



Case No. 2020-00868-FOIA-OS

June 3, 2020

American Oversight
Austin R Evers
Executive Director
1030 15th Street, N.W., Suite B255
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Mr. Evers:

This letter is the final response to your April 02, 2020, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request. Specifically, you requested the following records:

“All materials prepared or compiled by officials at your agency or through an interagency process for Jared Kushner, senior advisor to the President, regarding the coronavirus outbreak and the risk of its spread (or any efforts or opportunities to mitigate its spread).

This request includes, but is not limited to, all materials requested or tasked by Mr. Kushner regarding the coronavirus outbreak; all final talking points prepared for briefings of Mr. Kushner on the coronavirus outbreak; all updates or recommendations for Mr. Kushner regarding the outbreak and efforts to mitigate its spread; and all finished intelligence products (including any other final intelligence articles, assessments, or memoranda, or any final daily updates or situation reports for your agency’s senior leadership) prepared by analysts at your agency or through an interagency process and provided to Mr. Kushner regarding the coronavirus outbreak and the risk of its spread (or any efforts or opportunities to mitigate its spread).

Please provide all responsive records from December 1, 2019 through March 31, 2020”

The Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR), the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs (IEA) and the Immediate Office of the Secretary (OS) conducted a search and reports there are no records responsive to your request.

While we believe an adequate search of the appropriate files was conducted for the records requested, you have the right to appeal this finding that no responsive records exist within ASPR, IEA and OS. 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 mailed within 90 days from the date of receipt of this letter, to:

Ms. Kim Hutchinson
Deputy Agency Chief FOIA Officer
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs
Room 729H
200 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, DC 20201

Please clearly mark both the envelope and your letter “Freedom of Information Act Appeal.”
You may also e-mail your appeal to: HHS.ACFO@hhs.gov.

If you would like to discuss our response before filing an appeal to attempt to resolve your dispute without going through the appeals process, you may contact the HHS FOIA Public Liaison for assistance at:

HHS FOIA/PA Public Liaison
FOI/Privacy Acts Division
Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs (ASPA)
Office of the Secretary (OS)
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)
200 Independence Avenue, SW, Suite 729H
Washington, DC 20201

Telephone: (202) 690-7453
Fax: (202) 690-8320
E-mail: HHS_FOIA_Public_Liaison@hhs.gov

If you are unable to resolve your FOIA dispute through our FOIA Public Liaison, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS), the Federal FOIA Ombudsman’s office, offers mediation services to help resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies. The contact information for OGIS is:

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

Telephone: 202-741-5770
Toll-Free: 1-877-684-6448
E-mail: ogis@nara.gov
Fax: 202-741-5769



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Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs
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There are no charges in this instance because the billable costs are less than our threshold of \$25.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brandon J. Gaylord".

Brandon J. Gaylord
Director
FOI/ Privacy Act Division