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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 12, 2020, for information pertaining to:

1. Any final assessments, reports, analyses, recommendations, or guidance prepared by your agency or received from other agencies (including from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)) regarding the effects or impacts of the use of chemical irritants or crowd dispersants (including tear gas, pepper spray, or any other "riot control agents," including but not limited to chloroacetophenone (CN) and chlorobenzylidenemalononitrile (CS)) during the coronavirus pandemic, including risks that such use could increase the spread of the virus such as by causing people to cough and wheeze, exacerbate symptoms of individuals with COVID-19, or increase the risk of contracting coronavirus and other respiratory illnesses in the future by damaging people's lungs.
2. Any final assessments, reports, analyses, recommendations, or guidance prepared by your agency or received from other agencies (including from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)) regarding the effects or impacts of the crowd control or riot control techniques, including "kettling,"⁴ during the coronavirus pandemic, including the risk that such techniques could increase the spread of the virus.
3. Any final assessments, reports, analyses, recommendations, or guidance prepared by your agency or received from other agencies (including from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)) regarding the effects or impacts of mass arrests, jailing, or detention during the coronavirus pandemic, including the risk that such practices could increase the spread of the virus. Please provide all responsive records from May 26, 2020 through the date of the search.

In response to your FOIA request, the U.S. Secret Service FOIA Office has conducted a reasonable search for all potentially responsive documents. The U.S. Secret Service FOIA Office searched all

Program Offices and computer systems that were likely to contain potentially responsive records, and no records were located.

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. 20200770 is assigned to your request. Please refer to this file number in all future communication with this office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin L. Tyrrell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each name being capitalized and prominent.

Kevin L. Tyrrell
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