



BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
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**FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM**  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20551

ADDRESS OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE  
TO THE BOARD

June 1, 2020

Mr. Austin Evers  
American Oversight  
1030 15<sup>th</sup> Street NW  
Suite B255  
Washington, D.C. 20005

Re: *Freedom of Information Act Request No. F-2020-00136*

Dear Mr. Evers:

This is in response to your letter dated and received by the Board's Information Disclosure Section on March 5, 2020. Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. §552, you seek the following records, from January 30, 2020, through the date of the search<sup>1</sup> "with the potential to shed light on how the [Trump] administration is handling [the economic ramifications of the COVID-19] public health emergency:"

All email communications (including emails, complete email chains, email attachments, calendar invitations, and calendar invitation attachments) between (a) the Federal Reserve officials listed in Column A, and (b) the Executive Office of the President (EOP) officials listed in Column B.

Column A: Federal Reserve Officials

- i. Chairman Jerome Powell
- ii. Vice Chairman Richard H. Clarida
- iii. Anyone serving as White House Liaison or agency point of contact for the coronavirus task force

Column B: EOP Officials

- i. Vice President Mike Pence
- ii. National Security Advisor Robert O'Brien

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<sup>1</sup>Please be advised that the date staff initiated their search, March 10, 2020, was used as the cut-off date for your request.

- iii. Assistant to the President and Deputy National Security Advisor  
Matthew Pottinger
- iv. Assistant to the President and Senior Advisor to the Chief of Staff  
Robert Blair
- v. Assistant to the President and Director of the Domestic Policy  
Council Joseph Grogan
- vi. Assistant to the President and Deputy Chief of Staff for Policy  
Coordination Christopher Liddell
- vii. Director of the National Security Economic Council Larry Kudlow
- viii. White House Coronavirus Response Coordinator Deborah Birx
- ix. Press Secretary Katie Miller (formerly Katie Waldman)
- x. Director of the White House Office of Science and Technology  
Policy Kelvin Droegmeier

Staff searched Board records and consulted with knowledgeable staff but did not locate any email communications between the parties you identify.<sup>2</sup> If you believe the determination that no responsive records exist is incorrect, you may administratively appeal by writing to Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Attn: FOIA Appeals, 20th Street & Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, D.C. 20551; by facsimile to 202-872-7565; or electronically to FOIA-Appeals@frb.gov. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within 90 days of the date of the response to your request.<sup>3</sup>

Very truly yours,



Margaret McCloskey Shanks  
Deputy Secretary of the Board

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<sup>2</sup> Please note that because you did not provide email addresses for the external parties listed in your request, staff conducted its search using the names you provided as search terms.

<sup>3</sup> As an alternative to an administrative appeal, you may contact the Board's FOIA Public Liaison, Ms. Candace Ambrose, at 202-452-3684 for further assistance. 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, MD 20740-6001; email at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770 or toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.