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We discussed it, and agreed collectively we would not reject any FOIAs because of the litigation hold.

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Sygo is out, sue vorce is out, Richard is in se mich; can you help us assure the press that Mdeq is not rejecting foias based on presence of a litigation hold ? Right now all I can say is the ag office and our lit holds are clear that they apply to the agency's retention of docs, no impact on whether a doc can be disclosed under FOIA.