

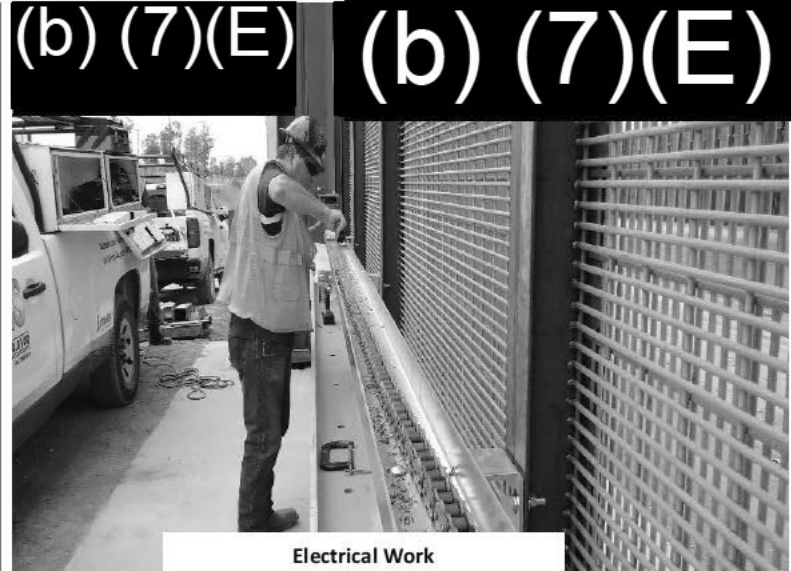
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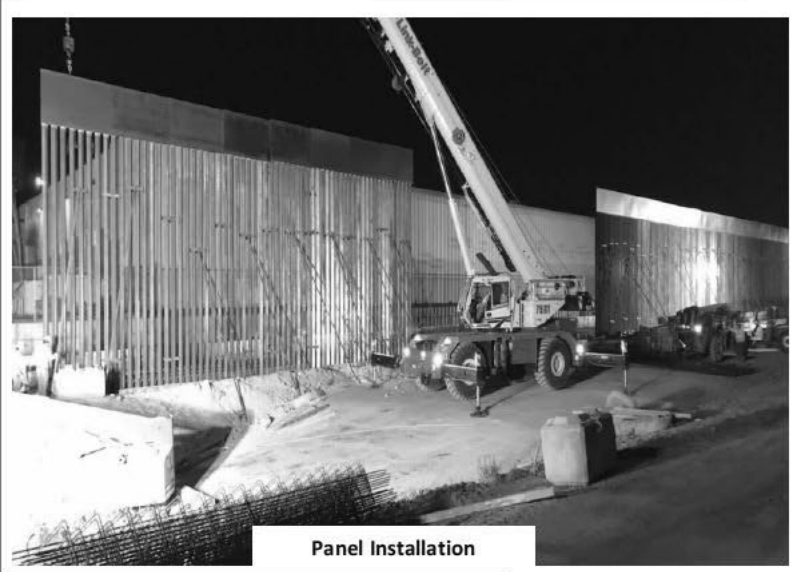
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Construction of FY18 San Diego SECONDARY Border Wall Project as of July 26, 2019

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Construction of (b) (7)(E) Primary Replacement Border Wall Project as of July 26, 2019

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Installed Panels

07.16.2019 09:53



Panel Installation

07.24.2019 09:17

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Panel Installation

07.24.2019



Panel Installation

Construction of (b) (7)(E) Primary Replacement Border Wall Project as of July 26, 2019

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Overall Information

Funding (info as of July 3, 2019, updated monthly)

= Change From Prior Week

**DHS Budget \$1.375B, Treasury Forfeiture Funds (TF) \$601M

FY 2017 - 2019 Investment Plan

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SW Border Overview*

Total Southwest Border: 1,954 mi

Existing Barrier: 654 mi

No Barrier: 1,300 mi

PW to Repair: 221 mi

PW Replace: 133 mi

VB Conversion: 300 mi

Non Priority: 437 mi

Primary Border Wall System: 864 mi

Secondary Enforcement Zone: 773 mi

*totals may differ slightly due to rounding

FY2017	(b) (7)(E)	\$341M	Type	Barrier	Qty.	Planned	CBP Obligated	USACE Obligated
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TOTAL \$341M \$336.5M \$286.5M

FY2018	Up to (b) (7)(E)	\$1.375B	Type	Barrier	Qty.	Enacted	CBP Obligated	USACE Obligated
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TOTAL \$1.375B \$1.29B \$827.3M

FY2019	TBD Miles	~\$2B**	Type	Barrier	Qty.	Planned	CBP Obligated	USACE Obligated
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TOTAL \$2B \$1.46B \$81.8M

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FY17 ENACTED BUDGET PROJECTS (To date, ~39.5/40 Miles & 99% Complete)

Project Milestone

Milestone Date

Status

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Milestones

NOTE: Subject to change based upon Acquisition Timelines

= Change From Prior Week

= TBD

= 30+ Days Slip

= 1-30 Days Slip

= On Schedule

= Complete

*Construction Start denotes the start of the contractor's Period of Performance (POP) Actual construction start dates are unavailable until Contract is awarded

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FY18 ENACTED BUDGET PROJECTS – Continued

(b) (7)(E)

1/19/2018 – (b) (7)(E) ARB Approved (b) (7)(E) of levee wall in (b) (7)(E) County, Texas and (b) (7)(E) of bollard wall in (b) (7)(E) County, Texas
 9/6/2018 – (b) (7)(E) ARB Approved (b) (7)(E) of existing secondary wall in San Diego Sector, along the international border, adjacent to (b) (7)(E) Mexico and (b) (7)(E) of new secondary wall extending to the (b) (7)(E) that is without secondary wall

FY19 ENACTED BUDGET PROJECTS

(b) (7)(E)

4/30/2019 – (b) (7)(E) Pending ARB Approval (b) (7)(E) of Border Wall System in (b) (7)(E) Texas

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 Actual construction start dates are unavailable until Contract is awarded

FY19 DoD SECTION 284 PROJECTS

(b) (7)(E)

NOTE: Subject to change based upon Acquisition Timelines
 Milestones
 = Change From Prior Week
 = TBD
 = 30+ Days Slip
 = 1-30 Days Slip
 = On Schedule
 = Complete

Real Estate

Project	Miles/# of Land Tracts***	Initial Land Ownership Determination	Appraisal/Valuation Complete	Real Estate Possession
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FY18

(b) (7)(E)

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Subject: Senator Cramer Background Paper
Attachments: Senator Cramer Border Wall Paper v (b) (6) 071119.docx

Sir This paper was prepped a few weeks ago. It's not perfectly up to date, but given the short time frame, it's close.

Best,

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Deputy Executive Director, Strategic Planning & Analysis
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**ACTING SECRETARY MEETING WITH U.S. SENATOR KEVIN CRAMER (R-ND)
BORDER WALL UPDATE
July 11, 2019**

OVERVIEW:

- **Senator Cramer has engaged on multiple occasions through letters, phone calls and meetings with U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) regarding the Border Wall acquisition process and construction in 2019.**
- Senator Cramer (and Senator Hoeven (R-ND)) has assisted with setting up meetings between CBP and Fisher Industries, a company with North Dakota ties, to discuss the border barrier construction.
- Senator Cramer's letters have expressed concerns over DHS's partnership with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) regarding the completion of border wall construction on time and budget as well as the overall acquisition process. Senator Cramer has suggested that DHS contract directly with private industry.
- CBP has both responded in writing to Senator Cramer (and Senator Hoeven) to explain the process, has had phone calls and also an in person briefing with U.S. Border Patrol (USBP) senior leaders on May 15, 2019.
- The message to Senator Cramer has remained consistent and is as follows:
 - CBP, in partnership with USACE, manages all procurement actions for the construction of the border wall program through competitive bids by utilizing vehicles such as Multiple Award Task Order Contracts (MATOCs) and pre-qualified sources lists.
 - The USACE posts acquisition opportunities through Federal Business Opportunities (FedBizOpps.gov) and then administers the contracts on behalf of CBP.
 - CBP recommends that all contractors interested in bidding on Border Wall contracts reach out to the USACE Southwestern Division Interagency and International Services (IIS) located in Fort Worth, Texas to discuss their acquisition process in more detail and continue to monitor FedBizOpps.gov for future opportunities.
 - Border wall construction today continues to move exceptionally quickly for large, Federal construction projects.

WE BUILD THE WALL:

- *We Build the Wall*, a private entity, has completed construction of approximately 2,700 linear feet of border wall system in Sunland Park, New Mexico in El Paso Sector in an area that was not prioritized for DHS construction with current funding.
 - This construction was completed by Fisher Industries. The work was undertaken independently and was not coordinated with DHS or CBP prior to or during its completion.
 - *We Build the Wall* has expressed interest in "handing over the keys" to this border wall system to CBP.
- *We Build the Wall* is now seeking permission from DHS to construct additional border wall system east of (b) (7)(E) still in Sunland Park, New Mexico on land in which the company appears to believe the U.S. Government has a real estate interest.
- On July 8, 2019, CBP Deputy Commissioner Robert Perez sent a letter to Kris Kobach notifying him that CBP will be developing a checklist of requirements for previous and future border wall construction. CBP will engage in the coming weeks with the *We Build the Wall*.

- USBP sent a team out to Sundland Park, New Mexico to inspect the completed segment on July 8.

BACKGROUND:

- As of July 3, 2019, ~39.5 (99%) of the FY17 replacement wall (~40 total miles) and ~10.6 miles (13%) of the FY18 new and replacement wall (~76-80 total miles) has been constructed. Approximately 50 additional miles are currently under construction, with many more miles anticipated for award by the end of the Fiscal Year.
- CBP has received approximately \$3.7B for border barriers, funded through a combination of FY17, 18 and 19 Appropriations and the Treasury Forfeiture fund. These funds are expected to support execution of 205 miles of border wall system. Border wall system includes a combination of infrastructure such as wall, all-weather roads, lighting, enforcement cameras and other related technology.

February 17, 2019: CBP received a letter from Senator Cramer asking about border wall construction to include acquisition, service provider and cost. CBP responded.

March 4, 2019: Senator Cramer sent another letter on the similar topic and CBP responded.

May 13, 2019: Senator Cramer's staff reached out to OMB with some questions to which OMB responded with the following:

Q1: In regards to money the Army Corps is receiving for border wall, what % is going to construction and what % is going to administrative costs?

A1: Costs for construction vs. administrative activities vary by border barrier project. We recommend that you engage with DHS/CBP or USACE for project-specific cost information.

Q2: How much wall has already been built (the Corps told him something like 32 miles and he doesn't think that's right)?

A2: As of May 10, CBP and USACE have collaborated to construct 41.2 miles of border barriers during the current administration.

- Using FY17 DHS Appropriations: 39.5 miles of replacement barriers in San Diego, El Centro, and El Paso Sectors.
- Using FY18 DHS Appropriations: 1.7 miles of new barriers in San Diego Sector.

Q3: Are there any statutory limits on DHS's ability to contract directly with a private company?

A3: OMB is not aware of any statutory limitations specifically constraining DHS's ability to contract with private companies on border barrier projects.

May 15, 2019: Senator Cramer and staff received a Wall Program Update from USBP senior leaders.

May 24, 2019: Cramer told a North Dakota radio station that President Trump has asked him to audit the entire process of how federal border wall projects are awarded. “We’re going to do an entire audit,” Cramer said. “I’ve asked for the entire bid process, and all of the bid numbers.”

March 26, 2019: Mornings With Maria (FBN) – Sen. Kevin Cramer (Border Wall)

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MARIA BARTIROMO: welcome back. the border wall battle continues. the pentagon is directing \$1 billion in funds for 57 miles of border wall in support of president trump's national emergency declaration. this as a new migrant caravan is reportedly formed. it is headed for the southern border this morning. joining me right now is senator kevin kramer. it's good to have you on the program this morning. expecting in terms of this caravan headed to the border once again? president trump's plans, he said to me last week the wall is being built.

SEN. KEVIN CRAMER: well, i trust that he means it. i hope that he's right. i'd like to see a little bit more action, frankly, from the builders of the wall. i'd like to see more trenches being built and more wall being put into place. there's a lot of planning. there's a lot of designing and there's a lot of contracting but i want to see real action. north dakota, if you task the contractor with putting up a wall, they start working on it tomorrow. i'm a little anxious about the actual process of building. but he's right, and i think the case is being made for him.

BARTIROMO: you have called on the department of homeland security to fire the pentagon officials who are overseeing the border project and i stead hire private sector companies. tell me, senator, why that would be a big difference, what are why are you looking for private sector companies to take on this work?

SEN. CRAMER: the private sector doesn't seem to be as hampered by the bureaucracy that the corps of engineers is. the corps of engineers is made up of engineers. they're bound by the bureaucracy that involves lots of planning, lots of bidding, lots of oversight. but they don't build anything. i think vertically integrated companies who know how to build things and have the means to do it are much better than the bureaucracy. on top of everything else, the corps of engineers is a division of the army which adds another mass of bureaucracy to the process. when i look at the history of the corps of engineers and the project of border security, i don't see a lot of action. we've appropriated a lot of money.

Issues Likely to be Raised

Q1: Why does CBP insist on using the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and not do its own acquisition?

A1:

- The USACE is CBP’s preferred partner in executing border barriers for various reasons.
- The USACE provides acquisition, construction oversight and real estate expertise.
- The USACE has experienced personnel to support and accomplish the complex acquisition and contract administration required for large-scale construction through competitively bid contracts.

- Additionally, the USACE is one of a few agencies with delegated authority to approve title, which is critical to our acquisition of real estate.
- Lastly, the USACE has experience and subject matter expertise to rapidly execute construction projects of this magnitude, as evidenced by the 2008 and 2009 construction. We are also witnessing their commitment to expeditious construction today.
- As the USACE competitively bids border wall projects on behalf of CBP, we encourage all companies that are interested in constructing border wall to bid on opportunities solicited by the USACE.

Staff Responsible (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) Deputy Executive Director, SPAD, U.S. Border Patrol,
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To: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Subject: RE: border issues

Sir,

We had a congressional delegation in RGV the last two days. The ride along portion began in the Brownsville area and took the levee west. They did not go into the brush on that section of the your. In the evening, Chie (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) took the congressmen to (b)(7)(E) as is typical during these ride alongs.

Of note, a Breitbart reporter took a member of Congress t (b)(7)(E) early in the afternoon of Jan. 31st without our knowledge. The reporter, Brandon Darby, knows he cannot enter private or USFWS property without a Border Patrol agent. Agents in the area called USFWS Officers to inform them of the incident.

Thank you,

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(A)Special Operations Supervisor

Communications Branch

RGV Sector HQ

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Subject: FW: SPOT REPORT: Washington Post article ref: Fisher

Sure you all saw this one. It does talk about the El Paso work...

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* 'He always brings them up': Trump tries to steer border wall deal to North Dakota firm

https://www.washingtonpost.com/immigration/he-always-brings-them-up-trump-tries-to-steer-border-wall-deal-to-north-dakota-firm/2019/05/23/92d3858c-7b30-11e9-8bb7-0fc796cf2ec0_story.html

Washington Post

President Trump has personally and repeatedly urged the head of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to award a border wall contract to a North Dakota construction firm whose top executive is a GOP donor and frequent guest on Fox News, according to four administration officials.

In phone calls, White House meetings and conversations aboard Air Force One during the past several months, Trump has aggressively pushed Dickinson, N.D.-based Fisher Industries to Department of Homeland Security leaders and Lt. Gen. Todd Semonite, the commanding general of the Army Corps, according to the administration officials, who spoke on the condition of anonymity. The push for a specific company has alarmed military commanders and DHS officials.

Semonite was summoned to the White House again Thursday, after the president's aides told Pentagon officials - including Gen. Mark Milley, the commander of the U.S. Army - that the president wanted to discuss the border barrier. According to an administration official with knowledge of the Oval Office meeting, Trump immediately brought up Fisher, a company that sued the U.S. government last month after the Army Corps did not accept its bid to install barriers along the southern border, a contract potentially worth billions of dollars.

Trump has latched on to the company's public claims that a new weathered steel design and innovative construction method would vastly speed up the project - and deliver it at far less cost to taxpayers. White House officials said Trump wants to go with the best and most cost-effective option to build the wall quickly.

"The President is one of the country's most successful builders and knows better than anyone how to negotiate the best deals," said Sarah Sanders, White House press secretary. "He wants to make sure we get the job done under budget and ahead of schedule."

Fisher's CEO, Tommy Fisher, has gone on conservative television and radio, claiming that his company could build more than 200 miles of barrier in less than a year. And he has courted Washington directly, meeting in congressional offices and inviting officials to the southwest desert to see barrier prototypes.

Even as Trump pushes for his firm, Fisher already has started building a section of fencing in Sunland Park, N.M. We Build the Wall, a nonprofit organization that includes prominent conservatives who support the president - its associates and advisory board include former White House adviser Stephen K. Bannon, Blackwater USA founder Erik Prince, ex-congressman Tom Tancredo and former Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach - has guided an effort to build portions of the border barrier on private land with private funds.

The first section is expected to be unveiled soon. Fisher-branded equipment and workers were visible this week preparing the site outside El Paso, within feet of the International Boundary Monument No. 1, placed in 1855 at the beginning of the effort to delineate the Mexico border. The stretch is the only area in the region without a barrier, in part because it crosses rugged terrain.

Scott Sleight, an attorney for Fisher, said in a statement Thursday that Fisher Industries is committed to working with the federal government to secure the border and has developed a patent-pending installation system that allows the company to build fencing "faster than any contractor using common construction methods."

"Fisher has invited officials of many agencies and members of Congress to demonstrate what we believe are vastly superior construction methods and capabilities," Sleight said. "Consistent with the goals President Trump has also outlined, Fisher's goal is to, as expeditiously as possible, provide the best quality border protection at the best price for the American people at our Nation's border."

Jared Kushner, the president's son-in-law, has joined in the campaign for Fisher, along with Sen. Kevin Cramer (R-N.D.), an ardent promoter of the company and the recipient of thousands of dollars in campaign contributions from Fisher and his family members, according to campaign finance records. Cramer, in an interview Thursday, said the Trump administration has shown a great deal of interest in his constituent's company.

"He always brings them up," Cramer said, noting that he spoke with Trump about Fisher twice - once in February, and again on Thursday. Each time, Trump said he wanted Fisher to build some of the barrier, Cramer said.

Cramer said Trump likes Fisher because he had seen him on television advocating for his version of the barrier: "He's been very aggressive on TV," Cramer said, of the CEO.

"You know who else watches Fox News?" Cramer said.

Trump's repeated attempts to influence the Army Corps's contracting decisions show the degree to which the president is willing to insert himself into what is normally a staid legal and regulatory process designed to protect the U.S. government from accusations of favoritism. It also shows how a private company can appeal to the president using well-placed publicity and personal connections to his allies - and the president's willingness to dive into the minutiae of specific projects.

But Trump's personal intervention risks the perception of improper influence on decades-old procurement rules that require government agencies to seek competitive bids, free of political interference.

A senior White House official explained Trump's advocacy for Fisher by saying the president was told the company was cheaper than others and could build the wall faster. The official said that Trump would prefer another company if he learned they could do the work cheaper and faster than Fisher has promised.

The official said Trump had not told Semonite he must award the contract to the company but had repeatedly brought up Fisher as an option because he sees the process as too expensive and too slow. Trump wants to see hundreds of miles of border barrier completed within the next two years.

Trump has taken an intense interest in the border barrier project, expressing frustration with the pace of progress on a structure he views as key to his reelection campaign. Several administration officials have said the president requires frequent briefings from his staff, and has given specific but shifting instructions to Semonite and DHS leaders on his preferred tastes and design specifications.

Most recently, the president has insisted the structure be painted black and topped with pointed spikes, while grumbling to aides that Army Corps contracting process is holding back his ambitions. At the White House meeting Thursday, he said he doesn't like the current design for the wall's gates, suggesting that instead of the hydraulic sliding

gate design, the Army Corps should consider an alternative, according to an administration official: "Why not French doors?" the president asked.

Trump also dismissed concerns about cost increases and maintenance needs associated with applying paint to the structure, insisting the barrier should be black, the administration official said. He also wants the flat steel panels removed from the upper part of the fence, which he considers unsightly, preferring sharpened tips at the end of the steel bollards.

The Department of Homeland Security did not respond to requests for comment.

The Army Corps, with a reputation for rectitude, discipline and impartiality, is the designated contracting authority for the border barrier project, developing specifications, awarding contracts and ensuring legal and regulatory compliance.

"The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers goes to great lengths to ensure the integrity of our contracting process," said Raini W. Brunson, a spokesperson for the Army Corps, who referred questions about Trump's conversations with Semonite to the White House.

The president ordered the reassignment of defense funds to the barrier project after Democrats denied his request for \$5 billion. Instead, the agreement to end the government shutdown included \$1.4 billion for the barrier. Since then, with Trump promising to build 400 miles of fencing by next year, the Pentagon has pledged to provide at least \$2.5 billion more.

Fisher was one of the six companies that built border wall prototypes outside San Diego in 2017, but the company's concrete design did not afford the see-through visibility that Homeland Security officials wanted. While many of the companies declined to discuss their prototypes with reporters, Tommy Fisher was an eager booster for his plan, criticizing the steel bollard design and professing that a more expensive concrete version would be better.

When Fisher began promoting a steel version of the barrier that he said could be installed faster and cheaper, the Army Corps said the design did not meet their requirements and lacked regulatory approvals.

"The system he is proposing does not meet the operational requirements of U.S. Customs and Border Protection," an official said. DHS officials also told the Army Corps in March that Fisher's work on a barrier project in San Diego came in late and over budget.

Fisher has alleged improprieties with the border wall procurement process and sued the government on April 25.

Fisher this week told radio listeners in North Dakota that he was using private donations to build a section of border wall to show off his superior construction methods, which involve using heavy equipment to hold multiple steel panels in place as they are anchored into the ground. He said he knows Trump will be impressed.

"The Corps said it couldn't be done, but now the Border Patrol has seen it," Fisher said, of his construction project, in an interview Wednesday on "The Flag," a show on North Dakota's WZFG News. "They've been out each day and the proof's in the pudding, and after that it's going to open up a whole new narrative about how border security should be handled, who should construct it, and the border agents will finally get what they deserve. And we'll prove it in a half mile stretch where they said it couldn't be done."

Collecting private donations, a group called We Build the Wall has raised \$22 million for the cause. The group has announced a raffle for a "wall reveal ceremony" it said will be attended by its "MAGA All Star board of advisers." "Witness history made on completion of the first privately funded section of the border wall!" it reads. Cramer said Fisher is working with We Build the Wall. The group did not respond to a request for comment.

Trump has repeatedly brought up Fisher after hearing about the company in early 2019, administration officials said.

In an earlier meeting with military and DHS officials in the Oval Office, Trump said the government was getting ripped off by current contractors - and that Fisher could do it for less than half the price, and with concrete. "The president got very spun up about it," said one person with direct knowledge of the meeting.

Officials from the Army Corps and DHS then met with Kushner several times to explain why Fisher wasn't the best deal. Kushner was intimately interested in the cost of the wall and why other companies were being chosen over Fisher, administration officials said. Trump repeatedly told advisers that Fisher should be the company, administration officials said, and he has remained focused on the cost of the wall and how slow its progress has been.

Army Corps of Engineers officials evaluated Fisher's proposal and said they didn't meet the requirements of the project - and that their proposal was cheaper because it wasn't as high quality, or as sophisticated, in their view. Finally, officials, including then-DHS Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen, went into the Oval Office this spring and explained that Fisher could bid, but that the company's proposal needed to change.

Nielsen and Semonite separately explained that the president could not just pick a company. Nielsen did not respond to a request for comment.

Trump remained frustrated, saying that Fisher said they could build it cheaper and faster. "He said these other guys were full of s---," the official said.

Fisher was added to a pool of competitors after the Army Corps came under pressure from the White House, administration officials said.

On Tuesday, after Semonite was called to a meeting with Cramer on Capitol Hill, the senator posted a photograph of the encounter to Twitter, saying he had "discussed border wall construction" with Army Corps leaders.

Cramer said he was glad the president is so involved in the process. Cramer said he was elected to cut through Washington's entrenched bureaucracy.

"Good for him. It's why he is the president of the United States. He knows a thing or two about building big projects," Cramer said. This is why he's president."

Cramer said he has long known the Fisher family and that he is not advocating for the company because its ownership has donated money to his campaigns.

"I was doing it before they were a financial contributor," he said. "For no other reason than the fact that he's a constituent of mine."

Cramer said he had gone down to the border to see Fisher's "show and tell" demonstration. The senator said he has discussed the company with Semonite, Acting Defense Secretary Patrick Shanahan, White House chief of staff Mick Mulvaney, and others.

Tommy Fisher and his wife gave more than \$10,000 - the maximum allowable contributions - to Cramer in 2018 as he ran for Senate, campaign finance records show. Fisher was Cramer's special guest at Trump's State of the Union speech in February, and the CEO said he shook the president's hand afterward.

Trump backed Cramer last year in his campaign to unseat Democrat Heidi Heitkamp. During his Senate run, Cramer appeared in a social media video at Fisher headquarters in North Dakota, driving an excavator.

"Here at Fisher Industries in Dickinson, N.D. I tested just how easy it is install a panel of wall myself," Cramer wrote on Twitter.

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Brian Kolfage, a disabled Vet who started the Go Fund Me account for a border wall, has a Go Fund site where these projects are listed. It say's the estimated cost was 6-8 million, with a final cost TBD.

~~(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)~~ **PROJECT 1 : Sunland Park, New Mexico**

STATUS: COMPLETE

COST: Estimated \$6-\$8 MILLION - FINAL COST TBD

<https://www.gofundme.com/TheTrumpWall>.

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That's impressive. Any idea what the cost was

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Fisher Border Wall El Paso, TX Extended Cut Version

On April 29th, 2019, Fisher Sand & Gravel Co. was contacted by We Build the Wall to construct a half mile of fence in Sunland Park, New Mexico. The location was deemed "Unbuildable" by government agencies due to the harsh construction conditions. In just over one month of being notified of this project, Fisher procured and fabricated the bollard fence panels and finished all construction within two weeks.

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To: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
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Subject: Re: Texas Minutemen Meeting

Yes Sir I am tracking

Thank You Respectfully,

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On Jan 25, 2019, at 4:26 PM (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) wrote:

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[Redacted] We will discuss Monday and I'll engage HQ. The quad will be helpful.

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United States Border Patrol

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Subject: RE: Texas Minutemen Meeting

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Good afternoon. [REDACTED] and I just finished up a visit from [REDACTED] (b) (6) founder of the Texas Minutemen, and another gentleman by the name of [REDACTED] (b) (6) [REDACTED] (b) (6) is a volunteer that came in from Florida.

At this time they only have permission to be on the land owned by [REDACTED] (b) (6) which is approximately 185 acres. They did confirm that David A. Clarke is attempting to make it to the area next Tuesday and may be flying into Midland. [REDACTED] (b) (6) stated they plan to have Sheriff Hughes provide a tour for Mr. Clarke, but also asked if Border Patrol could provide a tour. I informed them I would route that through our chain of command. In addition to Mr. Clarke [REDACTED] (b) (6) stated they are making contact with other people that support their cause and bring as much attention to the area as they can.

The entire conversation was good.

Thank you.

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Good afternoon. I received a call from (b) (6) the Terrell County landowner that will be allowing the Texas Minutemen to patrol his property. He informed me he there are currently three members of the Texas Minutemen at his ranch and that they are anticipating approximately 10 more in a week or so. (b) (6) also informed me that former Milwaukee county Sheriff, David A. Clarke will be in the area next week to meet with him as well as the Sheriff. (b) (6) asked if we could provide him with maps of the area to provide to the Minutemen. I told him we didn't generate those here and I would have to send the request up the chain, but I didn't believe it would be possible (b) (6) and the Texas Militia also plan to start a GoFundMe page asking for support for fuel and what not.

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From: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Sent: Friday, May 24, 2019 1:23 PM
To: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Subject: RE: Border Wall News

I think I've fully reached the point where absolutely nothing would surprise me when it comes to the wall stuff.

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‘He always brings them up’: Trump tries to steer border wall deal to North Dakota firm

Josh Dawsey



Fisher Industries workers prepare land on private property in Sunland Park, New Mexico, near El Paso, on Wednesday, feet from where International Boundary Monument No. 1 sits in the foreground. (Jordyn Rozensky and Justin Hamel/for The Washington Post)

President Trump has personally and repeatedly urged the head of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to award a border wall contract to a North Dakota construction firm whose top executive is a GOP donor and frequent guest on Fox News, according to four administration officials.

In phone calls, White House meetings and conversations aboard Air Force One during the past several months, Trump has aggressively pushed Dickinson, N.D.-based Fisher Industries to Department of Homeland Security leaders and Lt. Gen. Todd Semonite, the commanding general of the Army Corps, according to the administration officials, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss sensitive internal discussions. The push for a specific company has alarmed military commanders and DHS officials.

Semonite was summoned to the White House again Thursday, after the president’s aides told Pentagon officials — including Gen. Mark Milley, the

Army's chief of staff — that the president wanted to discuss the border barrier. According to an administration official with knowledge of the Oval Office meeting, Trump immediately brought up Fisher, a company that sued the U.S. government last month after the Army Corps did not accept its bid to install barriers along the southern border, a contract potentially worth billions of dollars.

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Trump has latched on to the company's public claims that a new weathered steel design and innovative construction method would vastly speed up the project — and deliver it at far less cost to taxpayers. White House officials said Trump wants to go with the best and most cost-effective option to build the wall quickly.

“The President is one of the country's most successful builders and knows better than anyone how to negotiate the best deals,” White House press secretary Sarah Sanders said in an email. “He wants to make sure we get the job done under budget and ahead of schedule.”

Fisher's chief executive, Tommy Fisher, has gone on conservative television and radio, claiming that his company could build more than 200 miles of barrier in less than a year. And he has courted Washington directly, meeting in congressional offices and inviting officials to the Southwest desert to see barrier prototypes.



Even as Trump pushes for his firm, Fisher already has started building a section of fencing in Sunland Park, N.M. We Build the Wall, a nonprofit that includes prominent conservatives who support the president — its associates and advisory board include former White House adviser Stephen K. Bannon, Blackwater USA founder Erik Prince, ex-congressman Tom Tancredo and former Kansas secretary of state Kris Kobach — has guided an effort to build portions of the border barrier on private land with private funds.

The first section is expected to be unveiled soon. Fisher-branded equipment and workers were visible this week preparing the site outside El Paso, within feet of the International Boundary Monument No. 1, placed in 1855 at the beginning of the effort to delineate the Mexican border. The stretch, part of which is on

private land owned by a brick company, is the only area in the region without a barrier, in part because it crosses rugged terrain.

Scott Sleight, an attorney for Fisher, said in a statement Thursday that Fisher Industries is committed to working with the federal government to secure the border and has developed a patent-pending installation system that allows the company to build fencing “faster than any contractor using common construction methods.”

“Fisher has invited officials of many agencies and members of Congress to demonstrate what we believe are vastly superior construction methods and capabilities,” Sleight said. “Consistent with the goals President Trump has also outlined, Fisher’s goal is to, as expeditiously as possible, provide the best quality border protection at the best price for the American people at our Nation’s border.”



Fisher Industries works on the grounds of American Eagle Brick Co., along the U.S.-Mexico border. (Jordyn Rozensky and Justin Hamel/for The Washington Post)

Jared Kushner, the president’s son-in-law, has joined in the campaign for Fisher Industries, along with Sen. Kevin Cramer (R-N.D.), an ardent promoter of the company and the recipient of thousands of dollars in campaign contributions from Fisher and his family members, according to campaign finance records. Cramer, in an interview Thursday, said the Trump administration has shown a great deal of interest in his constituent’s company.

“He always brings them up,” Cramer said, noting that he spoke with Trump about Fisher twice — once in February and again on Thursday. Each time, Trump said he wanted Fisher to build some of the barrier, Cramer said.

Cramer said Trump likes Fisher because he had seen him on television advocating for his version of the barrier: “He’s been very aggressive on TV,” Cramer said of the CEO.

“You know who else watches Fox News?” Cramer asked.

Tommy Fisher, president of Fisher Industries, has made repeated appearances in conservative media insisting he can build the wall faster and for less money. (The Washington Post)

Trump's repeated attempts to influence the Army Corps' contracting decisions show the degree to which the president is willing to insert himself into what is normally a staid legal and regulatory process designed to protect the U.S. government from accusations of favoritism. They also show how a private company can appeal to the president using well-placed publicity and personal connections to his allies — and the president's willingness to dive into the minutiae of specific projects.

But Trump's personal intervention risks the perception of improper influence on decades-old procurement rules that require government agencies to seek competitive bids, free of political interference.

A senior White House official explained Trump's advocacy for Fisher Industries by saying the president was told the company was cheaper than others and could build the wall faster. The official said that Trump would prefer another company if he learned it could do the work cheaper and faster than Fisher has promised.

The official said Trump had not told Semonite he must award the contract to the company but had repeatedly brought up Fisher Industries as an option because he sees the process as too expensive and too slow. Trump wants to see hundreds of miles of border barrier completed within the next two years.

Trump has taken an intense interest in the border barrier project, expressing frustration with the pace of progress on a structure he views as key to his reelection campaign. Several administration officials have said the president requires frequent briefings from his staff and has given specific but shifting instructions to Semonite and DHS leaders on his preferred tastes and design specifications.

Most recently, the president has insisted the structure be painted black and topped with spikes, while grumbling to aides that the Army Corps contracting process is holding back his ambitions. At the White House meeting Thursday, he said he doesn't like the current design for the wall's gates, suggesting that instead of the hydraulic sliding gate design, the Army Corps should consider an

alternative, according to an administration official: “Why not French doors?” the president asked.

Trump also dismissed concerns about cost increases and maintenance needs associated with applying paint to the structure, insisting the barrier be black, the administration official said. He also wants the flat steel panels removed from the upper part of the fence, which he considers unsightly, preferring sharpened tips at the end of the steel bollards.

The Department of Homeland Security did not respond to requests for comment.

The Army Corps, with a reputation for rectitude, discipline and impartiality, is the designated contracting authority for the border barrier project, developing specifications, awarding contracts and ensuring legal and regulatory compliance.



Lt. Gen. Todd Semonite, chief of engineers and the commanding general of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. (Monica King/U.S. Army)

“The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers goes to great lengths to ensure the integrity of our contracting process,” said Raini W. Brunson, a spokesperson for the Army Corps, who referred questions about Trump’s conversations with Semonite to the White House.

The president ordered the reassignment of defense funds to the barrier project after Democrats denied his request for \$5 billion. Instead, the agreement to end the government shutdown included \$1.4 billion for the barrier. Since then, with Trump promising to build 400 miles of fencing by next year, the Pentagon has pledged to provide at least \$2.5 billion more.

Fisher Industries was one of the six companies that built border wall prototypes outside San Diego in 2017, but the company’s concrete design did not afford the see-through visibility that DHS officials wanted. While many of the companies declined to discuss their prototypes with reporters, Tommy Fisher was an eager booster for his plan, criticizing the steel bollard design and professing that a more expensive concrete version would be better.

When Fisher began promoting a steel version of the barrier that he said could be installed faster and cheaper, the Army Corps said the design did not meet its requirements and lacked regulatory approvals.

“The system he is proposing does not meet the operational requirements of U.S. Customs and Border Protection,” an official said. DHS officials also told the Army Corps in March that Fisher’s work on a barrier project in San Diego came in late and over budget.

Fisher Industries has alleged improprieties with the border wall procurement process and sued the government on April 25.



President Trump steps off Air Force One with then-Senate candidate Kevin Cramer, center, and Sen. John Hoeven (R-N.D.) for a campaign rally in June 2018, in Fargo, N.D. (Evan Vucci/AP)

Fisher this week told radio listeners in North Dakota that he was using private donations to build a section of border wall to show off his superior construction methods, which involve using heavy equipment to hold steel panels in place as they are anchored into the ground. He said he knows Trump will be impressed.

“The Corps said it couldn’t be done, but now the Border Patrol has seen it,” Fisher said of his construction project in an interview Wednesday on “The Flag,” a show on North Dakota’s WZFG News. “They’ve been out each day, and the proof’s in the pudding, and after that, it’s going to open up a whole new narrative about how border security should be handled, who should construct it, and the border agents will finally get what they deserve. And we’ll prove it in a half-mile stretch where they said it couldn’t be done.”

Collecting private donations, We Build the Wall has raised \$22 million for the cause. The group has announced a raffle for a “wall reveal ceremony” it said will be attended by its “MAGA All Star board of advisors.”

“Witness history made on completion of the first privately funded section of the border wall!” it says. Cramer said Fisher is working with We Build the Wall. The group did not respond to a request for comment.

Trump has repeatedly brought up Fisher Industries after hearing about the company in early 2019, administration officials said.

In an earlier meeting with military and DHS officials in the Oval Office, Trump said that the government was getting ripped off by current contractors — and that Fisher could do it for less than half the price and with concrete. “The president got very spun up about it,” said one person with direct knowledge of the meeting.

Officials from the Army Corps and DHS then met with Kushner several times to explain why Fisher wasn’t the best deal. Kushner was intimately interested in the cost of the wall and why other companies were being chosen over Fisher, administration officials said. Trump repeatedly told advisers that Fisher should be the company, administration officials said, and he has remained focused on the cost of the wall and how slow its progress has been.



Excavators work on land that abuts the Mexican border in Sunland Park, N.M., where private money is being used to build border barriers on private land. (Jordyn Rozensky and Justin Hamel/For The Washington Post)

Army Corps of Engineers officials evaluated Fisher’s proposal and said that it didn’t meet the requirements of the project — and that the proposal was cheaper because it wasn’t as high-quality, or as sophisticated, in their view.

Finally, officials, including then-DHS Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen, went into the Oval Office this spring and explained that Fisher could bid but that the company’s proposal needed to change.

Nielsen and Semonite separately explained that the president could not just pick a company. Nielsen did not respond to a request for comment.

Trump remained frustrated, saying that Fisher said it could build the barrier cheaper and faster. “He said these other guys were full of s---,” an official said.

Fisher was added to a pool of competitors after the Army Corps came under pressure from the White House, administration officials said.

On Tuesday, after Semonite was called to a meeting with Cramer on Capitol Hill, the senator posted a photograph of the encounter to Twitter, saying he had “discussed border wall construction” with Army Corps leaders.

Cramer said he was glad the president is so involved in the process. Trump was elected to cut through Washington’s entrenched bureaucracy, he said.

“Good for him. It’s why he is the president of the United States. He knows a thing or two about building big projects,” Cramer said. “This is why he’s president.”

Cramer said that he has long known the Fisher family and that he is not advocating for the company because its ownership has donated money to his campaigns.

“I was doing it before they were a financial contributor,” he said. “For no other reason than the fact that he’s a constituent of mine.”

Cramer said he had gone down to the border to see Fisher’s “show and tell” demonstration. The senator said he has discussed the company with Semonite, acting defense secretary Patrick Shanahan, White House acting chief of staff Mick Mulvaney and others.

Tommy Fisher and his wife gave more than \$10,000 — the maximum allowable contribution — to Cramer in 2018 as he ran for Senate, campaign finance records show. Fisher was Cramer’s guest at Trump’s State of the Union speech in February, and the CEO said he shook the president’s hand afterward.

Trump backed Cramer last year in his campaign to unseat Democrat Heidi Heitkamp. During his Senate run, Cramer appeared in a social media video at Fisher headquarters in North Dakota, driving an excavator.

“Here at Fisher Industries in Dickinson ND, I tested just how easy it is install a panel of wall myself,” Cramer wrote on Twitter.



The grounds of American Eagle Brick Co., in Sunland Park, N.M. (Jordyn Rozensky and Justin Hamel/For The Washington Post)

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Sure you all saw this one. It does talk about the El Paso work...

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Semonite was summoned to the White House again Thursday, after the president's aides told Pentagon officials - including Gen. Mark Milley, the commander of the U.S. Army - that the president wanted to discuss the border barrier. According to an administration official with knowledge of the Oval Office meeting, Trump immediately brought up Fisher, a company that sued the U.S. government last month after the Army Corps did not accept its bid to install barriers along the southern border, a contract potentially worth billions of dollars.

Trump has latched on to the company's public claims that a new weathered steel design and innovative construction method would vastly speed up the project - and deliver it at far less cost to taxpayers. White House officials said Trump wants to go with the best and most cost-effective option to build the wall quickly.

"The President is one of the country's most successful builders and knows better than anyone how to negotiate the best deals," said Sarah Sanders, White House press secretary. "He wants to make sure we get the job done under budget and ahead of schedule."

Fisher's CEO, Tommy Fisher, has gone on conservative television and radio, claiming that his company could build more than 200 miles of barrier in less than a year. And he has courted Washington directly, meeting in congressional offices and inviting officials to the southwest desert to see barrier prototypes.

Even as Trump pushes for his firm, Fisher already has started building a section of fencing in Sunland Park, N.M. We Build the Wall, a nonprofit organization that includes prominent conservatives who support the president - its associates and advisory board include former White House adviser Stephen K. Bannon, Blackwater USA founder Erik Prince, ex-congressman Tom Tancredo and former Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach - has guided an effort to build portions of the border barrier on private land with private funds.

The first section is expected to be unveiled soon. Fisher-branded equipment and workers were visible this week preparing the site outside El Paso, within feet of the International Boundary Monument No. 1, placed in 1855 at the beginning of the effort to delineate the Mexico border. The stretch is the only area in the region without a barrier, in part because it crosses rugged terrain.

Scott Sleight, an attorney for Fisher, said in a statement Thursday that Fisher Industries is committed to working with the federal government to secure the border and has developed a patent-pending installation system that allows the company to build fencing "faster than any contractor using common construction methods."

"Fisher has invited officials of many agencies and members of Congress to demonstrate what we believe are vastly superior construction methods and capabilities," Sleight said. "Consistent with the goals President Trump has also outlined, Fisher's goal is to, as expeditiously as possible, provide the best quality border protection at the best price for the American people at our Nation's border."

Jared Kushner, the president's son-in-law, has joined in the campaign for Fisher, along with Sen. Kevin Cramer (R-N.D.), an ardent promoter of the company and the recipient of thousands of dollars in campaign contributions from Fisher and his family members, according to campaign finance records. Cramer, in an interview Thursday, said the Trump administration has shown a great deal of interest in his constituent's company.

"He always brings them up," Cramer said, noting that he spoke with Trump about Fisher twice - once in February, and again on Thursday. Each time, Trump said he wanted Fisher to build some of the barrier, Cramer said.

Cramer said Trump likes Fisher because he had seen him on television advocating for his version of the barrier: "He's been very aggressive on TV," Cramer said, of the CEO.

"You know who else watches Fox News?" Cramer said.

Trump's repeated attempts to influence the Army Corps's contracting decisions show the degree to which the president is willing to insert himself into what is normally a staid legal and regulatory process designed to protect the U.S. government from accusations of favoritism. It also shows how a private company can appeal to the president using well-placed publicity and personal connections to his allies - and the president's willingness to dive into the minutiae of specific projects.

But Trump's personal intervention risks the perception of improper influence on decades-old procurement rules that require government agencies to seek competitive bids, free of political interference.

A senior White House official explained Trump's advocacy for Fisher by saying the president was told the company was cheaper than others and could build the wall faster. The official said that Trump would prefer another company if he learned they could do the work cheaper and faster than Fisher has promised.

The official said Trump had not told Semonite he must award the contract to the company but had repeatedly brought up Fisher as an option because he sees the process as too expensive and too slow. Trump wants to see hundreds of miles of border barrier completed within the next two years.

Trump has taken an intense interest in the border barrier project, expressing frustration with the pace of progress on a structure he views as key to his reelection campaign. Several administration officials have said the president requires frequent briefings from his staff, and has given specific but shifting instructions to Semonite and DHS leaders on his preferred tastes and design specifications.

Most recently, the president has insisted the structure be painted black and topped with pointed spikes, while grumbling to aides that Army Corps contracting process is holding back his ambitions. At the White House meeting Thursday, he said he doesn't like the current design for the wall's gates, suggesting that instead of the hydraulic sliding gate design, the Army Corps should consider an alternative, according to an administration official: "Why not French doors?" the president asked.

Trump also dismissed concerns about cost increases and maintenance needs associated with applying paint to the structure, insisting the barrier should be black, the administration official said. He also wants the flat steel panels removed from the upper part of the fence, which he considers unsightly, preferring sharpened tips at the end of the steel bollards.

The Department of Homeland Security did not respond to requests for comment.

The Army Corps, with a reputation for rectitude, discipline and impartiality, is the designated contracting authority for the border barrier project, developing specifications, awarding contracts and ensuring legal and regulatory compliance.

"The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers goes to great lengths to ensure the integrity of our contracting process," said Raini W. Brunson, a spokesperson for the Army Corps, who referred questions about Trump's conversations with Semonite to the White House.

The president ordered the reassignment of defense funds to the barrier project after Democrats denied his request for \$5 billion. Instead, the agreement to end the government shutdown included \$1.4 billion for the barrier. Since then, with Trump promising to build 400 miles of fencing by next year, the Pentagon has pledged to provide at least \$2.5 billion more.

Fisher was one of the six companies that built border wall prototypes outside San Diego in 2017, but the company's concrete design did not afford the see-through visibility that Homeland Security officials wanted. While many of the companies declined to discuss their prototypes with reporters, Tommy Fisher was an eager booster for his plan, criticizing the steel bollard design and professing that a more expensive concrete version would be better.

When Fisher began promoting a steel version of the barrier that he said could be installed faster and cheaper, the Army Corps said the design did not meet their requirements and lacked regulatory approvals.

"The system he is proposing does not meet the operational requirements of U.S. Customs and Border Protection," an official said. DHS officials also told the Army Corps in March that Fisher's work on a barrier project in San Diego came in late and over budget.

Fisher has alleged improprieties with the border wall procurement process and sued the government on April 25.

Fisher this week told radio listeners in North Dakota that he was using private donations to build a section of border wall to show off his superior construction methods, which involve using heavy equipment to hold multiple steel panels in place as they are anchored into the ground. He said he knows Trump will be impressed.

"The Corps said it couldn't be done, but now the Border Patrol has seen it," Fisher said, of his construction project, in an interview Wednesday on "The Flag," a show on North Dakota's WZFG News. "They've been out each day and the proof's in the pudding, and after that it's going to open up a whole new narrative about how border security should be handled, who should construct it, and the border agents will finally get what they deserve. And we'll prove it in a half mile stretch where they said it couldn't be done."

Collecting private donations, a group called We Build the Wall has raised \$22 million for the cause. The group has announced a raffle for a "wall reveal ceremony" it said will be attended by its "MAGA All Star board of advisers." "Witness history made on completion of the first privately funded section of the border wall!" it reads. Cramer said Fisher is working with We Build the Wall. The group did not respond to a request for comment.

Trump has repeatedly brought up Fisher after hearing about the company in early 2019, administration officials said.

In an earlier meeting with military and DHS officials in the Oval Office, Trump said the government was getting ripped off by current contractors - and that Fisher could do it for less than half the price, and with concrete. "The president got very spun up about it," said one person with direct knowledge of the meeting.

Officials from the Army Corps and DHS then met with Kushner several times to explain why Fisher wasn't the best deal. Kushner was intimately interested in the cost of the wall and why other companies were being chosen over Fisher, administration officials said. Trump repeatedly told advisers that Fisher should be the company, administration officials said, and he has remained focused on the cost of the wall and how slow its progress has been.

Army Corps of Engineers officials evaluated Fisher's proposal and said they didn't meet the requirements of the project - and that their proposal was cheaper because it wasn't as high quality, or as sophisticated, in their view. Finally, officials, including then-DHS Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen, went into the Oval Office this spring and explained that Fisher could bid, but that the company's proposal needed to change.

Nielsen and Semonite separately explained that the president could not just pick a company. Nielsen did not respond to a request for comment.

Trump remained frustrated, saying that Fisher said they could build it cheaper and faster. "He said these other guys were full of s---," the official said.

Fisher was added to a pool of competitors after the Army Corps came under pressure from the White House, administration officials said.

On Tuesday, after Semonite was called to a meeting with Cramer on Capitol Hill, the senator posted a photograph of the encounter to Twitter, saying he had "discussed border wall construction" with Army Corps leaders.

Cramer said he was glad the president is so involved in the process. Cramer said he was elected to cut through Washington's entrenched bureaucracy.

"Good for him. It's why he is the president of the United States. He knows a thing or two about building big projects," Cramer said. This is why he's president."

Cramer said he has long known the Fisher family and that he is not advocating for the company because its ownership has donated money to his campaigns.

"I was doing it before they were a financial contributor," he said. "For no other reason than the fact that he's a constituent of mine."

Cramer said he had gone down to the border to see Fisher's "show and tell" demonstration. The senator said he has discussed the company with Semonite, Acting Defense Secretary Patrick Shanahan, White House chief of staff Mick Mulvaney, and others.

Tommy Fisher and his wife gave more than \$10,000 - the maximum allowable contributions - to Cramer in 2018 as he ran for Senate, campaign finance records show. Fisher was Cramer's special guest at Trump's State of the Union speech in February, and the CEO said he shook the president's hand afterward.

Trump backed Cramer last year in his campaign to unseat Democrat Heidi Heitkamp. During his Senate run, Cramer appeared in a social media video at Fisher headquarters in North Dakota, driving an excavator.

"Here at Fisher Industries in Dickinson, N.D. I tested just how easy it is install a panel of wall myself," Cramer wrote on Twitter.

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We will need to talk about this tomorrow at close out. It will probably keep until then.

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We are prepared to talk through questions at your convenience.

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FYSA Chief.

Respectfully,

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
(A) Operations Officer
Adjutant to DCP (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
U.S. Border Patrol Rio Grande Valley Sector
(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)(O)
(C)
(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

“So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.” - Isaiah 41:10

Begin forwarded message:

From: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Date: August 5, 2019 at 8:45:18 AM CDT
To: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
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Cc: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
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Subject (b) (6) -Media Presence

Good morning D (b)(6);(b)(7)(C),
MCS encountered Congressman Chip Roy overnight in the field (Notification Below) with several congressional aides and a BRANDON Darby of Breitbart.

This was not coordinated through OCA or our office.

A reporter with Breitbart also just showed up at MCS and requested to be included in the briefing this morning, to which I declined as it was not coordinated with our office nor OPA. (Pic attached)

I will follow your lead on allowing the Reporter to become apart of the tour.

I've also added a document which highlights a Roundtable Discussion that the Congressman are hosting this afternoon here in McAllen at 2pm. Chi (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) may be invited to attend. ICE HSI ASA (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) has been invited to attend.

(b) (6)

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State of the Border Roundtable August 5th, 2019

Congressmen Chip Roy, Andy Biggs, and Michael Cloud will hold a roundtable discussion with border and immigration officials in Edinburg, Texas following a border tour of the Rio Grande Valley sector and visits to Customs and Border Patrol facilities in McAllen, Texas. The roundtable will be held at the National Border Patrol Council's office in Edinburg and they will be joined by representatives from CBP and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), as well as members of the press.

When: August 5th from 2:00 – 4:00 PM
Where: 4279 Crosspoint Blvd, Edinburg, TX, 78539
Who:

1. Congressman Chip Roy – represents the 21st Congressional District of Texas. He serves on the Budget, Oversight, and Veterans Affairs committees and is the Ranking Member of the Oversight Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Civil Liberties. Roy's district stretches from south Austin through the hill country to downtown San Antonio.
2. Congressman Andy Biggs – an Arizona native currently serving his second term as the U.S. Representative for the 5th District of Arizona. Biggs is the Co-Chair of the Border Security Caucus and is a member of the House Judiciary and Science, Space, and Technology committees.
3. Congressman Michael Cloud – represents the 27th District of Texas and serves on the Oversight and Science, Space, and Technology committees.
4. (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) – Vice President at-large of the National Border Patrol Council. He previously served as President of NBPC Local 2455, based in Laredo.
5. (b) (6) – a retired Captain from the Texas Department of Public Safety's Intelligence and Counterterrorism Division, where he managed the daily operations of the Texas Rangers, Border Security Operations Center.
6. Brandon Darby – director of Breitbart's Border and Cartel Chronicles project. Previously, Darby was an organizer in both Louisiana and Texas and served as a campaign strategist for President Trump.
7. (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) – Assistant Special Agent in Charge with Homeland Security Investigation (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) oversees all operational and administrative activities for HSI for Hidalgo and Starr Counties.

Purpose: There is an escalating crisis at our border that continues to be underfunded and largely ignored by elected officials. Though some progress has been made, the Department of Homeland Security is still overwhelmed in the face of an influx of migrants attempting to illegally enter the country and a lack of badly needed resources, personnel, and facilities. Due to Congress' failure to close loopholes in existing law, cartels are exploiting our broken system to exploit vulnerable women and children every day. We hope to continue to shed light on the efforts of the men and women of DHS to keep our nation secure and look forward to working with experts and officials to propose policy changes to address the impact of drug cartels and traffickers who have seized operational control of our nation's border.

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Cc: PETERLIN, MEGHANN K (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Subject: RE: Query from CNN

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Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2019 12:39 PM
To: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Cc: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Subject: Re: Query from CNN

Thank (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). If anyone else has further info please share and I'll do the same.

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From: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2019 11:26:22 AM
To: (b) (6)
Cc: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
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All we have been saying is:

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I don't have answers to questions related to any CBP, DHS or POTUS approvals/coordination sorry. Copying some HQ personnel to see if they have anything further.

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2019 9:21 AM
To: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Subject: RE: Query from CNN

H (b) (6), (b) (7)(C),

We got a similar request from the Daily Mail yesterday. Should I just send her your way?

From: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2019 11:09 AM
To: (b) (6) (b) (6) (b) (6) <cnn.com>; Media Inquiry (b) (6) >
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Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2019 1:13 PM
To: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Subject: Re: Query from CNN

Please and thank you!

Meghann K. Peterlin
(b)(6);(b)(7)(C) (C)

On May 28, 2019, at 1:12 PM (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) wrote:

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Team,

(b) (5)

Thx,

(b) (6)

(b) (6)
Counselor to DHS Secretary
Cell (b) (6)

Sent from iPhone

From (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2019 10:01:54 AM
To (b) (6)
Subject: FW: Query from CNN

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Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2019 10:56 AM
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To (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Subject: RE: private border wall in NM - many more media inquiries

Can you send me the statement again please?

From (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2019 1:10 PM
To (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
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From: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2019 1:36 PM
To: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Subject: RE: Query from CNN

It's brutal out here brother (b) (5)
(b) (5) I will send you my latest message to HQ so you can see.

From (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2019 11:31 AM
To (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Subject: RE: Query from CNN

Way to stay the course, If at a local level when I respond to (1) reporter with their information others from the TV come calling.

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
CBP Public Affairs
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Cc: PETERLIN, MEGHANN K (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) FRIEL, MICHAEL J
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Perfect. Thank you.

(b) (6)
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Cell (b) (6)

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Cc: PETERLIN, MEGHANN K (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) FRIEL, MICHAEL J
Subject: RE: Query from CNN

Tony,

This portion of wall was built on private land with private funding sponsors.

Neither the Sector or Headquarter offered any endorsement.

Sector and Headquarters became aware of this project on May 24th at approximately 11:00a.m. (MST), when an agent working in Santa Teresa, NM Border Patrol Station's area of responsibility was approached by members of the media inquiring about the privately owned wall being built along the border by the landowner. Agents had no response to provide and referred the media sources to the El Paso Sector Public Affairs Office.

Hope this helps,

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

From (b) (6) (b) (6)
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(b)(6) see Mike's message below. CBP doesn't have a statement.

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(b)(6);(b)(7)(C) (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Subject: RE: Query from CNN

CBP doesn't have a statement on this private venture at this time.

However, do to comments in news reports that CBP has engaged the organization, we're seeking feedback from USBP's wall team on a potential response.

Will keep you posted.

Mike

From (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2019 12:00 PM
To: FRIEL, MICHAEL (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) >
Cc: PETERLIN, MEGHANN K (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Subject: FW: Query from CNN

Hey Mike,

I just saw this story air on Fox.

Are you aware of an any approved statements that we are speaking to on the GoFundMe segment of the fence?

See below for more details.

Thanks,

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

From (b) (6) (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2019 11:04 AM
To (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
(b)(6);(b)(7)(C) (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Subject: Fwd: Query from CNN

Team,

(b) (5)

Thx,

(b) (6)

(b) (6)

Counselor to DHS Secretary

Cell (b) (6)

Sent from iPhone

From (b) (6)

Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2019 10:01:54 AM

To (b) (6)

Subject: FW: Query from CNN

FYI

From (b) (6) (b) (6) <cnn.com>

Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2019 10:56 AM

To (b) (6) Media Inquiry (b) (6) >

Cc: CBPMEDIARELATIONS <CBPMediaRelations@cbp.dhs.gov>

Subject: Re: Query from CNN

Thanks (b) (6). One of my colleagues interviewed Brian Kolfage, who started the GoFundMe for the construction, and he claims the group was given the "blessing by DHS." Does DHS have comment on that?

(b) (6)

Immigration Reporter, CNN Politics

Cell, Signal, WhatsApp (b) (6)

(b) (6) <cnn.com>

From (b) (6)

Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2019 10:46 AM

To (b) (6) Media Inquiry

Cc: CBPMEDIARELATIONS

Subject: RE: Query from CNN

Adding CBP.

From (b) (6) (b) (6) <cnn.com>

Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2019 9:23 AM

To: Media Inquir (b) (6)

Subject: Query from CNN

Hello,

I'm reaching out regarding the construction of a border wall on private land by the group, We Build the Wall. Kris Kobach, who's involved with the group, said a half mile stretch of wall on the site, near El Paso, is nearly finished.

Steve Bannon also told CNN that Border Patrol told the group that the stretch of private wall is among the most important points.

Does DHS have comment on the construction? And has DHS ever been in contact with the group over the wall?

Thank you.

Best,

(b) (6)

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Immigration Reporter, CNN Politics
Cell, Signal, WhatsApp (b) (6)
(b) (6) cnn.com

Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2019 2:25 PM
To: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Cc: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Subject: image of private border wall in NM
Attachments: Resized 20190528 121023 3682.jpeg

This is a screen grab from noon news weather/mountain camera shot. You can see the wall in photo going from lower left towards upper right corner. US territory is

From (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
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To (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
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Cc (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Subject: private border wall in NM - many more media inquiries

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Was the wall needed in that area?

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9400 Viscount Blvd. **(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)**
El Paso, TX 79925

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Office **(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)**



From: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) on behalf of BORDERWALLTASKS
Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2019 3:58 PM
To: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) BORDERWALLTASKS
Subject: RE: private border wall in NM - many more media inquiries

Thanks again!

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Communications Specialist
Strategic Analysis, Inc.
Border Wall Program Management Office
United States Border Patrol
Program Management Office Directorate
Mobile (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) [REDACTED]
(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

From (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2019 3:50 PM
To: BORDERWALLTASK (b)(7)(E)
Subject: FW: private border wall in NM - many more media inquiries

Again for your visibility.

From (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2019 11:10 AM
To (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
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Office (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)



From: GoFundMe <hello@gofundme.com>
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2019 5:06 PM
To: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Subject: Action Required: Your donation to We The People Will Fund the Wall



Dear GoFundMe customer,

We have not heard from you regarding how you would like us to handle your donation to We The People Will Fund the Wall.

When the campaign was created, Brian Kolfage, the campaign organizer, stated on the campaign page, "If we don't reach our goal or come significantly close we will refund every single penny." He also originally promised that "100% of your donations will go to the Trump Wall. If for ANY reason we don't reach our goal we will refund your donation."

On January 11, he announced a revised plan to privately build the wall through a new 501(c)(4) organization, We Build The Wall, Inc. Please visit his campaign page or We Build The Wall's website for more details if you haven't read about the new organization yet.

Given that the specific use of funds changed from what was originally stated, we need all donors to choose if they want their money going to the new organization, or if they would like a refund.

You have 60 more days to let us know if you'd like your donation to be sent to the new 501(c)(4) organization. If we do not hear from you by April 10, 2019,

your donation will be automatically refunded on April 11, 2019.

Please take action through the links below:

Yes, I want my donation to go to We Build The Wall, Inc.

Please refund my donation.

If we don't hear from you, we will refund your donation on April 11, 2019.

Please do not reply to this message. If you have any questions, please visit our Help Center.

Thank you,
The GoFundMe Team



You have received this email as a former GoFundMe donor or organizer.

Unsubscribe from all GoFundMe emails and newsletters

GoFundMe, 855 Jefferson Ave, PO Box 1329, Redwood City, CA 94063

From: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Sent: Wednesday, June 19, 2019 3:32 PM
To: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Cc:
Subject: FW: LINE TOUR REQUEST
Attachments: FW: Sheriff Clarke

FYSA

This interaction with them was to arrange a line tour with Sheriff David Clark. The line tour never happened. (see attached email)

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Assistant Chief Patrol Agent
Sector Communications
U.S. Border Patrol – El Paso Sector
8901 Montana Avenue
El Paso, TX 79925
(b)(6);(b)(7)(C) - office
(b)(6);(b)(7)(C) - cell
(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

From (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Sent: Thursday, May 30, 2019 11:39 AM
To (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Cc (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Subject: RE: LINE TOUR REQUEST

10-4 we got it.

From (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Sent: Thursday, May 30, 2019 11:38 AM
To (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Cc (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Subject: RE: LINE TOUR REQUEST

10-4

I will stand down on contactin (b) (6) that way you can do direct with him.

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U.S. Border Patrol – El Paso Sector
8901 Montana Avenue
El Paso, TX 79925
(b)(6);(b)(7)(C) - office
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(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

From [REDACTED] (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Sent: Thursday, May 30, 2019 11:35 AM
To [REDACTED] (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Cc [REDACTED] (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Subject: RE: LINE TOUR REQUEST

10-4 we will coordinate

From [REDACTED] (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) [REDACTED] (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Sent: Thursday, May 30, 2019 11:33 AM
To [REDACTED] (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Cc [REDACTED] (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Subject: RE: LINE TOUR REQUEST

[REDACTED] (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

The ride along has been approved. Can you guys handle i [REDACTED] (b) (7)(E) ?

[REDACTED] (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Assistant Chief Patrol Agent
Sector Communications
U.S. Border Patrol – El Paso Sector
8901 Montana Avenue
El Paso, TX 79925
[REDACTED] (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) - office
[REDACTED] (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) - cell
[REDACTED] (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

From [REDACTED] (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Sent: Wednesday, May 29, 2019 7:21 PM
To [REDACTED] (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) [REDACTED] (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Cc [REDACTED] (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Subject: Re: LINE TOUR REQUEST

10- [REDACTED] (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) thanks.

Sent from my iPhone

On May 29, 2019, at 7:20 PM [REDACTED] (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) wrote:

He already called me. I told him that I would provide him a response tomorrow morning.

Thanks,

[REDACTED] (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Assistant Chief Patrol Agent
Strategic Communications
U.S. Border Patrol - El Paso Sector
8901 Montana Ave.
El Paso, TX 79925
[REDACTED] (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) - Office

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C) - Cell

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

On May 29, 2019, at 6:42 PM (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) wrote:

Good afternoon Sir,

STN received a phone call requesting information on how to set up a line tour for Sheriff David Clarke. The caller was (b) (6) who is currently the head of security for the "We Build the Wall" project at monument one. His number is (b) (6)

Sheriff Clarke is scheduled to be in the El Paso area for the next couple of days attending several events. Sheriff Clarke requested a line tour to see the realities faced by agents on a daily basis. Sheriff Clarke has several events scheduled throughout the day and requested the line tour (if possible) be scheduled during the evening hours. I've provide (b) (6) your contact information and he will call you shortly with specifics regarding the request.

Below is a quick Wikipedia biography on Sheriff Clarke

David Alexander Clarke Jr. is an American former law enforcement official who served as Sheriff of Milwaukee County, Wisconsin from 2002 to 2017. In 2002, Clarke was appointed to the position by Governor Scott McCallum and later elected that same year to his first four-year term. He was reelected in November 2006, 2010 and 2014.^[1] Although registered and elected as a Democrat in a heavily Democratic county, many of Clarke's political views align with those of conservative Republicans.

He resigned as sheriff in August 2017.^[4] A vocal supporter of President Donald Trump, Clarke was considered for a role in the Trump Administration. After resigning as Sheriff of Milwaukee County, Clarke joined the super PAC America First Action as a spokesman and senior advisor, serving until February 2019.

Clarke was born in Milwaukee, one of five children of Jeri and David Clarke Sr. His father was a paratrooper with the 2nd Ranger Infantry Company. Clarke Jr. attended Marquette University High School where he played for the varsity basketball team. After finishing high school, Clarke took classes at the University of Wisconsin in Milwaukee but dropped out during his first year when he got a job driving beer trucks.

His career in law enforcement began in 1978 at the Milwaukee Police Department (MPD). He "rose through the ranks at a slow but steady pace in his 24 years with the department." Clarke was a patrol officer for eleven years and then a homicide detective; he was promoted to lieutenant of detectives in 1993 and captain in 1999.

In 1999, Clarke received a B.A. in Management of Criminal Justice from Concordia University Wisconsin's School of Adult and Continuing Education. In January 2002, Milwaukee County Sheriff Leverett F. (Lev) Baldwin resigned

midway through his term to take a pension payout. Clarke was one of ten applicants for the position, and Governor Scott McCallum appointed him on March 19, 2002. He was elected to a full term later in 2002, and was reelected in 2006, 2010, and 2014.

<image001.jpg>

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Watch Commander

Santa Teresa Border Patrol Station

El Paso Sector

Ofc **(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)**

Cell: **(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)**

From: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Sent: Friday, May 31, 2019 10:27 AM
To: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Cc: STN STAFF
Subject: FW: Sheriff Clarke

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

See below. Sheriff was tied up last night and our WC made an effort to accommodate the ride along. Ultimately it didn't happen.

Give me a call if you have any questions.

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
DPAIC
U.S. Border Patrol
Santa Teresa Station
O (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Cell: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

From (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Sent: Thursday, May 30, 2019 8:57 PM
To (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Subject: Sheriff Clarke

Sir,

Bottom line, we did not give Sheriff Clarke a line tour.

I went down to th (b)(7)(E) area around 530PM and waited in the GOV for him to be done with some interviews. There was a large gathering of people celebrating the wall so I primarily stayed by th (b)(7)(E) waiting for him to be ready. I stayed there for about an 1.5 hours seeing all the traffic come in and out. I called again and they said he was still doing interviews.

I finally called them back and told them I was going to head back to the station.

It's almost 9 and I haven't received a call from his handlers.

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Watch Commander

Santa Teresa Border Patrol Station

El Paso Sector

Ofc: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Cell: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

From: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Sent: Wednesday, June 19, 2019 4:27 PM
To: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Subject: RE: TASK REQUEST: Comms Cataloguing

Sir,

As requested, below is a quick synopsis of the interaction I had with the "We Build the Wall" personnel. We have narrowed down the date to the week of April 14-20.

On approximately April 14th at 1700 hours, four gentlemen showed up at the Santa Teresa Station. They stated they were the "We Build the Wall" project organizers. They went on to elaborate the premise behind the "We Build the Wall" project. One of the gentlemen, who was in a wheel chair, introduced himself as one of the primary organizers of the "We Build the Wall" project, Brian Kolfage. The second gentlemen that introduced himself stated he was the former Secretary Of State of Kansas, Kris Kobach (he presented a Kansas driver's license). The names of the other two gentlemen are unknown.

Mr. Kobach stated that they were traveling Eastbound on Highway 9 and apologized for their announced presence. He added that they were in the area and took the opportunity to see if they could get a Santa Teresa Station tour. They were informed that generally people don't show up at the station unannounced and that there are certain requirements that need to be met prior to any station/line tour. They were further advised that those tours need to be coordinated with the El Paso Sector Public Affairs Office (PAO). DPAI (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) was contacted and advised of the visit. DPAI (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) confirmed that tours require prior coordination and approval from the EPT Sector PAO office. Mr. Kobach was provided with the PAO phone number for coordination. Mr. Kobach was very understanding and stated he would call PAO to coordinate a station/line tour.

Sir,

On a separate occasion on May 29, 2019, the head of security for the "We Build the Wall" project called the Santa Teresa Station to ask if a line tour could be arranged for former Sheriff of Milwaukee County, Wisconsin, David Alexander Clarke. Arrangements were made with Sector PAO and the tour was approved for May 30th. Sheriff Clarke's had conflicting scheduled appointments on May 30th and the line tour did not occur.

Let me know if you need anything else sir.

W (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Ofc: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Cel: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

From (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) >
Sent: Wednesday, June 19, 2019 12:56 PM
To: STN STAF (b)(7)(E)
Subject: FW: TASK REQUEST: Comms Cataloguing

Please see the tasking below, let's make a plan and move forward. Thank you!

From: HULL, AARON (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Sent: Wednesday, June 19, 2019 12:50 PM

To: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Cc: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

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(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Subject: FW: TASK REQUEST: Comms Cataloguing

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Please see the request below. I will try to remember the interaction that I have had with them. Please put together something responsive for STN and send to me first thing tomorrow.

Others are copied. If they have had interaction, please send t (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) to consolidate before COB today.

Thanks.

Aaron A. Hull
Chief Patrol Agent
El Paso Sector
U.S. Border Patrol

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

From: HASTINGS, BRIAN (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Sent: Wednesday, June 19, 2019 11:24 AM

To: HULL, AARON A (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Cc: MARTIN, JERRY (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

SINGLETON, RUYNARD (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Subject: FW: TASK REQUEST: Comms Cataloguing

Chief Hull, Chie (b)(6);(b)(7)(C),

I failed to send this out timely yesterday as requested by SPAD. Can you all please assist as requested and return by mid-day tomorrow?

I respectfully request reply all with the final product.

I apologize, I missed this.

V/r,
Brian

From: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Sent: Tuesday, June 18, 2019 12:01 PM

To: MARTIN, JERRY (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) >; HASTINGS, BRIAN (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

SINGLETON, RUYNARD (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

C: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C) >

Subject: TASK REQUEST: Comms Cataloguing

Chiefs, XD, DXD –

B1 & B2 have asked us to develop a catalogue of all of our formal and informal communications with the any entity connected to *We Build the Wall* (to include any comms with Fisher as it pertains to the *We Build the Wall* project) and the Sunland Park project, divided out by communications before, during and after construction of the existing project and identifying the type of communication (verbal, written) and the outcome/conclusion of each comm. This is based on the request C1 just made of us.

I've CCe (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) here to help document all of this as we need to have something pulled together by COB tomorrow. Chief Hastings, can you help us pull the relevant information from EPT?

Happy to answer any questions/concerns.

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Deputy Executive Director, Strategic Planning & Analysis
U.S. Border Patrol
Desk (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Mobile (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Sent: Thursday, June 20, 2019 11:12 AM
Subject: FW: El Paso Sector Interaction with "We Build the Wall" entities
Attachments: FW: Phone Call for the Chief; FW: Phone Call for the Chief; STN Private Wall IP.pub; EPT we build the wall-Comms.docx

Aaron A. Hull
Chief Patrol Agent
El Paso Sector
U.S. Border Patrol
(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

From (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Sent: Thursday, June 20, 2019 7:59 AM
To: HULL, AARON (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Cc (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
(b)(6);(b)(7)(C) (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
(b)(6);(b)(7)(C) (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Subject: El Paso Sector Interaction with "We Build the Wall" entities

Good Morning Chief,

I have attached all known communications and updates to this email concerning interactions with any entity associated to "We Build the Wall" by El Paso Sector employees to include a catalogue of these interactions broke down by Pre, During, and Post construction communication. It is important for all involved to understand that El Paso Sector and specifically Santa Teresa Station management continue to interact with land owner (b) (6) on a regular basis as he is a key land owner in our AOR and amicable interaction is key to continued access to his land that abuts the international boundary. At no point in any communication did any El Paso Sector Border Patrol employee convey to any entity that we encouraged or discourage (b) (6) private actions on his land. We did not convey any information t (b) (6) or "We Build the Wall" about wall construction or about intentions to accept ownership of the wall. We did ensure EPT/STN agents would continue to have unfettered access to all areas o (b) (6) land before during and after construction. Please advise if further clarification of the catalogued events attached and below is needed. Thank you!

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April 10, 2019 - Santa Teresa Border Patrol Station (A) Patrol Agent in Charge (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) contacts American Eagle Brick Plant own (b) (6). (b) (6) notifies (A) PAI (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) of his intent to allow a private group to erect a wall on his property and would like an opportunity to discuss further. (A) PAI (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) reiterated DC (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) communication with (b) (6) from earlier in the day.

April 17, 2019 (b) (6) inquires via telephone as to the process required to gift/donate land to the U.S. Government. (A) PAI (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) inform (b) (6) that this process may be possible but would require him to submit something formally in writing to be forwarded to the appropriate government real estate entity who oversees this type of action. (b) (6) inquired as to our ability to provide input for wall design. (b) (6) was again informed that what he did on his private land was neither encouraged nor discouraged by the U.S. Border Patrol and that our only concern would be continued access to the land in order to secure the U.S. / Mexico Border. He was not provided design information.

April 17-19 (on or about) - Kris Kobach (We Build the Wall) telephoned (A) PAI (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) relaying to him that American Eagle Brick Plant owner (b) (6) had shared his contact information with him. Mr. Kobach requested information regarding the design of wall within the Santa Teresa AOR. (A) PAIC (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) informed Mr. Kobach that he would be unable to provide design specifications. Conversation was very cordial and Mr. Kobach stated that he understood. Later that evening, a group of gentlemen (Kris Kobach included) with the **We Build the Wall** Project arrived at the Santa Teresa Border Patrol Station requesting a tour of the station. This request was denied; (A) PAI (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) telephoned Mr. Kobach and informed him that such a request would need to be routed through El Paso Sector. Mr. Kobach remained cordial and stated that he understood.

During Construction Communication:

On or About May 17, 2019 - Chief Patrol Agent Aaron Hull, Deputy Chief Patrol Agent (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and other sector staff stopped by Monument 1 to see the construction that had begun. We were approached by several individuals, including CE (b) (6) or We visited the site when Chief Brian Martin toured EPT on Tuesday May 21, 2019.

Our initial visit at the site is not on the calendar, but I want to say we were there the Friday prior to Chief Martins visit, which would have been on May 17, 2019.

Mr. Tommy Fisher contacted EPT on Monday June 17, 2019, asking if you were interested in meeting with him to tour the wall and to talk about a future project in (b) (7)(E)

Very Respectfully,

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company's ability to build a better more cost effective design than what had previously been built by other contractors. No further communication or requests occurred in this conversation.

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TASK:

Catalogue of all of our formal and informal communications with the any entity connected to We Build the Wall (to include any comms with Fisher as it pertains to the We Build the Wall project) and the Sunland Park project, divided out by communications before, during and after construction of the existing project and identifying the type of communication (verbal, written) and the outcome/conclusion of each comm.

EPT RESPONSE:

Below you will find a record of the interaction that occurred with related entities to the “We Build the Wall” organization by El Paso Sector personnel. There were no written interactions with any organizations and all communication occurred telephonically or in person.

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Sent: Thursday, June 20, 2019 8:37 AM
To: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Subject: FW: Phone Call for the Chief

From: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Sent: Tuesday, June 18, 2019 9:43 AM
To: HULL, AARON (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Cc: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Subject: RE: Phone Call for the Chief

Good Morning Chief,

In response to the below inquiry, I provide the following:

- (b) (7)(E)
- This area saw a significant decrease in FMAU traffic once the wall was complete, specifically because it is no longer easy for FMAUs to approach agents and therefore they have moved to more conducive areas to do that i. (b) (7)(E) (b) (7)(E) and other areas in the EP (b) (7)(E) AOR.
- Anecdotally speaking, we have seen non FMAU traffic head t (b) (7)(E) (b) (7)(E)
 - It has allowed our agents to respond to traffic that is actively seeking to elude apprehension in this Zone as opposed to apprehending FMAU after FMAU throughout the shift.
 - It is important to note that this was the number one avenue of entry chosen by Brazilians previously because they could enter with their children and numerous rolling suitcases with little effort. That is no longer the case.
- IBWC had concerns about the Gate that "We Build the Wall" built over their levee access roa (b) (7)(E) (b) (7)(E) (b) (7)(E). The situation with that gate remains day to day, and I have a meeting today wit (b) (6) (the owner of the wall and the American Eagle Brick Plant) as he likes to keep us (STN BP) up to date on developments.

Should any information of relevance to this discussion come from today's meeting, I will make that available as well. Please advise if further questions or concerns arise. Thank you and hope all is well!

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Santa Teresa Border Patrol Station

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

From: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Sent: Thursday, June 20, 2019 8:36 AM
To: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Subject: FW: Phone Call for the Chief

From: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Sent: Tuesday, June 18, 2019 2:35 PM
To: HULL, AARON A (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Cc: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Subject: RE: Phone Call for the Chief

Chief,

Just got done with a meeting with American Eagle Brick Plant owner. A few items of interest that may be relevant to any discussion Chief Martin would have about the wall are as follows:

- The owner intends to sell the land that the wall is on to the “we build the wall” organization within the next two weeks.
 - He is concerned about the liability he would incur should someone attempt to climb the wall and become injured on his property in the process.
 - He is concerned about the value of his land in regards to tax purposes with the “8 Million Dollar” improvements.
 - He stated he is including verbiage within that contract that would require “We Build The Wall” , in the event they were to re-sell the property, to sell it to the U.S. Government.

• (b) (7)(E), (b) (5)

- We Build the Wall continues to seek media attention for their wall project and there is a planned “telethon” (unknown via what media) to occur next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday; (24, 25, 26 of June 2019).
- (b)(7)(E) put together the below chart re: Brazilian entries that shows a distinct relocation of Brazilian National illegal aliens moving from Zone (b)(7)(E) after construction on this specific portion of wall became complete.

Station & Zone	Brazilians						Grand Total
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	
(b) (7)(E)							

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Grand Total	631	905	1271	1814	2111	1619	8351
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(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

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Santa Teresa Border Patrol Station

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

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(b) (5), (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

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Thanks,

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