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**From:** Katherine Brogan - NOAA Federal  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 4, 2019 2:38 PM  
**To:** Julie Roberts - NOAA Federal; Christopher Vaccaro - NOAA Federal; John Ewald - NOAA Federal  
**Subject:** Fwd: FW: Urgent ABC question re: FEMA briefing POTUS on Alabama

Julie, Chris,

See below inquiry from ABC News. We can also point Matt to you both directly.

Thank you,  
Kate

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**Subject:** RE: Urgent ABC question re: FEMA briefing POTUS on Alabama

Abby, good seeing you yesterday.

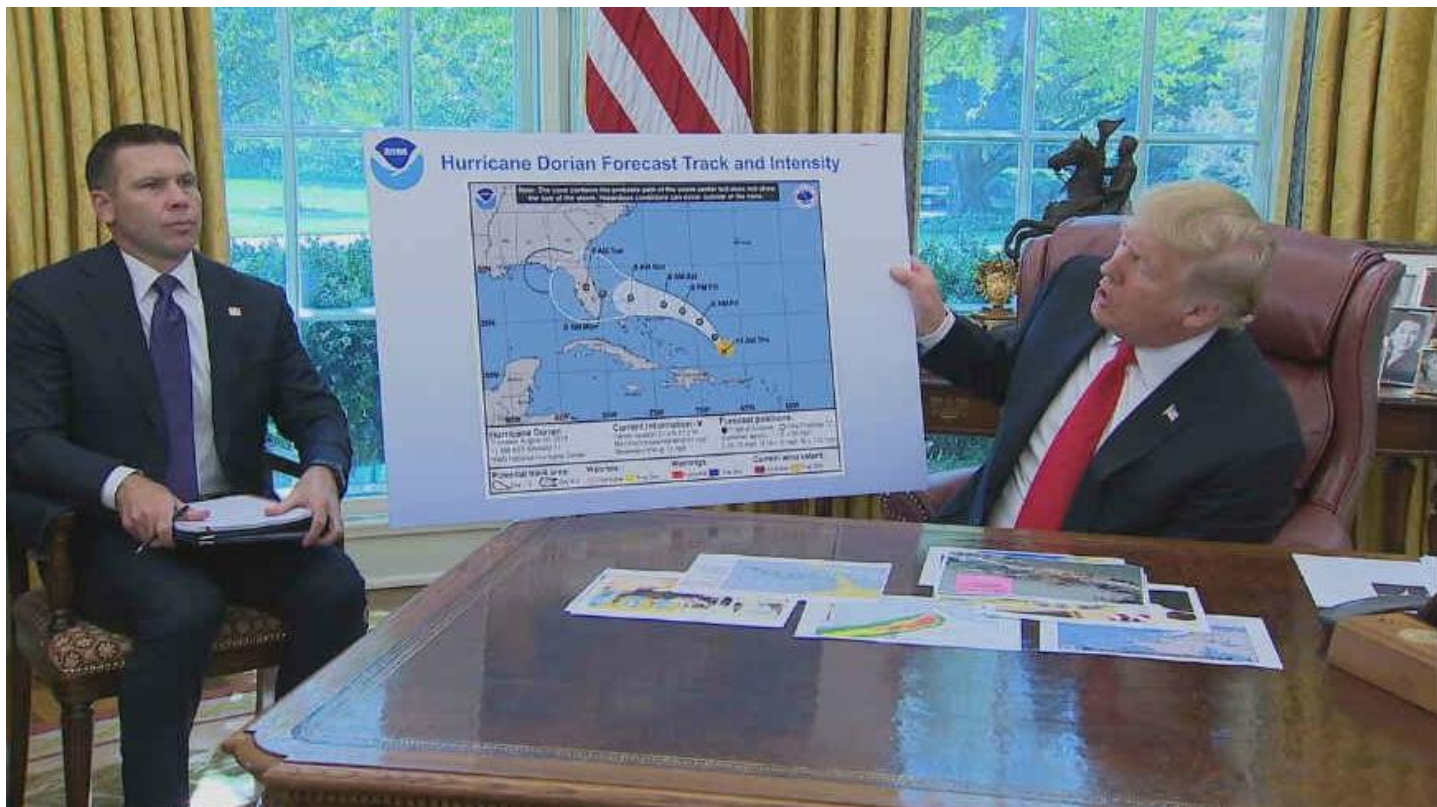
And our great thanks again to you and the team for working with us on all our requests over the past few days.

Question: Wondering if there's any idea as to where the chart the President held up a short while ago in a briefing with McAleenan may have come from?

We're particularly trying to determine where the black mark over a part of southern Alabama and northwestern Florida might have come from.

We're not seeing this picture with the black semi-circle looking mark on any of the NHC forecasts or NOAA projections for Dorian.

See picture below:



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**From:** Dennis, Abigail [mailto:[abigail.dennis@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:abigail.dennis@fema.dhs.gov)]

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Matt, here you go:

As we have seen over the past week or so, storm tracks can change quickly and everyone is in the potential path of the storm, as well as neighboring states, should continue to monitor the weather for the most up-to-date information.

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As soon as possible.

Hopefully by 8:30am, as we have a network wide planning call shortly after that.

Thanks so much, Abby!

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Sent from Matthew's iPhone

On Sep 3, 2019, at 03:53, Dennis, Abigail <[abigail.dennis@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:abigail.dennis@fema.dhs.gov)> wrote:

Hi Matt,

When is your deadline? I'll be able to get you something here shortly.

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Morning, all—

Was the President ever briefed by FEMA that Alabama could come into play by Hurricane Dorian?

We've haven't heard Alabama discussed on the calls or in FEMA's planning about potentially being impacted by Dorian. The network is asking so we can make that clear in our reporting and respond to the president's tweet referencing this.

<https://twitter.com/realdonaldtrump/status/1168664114677407745?s=12>

Best,

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