov.scot; Ingebrigtsen R (Ross) <Ross.Ingebrigtsen@gov.scot>; Lloyd E (Elizabeth) <Elizabeth.Lloyd@gov.scot>; Hutchison D (David) <David.Hutchison@gov.scot>
Cc: News Desk <Newsdesk@gov.scot>; Clarke R (Richard) <Richard.Clarke@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: SPAD VIEW: FM bid - ITV

[Redacted],

Decline and point to FM's tweet – below for reference.

Thanks

<https://twitter.com/NicolaSturgeon/status/1311740695900811279>

From: [Redacted]@gov.scot
Sent: 01 October 2020 19:27
To: Ingebrigtsen R (Ross) <Ross.Ingebrigtsen@gov.scot>; Lloyd E (Elizabeth) <Elizabeth.Lloyd@gov.scot>; Hutchison D (David) <David.Hutchison@gov.scot>; Nicolson S (Stuart) Special Adviser <Stuart.Nicolson@gov.scot>
Cc: News Desk <Newsdesk@gov.scot>; Clarke R (Richard) <Richard.Clarke@gov.scot>
Subject: SPAD VIEW: FM bid - ITV

SpAds,

See ITV bid below for FM regarding statement from Margaret Ferrier tonight.

Would suggest offering following lines instead for this and any other queries received on this issue.

Are you content with this approach, and if so for me to decline ITV bid on FM's behalf?

Thanks,
[Redacted]

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LINE TO TAKE

A Scottish Government spokesperson said:

“Our guidance is clear that anyone who develops symptoms of COVID-19 – a new, continuous cough; fever or loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste – should isolate straight away and arrange a test via nhsinform.scot or, if you can't get online, by calling 0800 028 2816.

“Anyone who receives a positive for coronavirus must self-isolate for a minimum of 10 days from the time their symptoms started, or longer if certain symptoms persist.”

-----Original Message-----

From: [Redacted]@itn.co.uk
Sent: 01 October 2020 18:59
To: [Redacted]@gov.scot
Subject: ITV News Request

Hi [Redacted],

I hope this email finds you well.

I wanted to bid for the First Minister Nicola Sturgeon on the announcement from MP Margaret Ferrier.

Could we please do an interview her this evening?

Please let me know,

[Redacted]
[<http://images.itn.co.uk/images/ITNNEWSREBRANDLOGO.gif>]

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-----Original Message-----

From: [Redacted]@hotmail.co.uk>

Sent: 01 October 2020 19:04

To: First Minister <firstminister@gov.scot>

Subject: Margaret Ferrier

Good Evening

I live in England and by default my vote is irrelevant to you. However surely you will remove the whip from Margaret Ferrier Or even sack her. This is on the basis of her actions putting citizens in danger by travelling on public transport knowing she had Covid. Was this done because of her supposed importance and/or her contempt for the rest of us. As an aside I would like for you to achieve Independence (Both political and total financial) if that is what you wish for. I would vote for it however I live in England so I will not be eligible,

Thanks

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-----Original Message-----

From: [Redacted]@sky.com>

Sent: 01 October 2020 19:21

To: First Minister <firstminister@gov.scot>

Subject: Margaret Ferrier

Dear First Minister

Re Margaret Ferrier. How much was she paid(expenses) to speak in Parliament?
Strikes me she had her own 'good' reason for disobeying the advice given to all of us
with regard to Covid. An apology is not enough.

Regards

[Redacted]

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From: [Redacted]hotmail.com>
Sent: 01 October 2020 19:24
To: First Minister <firstminister@gov.scot>
Subject:

Nicola Sturgeon

I would like to tell you that its simply unacceptable that the Scottish MP Margaret Ferrier broke lockdown rules by her stupidity that she didn't isolate and travelled to Westminster while she was positive with Covid-19. It is beyond any excuse and an apology is not really acceptable.

Many people during this crisis have lost elderly relatives and those people who lost those relatives had to comply to restrictions that barred them from being with their relative as they died and Margaret Ferrier makes a mockery of it all with her travelling about with a contagious disease instead of isolating in her home until she had the result of her Covid-19 test.

She was quick to condemn Dominic Cummings when he broke lockdown rules, but what she did was worse as she had the disease and broke lockdown rules whereas Domini Cummings did not have the virus when he broke lockdown rules.

She thinks that just apologising is acceptable but its not acceptable and she makes a mockery of you when you tell people they must self isolate if they have symptoms. People are sick of politicians giving restrictions to the public all the time and then you get MPs like Margaret Ferrier breaking lockdown rules while she was infected with a contagious disease.

She needs to resign as she was putting people at risk when travelling about with Covid-19 and she should be fined for her stupidity as she had no common sense to stay in her house until she had the results of her test, but she travelled about instead and so if the people are to be fined for that sort of stupidity then she should not be an exception.

How can you tell people to self isolate and follow restrictions? When Margaret Ferrier MP thinks that her breaking restrictions can be acceptable by her just apologising, so she has to be made an example of so people can see that its simply unacceptable for anyone to have her stupidity and travel about when awaiting the result of a Covid-19 test. If you don't make an example of her then you would be a hypocrite to even mention to the public they must self isolate and follow restrictions imposed upon them.

With Regards,

[Redacted]

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From: [Redacted]@ntlworld.com>
Sent: 01 October 2020 19:31
To: First Minister <firstminister@gov.scot>
Subject: Margaret Ferrier MP
Importance: High

Dear First Minister

I am a solicitor living in London and have absolutely nothing to do with Scottish politics but I am so appalled and shocked by the actions of your MP that I was forced to write to you.

Let me just say that I have never in my life either written to or contacted an MP but I simply had to do this.

Her actions were nothing short of criminally negligent. She is a complete and utter hypocrite and put other peoples lives in jeopardy without any care or thought.

I demand that you do the honourable thing and withdraw the whip from her. If you do not, that will make you an absolute hypocrite.

Yours sincerely
[Redacted]

[Redacted] just so that you can check that I am not some crank trying to score political points.

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-----Original Message-----

From: [Redacted]@googlemail.com>

Sent: 01 October 2020 19:39

To: margaret.ferrier.mp@parliament.uk; First Minister <firstminister@gov.scot>;

ian.blackford.mp@parliament.uk

Subject: Resign Margaret ferrier

All vocal about Dominic Cummings allegedly breaking the rules. Now this MP Margaret Ferrier has broken the law.

Resign Margaret that's the only thing to do.

Ian Blackford two faced. Vocal and shouting from the roof tops when its the Government but all very quiet when its your own. Two faced, sly and not fit to hold office with no morals or standards if you don't dismiss Margaret.

Nicola come on where are you with a press statement condemning Margaret's behaviour.

What does the SNP stand for. Truth, Fairness, up holding the law. Lets see what you do.

The proof of the pudding my wee Scottish friends.

Regards

[Redacted]

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From: [Redacted]@gmail.com>
Sent: 01 October 2020 19:40
To: First Minister <firstminister@gov.scot>
Subject: Margaret Ferrier

Ms Sturgeon,

Will keep it brief, please confirm Margaret Ferrier will be relieved of her duties as a MSP with immediate effect.

Thank you

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From: [Redacted]@hotmail.co.uk>
Sent: 01 October 2020 19:53
To: First Minister <firstminister@gov.scot>
Subject: Travel regulations

Good Evening

In light of today's news regarding Margaret Ferrier I await your response on what action will be taken as considering the Covid rules.

Best Regards
[Redacted]

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-----Original Message-----

From: [Redacted]@att.net>

Sent: 01 October 2020 20:18

To: Scottish Ministers <Scottish_Ministers@gov.scot>; First Minister <firstminister@gov.scot>

Cc: Boris <publiccorrespondence@cabinetoffice.gov.uk>

Subject: Condemn actions of SNP MP who put people's health at risk

Nicola Sturgeon, First Minister

The Office of the First Minister

St. Andrew's House

Regent Road

Edinburgh

EH1 3DG

scottish.ministers@gov.scot, firstminister@gov.scot

Re: Condemn actions of SNP MP who put people's health at risk

Dear First Minister:

Commenting on Margaret Ferrier's statement: This is astonishing recklessness from an SNP MP, which has put people's health at risk.

Through her irresponsible actions, she very possibly has passed on the virus to a vulnerable person, who may now have COVID-19 and be in danger. She has put passengers, rail staff, fellow MPs, Commons staff and many others at unacceptable risk.

To breach the rules twice is simply unforgivable, and has undermined all the sacrifices made by her constituents.

You must come out and condemn her MP's actions and tell the Scottish people what disciplinary action she will be taking. There cannot be one rule for Margaret Ferrier, another for everybody else.

Yours sincerely,

[Redacted]

cc:

Direct Communications Unit

10 Downing Street

London

SW1A AA

publiccorrespondence@cabinetoffice.gov.uk

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From: [Redacted]@icloud.com>
Sent: 01 October 2020 20:47
To: First Minister <firstminister@gov.scot>
Subject: Fwd: Resign

Originally copied to Nicola's Constituency mail box, forwarded to First Minister's in box.

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: [Redacted]
Date: 1 October 2020 at 20:30:35 BST
To: margaret.ferrier.mp@parliament.uk
Cc: Nicola.Sturgeon.msp@parliament.scot, ian.blackford.mp@parliament.uk
Subject: Resign

Please have the decency to resign over your idiotic trip to and from London knowing that you might have and then subsequently testing positive for coronavirus.

I'm afraid apologies and saying sorry are not enough

Our son works as a doctor in the NHS and he and his colleagues are working flat out to help save lives and you go against all Government [both Westminster and Holyrood guidelines]

What is it with you politicians that you think you are above everyone else and simply ignore guidelines which the rest of the Country are being asked repeatedly to follow.

Nicola Sturgeon is doing a great job trying to keep us safe yet you think it OK to jump on a train and travel the length of the country potentially spreading the virus onto innocent fellow passengers and colleagues in the House of Commons and then repeating the journey back to Scotland having tested positive.

I'm not one of your constituents however I was so angry when I read this story that I had to respond. I usually sign off my emails these days with Take care and stay safe but these words would be lost in this particular instance.

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From: [Redacted]@gmail.com>
Sent: 01 October 2020 20:51
To: First Minister <firstminister@gov.scot>
Subject: Re: Margaret Ferrier

I am absolutely furious sitting here, and I'm probably not the only one.

I'm was on the phone tonight, explaining to my parents that we couldn't come over this weekend to help celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary, whilst reading the story about her travelling on a train whilst knowing she is covid positive. For gods sake just think about that for a second.

How on earth are we supposed to take you seriously now.

At least have the decency to reply to people, and guess where I am going this weekend.

Furious doesn't give my mood justice at this moment!!

[Redacted]

On Thu, 1 Oct 2020, 19:39 [Redacted] <[Redacted]@gmail.com> wrote:
Ms Sturgeon,

Will keep it brief, please confirm Margaret Ferrier will be relieved of her duties as a MSP with immediate effect.

Thank you

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From: [Redacted]@gmail.com>
Sent: 01 October 2020 20:59
To: First Minister <firstminister@gov.scot>
Subject: Fwd: Margaret Ferrier

----- Forwarded message -----

From: [Redacted]
Date: Thu, 1 Oct 2020, 18:54
Subject: Margaret Ferrier
To:

Dear First Minister, hope you are well

In a time when everyone is trying to comply with Government guidance why was Margaret Ferrier not sacked for breaking the very guidelines you yourself are promoting. I have just watched tonight's news and am beyond stunned. In fact sickened by Margaret's selfish and irresponsible behaviour which needs to be seen to be dealt with to ensure you retain the trust and support of the Scottish voters.

Regards
[Redacted]

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From: [Redacted]@btinternet.com>
Sent: 01 October 2020 21:01
To: First Minister <firstminister@gov.scot>
Subject: FW: BBC News: MP Margaret Ferrier's Covid Parliament trip 'indefensible'

Wrong address....

Sent from my Xperia by Sony smartphone

----- Original Message -----

Subject: BBC News: MP Margaret Ferrier's Covid Parliament trip 'indefensible'
Sent: 1 Oct 2020 20:59
From: [Redacted]
To: firstminister@gov.com
Cc:
Be good if you could ensure she is fined £10,000. Talk and indignation are cheap!!!

I saw this on the BBC and thought you should see it:

MP Margaret Ferrier's Covid Parliament trip 'indefensible' - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-54379026>

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Cheers,

[Redacted]

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From: [Redacted]@btinternet.com
Sent: 01 October 2020 21:19
To: First Minister <firstminister@gov.scot>
Subject: One Law For Politicians ?

Ma'am

Last week I had several comms with my MSP regarding the current regulations which mean I cannot visit my fiancée, not she me, and I was told this was a rigid policy and that if I ignored the regulations I would be committing a criminal offence.

I have therefor obeyed the law scrupulously, and today delivered some food to my lady, but stayed outside her house with minimum contact.

I now see on the news that Margaret Ferrier has broken the rules on travel, not once but twice over the last few days.

I am more than disturbed by this, because if those who make the laws cannot keep them, and do not face the same sanctions as the general public, then we are approaching a dictatorship ! That may seem a harsh criticism, but it is a fact. We must live under the same laws for all.

I bear no political torch for any one party, but I am a past member of your party. I urge you to ensure that at the very least this lady resigns her position as a Member of Parliament, as she is clearly unfit to hold that office. It would also be an encouragement to the people of Scotland to take the rules very seriously, if the lady is charged with the criminal offence she appears to have been guilty of.

If we see politicians suffering the same penalties that the people are threatened with by our lawmakers, it will encourage us to see that we are indeed all living under the same laws.

Sincerely,

[Redacted]

"If we fail to take care of the Earth, it will surely take care of itself by making us no longer welcome". James Lovelock

<https://www.pantheism.net/paul/>

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From: [Redacted]@dsl.pipex.com>
Sent: 01 October 2020 21:36
To: First Minister <firstminister@gov.scot>
Subject: Fwd: Shared from BBC News

[Redacted]

Begin forwarded message:

From: [Redacted]@dsl.pipex.com
Subject: Shared from BBC News
Date: 1 October 2020 at 21:30:56 BST
To: Nicola.Sturgeon.msp@parliament.scot

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-54379026>

Can you please tell the people of Scotland why she is still an MP? Not only did she break the rules going south, but then travelled on public transport back to Scotland after it being confirmed she was positive. And she called, rightly, for Cummings to resign/be fired? You also got rid of your initial medical advisor (Calderwood) for breaking lockdown rules in March. Where's the difference? Arguably this is far worse.

Thanks for your time

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From: [Redacted]@hotmail.com>
Sent: 01 October 2020 21:46
To: First Minister <firstminister@gov.scot>
Subject: Margret Ferrier M.P

Dear Nicola ,

After putting many people in both Scotland and England in danger by not abiding by the covid regulations, will you call for the Scottish police to charge Margaret Ferrier M.P with culpable and reckless conduct.

Please see below the definition of reckless conduct and an example of culpable and reckless conduct.

Culpable and Reckless Conduct

"Culpable and reckless conduct is deliberate conduct that exposes an individual, or the public generally, to significant risk to life or health.

As the name of the crime suggests, the conduct has to be reckless. This means acting with a complete disregard of (or indifference to) the consequences of his/her actions.

You cannot commit this crime accidentally or carelessly."

There is a wide range of conduct that could count as being culpable and reckless.

an example that immediately comes to mind is drunkenly throwing traffic cones from George IV Bridge (edinburgh) into the streets below. As reported on the bbc web site on 03/04/2007.

It would seem that if cone throwing is prosecuted then this

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should be prosecuted.
I await your reply

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Regards

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-----Original Message-----

From: [Redacted]@icloud.com>

Sent: 01 October 2020 22:07

To: First Minister <firstminister@gov.scot>

Subject: Covid

Hi Nicola,

My names [Redacted] you may have seen me in the papers like the herald and sun etc recently, I'm 21 and unfortunately caught covid. I could have died as my covid turned to pneumonia and I was rushed to Ayr hospital, the first patient in months where I stayed for 4 days in high dependency and 24 hour observation. In that 4 days I wasn't sure if I was possibly going to die from that virus and what hurts the most was my family who were unable to see me, my phone broke the first night and didn't manage to get one til the 3rd as I had no contact with me family. This was one of the worst experiences of my life which I'll not get over. The NHS were great.

To see what Margaret ferrier has done has genuinely made me feel quite sick, to have symptoms and to have been tested but to go on public transport to London, all the people she's put at risk. I can't even describe in words how sickening, selfish and horrible that is. Talking from someone that had the virus and I won't recover for another 6 months with my lungs still not right. I struggle to get up stairs without feeling breathless, how dare she do that.

I hope she will resign by the morning and I hope you'll be pushing for police scotland to be punishing her with the maximum penalty as she's possibly infected thousands upon thousands.

I'm an SNP voter but this alone has lost my vote, my family and my friends and by the looks of Twitter a lot more in the country. It's a shame, especially after the crucifying Cummings got from the SNP, he never had covid and was in a car. Though he is not innocent, he's certainly not committed such a crime as Margaret.

I hope you do the right thing.

Best regard

[Redacted]

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-----Original Message-----

From: [Redacted]@icloud.com>

Sent: 01 October 2020 22:32

To: First Minister <firstminister@gov.scot>

Subject: SNP breaking Self Isolation rules

Dear Nicola,

You must be feeling gutted that one of your colleagues could flout the FACTS guidelines.

I hope that you will be able to see your way to 'asking' for her resignation.

I feel that it is the only option available if the vital trust you and others have worked so hard to build with the people of Scotland to garner the majority support of the people in Scotland, be they SNP supporters or not, to follow the Government guidelines to suppress the Covid virus and guide us out of this far reaching Health and Wealth Emergency.

I truly believe that her irresponsible behaviour could be more pivotally damaging than that of Dominique Cummings behaviour.

With Regards,

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From: [Redacted]@hotmail.co.uk>
Sent: 01 October 2020 23:09
To: First Minister <firstminister@gov.scot>
Subject: Fwd: Margaret Ferrier

Sent from Samsung Mobile on O2
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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, October 1, 2020 11:05:16 PM
To: nicola.sturgeon.msp@parliament.scot
Subject: Margaret Ferrier

Good evening First Minister
I hope this e-mail finds you well.

Through the current pandemic I have found your leadership admirable. You have led they way where poor Boris has tried his best. I have come to greatly respect you.

I wish to draw your attention the Margaret Ferrier. Her actions certainly cannot be condoned, but there is a valid point that has gone unnoticed. To put it simply.....the testing system has let her down. I'm sure you'd agree that if she had received her results within the 24 hours, then Common sense would prevail. Margaret would've simply self isolated immediately.

With it being aired via the press, everyone seems eager to jump on the bandwagon to condemn her. Everyone has a right to air their views.

Her actions were wrong. But somebody needs to shed light that the system let her down.

Your a good person and I believe you will do the right thing.

Kind regards

[Redacted]

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From: [Redacted]@hotmail.com

Sent: 01 October 2020 23:22

To: margaret.ferrier.mp@parliament.uk; First Minister <firstminister@gov.scot>;

Nicola.Sturgeon.msp@parliament.scot; info@snp.org; boris.johnson.mp@parliament.uk

Subject: To Ferrier, Sturgeon & Johnson

To Ferrier, Sturgeon & Johnson

Initially I thought this might have been the SNPs secret plan to speed up independence by COVIDing off the scum bags at Westminster.

Good to see you're as big a hypocritical tw*ts as the English great and good - again.

Although points to the SNP for at least taking some actions with this super spreading idiot, unlike our sack of sh*t Prime minister with Cummings c*ck lodged firmly down his throat.

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EMAIL 21

From: [Redacted]@btinternet.com>
Sent: 01 October 2020 23:51
To: First Minister <firstminister@gov.scot>
Subject: FW: Your recent trip having tested positive for covid 19

Sent from Samsung tablet.

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

From: [Redacted]
Date: 01/10/2020 23:39 (GMT+00:00)
To: margaret.ferrier.mp@parliament.uk, Gillian.martin.msp@parliament.scot,
GwynneA@parliament.uk, Nicola.sturgeon.msp@parliament.scot
Subject: Your recent trip having tested positive for covid 19

Dear Ms Ferrier, I felt the need to write to you personally to express my total disgust at your behaviour. You describe it as a 'mistake' . A mistake is transposing a couple of numbers when taking down telephone details. What you did was illegal, reckless, negligent and highly selfish.

I live in Aberdeenshire and my 93 year old mother lives in Tameside, Greater Manchester. During lockdown she was shielding, we were not allowed to travel further than 5 miles and then Manchester had greater restrictions imposed which has meant that I have not seen her since 19th March because we have both obeyed the rules regardless of how unpalatable and distressing that has been.

Last week she fell and fractured her pubic bone and has been in hospital ever since and is likely to be there for several weeks. We cannot visit because of covid restrictions and because she is profoundly deaf we cannot speak to her on the phone. She is in pain and upset and lonely and there is nothing I can do for her and I do not know when I will be able to see her.

I thought that Dominic Cummings' behaviour was despicable but yours is beyond the pale and hypocritical since you were amongst those that called for his resignation and you were on public transport!

I hear no sense of shame in your statement and I'm sure you are sorry that you were found out as much as sorry for anything else. I feel devastated that yet again, a public servant has decided that their own need is far greater and more worthy than that of any member of the general public...or voters as my mother and myself might be classed.

I have copied in my mother's MP, my own MSP and the first minister as I don't use social media and did not want this to be a private communication.

Disillusioned and furious voter and citizen,
[Redacted]

Sent from Samsung tablet.