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File Number: 20200725

Dear Requester:

This is the final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, originally received by the United States Secret Service (Secret Service) on June 2, 2020, for information pertaining to:

1. All records reflecting any order or directive to use force—including the use of tear gas, concussion grenades, rubber bullets, and physical charges—on protestors gathered in Lafayette Park in front of the White House on June 1, 2020; and
2. Records sufficient to identify the federal government official(s) that ordered or directed the use of force—including the use of tear gas, concussion grenades, rubber bullets, and physical charges—on protestors gathered in Lafayette Park in front of the White House on June 1, 2020.

After a detailed review of all potentially responsive records, 3 page(s) were released and no page(s) were withheld in their entirety. Exemptions under the FOIA Statute, Title 5 U.S.C. § 552 have been applied where deemed appropriate.

Enclosed are the documents responsive to your request, as well as a document that explains the exemptions in more detail. Withheld information is pursuant to the exemptions marked below.

Section 552 (FOIA)

☐ (b) (1)	☐ (b) (2)	☐ (b) (3) Statute:		
☐ (b) (4)	☐ (b) (5)	☐ (b) (6)	☐ (b) (7) (A)	☐ (b) (7) (B)
☐ (b) (7) (C)	☒ (b) (7) (D)	☒ (b) (7) (E)	☐ (b) (7) (F)	☐ (b) (8)

The following checked item(s) also apply to your request:

☒ Fees: In the processing of this FOIA request, no fees are being assessed.

☐ Other:

If you deem our decision an adverse determination, you may exercise your appeal rights. Should you wish to file an administrative appeal, your appeal should be made in writing and received within ninety (90) days of the date of this letter, by writing to: Freedom of Information Appeal, Deputy Director, U.S. Secret Service, Communications Center, 245 Murray Lane, S.W., Building T-5, Washington, D.C. 20223. If you choose to file an administrative appeal, please explain the basis of your appeal and reference the case number listed above.

Additionally, you have the 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. Please note that contacting the Secret Service's FOIA Program and/or OGIS **is not** an alternative to filing an administrative appeal and **does not** stop the 90-day appeal clock. You may contact OGIS at: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001. You may also reach OGIS via e-mail at ogis@nara.gov, telephone at 202-741-5770/toll free at (877) 684-6448, or facsimile at (202) 741-5769.

If you need any further assistance, or would like to discuss any aspect of your request, please contact our FOIA Public Liaison Kevin Tyrrell, at (202) 406-6370. Alternatively, you may send an e-mail to foia@usss.dhs.gov.

FOIA/PA File No. 20200725 is assigned to your request. Please refer to this file number in all future communication with this office.

Sincerely,



Kevin L. Tyrrell
Freedom of Information Act Officer
Office of Intergovernmental and Legislative Affairs

Enclosure:

☒ FOIA and Privacy Act Exemption List

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT
SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552

Provisions of the Freedom of Information Act do not apply to matter that are:

- (b) (1) (A) specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive Order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (B) are in fact properly classified pursuant to such Executive order;
- (b) (2) related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices any agency;
- (b) (3) specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than section 552b of this title), if that statute: (A)(i) requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on the issue, or (ii) establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld; and (B) is established after the date of enactment of the OPEN FOIA Act of 2009;
- (b) (4) trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential;
- (b) (5) inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency; provided that the deliberative process privilege shall not apply to records created 25 years or more before the date on which the records were requested;
- (b) (6) personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;
- (b) (7) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the information: (A) could reasonable be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings; (B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication; (C) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy; (D) could reasonable be expected to disclose the identity of a confidential source, including a State, local, or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of a record or information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source; (E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law; (F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual;
- (b) (8) contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency responsible for regulation or supervision of financial institutions;

- (b) (9) geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

PRIVACY ACT
SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552a

The provisions of the Privacy Act do not apply to:

- (d) (5) material compiled in reasonable anticipation of civil action or proceeding;
- (j) (2) material reporting investigative efforts pertaining to enforcement of criminal law including efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or apprehend criminals;
- (k)(1) material is currently and properly classified pursuant to an Executive Order in the interest of national defense or foreign policy;
- (k) (2) material compiled during investigations for law enforcement purposes;
- (k) (3) material maintained in connection with providing protective services to the President of the United States or other individuals pursuant to section 3056 of Title 18;
- (k) (5) investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment, military service, Federal contracts, or for access to classified information, but only to the extent that the disclosure of such material would reveal the identity of the person who furnished information to the Government under an express promise that the identity of the source would be held in confidence, or prior to the September 27, 1975, under an implied promise that the identity of the source would be held in confidence;
- (k) (6) testing or examination material used solely to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in the Federal service the disclosure of which would compromise the objectivity or fairness of the testing or examination process;

USSS Timeline

June 1, 2020

On 06/01/20, social media analysis revealed that members of Black Lives Matter (BLM) planned to demonstrate in Washington, DC, with unknown number of participants. The demonstration was scheduled to start at 1930 hours EDT. Additionally, BLM planned to have supplies available for demonstrators and listed the drop off/pick up point at Lafayette Square from 1100 hours EDT to 2100 EDT.

DC Mayor, Muriel Bowser, imposed a mandatory curfew for Washington, DC beginning at 1900 hours on and extending until 0600 tomorrow.

The following is a timeline of events once the group(s) arrived at the White House Complex:

1308 hours EDT – 75-90 demonstrators on 16th and H entering roadway and blocking vehicles from entering H St

1318 hours EDT – Demo headed westbound past (b)(7)(E)

1327 hours EDT – Demo northbound on 17th

1336 hours EDT – Demo at 16th and H

1344 hours EDT – Demo departed White House zone

1356 hours EDT - Demo returned to 16th and H

1425 hours EDT – Demo held at (b)(7)(E)

1432 hours EDT – (b)(7)(E) report to Penn Ave to stage

1434 hours EDT – Demo held at 16th and H

1531 hours EDT – Demo at 14th and Penn

1541 hours EDT – Demo at 14th and Penn

1700 hours EDT – 8 black males with load bearing vests and heavy backpacks at (b)(7)(E)

1703 hours EDT – National Guard arrived (b)(7)(E)

1705 hours EDT – Counter Surveillance Division (CSD) advised at least 6 demonstrators entered the bathroom in Lafayette Park

1710 hours EDT – Individuals starting to light fires on bathroom in Lafayette Park

1711 hours EDT – (b)(7)(E)

1721 hours EDT – 5 demonstrators crossed the 1st line in Lafayette Park; US Park Police (USPP) pushed them back over the 1st line

1723 hours EDT – 500-1000 approaching (b)(7)(E)

1727 hours EDT – Large number demonstrators with bricks and projectiles at (b)(7)(E) additional units requested

1728 hours EDT – 300 persons in route from US Capitol

1731 hours EDT – Additional units requested to Lafayette Park

1735 hours EDT – POTUS press conference scheduled for 1800 hours EDT in Rose Garden

1737 hours EDT – 200 persons headed north on 14th from lower Penn

1742 hours EDT – Persons on scaffolding at intersection of 15th and H

1747 hours EDT – Person on roof of Hay Adams

1804 hours EDT – Small children in the bathroom in Lafayette Park

1812 hours EDT – Person climbing DOC building, north side H, has a large fixed blade weapon on right side – W/M facial hair, black shirt, blue jeans

1818 hours EDT – (b)(7)(E) push past 1st line in Lafayette Park

1819 hours EDT – Demonstrators scaling scaffolding on Commerce side

1822 hours EDT – 1st warning by USPP

1823 hours EDT – (b)(7)(D) travelling on foot to the Ellipse

1829 hours EDT – B/M, 5'8" w/sledgehammer on 15th St

1835 hours EDT – Tear gas and/or flash bangs deployed

1836 hours EDT – (b)(7)(E) location 16th and H

1837 hours EDT – (b)(7)(E)

1839 hours EDT – Fireworks NW side of Lafayette Park

1842 hours EDT – Demonstrators at H and Vermont opening large cans of paint

1847 hours EDT – (b)(7)(E) of Lafayette Park complete with negative results

1851 hours EDT – Fireworks thrown into NW courtyard of EEOB

1852 hours EDT – Demonstrators in area of (b)(7)(E)

1853 hours EDT – (b)(7)(E) of St. John's Church complete with negative results

1854 hours EDT – (b)(7)(E) of east side of Lafayette Park complete with negative results

1917 hours EDT – 300 demonstrators on Penn towards (b)(7)(E)

1920 hours EDT – 1000-1500 demonstrators on 14th and G

1923 hours EDT – Demonstrators on 17th headed west on New York Ave

2004 hours EDT – 150-200 demonstrators from WWII Memorial on 17th

2006 hours EDT- Group at Vermont and H growing to 500; MPD responding

2009 hours EDT – Crowd at Vermont and H travelling north on Vermont

2012 hours EDT – Demonstrators continuing past (b)(7)(E)

2038 hours EDT – Demonstrators headed south on 17th – 75-100

2101 hours EDT – Demonstration that was on 17th now at 14th and Conn

2104 hours EDT – (b)(7)(E)