

May 31, 2023
Case No. F-2020-04413

Austin R. Evers, Executive Director
American Oversight
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Dear Mr. Evers:

This is in response to your March 2, 2020, request submitted pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, to the Department of State (the Department).

We have determined that records responsive to your request have been released to other requesters and are available in the Department's Virtual Reading Room (VRR). (<https://foia.state.gov/search/search.aspx>) The records can be located by searching these case numbers:

- FL-2022-00075
- FL-2022-00076
- FL-2021-00524
- FL-2021-00527
- FL-2020-00071
- FL-2022-00005

The Department is continuing to process records related to your request in response to the cases listed above, and these will be posted to the VRR on a regular basis. Please check our VRR collection periodically for any newly posted material. If the VRR collection does not satisfy your request, you may request the Department conduct an additional search for records. Examining the records in the VRR will help you focus any future request. Please include your original FOIA case number in your correspondence.

This action closes your request to the Department. For further assistance or to discuss any aspect of your request, you may contact our FOIA Requester Service Center or our FOIA Public Liaison via email to FOIAstatus@state.gov or telephone at (202) 261-8484. Please include the case number in all future communications concerning this FOIA request.

If you are not satisfied with this response to your request, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA Mediation Services they offer. The contact information is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration,

8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, email address: ogis@nara.gov; telephone: (202) 741-5770; toll free number: 1-877-684-6448; fax: (202) 741-5769.

Alternatively, if you are not satisfied with the Department's response to your FOIA request, you may administratively appeal by writing to: Appeals Officer, Office of Information Programs and Services, U.S. Department of State, A/GIS/IPS, HST Room B266, 2201 C Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20520, by email to FOIAAppeals@state.gov, or by fax to 202-485-1718. Appeals must be postmarked within 90 calendar days and include a copy of this letter, clearly stating why you disagree with the determination set forth in this response.

Sincerely,

Office of Information Programs and Services