



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
Washington DC 20420

May 19, 2020

In Reply Refer To: 001B
FOIA Request: 20-06162-F

Mehreen Rasheed
American Oversight
[no physical address provided]
foia@americanoversight.org

Dear Mehreen Rasheed,

This is the Initial Agency Decision (IAD) to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (OSVA), dated and received April 17, 2020, and assigned FOIA tracking number **20-06162-F**. You requested:

"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 below [Robert Wilkie and Pamela Powers], and (b) the individuals listed in Column B below.

- i. Larry Ellison, including anyone communicating on his behalf, such as an executive or special assistant or scheduler
- ii. Dr. Mehmet Oz
- iii. Rudy Giuliani, including anyone communicating on his behalf, including but not limited to Jo Ann Zafonte, Christianne Allen, or Beau Wagner
- iv. Dr. Vladimir Zelenko
- v. Ben Shapiro
- vi. Alex Jones
- vii. Gregory Rigano
- viii. Dr. Ramin Oskoui
- ix. Dr. Stephen Smith
- x. Dr. William Grace
- xi. Dr. Marc Siegel
- xii. Roberto Mignone, including anyone communicating on his behalf, such as an executive or special assistant or scheduler
- xiii. dNitin Saigal
- xiv. Chirag Patel, including anyone communicating on his behalf, such as an executive or special assistant or scheduler
- xv. Ken Fisher, including anyone communicating on his behalf, such as an executive or special assistant or scheduler
- xvi. Bernard Marcus, including anyone communicating on his behalf, such as an executive or special assistant or scheduler
- xvii. Any employee of Fox News, such as Laura Ingraham, Steve Doocy, Brian Kilmeade, Ainsley Earhardt, Tucker Carlson, Sean Hannity, and Lou Dobbs, including but not limited to anyone communicating under the domain foxnews.com, foxbusiness.com, newscorp.com, foxinc.com, fox.com, Murdoch.com, newsamerica.com, newscorporation.com
- xviii. Any employee of One America News Network, including but not limited to anyone communicating under the domain oann.com
- xix. Any employee of Job Creators Network, including but not limited to anyone communicating under the domain jobcreatorsnetwork.com
- xx. Any employee of Physicians for Reform, including but not limited to anyone communicating under the domain physiciansforreform.org
- xxi. Dr. Robin Armstrong.

Please provide all responsive records from March 1, 2020, through the date of the search.”

Reasonable Searches Dated 5/11/20

On May 11, 2020, an OSVA FOIA Officer conducted the below seven (7) searches through the email boxes and calendar entries of Robert Wilkie and Pamela Powers with the date timeframe of March 1, 2020, to April 17, 2020, the date of your FOIA request.

Search 1

From: Wilkie or RLW or Powers

To: Ellison or Oz or Giuliani or Zafonte or Allen or Wagner or Zelenko or Shapiro or Jones or Rigano or Oskoui or Smith or Grace or Siegel or Mignone or Saigal or Patel or Fisher or Marcus or Fox or Ingraham

(FOIAXpress character search limits, so separated searches).

Date: 3/1/20 to 4/17/20

Results: 0 responsive emails

Search 2

From: Wilkie or RLW or Powers

To: Doocy or Kilmeade or Earhardt or Carlson or Hannity or Dobbs or foxnews.com or foxbusiness.com

(FOIAXpress character search limits, so separated searches).

Date: 3/1/20 to 4/17/20

Results: 0 emails

Search 3

From: Wilkie or RLW or Powers

To: newscorp.com or foxinc.com or fox.com or Murdoch.com or newsamerica.com or newscorporation.com

(FOIAXpress character search limits, so separated searches).

Date: 3/1/20 to 4/17/20

Results: 0 emails

Search 4

From: Wilkie or RLW or Powers

To: oann.com or jobcreatorsnetwork.com or physiciansforreform.org or Armstrong

(FOIAXpress character search limits, so separated searches).

Date: 3/1/20 to 4/17/20

Results: 0 emails

Search 5

To: Wilkie or RLW or Powers

From: Ellison or Oz or Giuliani or Zafonte or Allen or Wagner or Zelenko or Shapiro or Jones or Rigano or Oskoui or Smith or Grace or Siegel or Mignone or Saigal or Patel or Fisher or Marcus or Fox

(FOIAXpress character search limit, so separated searches).

Date: 3/1/20 to 4/27/20

Results: 0 responsive emails

Search 6

To: Wilkie or RLW or Powers

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From: Ingraham or Doocy or Kilmeade or Earhardt or Carlson or Hannity or Dobbs or foxnews.com or foxbusiness.com or newscorp.com or foxinc.com or fox.com or Murdoch.com or newsamerica.com
Date: 3/1/20 to 4/17/20
Results: 0 emails

Search 7

To: Wilkie or RLW or Powers
From: newscorporation.com or oann.com or jobcreatorsnetwork.com or physiciansforreform.org or Armstrong
Date: 3/1/20 to 4/17/20
Results: 0 emails

These May 11, 2020, emails and calendars searches yielded no responsive records. Thus, OSVA issues you a “no records” response.

FOIA Mediation

As part of the 2007 FOIA amendments, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) was created to offer mediation services to resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. Using OGIS services does not affect your right to pursue litigation. Under the provisions of the FOIA Improvement Act of 2016, the following contact information is provided to assist FOIA requesters in resolving disputes:

VA Central Office FOIA Public Liaison:

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Office of Government Information Services (OGIS)

Email Address: ogis@nara.gov
Fax: 202-741-5769
Mailing address:
National Archives and Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Road
College Park, MD 20740-6001

FOIA Appeal

This concludes OSVA’s IAD to FOIA request **20-06162-F**. Please be advised that should you desire to do so, you may appeal the determination made in this response to:

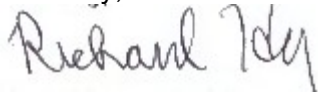
Office of General Counsel (024)
Department of Veterans Affairs
810 Vermont Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20420

If you should choose to file an appeal, please include a copy of this letter with your written appeal and clearly indicate the basis for your disagreement with the determination set forth in this response. Please be advised that in accordance with VA’s implementing FOIA regulations at 38 C.F.R. § 1.559, your appeal must be postmarked no later than ninety (90) days of the date

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of this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Richard Ha". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Richard Ha, JD, CIPP/G
OSVA FOIA Officer