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Sent: Sunday, December 16, 2018 7:53 PM
To: J
Subject: Re: My edited version

The edits look good. Basic question: &=bsp;should this be a piece authored by the entire team, or a more personal presentation by two or so members of the team?

I drafted i= in a personal way. I like that approach.

=div>Thoughts?

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On Dec 16, 2018, at 12:20 PM, J <jeevacation@gmail.com <mailto:jeevacation@gmail.com> > wrote:

with edits. - pretty good i th=nk thoughts.

From: Kathy Ruemmler <[REDACTED]
Subject: My edited version

"Sweetheart deal! " So goes the attack on the resolution of a long-ago fe=eral investigation involving our former client -- and now-friend -- Jeffrey=Epstein. The attack is profoundly misplaced, supported neither by the=law or the facts, nor by the structure of our constitutional republic. = To the contrary, Jeffrey was subjected to an aggressive federal intrusion i=to what would typically be considered a quintessentially local criminal mat=er in south Florida. His offense — at its core, sex=al favors for hire — has long been treated as a matter en=rusted to laws of the several States, not the federal government. His=conduct — while clearly unlawful and for which he has acc=pted full responsibility — was a classic state offense an= was being treated exactly that way by able, honest prosecutors in Palm Bea=h County. Nevertheless, far from going "soft" on=the matter and without invitation from the state, the federal governme=t intervened. Ironically, now many for their own opportunistic reason= are criticizing the federal decision-makers at the time, including now-Sec=etary of Labor Alex Acosta (then the United States Attorney in south Florid=), for not going far enough.

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The critics are wrong on the facts and the=law.

<=ont size="4">Here are the true key facts: Jeffrey Epstein, a succes=ful self-made businessman with no prior criminal history whatsoever, engage= in illegal conduct that amounts to solicitation of prostitution. His=conduct was wrong and a violation of Florida state law. Although no c=ercion, violence, alcohol, drugs or the like were involved, some of the wom=n he paid were under the age of 18. Those facts were carefully assessed by

experienced state prosecutors who=aggressively enforce state criminal laws. No one turned a blind eye t= potential offenses to the public order. To the contrary, the Palm Beach State Attorney's Office conducted an extensive 15-month investigation, l=ed by the chief of the Sex Crimes Division. Mr. Epstein was then indic=ed by a state grand jury on a single felony count of solicitation of prostitution.

During that intense investigation, the state prosecutors e=tensively gathered and analyzed the ev=dence, met face-to-face with many of the asserted victims, considered their=credibility -- or lack thereof -- and considered the extent of exculpatory e=idence. After months of negotiations, the state prosecutors believed t=ey had reached a reasoned resolution of the matter that vindicated the publ=ic interest -- a resolution entirely consistent with that of cases involving=other similarly-situated defendants. The system worked as it should. &=nbsp;

Then, in came the feds. The United States Attorney's Office e=tensively and aggressively investigated whether Mr. Epstein had engaged in a=commercial human trafficking ring, targeting minors. But that'= not what this was, and the federal authorities ultimately acknowledge= that, deferring prosecution to the state. But not without conditions= The federal prosecutors insisted on many unorthodox requirements tha= Mr. Epstein's experienced defense team had never seen imposed on a=y defendant anywhere. Under the federal=y-forced deal, Jeffrey was required to request that the state prosecut=rs demand the imposition of a jail sentence and lifetime sex-offender r=egistration, which would not have otherwise been required under the previous=y agreed-upon state disposition of this prostitution charge. Jeffrey&=nbsp;accepted full responsibility for his conduct, complied with t=e feds' demands, served his sentence, and in the process was treat= exactly the same as other state-incarcerated individuals. His conduc= while in custody was exemplary, and so characterized by the state custodia= authorities.

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Our friend Jeffrey Epstein has paid his debt to so=iety. He has also paid out millions of dollars to the asserted victim= and their lawyers. For over ten years, he has lived a good and law-a=idng life, including carrying on his wide-ranging philanthropies. Those of=us who represented him in the Florida proceedings -- for customary professi=nal fees -- now count him as a trusted friend.

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