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**Subject:** verifying story content

Michael, can you please verify reports appearing in The Atlantic and elsewhere about planting derogatory stories about Zinke?

Also, are you Schedule C or administratively appointed?

Thank you for your time.