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Subject: Re: Press groups saying: Please remove barriers to newsgathering around the Francis Scott Key Bridge incident

Received. Thank you for sending again.

I am happy to discuss this further with you, but our team has done its best to be responsive, transparent, and thorough in our interactions with the press around this incident. There is no "gag" rule in place. In order to ensure accurate and the most up to date information, the JIC was created as part of best practices in response to any incident involving the number of governmental authorities currently working to address the problems that have occurred due to the collapse of the FSK bridge. This is the first I have heard from any reporter about problems with receiving information. I'm happy to look into it more, but I believe that with something this complex, and we are now entering week 7 of the incident, that's a testament to our office.