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### Transcript

**Governor Christie:** What you get with me is what you get. I cannot shed who I am. I am a former federal prosecutor, and when I thought about that choice, and I balanced the choice between whatever I might get from a conversation from someone who I know has already lied to my face versus a look at this later on where people could say that we tried to do something, to manipulate, coach, do whatever, I decided that the better course, the more prudent course, was not to pursue someone who had already not told me the truth when they had the opportunity to, but to let her go, fire her, and then move on, because I think the risk of that—and I can only imagine the speculation that some of the more irresponsible members of your profession would be engaged in about what went on in that meeting between me and Bridget Kelly. I've been in this business for a long time, and I made that decision. That was my decision, and I have absolutely no second thoughts about it because I have no great degree of confidence that in fact I would have gotten anything different from her then than I did in December when these questions were asked of her.

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