



DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
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Dear Mr. Evers

This is the Office of Foreign Assets Control's (OFAC) final response to your April 29, 2020, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, request to the Department of the Treasury (Treasury), seeking:

All communications from September 1, 2019, through March 31, 2020, between (a) Treasury officials in Column A and (b) OFAC in Column B officials regarding Oleg Deripaska, including any communications regarding changes to sanctions—whether levying new sanctions or easing existing ones—on Mr. Deripaska.

Column A: Treasury Officials	Column B: OFAC Officials
i. Secretary Steven Mnuchin	i. Former Under Secretary for Terrorism and Financial Intelligence Sigal Mandelkar
ii. Anyone serving in the role of Chief of Staff or Deputy Chief of Staff to the Secretary	ii. OFAC Director Andrea Gacki and anyone serving as her Deputy or Chief of Staff
iii. Anyone serving as Counselor to the Secretary	iii. Anyone serving as OFAC Chief Counsel or Deputy Chief Counsel
iv. Anyone serving as White House Liaison or Advisor, or their Deputies	
v. Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs Brian McGuire	
vi. Under Secretary for International Affairs Brent McIntosh	
vii. General Counsel Brian Callanan	

Treasury referred this matter to its OFAC for processing on May 6, 2020.

Please be aware that OFAC is experiencing a substantial backlog of FOIA requests that has adversely affected its response time.

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We conducted a comprehensive search of files within OFAC for records that would be responsive to your request. Unfortunately, we were unable to locate or identify any responsive records.

You may appeal this determination, in writing, within 90 days after the date of this letter. You may send your appeal via email to our FOIA Requester Service Center at OFACFOIAOffice@treasury.gov or letter to FOIA Appeal, FOIA and Transparency, Privacy, Transparency, and Records, Department of the Treasury, 1500 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20220. The deciding official for OFAC appeals is the Chief Counsel for OFAC. Please include with your appeal a copy of this response letter. Please reference FOIA case number 2020-04-315 in all future correspondence.

You may seek dispute resolution services from Treasury's FOIA Public Liaison by contacting Mark Bittner, Director, FOIA and Transparency at 202-622-8098 or FOIAPL@treasury.gov.

The Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) also mediates disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. If you wish to contact OGIS, you may email them at ogis@nara.gov or call 1-877-684-6448.

Enclosed is an information sheet pertaining to your right to administrative appeal and dispute resolution services.

Provisions of the FOIA allow us to recover part of the cost of complying with your request. In this instance, no fees have been assessed.

If you need to contact our office concerning this response, you may send an email to our FOIA Requester Service Center at OFACFOIAOffice@treasury.gov or call us at (202) 622-2500, option 1. Please reference FOIA No. 2020-04-315 in any future correspondence.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: Administrative Appeal and Dispute Resolution Sheet

ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION SHEET

Administrative Appeal Rights

You may file an appeal with the Department of the Treasury when an adverse determination related to your request has been made, under the below circumstances, see 31 C.F.R. § 1.4(h):

- The requested records have been denied in part or in whole;
- The request does not reasonably describe the records sought;
- The information requested is not a record subject to the FOIA;
- The requested record does not exist, cannot be located, or has been destroyed;
- The requested record is not readily reproducible in the form or format sought by the requester;
- You have been denied a fee waiver or issue; or
- Your request for expedited processing has been denied.

Your appeal, other than an appeal of a denial for expedited processing, must be submitted in writing and, to be considered timely, it must be postmarked, or in the case of electronic submissions, transmitted, within 90 calendar days after the date of the component's final response. An appeal of a denial for expedited processing must be submitted in writing within 90 days of the date of the initial determination to deny expedited processing. The appeal must be signed by you or your representative, and contain the following information:

- Your name and address;
- Date of your initial request;
- Date of the letter denying your request;
- Description of why you believe the initial determination was in error; and
- The FOIA/PA number assigned to your request.

Please mail your appeal to: FOIA Appeal
FOIA and Transparency
Privacy, Transparency, and Records
Department of the Treasury
1500 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20220

The deciding official for OFAC appeals is the Chief Counsel of OFAC.

Dispute Resolution Services

Available through:

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