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Yes please. Could we all get a briefing?

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**From:** White, Timothy (HHS/OS)  
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Jeff Davis attended a presentation by the Justice Department on the FOIA this morning. The short message is that Justice is withdrawing the so-called Reno memo (which pretty much mandated disclosure especially of pre-decisional records) and will defend agency denial decisions if there is any credible reason to do so. Jeff would be glad to brief you if you want more information.