

**From:** "Miers, Harriet"  
**To:** "Leitch, David G.", "17324305", "Hagin, Joseph W", "Kavanaugh, Brett M.", "Gottesman, Blake"  
**Cc:** "Estes, Ashley"  
**Subject:** RE: General and Mrs. Ashcroft  
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Thanks for checking it out.

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From: Leitch, David G.  
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To: Miers, Harriet; 17324305; Hagin, Joseph W; Kavanaugh, Brett M.; Gottesman, Blake  
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My understanding from DOJ is that Comey has NOT been designated acting but is instead able to exercise any powers that may need to be exercised in his capacity as Deputy in the absence or unavailability of the AG. I will confirm.

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From: Miers, Harriet  
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The General's Chief of Staff is at the hospital and called to give this report.

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Jim Comey has been designated "acting." He is in Phoenix and will return home tonight. Robert McCallum is taking care of things at the office until he returns. They have a command post set up in Phoenix in the event it were needed. David said they have been in touch with WH counsel's office so they are informed of the situation.