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Jeremy,

This is Matthew Alexander, a producer at The Rachel Maddow Show. We've never communicated before. Hope all's well.

I had a question for you about the Parks and McCain yesterday.

We received some documentary information indicating that superintendents at the parks were directed to lower flags at the parks to Half-Staff yesterday before an alert was sent out *canceling* that order.

My question concerns the timeframe yesterday.

For how long were flags at half-staff yesterday and at what point were they not?

And was this order canceling the prior order a mistake?

Also - who was responsible for the decision to cancel the order that they be lowered to half-staff?

Thank you very much,

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