

On Mar 15, 2016, at 5:55 PM, Tom Johnson <[TBJ@ABMAC.COM](mailto:TBJ@ABMAC.COM)> wrote:

Hi Lynnsey. Just had the chance to read your story. Setting aside several contextual issues, I wanted to just point out one error in the story that I'm hoping we can get corrected please? The entire staff was notified of the review's findings and the news about Steve and Al on Thursday evening at the same time as the press release went out. The email you cite the next day was just to make sure they all had copies of the press release as well in case they had not seen it on the web site. Please let me know if we can get this corrected. Thank you.

Tom Johnson  
CEO  
Abernathy MacGregor Group

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On Mar 15, 2016, at 6:01 PM, Gardner, Lynnsey <[lgardner@wjxt.com](mailto:lgardner@wjxt.com)> wrote:

Tom:

Absolutely I can correct that.

What time was staff notified? Several sources told me they learned from the news reports. It broke around 5:30 that evening.

Any other comment from the board?

Also happy to fix any "contextual" issues you stated.

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On Mar 15, 2016, at 6:07 PM, Tom Johnson <[TBJ@ABMAC.COM](mailto:TBJ@ABMAC.COM)> wrote:

Same time as the press release went out, which is when the news was official. Before then it was just media reports based on sources. I'd have to check on the exact time but will come back to you.

I haven't checked with them but think given the story is already out there I'm not sure what the Board would even be commenting on at this point. Would have been good context for you to have dug into exactly who these executives were and who they were speaking to with these emails.

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On Mar 15, 2016, at 6:19 PM, Gardner, Lynnsey <[lgardner@wjxt.com](mailto:lgardner@wjxt.com)> wrote:

Anything the board would like to add will of course be added. Their input is valued. Just as I hoped to talk with Anthony Odierno this week as well, I strive to get all sides.

I'm here if anything changes!

Best,  
Lynnsey

Ps. We will be uploading the full emails online for everyone to read. I cannot read them in full on live TV but people there will be able to see which departments they were sent to (alumni, etc.)

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**From:** Tom Johnson <[TBJ@ABMAC.COM](mailto:TBJ@ABMAC.COM)>  
**Date:** March 15, 2016 at 6:25:29 PM EDT  
**To:** "Gardner, Lynnsey" <[lgardner@wjxt.com](mailto:lgardner@wjxt.com)>  
**Subject:** Re:

Good. That at least will provide more context. The story reads now as if they went to all staff instead of describing what they were for. The press release went out around 725 pm which is when the all employee note went out as well. And I think if we had this conversation earlier in the day we could have helped some here and perhaps even provided comment but I'm struggling to see with the story already having already been published how to accomplish that now. I understand there is a standing offer to talk to Tony but I'm struggling to see how this is an effort to consider all sides when I find out about it through a news alert.

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