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*Privacy Office, Mail Stop 0655*

February 19, 2021

**SENT VIA E-MAIL TO: Foia@americanoversight.org**

Melanie Sloan  
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Washington, DC 20005

Re: **2020-HQFO-00809**

Dear Ms. Sloan:

This is the final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), dated April 1, 2020, and received by this office on April 2, 2020. You are seeking:

- All finished intelligence products (including World Intelligence Review (WIRE) articles, Defense Intelligence Digest (DID) articles, President's Daily Brief (PDB) articles, any other final intelligence assessments or memoranda, and any final daily updates or situation reports for your agency's senior leadership) prepared by analysts at your agency or through an interagency process regarding the coronavirus outbreak and the risk of its spread.
- All finished intelligence products (including World Intelligence Review (WIRE) articles, Defense Intelligence Digest (DID) articles, any other intelligence assessments or memoranda, and any final daily updates or situation reports) or final records reflecting the contents of intelligence briefings (such as final talking points) provided to members or staff of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence regarding the coronavirus outbreak and the risk of its spread.

Upon further review, we have determined that most COVID-19 related requests, including yours, should be handled at the Component-level rather than processed at Headquarters for the portion of the request that seeks records from a specific DHS Component. Accordingly, you should also expect to receive a final response directly from the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP). Please note that the Component is already in the process of searching for potentially responsive records to your request. We do not expect this administrative change to delay your response.

Due to the subject matter of your request, I am transferring this request to the FOIA Officer for U. S. **Customs & Border Protection (CBP)**, for processing under the FOIA and direct response to you. Please find their contact information below:

**U. S. Customs & Border Protection (CBP)**

FOIA Officer

U.S. Customs and Border Protection

90 K Street, NE

FOIA Division

Washington, DC 20229

Phone: 202-325-0150

[CBP Website](#)

Please note that we conducted a comprehensive search of files within the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Office of Operations Coordination for records that would be responsive to your request. Unfortunately, we were unable to locate or identify any responsive records.

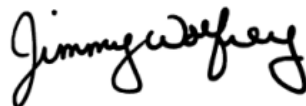
While an adequate search was conducted, you have the right to appeal this determination that no records exist within Office of Operations Coordination that would be responsive to your request. Should you wish to do so, you must send your appeal and a copy of this letter, within 90 days of the date of this letter, to: Privacy Office, Attn: FOIA Appeals, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, 2707 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue, SE, Mail Stop 0655, Washington, D.C. 20528-0655, following the procedures outlined in the DHS FOIA regulations at 6 C.F.R. Part 5 § 5.5(e)(2). Your envelope and letter should be marked "FOIA Appeal." Copies of the FOIA and DHS FOIA regulations are available at [www.dhs.gov/foia](http://www.dhs.gov/foia).

If you need any further assistance or would like to discuss any aspect of your request, please contact the analyst below who processed your request and refer to **2020-HQFO-00809**.

You may send an e-mail to [foia@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:foia@hq.dhs.gov), call 202-343-1743 or toll free 1-866-431-0486, or you may contact our FOIA Public Liaison in the same manner. Additionally, you have a right to right to seek dispute resolution services from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) which mediates disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. If you are requesting access to your own records (which is considered a Privacy Act request), you should know that OGIS does not have the authority to handle requests made under the Privacy Act of 1974. You may contact OGIS 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](mailto:ogis@nara.gov); telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

Provisions of FOIA allow DHS to charge for processing fees, up to \$25, unless you seek a waiver of fees. In this instance, because the cost is below the \$25 minimum, there is no charge.

Sincerely,



Jimmy Wolfrey  
Senior Director, FOIA Operations and Management  
(Acting)