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Cc: Christopher Swope <crswope@sbgvtv.com>
Subject: RE: Just FYI about furniture

Jennyfer,

Thank you for the information about the state equipment at the homes of the other justices. The only reason I have been asking follow-up questions is that some of the answers I've gotten have raised those additional questions. For example, when asking about state property at the chief justice's home, there was no mention of a state-owned desk when he sent responses to me about the couch. Technically, he answered my question. But I was aware the justice had a desk. It is only when I asked specifically about it did its existence come to light. What if I had not been aware of the desk? I may never have known to even ask about it.

I appreciate the chief justice's time in helping answer my questions. However, from this end, it feels an awful lot like he's parsing his responses. News of the desk only came out when I specifically asked about it. If that is the way the court is going to function when asked questions, you as a former reporter would obviously see the need for follow-up queries. I have been told the desk is an historic Cass Gilbert desk. Is that the case? That is an extremely valuable piece of furniture, both historically and monetarily. If that is not the case, a simple clarification from you would be welcome.

Additionally, can you explain exactly why it isn't possible for us to take video of the couch? I would like to be able to clearly say why the court isn't allowing us to document a piece of publicly-owned property in a publicly-funded building. That way I can be correct and exact when I do my story on the court's efforts at transparency, using the chief justice's own statement.

I'm sorry if the justice believes these continuing questions are a problem or a nuisance. The reason I have so many questions is that there seems to be several

questionable decisions either being made or having been previously made by the court involving public money. Those are questions that always must be answered if our elected officials are to be held accountable for those decisions.

In that vein, do you have any information about the final disposition of the grandfather clock which used to be in the justices conference room? I am interested in finding out what happened to that clock. If you can provide that information I would appreciate it.

Thank you,

Kennie Bass

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Subject: RE: Just FYI about furniture

Kenny:

Chief Justice Loughry has asked that I provide a final response to these continuing questions.

For clarification, the couch was abandoned property, and it was not a gift. The Ethics Act is not implicated.

Also for clarification, the Court has a longstanding practice of providing the Justices an opportunity to establish a home office, with Court-provided technology equipment (i.e. computers) and furniture to suit their respective needs.

It is not possible to accommodate your request to photograph the couch.

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Jennifer,

Thank you for your responses. Some questions which were unanswered? If the Albrights left the couch to the court, doesn't that make the couch state property? Did the Albrights ever specifically say the couch was Justice Loughry's to use as he saw fit, or was it a gift to the state? And if it's state property, then why did Justice Loughry need a couch at his home? Is he entertaining guests in his home office?

Which brings up the question of the desk. I suppose you can justify that as furniture for a home office, however, can you please find out and let me know how many of the other four justices have state property, (desks, couches, chairs, coffee makers, etc.) at their home offices?

Thank you,

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Subject: Just FYI about furniture

I just wanted you to know that I was always told that all the furniture in Justice Albright's office was his own furniture. Justice Albright's bio, which I have printed and electronic copies of if you need to see them, said: Since 1959 he has been an officer and director of Albright's of Belpre, Inc., a family corporation which owns and operates Belpre Furniture, a retail furniture business with locations in Belpre, Ohio, and Parkersburg.

After Justice Albright died, I clearly remember Steve Canterbury telling me that the Albright family, including his wife and son, came in to his office at the Capitol and picked out what furniture they wanted to keep and what they did not want. They left what they did not want.

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