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From: Julie Roberts - NOAA Federal
Sent: Friday, September 6, 2019 3:50 AM
To: Joe Semsar; Neil Jacobs - NOAA Federal
Subject: FW: Alabama Tweet History
Attachments: AL Tweet.docx

Joe

I got a call from Mike Walsh at 2:30am requesting a chronological history of this situation [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] (b)(5) I did my best to pull this together in a timely manner. Sending it to you so KDK has the same background information.

Kindest regards,
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Mike

Here is the summary of the tweets issued on Saturday and Sunday with timeline. The document attached as the link to YouTube video where you can listen to the statement by the President on Alabama, NHC Director Ken Graham weather briefing. There are two follow-up questions one of the related to the storm going across the State of Florida into the Gulf and Ken explained that was not the forecast as of Sunday. The second question was about the likelihood of the storm moving up the East Coast which Ken addressed.

I also provide the two graphics [REDACTED] (b)(5) that shows where Alabama was in a small risk 10-15 for Tropical-Storm-Winds on NHC packages [REDACTED] (b)(5)

The last item in the document is the NHC 11am Advisory for Sunday September 1 that was distribute to my list.

It should be noted that [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] (b)(5)
[REDACTED]

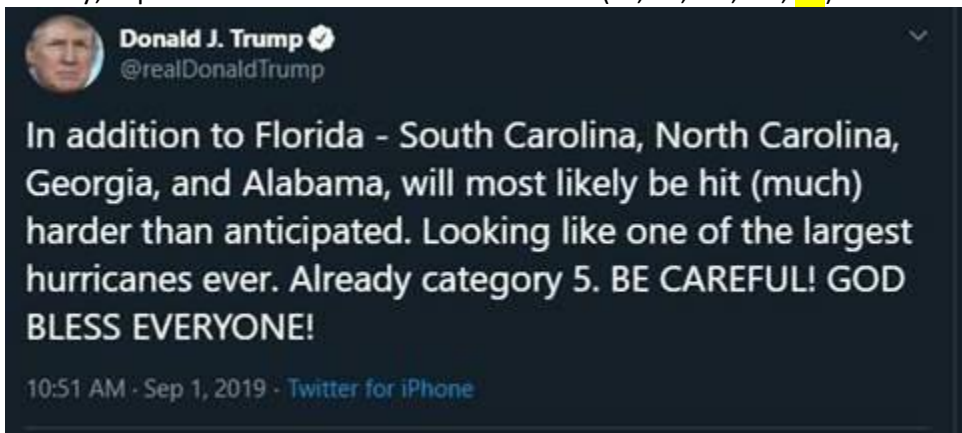
Let me know if you need something more. I have not been able to reach Neil by phone. Since Thursday night he

has slept only a couple hours because he was tracking the forecast. I flag this email so he can respond as soon as sees his phone. One last point, I have personally been working with the NSC and FEMA communication team on how to manage the situation. As soon I understood there was the original tweet and the follow-up from Birmingham we sent direct to all NWS employees to not respond to information on social media. I have been ensured by the leadership at NWS Birmingham, the follow-up tweet was not in response to the President's tweet, they had not seen it. The NWS tweet was in response to phone calls being received from the community.

Saturday August 31 – President's Tweet 10:00am (GA, NC)



Sunday, September 1 - President Tweet 10:51am (FL, SC, NC, GA, AL)



NWS Birmingham 11:11am – after receiving numerous phone calls at the WFO, tweet was issued



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