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and Prevention (CDC)
Atlanta GA 30333
August 31, 2020

Ms. Melanie Sloan
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Via email: foia@americanoversight.org

Dear Ms. Sloan:

This letter is in final 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 26, 2020, for:

All text messages and messages on messaging platforms (such as Slack, GChat or Google Hangouts, Lync, Skype, WhatsApp, Twitter DMs, or Facebook messages) between (1) the agency officials specified below, and (2) Rep. Mark Meadows, including messages on any personal devices, as well as official devices attributed to Rep. Meadows, and anyone serving on his staff, including Chief of Staff Ben Williamson, Scheduler Kate Morgan, or Legislative Director Eric Heigis.

Specified Agency Officials:

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U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

- i. Director Robert Redfield and anyone communicating on his behalf, such as a scheduler or assistant.
- ii. Anyone serving in the capacity of Chief of Staff or Executive Secretary
- iii. Anyone serving in the capacity of White House Liaison or White House Advisor, and their deputies
- iv. Anyone serving in the capacity of Director of Legislative Affairs

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On April 21, 2020, you provided addition information pertaining to your request:

I am writing regarding FOIA Request # 20-01065-FOIA, in response to your email and letter dated April 10, 2020, in which your office requested “Email addresses for Representative Mark Meadows, Ben Williamson, Kate Morgan and Eric Heigis and/or any other members of his staff.”

We have identified the following email addresses for Rep. Meadows and members of his staff who were named in our request:

- mark.meadows@mail.house.gov
- mark.r.meadows@who.eop.gov
- mark.meadows@who.eop.gov
- ben.williamson@mail.house.gov
- kate.morgan@mail.house.gov
- eric.heigis@mail.house.gov

However, please note that this request also seeks certain communications (“All text messages and messages on messaging platforms (such as Slack, GChat or Google Hangouts, Lync, Skype, WhatsApp, Twitter DMs, or Facebook messages)”) between the specified CDC officials and anyone serving on Rep. Meadows’s staff, not only those staff members referenced by name in our request. In addition, we seek those communications with Rep. Meadows and his staff regardless of what email address or electronic device they used to communicate.

We have done our best to identify as many individuals as possible from publicly-available information, and have supplied the official email addresses for those individuals, but we note that there could be additional members of Rep. Meadows’s staff of whom we are not explicitly aware, and there could be additional email addresses or devices (such as personal emails and devices) from which Rep. Meadows or staff members were communicating. The CDC custodians named in our request would be uniquely-situated to confirm whether there were any additional staffers or email addresses with whom they communicated, and so we believe an adequate search for responsive records would include making inquiries of the CDC custodians.

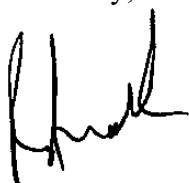
A search of our records utilizing the information provided by your organization failed to reveal any documents pertaining to your request.

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 November 29, 2020.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Roger Andoh', with a stylized, cursive script.

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