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April 1, 2022

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Re: FOI Case No. 54014

Dear Mr. Evers:

This is a final response to your April 17, 2020, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request addressed to the National Institutes of Health (NIH), which was received in this office on the same day. You requested a copy of all communications (including emails, email attachments, text messages, calendar invitations, calendar entries, meeting notices, meeting agendas, or talking points), as well as any summaries of or notes taken during any oral communications, between (a) the government officials listed in Column A, and (b) the individuals listed in Column B (both columns included in our request), from March 1, 2020, through the date of the search.

We queried the NIH Office of the Director, (OD) Office of the Executive Secretariat, and the NIH Clinical Center (CC), and no records responsive to your request were located.

While we believe that an adequate search of appropriate files was conducted for the records you requested, you have the right to appeal this determination that no records exist which would be responsive to your request. Should you wish to do so, your appeal must be sent within ninety (90) days of the date of this letter, following the procedures outlined in Subpart C of the HHS FOIA Regulations (<http://www.nih.gov/icd/od/foia/cfr45.htm>) to the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs, at: <https://requests.publiclink.hhs.gov/App/Index.aspx>

If you are not satisfied with the processing and handling of this request, you may contact the OD FOIA Public Liaison and/or the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS):

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In certain circumstances provisions of the FOIA and Department of Health and Human Services FOIA Regulations allow us to recover part of the cost of responding to your request. Because no unusual circumstances apply to the processing of your request, there is no charge associated with our response.

Sincerely,

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Freedom of Information Officer, NIH

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