

# EXHIBIT 212

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Hi Lola –

So I wanted to put some stuff in front of you regarding updates I am hearing on the Sportsman Et Al investigation, that I am not hearing through you or Kareem, which is concerning to me. I don't think that you or Kareem have any reason to keep things from me, but I wanted to make you both aware of some of these updates.

So I have heard that Sportsman's counsel is meeting with Main DOJ at the end of this month – I would consider this a significant update

I had heard that Sportsman's counsel met with David Weiss in February - I have not heard any update from the result of that meeting.

I have heard that David is currently asking for the Pros Memo from DOJ-Tax approving the tax charges – I would consider this a significant update indicating that David is seeking authority to charge. This was right after Merrick Garland's testimony

The last we heard about this Pros Memo from DOJ-Tax was in August of 2022, in that it was moving to John Cain's 3<sup>rd</sup> party review.

Regarding the [REDACTED] investigation – I have heard that there is a draft of an email search warrant that we are not being included in. The case and information related to [REDACTED] and information obtained via our tax investigation. It seems as if we are now being completely removed from this investigation where as we used to work as a team with the FBI. The results of an email search warrant matter because [REDACTED] and Sportsman [REDACTED], and if in those emails, there is indication that it is not, that would have potential tax implications on Sportsman and [REDACTED] – This is a risk area to us and why I believe we need to continue our involvement in this investigation. We need to figure out how to fix this issue, so that we can become a team once again with the FBI in Delaware. If our agency doesn't want us involved in this investigation, please let me know and I will back off.

The [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] investigations are continuing to move along, but our tax investigation of [REDACTED] has completely stopped since September of 2022 – With no idea of how were are going to work this investigation and get it to completion.

There are updates happening, and we aren't being notified in one way or another and it appears like there is still a breakdown in communication. – If this relates to the leak investigation, I need to know that as well.

Please let me know if you have any further questions.



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