

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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William K. Marshall III
Director
Federal Bureau of Prisons
320 First St. NW
Washington, DC 20534

Dear Director Marshall,

On September 14, 2026, the Bureau of Prisons (BOP) press office confirmed to the Marshall Project that Rick Stover, special assistant to the director, was the “approving official” in BOP inmate Ghislaine Maxwell’s transfer from Federal Correctional Institution (FCI) Tallahassee to Federal Prison Camp (FPC) Bryan.¹ I write to request information regarding the role of Special Assistant Stover, then-Deputy Attorney General Todd Blanche, and Shannon Robbins, Chief of the Designation and Sentence Computation Center (DSCC), in Ms. Maxwell’s transfer; the unredacted Form 409 request for waiver of Public Safety Factor; and any related documents or information submitted to the Designation and Sentence Computation Center DSCC for Ms. Maxwell.

Ms. Maxwell is serving a 20-year sentence for conspiring to entice minors to travel to engage in illegal sex acts, conspiring to transport minors to participate in illegal sex acts, transporting a minor to participate in illegal sex acts, participating in a sex trafficking conspiracy, and sex trafficking of a minor. According to BOP policy, she has been assigned a sex offender Public Safety Factor, which is “applied to inmates who are not appropriate for placement at an institution which would permit inmate access to the community” and precludes placement in a minimum-security facility.²

Yet, Ms. Maxwell was transferred to FPC Bryan, a minimum-security camp, on August 1, 2025, one week after meeting with then-Deputy Attorney General Todd Blanche. Bureau policy regarding the designation and redesignation of an inmate’s place of imprisonment did not change until May 5, 2026.³

To date, the Department has not provided Congress or the public an explanation about this transfer, aside from Mr. Blanche’s assertion at his confirmation hearing on July 15, 2026, that Ms. Maxwell was moved to a lower-security facility because she was not safe in a higher-security facility.⁴ Neither has BOP provided the data that I requested on July 8 regarding the number of people in

¹ Joseph Neff, Marshall Project, New Prison Policy Gives Trump Administration More Power to Punish Enemies (Sept. 18, 2026), <https://www.themarshallproject.org/2026/09/18/blank-changes-federal-prison-placements>.

² BOP, Inmate Security Designation and Custody Classification 5100.08 CN-3 (updated May 5, 2026).

³ Id.

⁴ Transcript, S. Jud. Comm. Hearing on the Nomination of Todd Blanche (Jul. 15, 2026); see also Devlin Barrett, *As Confirmation Hearing Nears, Blanche’s Role in Epstein Case Draws Scrutiny*, N.Y. Times (Jul. 14, 2026).

Bureau custody with certain Public Safety Factors (PSF), or information specific to PSF waivers—data retrievable through a basic search in SENTRY, BOP’s classification database.

Threats to any individual in government custody must be taken seriously, but Mr. Blanche’s testimony offered no facts or clarifications about the alleged threats, the timing of the threats, his knowledge of the threats, or the relationship between the meeting and transfer. The underlying records are necessary to determine what was requested, by whom, on what factual basis, and under what legal authority the request was granted. These records are also necessary to assess how the Bureau applies its Public Safety Factor waiver criteria more broadly, whether it applies those criteria consistently across similarly situated incarcerated people, and whether existing statutory authority governing custody classification and designation is adequate or requires amendment.

Please provide the requested information by Monday, October 19, 2026, including the information sought in my July 6, 2026, letter. If any responsive record is withheld in whole or in part, describe the record, state in writing the legal basis for withholding it, and identify the official who authorized the decision. Any questions regarding this request should be directed to Lynda Garcia at lynda_garcia@judiciary-dem.senate.gov.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



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United States Senator