



DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
WASHINGTON, D.C.

October 13, 2023

Mr. Austin Evers
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RE: Your FOIA Request to Treasury, Case Number [2020-04-0158]

Dear Mr. Evers,

This is the Office of Intelligence and Analysis's (OIA) final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the U.S. Department of the Treasury, dated 3/18/2020. If this request was submitted to other Treasury components your request may still be open with those Treasury Offices. You requested copies of records related to:

"All records reflecting communications (including emails, email attachments, text messages, messages on messaging platforms (such as Slack, GChat or Google Hangouts, Lync, Skype, or WhatsApp), telephone call logs, calendar invitations, calendar entries, meeting notices, meeting agendas, informational material, talking points, any handwritten or electronic notes taken during any oral communications, summaries of any oral communications, or other materials) between (i) any of the specified officials listed below, and (ii) any person at the White House Office or National Security Council, including anyone with an email address ending in @who.eop.gov or @nsc.eop.gov, regarding ZTE.*

- a. Steven Mnuchin, Secretary of the Treasury, and anyone communicating on his behalf, such as an executive or special assistant or scheduler*
 - b. Anyone serving as Deputy Secretary of the Treasury*
 - c. Anyone serving as Under Secretary for International Affairs*
 - d. Anyone serving as Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Finance*
 - e. Anyone serving as Under Secretary of the Treasury for Terrorism and Financial Intelligence*
 - f. Anyone serving as Assistant Secretary for Financial Institutions*
 - g. Anyone serving as Assistant Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis*
 - h. Anyone serving as Director of the Office of Foreign Assets Control*
 - i. Anyone serving as Deputy Director of the Office of Foreign Assets Control*
 - j. Anyone serving as Chief Counsel of the Office of Foreign Assets Control*
 - k. Anyone serving as Chief of Staff to the Secretary, including in an acting capacity*
 - l. Anyone serving as Counselor to the Secretary*
 - m. Anyone serving as White House Liaison or Advisor, including in an acting capacity*
- Please provide all responsive records from April 1, 2018, through August 15, 2018.*

**American Oversight requests the records of individuals acting in the above mentioned roles, whether or not they were Senate confirmed.*



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Your request has been processed under the provisions of the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552. A search was conducted within the Treasury's Office of Intelligence and Analysis for records that would be responsive to your request. No records were located.

There are no fees assessed at this time since allowable charges fell below \$25.

You have the right to appeal this decision within 90 days from the date of this letter. By filing an appeal, you preserve your rights under FOIA and give the agency a chance to review and reconsider your request and the agency's decision. Your appeal must be in writing, signed by you or your representative, and should contain the rationale for your appeal. Please also cite the FOIA reference number noted above. Your appeal should be addressed to:

FOIA Appeal
FOIA and Transparency
Office of Privacy, Transparency, and Records
Department of the Treasury
1500 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20220

If you submit your appeal by mail, clearly mark the letter and the envelope with the words "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within 90 days from the date of this letter.

If you would like to discuss this response before filing an appeal to attempt to resolve your dispute without going through the appeals process, you may contact our FOIA Public Liaison for assistance via email at FOIAPL@treasury.gov, or via phone at (202) 622-8098. A FOIA Public Liaison is a supervisory official to whom FOIA requesters can raise questions or concerns about the agency's FOIA process. FOIA Public Liaisons can explain agency records, suggest agency offices that may have responsive records, provide an estimated date of completion, and discuss how to reformulate and/or reduce the scope of requests in order to minimize fees and expedite processing time.

If the FOIA Public Liaison is unable to satisfactorily resolve your question or concern, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) also mediates disputes between FOIA requesters and federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. If you wish to contact OGIS, you may contact the agency directly by email at OGIS@nara.gov, by phone at (877) 684-6448, by fax at (202) 741-5769 or by mail at the address below:

Office of Government Information Services
National Archives and Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Road – OGIS
College Park, MD 20740-6001



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Please note that contacting any agency official (including the FOIA analyst, FOIA Requester Service Center, FOIA Public Liaison) and/or OGIS is not an alternative to filing an administrative appeal and does not stop the 90-day appeal clock.

You may reach me by phone at (202) 622-0930, extension 2; or by e-mail at FOIA@treasury.gov. Please reference FOIA case number [2020-04-158] when contacting our office about this request.

Sincerely,



James D. (Trey) Treadwell, III
Deputy Assistant Secretary
Office of Intelligence and Analysis