

**From:** [London, Sarah](#)  
**To:** [Mike Donoghue](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Your memo  
**Date:** Friday, September 25, 2015 4:24:09 PM

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Dear Mike, I understand you have made a public records act request for the full contents of a memo circulated by the Governor's Chief of Staff, on behalf of the Governor, to the Governor's Cabinet. You have received all contents of the memo that relate to press.

Please be advised that your request for the remainder of the memo is denied as an executive privileged communication pursuant to 1 VSA 317(c)(1) and (c)(4).

If you feel records have been withheld in error, you may appeal to Darren Springer.

Thank you,

Sarah

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**From:** Coriell, Scott  
**Sent:** Friday, September 25, 2015 1:04 PM  
**To:** 'Donoghue, Mike'  
**Subject:** RE: Your memo

Gotcha. I'll consider this the PRR for the full memo and we'll get back to you on it. Just wanted to make sure you got the relevant portion straight away.

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**From:** Donoghue, Mike [<mailto:MDONOGHU@burlingt.gannett.com>]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 25, 2015 1:02 PM  
**To:** Coriell, Scott  
**Subject:** RE: Your memo

Thanks

I am asking for the fulltime memo be forwarded.

As I mentioned, I was hoping to avoid the tie and effort and gymnastics of a formal public records request.

Thanks

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**From:** Coriell, Scott [<mailto:Scott.Coriell@vermont.gov>]

**Sent:** Friday, September 25, 2015 12:41 PM

**To:** Donoghue, Mike <[MDONOGHU@burlingt.gannett.com](mailto:MDONOGHU@burlingt.gannett.com)>; Springer, Darren <[Darren.Springer@vermont.gov](mailto:Darren.Springer@vermont.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: Your memo

Hey Mike, here's the relevant paragraph from the email. It was a communication from the Governor's Chief of Staff to the Cabinet, which would normally be exempt under executive privilege.

First, I wanted to remind folks that as much as is possible we want to have strong coordination between you and your staff, and Scott Coriell in the Governor's office at 353-1449, before responding to media inquiries. This will ensure we have consistent messages and information going out publicly. If you or your staff are going to be calling a reporter, writing an op-Ed, or going on radio or TV, please check-in with Scott ahead of time.

Again, I just want to make clear that the intent was to ensure that we're sharing information across the administration. I would never tell a Secretary of Commissioner that they can't talk to the press. As you know, media often ask me to help them track down someone in the administration, which I am happy to do. As opposed to past administrations, we do not have designated media contacts in many agencies and departments. Given that, I play the role of providing advice to people those in the administration.

Thanks!

Scott

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**From:** Donoghue, Mike [<mailto:MDONOGHU@burlingt.gannett.com>]

**Sent:** Friday, September 25, 2015 12:02 PM

**To:** Springer, Darren

**Cc:** Coriell, Scott

**Subject:** Your memo

Darren,

Hope all is well.

I'm looking for a copy of the memo that you recently sent to Commissioners and Secretaries about dealing with the media and calling Scott Coriell ahead of time when it comes to interviews, op-eds, interviews on TV or radio etc.

I spoke with Scott about this and we agreed I would reach out to you for the copy.

Thanks

Mike

P.S. By the way, you may want to get Human Resources to update the state employee directory. Your number is still at the Public Service and I see Liz Miller still has the job you are doing! (and your listing is not the only one way out of date.)

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