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Via email: foia@americanoversight.org

Dear Mr. Evers:

This letter is in response to your Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (CDC/ATSDR) Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of March 3, 2020, for:

All final directives, orders, decision memoranda, or guidance provided by HHS leadership—both by the Office of the Secretary and the head offices of HHS components, including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the National Institute of Health (NIH), the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), or the Food and Drug Administration (FDA)—regarding public statements, public appearances, website changes or updates, communications or press strategy on the coronavirus, COVID-19.

A search of our records failed to reveal any documents pertaining to your request. Program staff in the Office of the Associate Director for Communication confirmed to our office on March 10, 2020, that no final press and communications strategy had been issued.

You may contact our FOIA Public Liaison at 770-488-6277 for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

If you are not satisfied with the response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Deputy Agency Chief FOIA Officer, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue, Suite 729H, Washington, D.C. 20201. You may also transmit your appeal via email to FOIARequest@psc.hhs.gov. Please mark both your appeal letter and envelope “FOIA Appeal.” Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted by June 23, 2020.

Sincerely,

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