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July 22, 2022

Austin Evers
American Oversight
1030 15th Street NW, B255
Washington, DC 20005

Re: NIH FOIA Case No.: 53694; American Oversight v. NIH, 20-cv-01063

Dear Mr. Evers:

This is a supplemental response to the third of several Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests that are the subject of the Complaint filed in American Oversight v. NIH, 20-cv-01063, now pending in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. Your FOIA request 53694, dated March 5, 2020, was received by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) on the same day.

You requested all email communications between Dr. Fauci or anyone serving as White House Liaison or agency point of contact for the coronavirus task force, and the following Executive Office of the President officials: Mike Pence, Robert O'Brien, Matthew Pottinger, Robert Blair, Joseph Grogan, Christopher Liddell, Larry Kudlow, Deborah Birx, Katie Miller and Kelvin Droegmeier.

In response to your request for two specified attachments, we located the first of those attachments. For clarity we have also included the parent email originally released in this production. I have determined to withhold portions of the enclosed pages under FOIA exemption (b)(5). The information being withheld is protected from release pursuant to Exemption 5 of the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(5); and section 5.31(e) of the HHS FOIA Regulations, 45 CFR Part 5. Exemption 5 permits the withholding of internal government records which are pre-decisional and contain staff advice, opinion, and recommendations, as well as documents solicited and received by the President or his immediate White House advisers who have broad and significant responsibility for investigating and formulating the advice to be given to the President.

Please direct any questions regarding this response to Amy Powell of the Department of Justice, at Amy.Powell@usdoj.gov.

Sincerely,

Karen E.

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for

Gorka Garcia-Malene

Freedom of Information Officer, NIH

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Karen E. Lampe -S
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From: Fauci, Anthony (NIH/NIAID) [E]
Sent: Sun, 15 Mar 2020 01:44:31 +0000
To: Birx, Deborah L. EOP/NSC; Redfield, Robert R. (CDC/OD)
Subject: RE: Updated document on social distancing recommendations

This looks fine. [REDACTED]

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From: Birx, Deborah L. EOP/NSC [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Sent: Saturday, March 14, 2020 9:16 PM
To: Fauci, Anthony (NIH/NIAID) [E] [REDACTED] (b) (6); Redfield, Robert R. (CDC/OD)
[REDACTED] (b) (6)>
Subject: Updated document on social distancing recommendations

Bob I know you are working on [REDACTED] (b) (5). Can you both review these to see if they sync up with your thoughts. Deb

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Nat Turner [REDACTED] (b) (6)>
Date: March 14, 2020 at 9:13:34 PM EDT
To: "Birx, Deborah L. EOP/NSC" [REDACTED] (b) (6)>
Cc: "Kushner, Jared C. EOP/WHO" [REDACTED] (b) (6), Adam Boehler [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Updated document on social distancing recommendations

Dr. Birx- please see attached. I updated the document to incorporate your feedback.

Let me know what you think. Thanks

-Nat

Nat Turner
Cell: [REDACTED] (b) (6)

Social Distancing Recommendations

These are the measures that we recommend every American take to reduce the spread of the coronavirus for the next few weeks.

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