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Resources are available if you or someone you know needs support for any reason.

For the National Sexual Assault Hotline, call 800-656-HOPE (4673) or go to <https://hotline.rainn.org/online>

For the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, call or text 988, or go to <https://chat.988lifeline.org/>

For the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Helpline, call 1-800-662-4357

For crisis treatment in New Mexico: <https://www.nmhealth.org/contact/crisis/>

Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests resources: https://www.snapnetwork.org/resources_for_survivors

To report abuse:

- <https://archdiosf.org/report-abuse>
- <https://www.reportbishopabuse.org/>

To report child abuse:

- <https://www.childhelphotline.org/>

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United States Bankruptcy Court
Albuquerque, New Mexico

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO

In re:

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE
ARCHDIOCESE OF SANTA FE, a New Mexico
corporation sole,

Debtor.

Chapter 11

Case No. 18-13027-t11

SEXUAL ABUSE PROOF OF CLAIM

IMPORTANT:

**THIS FORM MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN
June 17, 2019 AT 5:00 P.M. (PREVAILING MOUNTAIN TIME)**

Carefully read Notice and Instructions that are included with this **CONFIDENTIAL PROOF OF CLAIM** and complete all applicable questions. Send together with one copy to: Clerk of the United States Bankruptcy Court, District of New Mexico at the following address: Office of the Clerk of Court-ATTN SEALED DOCUMENTS, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of New Mexico, Pete V. Domenici U.S. Courthouse, 333 Lomas Blvd. NW, Suite 360 Albuquerque, NM 87102. If you prefer to hand deliver the completed Confidential Proof of Claim form to the Clerk, the physical address for hand delivery is Clerk of the United States Bankruptcy Court, District of New Mexico, 500 Gold Avenue SW, Tenth Floor, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

If you mail or deliver the Confidential Proof of Claim form it must be received by the Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Mountain Time) on June 17, 2019.

YOU MAY WISH TO CONSULT AN ATTORNEY REGARDING THIS MATTER.

AND YOU MAY ALSO OBTAIN INFORMATION FROM THE OFFICIAL COMMITTEE OF UNSECURED CREDITORS BY CALLING TOLL FREE AT 888-570-6217.

FAILURE TO COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM MAY RESULT IN YOUR INABILITY TO VOTE ON A PLAN OF REORGANIZATION AND RECEIVE A DISTRIBUTION FROM THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SANTA FE, COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SANTA FE (THE "ARCHDIOCESE").

UNLESS YOU INDICATE OTHERWISE IN PART 1 BELOW, YOUR IDENTITY WILL BE KEPT STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL, UNDER SEAL, AND OUTSIDE THE PUBLIC RECORD OF THE BANKRUPTCY COURT. HOWEVER, THIS PROOF OF CLAIM AND THE INFORMATION IN THIS PROOF OF CLAIM WILL BE PROVIDED PURSUANT TO COURT-APPROVED CONFIDENTIALITY GUIDELINES TO THE ARCHDIOCESE, THE OFFICIAL COMMITTEE OF UNSECURED CREDITORS AND

TO SUCH OTHER PERSONS AS THE BANKRUPTCY COURT DETERMINES NEED THE INFORMATION IN ORDER TO EVALUATE THE CLAIM.

THIS PROOF OF CLAIM IS FOR SEXUAL ABUSE CLAIMANTS ONLY.

For the purposes of this Proof of Claim, a **Sexual Abuse Claim** is defined as any Claim (as defined in section 101(5) of the Bankruptcy Code) against the Archdiocese resulting or arising in whole or in part, directly or indirectly from any actual or alleged sexual conduct or misconduct, sexual abuse or molestation, indecent assault and/or battery, rape, pedophilia, ephebophilia, or sexually-related physical, psychological, or emotional harm, or contacts, or interactions of a sexual nature between a child and an adult, or a nonconsenting adult and another adult, sexual assault, sexual battery, sexual psychological or emotional abuse, humiliation, or intimidation, or any other sexual misconduct, and seeking monetary damages or any other relief, under any theory of liability, including vicarious liability, any negligence-based theory, contribution, indemnity, or any other theory based on any acts or failures to act by the Archdiocese or any other person or entity for whose acts or failures to act the Archdiocese is or was allegedly responsible.

For Purposes of this Proof of Claim, a **Sexual Abuse Claimant** is defined as the person asserting a Sexual Abuse Claim against the Archdiocese, or if a minor, then his parent or legal guardian.

TO BE VALID, THIS PROOF OF CLAIM MUST BE SIGNED BY YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY. IF THE SEXUAL ABUSE CLAIMANT IS DECEASED OR INCAPACITATED, THE FORM MAY BE SIGNED BY THE SEXUAL ABUSE CLAIMANT'S REPRESENTATIVE, EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE OR THE ATTORNEY FOR THE ESTATE. IF THE SEXUAL ABUSE CLAIMANT IS A MINOR, THE FORM MAY BE SIGNED BY THE SEXUAL ABUSE CLAIMANT'S PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN, OR THE SEXUAL ABUSE CLAIMANT'S ATTORNEY.

Penalty for presenting fraudulent claim: Fine of up to \$500,000 or imprisonment for up to 5 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152 and 3571.

PART 1: CONFIDENTIALITY

THIS SEXUAL ABUSE PROOF OF CLAIM (ALONG WITH ANY ACCOMPANYING EXHIBITS AND ATTACHMENTS) WILL BE MAINTAINED AS CONFIDENTIAL PURSUANT TO COURT-APPROVED GUIDELINES UNLESS YOU EXPRESSLY REQUEST THAT IT BE PUBLICLY AVAILABLE BY CHECKING THE BOX AND SIGNING BELOW. ONLY THE SEXUAL ABUSE CLAIMANT MAY WAIVE CONFIDENTIALITY IN THIS PART 1.

- I do not want this Proof of Claim (along with any accompanying exhibits and attachments) to be kept confidential. Please verify this election by signing directly below.

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

PART 2: IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

A. Sexual Abuse Claimant

Jeffrey M. Smith

First Name Middle Initial Last Name

#1

Mailing Address (If party is incapacitated, is a minor or is deceased, please provide the address of the individual submitting the claim.)

Vienna VA 22181

City State Zip Code

Telephone No(s):

Home: Work: Cell: #2

Email address: #2

Social Security Number: #4

If you are in jail or prison, your identification number: _____

May we leave voicemails for you regarding your claim? Yes No (please contact my attorneys)

May we send confidential information to your email: Yes No (please contact my attorneys)

Birth Date: #2 Male Female

Any other name, or names, by which the Sexual Abuse Claimant has been known:

"Jeff" _____

B. Sexual Abuse Claimant's Attorney (if any):

Hall & Monagle, LLC

Law Firm Name

Brad D. Hall

Attorney's First Name Middle Initial Last Name

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City State Zip Code

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Telephone No. Fax No. E-mail address

PART 3: NATURE OF COMPLAINT

(Attach additional separate sheets if necessary)

NOTE: IF YOU HAVE PREVIOUSLY FILED A LAWSUIT AGAINST THE ARCHDIOCESE IN STATE OR FEDERAL COURT, YOU MAY ATTACH THE COMPLAINT. IF YOU DID NOT FILE A LAWSUIT, OR IF THE COMPLAINT DOES NOT CONTAIN ALL OF THE INFORMATION REQUESTED BELOW, YOU MUST PROVIDE THE INFORMATION BELOW.

- a. Who committed the acts of sexual abuse or other wrongful conduct?

A priest or novitiate from Immaculate Heart Seminary in Santa Fe, NM, whose last name I do not know, and whose first name I have forgotten, is who sexually abused me. He wore a collar when I first met him at my parents house (on Camino Lejo, near the Seminary, where he lived and worked).

- b. What is the position, title or relationship to you (if known) of the abuser or individual who committed these acts?

I was a 13 year old boy being raised in close proximity to the Seminary, and he was a young priest or novitiate at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary. He befriended my parents through my godfather.

- c. Where did the sexual abuse or other wrongful conduct take place? Please be specific and complete all relevant information that you know, including the City and State, name of the School (if applicable) and/or the name of any other location.

The first two incidents occurred in an abandoned chicken coop either on the Seminary grounds in Santa Fe, NM, or down just below the Seminary grounds in the arroyo towards Monte Sol, or "Sun Mountain". We were hiking (between my family's home on Camino Lejo and the Seminary, with the intention of climbing up on Monte Sol). The rape took place on a camping trip near Chama, N.M., in a tent.

- d. When did the sexual abuse or other wrongful conduct take place?

1. If the sexual abuse or other wrongful conduct took place over a period of time (months or years), please state when it started, when it stopped, and how many times it occurred.

The abuse took place over a period of several months, in the summer of 1958. There was a fondling and masturbation incident a week or so after meeting the perpetrator, followed ten days later by an oral sex event, and then a few weeks later, one anal rape. Three incidents.

2. Please also state your age(s) and your grade(s) in school (if applicable) at the time the abuse or other wrongful conduct took place.

I was 13. I turned 14 in November, 1958.

e. What happened (describe what happened):

At a social gathering one evening at my family's home on Camino Lejo, there were about a dozen of their friends present, some of whom were connected to the field of education in the Southwest. My mother, Dr. Anne M Smith, was a noted and distinguished anthropologist, and my father, Eastburn Smith, was the Director of the Bureau of Land Management in Santa Fe. An old friend of my parents, Minter Wood, who taught at the Albuquerque Indian School was at this social gathering, and introduced me to a young priest or novitiate who had accompanied him from the nearby theological teaching Catholic Seminary. When I first met him in my living room, I remember he was wearing a white clerical collar on a solid black shirt. He was a Hispanic. He invited me to go hiking in the days ahead, perhaps to the top of Sun Mountain, which was behind our home and the Seminary.

Only a week or so later, the priest came to my front door mid-morning and asked if I would like to go hiking. He was not wearing his collar. We proceeded to head off to the Old Santa Fe Trail to begin our climb up the Sun Mountain. It was a fairly hot day and before long, he suggested that we leave the trip to the mountaintop for another time. He then wanted to show me an abandoned chicken coop that was up the arroyo. This chicken coop was located in an arroyo down the hill, maybe a third of a mile from the Catholic seminary where the priest lived and worked. I don't know what the official name of this Catholic seminary was then. It was a large complex with a number of buildings, and lots of priests and seminarians. Today, these buildings are now functioning as The Immaculate Heart of Mary Retreat and Conference Center.

To get to the abandoned chicken coop, you head north on Camino Lejo, go past the International Folk Art museum, pass the Laboratory of Anthropology, and then you continue on Camino Lejo until it reaches the Old Santa Fe Trail. Take a right and follow the Old Santa Fe Trail up until it passes the National Park Service on the right. The road then dips down sharply to the right before it continues on. There is a rather steep curve to the right. On both sides is a large dry arroyo. Take a left into the arroyo. There is this abandoned chicken coop, a long building, glass windows on either side, and all the panes had been broken. There were two roosting shelves on the left that ran along the length of the structure. I imagined that at one time it had been a source of fresh food, eggs and chicken, for the Catholic institution or seminary that was located right above it, up the bank. You could not see the chicken coop from the buildings at the Seminary.

There was an old wooden swinging door with broken glass in the top half, and we went inside. It was pretty filthy and covered with dirt and trash, and broken glass. At one end, there was an old wooden rocking chair. The priest said it was too hot and he removed his white shirt; he was not wearing a white clerical collar on this hike. He asked me if I wanted to take mine off. I declined. He sat down in the wooden rocking chair. He asked me to come sit on his lap, and before long, he had both of his hands on my crotch and was massaging me. He then stuck his hand in my jeans and began fondling my genitals. At the time, shocked, I put up no resistance. I had a pair of Levi's on that had a button fly. He fumbled with the buttons, and then began masturbating me until I ejaculated. The priest then stood up and began to undo his belt and asked me to do the same to him, to masturbate him. I backed away and said that I had to get home. Once I reached the Old Santa Fe Trail, I started to run back to the house. I had a hard time catching my breath; I

was also crying at the time. I was too ashamed to mention any of this to my parents when they came home later that evening.

About 10 days or so later, the priest appeared again at my home. He asked if I didn't want to take another run at climbing Sun Mountain. I agreed, but was apprehensive. Again we ended up back at the chicken coop. This time he wanted to do something different. He made me stand up; he undid my belt, pushed my underwear and jeans down to my ankles, got up out of this chair, kneeled down in front of me and performed fellatio on me. Afterwards, he pushed his pants down, and with his firm hand on the back of my head, forced his erect penis deep into my throat. And, once again, I broke off soon afterwards, and made my way home and made no mention of this to anyone.

One night about a month later, over dinner at our home, Minter Wood, who died in Hawaii 15 years ago, proposed that I go along on a fishing trip up near the headwaters of the Chama River, near the Colorado border. He said there would be other boys on the trip who were my age. I enthusiastically agreed, especially when I learned one of the other boys was a close friend, #10 #10 His father was #10 an old family friend and a well-known artist and builder living in Corrales, a small town on the outskirts of Albuquerque.

Some days later, the whole crew of campers showed up in a very large van early one morning. All the gear was stored in the rear and on the roof. In addition to #10 there were four other boys, two of them I didn't know. But I was suddenly shocked when I recognized the priest who had abused me in the farthest back seat. I acted as if nothing had ever happened between us, and so did he. I just couldn't understand why he had been included, and said nothing to #10 I thought he was #10 ; friend and I thought because he was older he was helping supervise this group of boys.

The trip to Chama took about three hours. We stopped there for lunch, and then headed for an hour-long trip far into the backcountry, on gravel, dirt roads, and cow paths. We found a flat place to camp, alongside a gentle creek about a hundred feet away. It was some of the most beautiful scenery I'd ever seen. For the next two full days, all was well. Nothing untoward happened. We had a great time fishing and hiking. The last night, after dinner, with the campfire still providing some light, we headed off for bed. I had a mummy bag and my own pup tent, leaving the flaps open. Each of us had settled in a spot of our own, about 50 feet apart.

In the middle of the night, I woke up hearing the priest whisper my name, and blink his flashlight to get my attention, and he said 'come to my tent'. In his tent, he helped remove my clothes, and fondled me as before in his larger sleeping bag. He was naked. Then he turned me on my stomach, and put his finger in my anus. I was a pretty small kid for 13, and I was pinned when he climbed on top of me and tried repeatedly, unsuccessfully, to enter me. So he spit several times in his right palm, applying it to both of us, and then the sexual intercourse began. I tried to cry out sharply in pain, but he had covered my mouth with his right hand, and told me to be still and be quiet, and to never speak of this to anyone. The rape was probably over in matter of several minutes. Then he wanted to do it again. He may have. I don't remember.

Somehow, I eventually managed to pull on my shorts and jeans and make it back to my tent. I crawled into my bedroll and lay there shaking for a time. When I discovered to my horror that I was bleeding from my rectum, my only thought was to seek some pain relief and try to clean myself up as best possible in the stream. I took my towel, flashlight, and a clean pair of khaki shorts. The water was bitterly cold. There was only a little moonlight, and I stumbled repeatedly on the rocks in the stream. The next morning I threw away my bloody underwear. My jeans were still bloodstained. At breakfast, I told #10 I didn't feel well, that I'd skip the usual early morning group hike, stay behind, and help break up camp for our late morning departure.

After the attack, I didn't tell #10, I didn't tell #10, I didn't tell anyone what had happened. I spent the long trip back to Chama and Santa Fe, mostly quiet, trying to concentrate on a book. The priest was in the back of the van. When we arrived home late that evening, I went straight to bed. I never saw the priest again.

- f. Did you tell anyone about the sexual abuse or other wrongful conduct and, if so, who did you tell and when (this would include parents; relatives; friends; the Archdiocese; attorneys; counselors; and law enforcement authorities)?

I didn't tell anyone what had happened. I never told my parents. I told therapists as described below. I've told my wife, Nancy. Recently, I told an attorney friend in Santa Fe, who referred me to my present counsel.

- g. Identify any church or religious organization you have belonged to or have been affiliated with.

I was baptized and confirmed in the Church of the Holy Faith, an Episcopal church in Santa Fe, New Mexico. I served for two years as an altar boy, and led the Youth Fellowship Program during that period. I was also active in the Cub Scouts and the Boy Scouts, Troop 33, both associated with the Church of the Holy Faith.

- h. State whether there were any witnesses to the abuse. If there were any witnesses, please list their name(s) and any contact information you have.

There were no witnesses in the chicken coop. There were no witnesses that I know of on the Chama camping trip.

PART 4: IMPACT OF COMPLAINT

(Attach additional separate sheets if necessary)

(If you are uncertain how to respond to this Part 4, you may leave this Part 4 blank, but you will be required to complete this Part 4 within thirty (30) days after a written request is made for the information requested in this Part 4)

1. What injuries (including physical, mental and/or emotional) have occurred to you because of the act or acts of sexual abuse or other wrongful conduct that resulted in the claim (for

example, the effect on your education, employment, personal relationships, health, and any physical injuries)?

In a matter of several days following the attack, I felt somewhat better and was back on my feet. Many years later, when I was in college, a physician advised me that following rough anal sex that minor rectal bleeding from anal fissures or small mucosal tears is neither uncommon or serious. I have never recovered from my deep shame, my anguish, my guilt, my tears, and my bitterness. All of that is still with me.

There was no effect on my further education or employment. I attended Middlesex School in Concord, Massachusetts for five years, and later graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia with a B.A degree in History. Following five years of working in the United States Senate, I attended the Georgetown University Law Center. I have had a lengthy and distinguished career in science and technology policy working as a senior aide to the Director of the Los Alamos National Laboratory, two Cabinet Secretaries, and a half-dozen of our nation's most distinguished leaders in the United States Senate and in the House of Representatives. Additionally, I have worked for two Presidents of the United States in the White House for fifteen years in senior policy making positions. See attached information, and a Mother Jones article that explains my absence from my policy work under the Trump administration.

I make no claim that my depression or other mental issues were directly caused by these incidents of sexual abuse set forth in this claim. However, after years of professional counseling to help me better understand the deeper causes of my depression, there is no doubt in my mind -- nor in the opinion of these medical professionals -- that these sexual attacks contributed in large measure to the underlying causes of my depression, anxiety, insecurity, and self-destructive behavior.

For years, I felt powerless, and believed that these sexual assaults were somehow my fault, that I was old enough at the time to know better, and that I deserved them. My wonderful wife of thirty-five years, Nancy, has been an absolute pillar of strength in this painful struggle, successfully urging me to live in the present and not dwell on the past.

Although I have made major efforts to try to overcome my deep shame, my anguish, my guilt, my tears, and my bitterness, nonetheless all of them are still with me.

2. Have you sought counseling or other treatment for your injuries? If so, with whom and when?

Two dozen years ago, I sought psychiatric counseling for depression over a two-year period with Dr. Michael Silver, One Washington Circle, in Washington, D.C. Twelve years ago, I also sought additional therapeutic help intermittently over a three-year period from Dr. David Charney, 1501 Duke Street, in Alexandria, Virginia.

PART 5: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. Prior Claims: Have you filed any claims in any other bankruptcy case relating to the sexual abuse described in this claim.

Yes No (If "Yes," you are required to attach a copy of any completed claim form.)

If "Yes," which case(s):

2. Settlements: Regardless of whether a complaint was ever filed against any party because of the sexual abuse or other wrongful conduct, have you settled any claim relating to the sexual abuse or other wrongful conduct described in this claim?

Yes No (If "Yes," please describe, including parties to the settlement. You are required to attach a copy of any settlement agreement.)

3. Bankruptcy. Have you ever filed bankruptcy? Yes No (If "Yes," please provide the following information:

Name of Case: _____ Court: _____

Date filed: _____ Case No. _____

Chapter: 7 11 12 13 Name of Trustee: _____

4. State whether you have previously commenced any lawsuit seeking damages for the identified sexual abuse. If yes, please state:

a. Where and when you commenced the lawsuit:

b. The parties to the lawsuit:

c. The case number if any:

d. The result of the lawsuit:

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Sign and print your name. If you are signing the claim on behalf of another person or an estate, print your title.

Under penalty of perjury, I declare the foregoing statements to be true and correct.

Date: June 3 2019

Signature: Jeffrey W. Smith

Print Name: Jeffrey W. Smith

Relationship to Sexual Abuse Claimant: _____

Biosketch

Jeff Smith worked at the White House during the last Administration for eight years helping shape and advance the nation's innovation and competitiveness policies as the Senior Advisor to President Barack Obama's Assistant for Science and Technology, a similar position he held under President Clinton for six years, following two decades as a senior advisor to key national leaders in the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives.

Earlier in his career, Jeff Smith joined the National Science Foundation as a senior aide in the legislative affairs division of the Director's Office. When he was on detail to the U.S. Senate's non-partisan Science and Technology Caucus, he worked directly with its co-chairs, Senator Jeff Bingaman and Senator Lamar Alexander, and was particularly involved in projects and inquiries that triggered and eventually culminated in the National Academies of Science's widely celebrated "*Rising Above the Gathering Storm*" report on strengthening America's scientific enterprise – and, thereafter, in helping draft the various bills designed to protect America's competitive edge in science and engineering research and education.

Previously, he served in the White House with President Bill Clinton for six years as the policy director to two Assistants to the President for Science and Technology. He has also worked in a senior executive position with the Secretary of Energy, and with the Director of the Los Alamos National Laboratory.

Additionally, he is a seasoned veteran on Capitol Hill, serving as both an Administrative Assistant, and as a Press Secretary, to major national leaders in the United States Senate and in the House of Representatives, including Senator George McGovern, Senator Edward Kennedy, Senator Tom Daschle, and Congressman Bill Richardson. He graduated from the Middlesex School, the University of Pennsylvania, and attended the Georgetown University Law Center.




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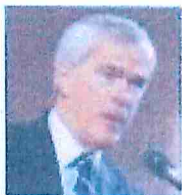

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These Are the Science and Technology Policy Jobs Trump Still Hasn't Filled

President Trump hasn't hired for any position with the word "climate" in its title.

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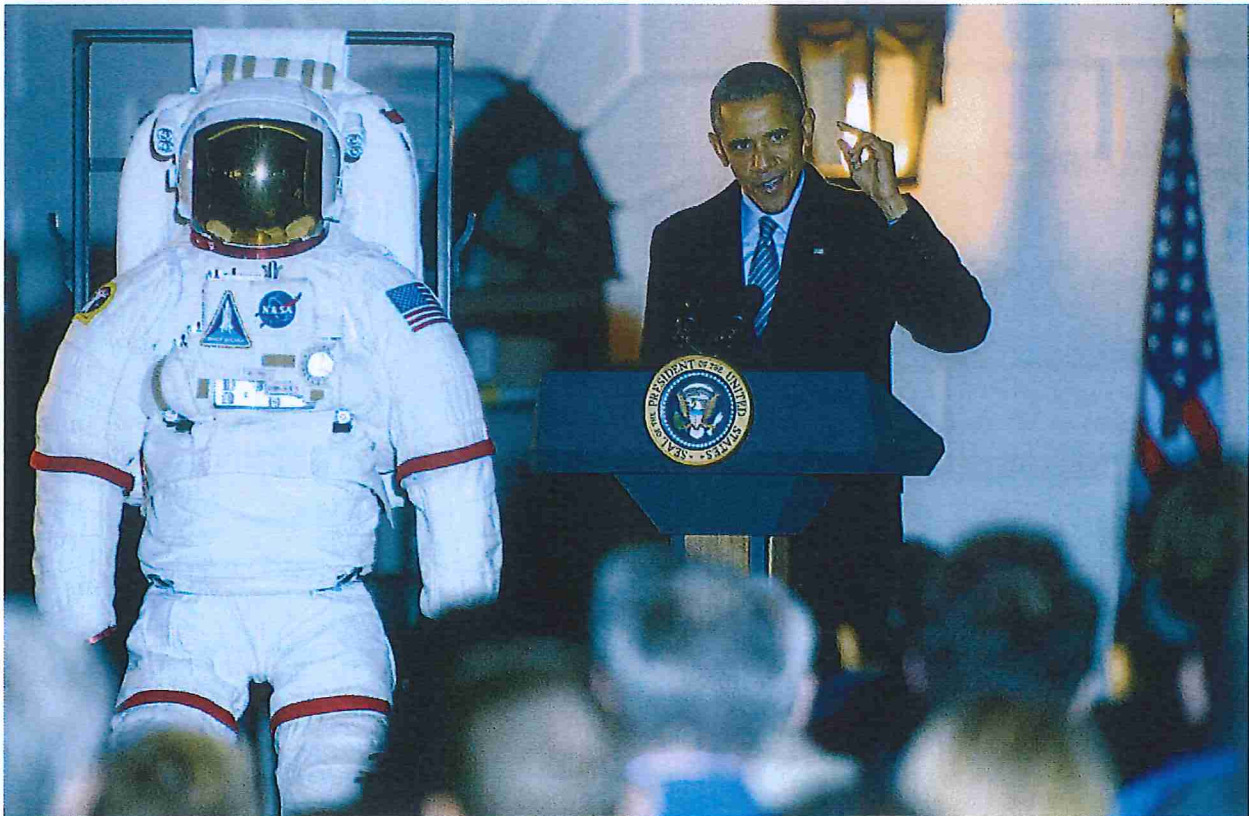
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From the beginning, Trump has pitted agency heads against their departments —**Scott Pruitt** at the Environmental Protection Agency, **Ryan Zinke** at the Interior Department, and **Rex Tillerson** as Secretary of State.

But subtly, Trump is also diminishing the role of science and technology, simply by not hiring anyone at all. Specifically, the White House has significantly reduced staff at the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP), a vibrant policy and research hub that flourished under the Obama administration.

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Out of roughly 114 former OSTP positions, Trump has left more than 70 unfilled since his inauguration. This is according to **a list** of current OSTP staff that Motherboard acquired using a Freedom of Information Act request. It was last updated by OSTP record-keeping on March 27, 2017.



President Obama at the 2015 White House Astronomy Night.

The new roster, when compared to President Obama's own **staff listing**, reveals that most of the previous administration's employees there have vacated—though the impetus for their departures is tricky to determine. Trump's inability to fill these positions has insiders worried about his capacity for making informed decisions related to artificial intelligence, STEM education, digital innovation, and other issues.

Notably absent are chief technology officer, a host of policy advisors to the Technology & Innovation Division, everyone with "climate" in their title, and executive director for the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology.

The office's budget and administration division was left untouched.

"There's real value in having this office around and functioning. We can point to all sorts of policy reports that we've done over the last few years [and] this stuff isn't stagnant," Dan Hammer, who served as senior policy advisor in the OSTP's Office of the Chief Technology Officer under President Obama, told me.

When Congress established the office in 1976 under President Ford, its intent was to strengthen the president's policymaking, as far as science and technology were concerned, with sound science and analysis. During Obama's tenure, OSTP experts prepared America for the realities of artificial intelligence, the technology of future cities, and imminent cybersecurity threats.



Bobak Ferdowsi, a system's engineer at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, at the White House Science Fair.

Still, a modest amount of turnover is expected. Some OSTP staff, such as fellows, are temporarily hired from nonprofits or academia. As of March 1, 2016,

OSTP had 117 employees, including 19 fellows. It's not uncommon for these staff to plan for their departures a year before their terms are scheduled to end. Potentially, they were among the first to leave when Trump came into office.

There's little doubt, however, that Trump has his own plans for science and technology leadership. His son-in-law, senior advisor Jared Kushner, will spearhead the new White House Office of American Innovation, whose **mission** is similar to that of the OSTP's **Technology & Innovation Division**.

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Trump also hired Michael Kratsios, former **chief of staff** at Thiel Capital, to be his deputy chief technology officer. The political neophyte and Peter Thiel confidant will also serve as deputy assistant to the president for technology initiatives.

Another OSTP staffer, Stephanie Xu, was recently hired under the title of "Confidential Assistant." It's unclear what this role will entail. Xu isn't listed in the FOIA documents that Motherboard received, but we were able to confirm her employment there. According to her **LinkedIn page**, Xu formerly worked as a deputy finance director for the Republican National Committee.

The president hasn't indicated that he intends to fill the vacant positions or create new ones. Historically, this is somewhat unprecedented. Under Obama, OSTP roles were allegedly staffed out within months. But Trump has been slow to hire across the board, which some attribute to "an overworked White House personnel office."

White House sources told the New York Times that OSTP staff are no longer privy to daily briefings. In an interview with Recode, one person described the office, which is hardly ever consulted anymore, as "disempowered." We also learned that existing staff have absorbed much of their former colleagues' excess workload.

Based on the information we received from our FOIA request, below are the current and former OSTP employees, along with their titles.

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Assistant Director, Legislative Affairs Donna Pignatelli

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Senior Communications Advisor Chris Vaccaro

Senior Policy Advisor, Public Engagement Fae Jencks

Policy Advisor to the Chief of Staff Erin Szulman

Executive Assistant Billie McGrane



OFFICE OF THE CHIEF TECHNOLOGY OFFICER

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Deputy Chief Technology Officer Ed Felten

Deputy Chief Technology Officer Corinna Zarek

Deputy Chief Technology Officer Alexander Macgillivray

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Senior Policy Advisor Renee Gregory

Senior Policy Advisor Dan Hammer

Senior Policy Advisor Lynn Overmann

Senior Policy Advisor Jason Schultz

Senior Policy Advisor, Digital Government Emily Tavoulaareas

Senior Policy Advisor Aden Van Noppen

Senior Policy Advisor Laura Weidman-Powers

Senior Policy Advisor, Innovation and IP Nancy Weiss

Senior Policy Advisor, Health and Health IT Claudia Williams

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Assistant Director, Entrepreneurship Douglas Rand

Assistant Director, Innovation for Growth Jennifer Erickson

Assistant Director, Learning and Innovation Kumar Garg

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Senior Policy Advisor, Small Business Innovation Nate Segal

Senior Policy Advisor, Tech Inclusion Ruthe Farmer

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Senior Policy Advisor Beadsie Woo

Senior Advisor, Innovation Policy Daniel Correa

Senior Advisor, Making Andrew Coy

Policy Advisor Erik Martin

Policy Advisor Lusine Galoyan

PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL OF ADVISORS ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Executive Director Ashley Predith

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Policy Analyst for Medical and Forensic Sciences Eleanor Celeste

Assistant Director, Intelligence Allison Curran