



IN REPLY REFER TO:

## United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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1849 C. Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20040

Monday, October 2, 2023

Austin Evers  
1030 15<sup>th</sup> St. NW B255  
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Mr. Evers:

On June 29, 2020, The Office of Public Trust (OPT) processed your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request on behalf of the United States Park Police Records Office. Your FOIA request number is **DOI-NPS-2020-001470**. Please cite this number in future communications regarding your request with our office. Your request was for the following:

Your request was for the following: "Any final assessments, recommendations, or guidance prepared by your agency or received from other agencies (including from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

....regarding the effects or impacts of mass arrests, jailing, or detention during the coronavirus, including the risk that such practices could increase the spread  
...regarding the effects or impacts of the crowd control or riot control techniques, including ?kettling,? during the pandemic, including the risk that such".

We are writing to respond to your request. After a thorough search of our files, it has been determined that the Office of Public Trust has no records responsive to your request.

We do not bill requesters for FOIA processing fees when their fees are less than \$50.00, because the cost of collection would be greater than the fee collected. See [43 C.F.R. § 2.37\(g\)](#). Therefore, there is no billable fee for the processing of this request.

You may appeal this response to the Department's FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer. If you choose to appeal, the FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer must receive your FOIA **no later than 90 workdays** from the date of this letter. Appeals arriving or delivered after 5 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday, will be deemed received on the next workday.

**Your appeal must be made in writing.** You may submit your appeal and accompanying materials to the FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer by mail, courier service, fax, or email. All communications concerning your appeal should be clearly marked with the words: "FREEDOM OF INFORMATION APPEAL." You must include an explanation of why you believe the NPS's response is in error. You must also include with your appeal copies of all correspondence between you and NPS concerning your FOIA request, including your original FOIA request and NPS's response. Failure to include with your appeal all correspondence between you and NPS will result in the Department's rejection of your appeal, unless the FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer determines (in the FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer's sole discretion) that good cause exists to accept the defective appeal.

Please include your name and daytime telephone number (or the name and telephone number of an appropriate contact), email address and fax number (if available) in case the FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer needs additional information or clarification of your appeal.

*DOI FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Office Contact Information*

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Attn: FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Office  
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For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of FOIA. See [5 U.S.C. 552\(c\)](#). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist. The 2007 FOIA amendments created the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) 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. You may contact OGIS in any of the following ways:

Office of Government Information Services  
National Archives and Records Administration  
8601 Adelphi Road - OGIS  
College Park, MD 20740-6001 E-  
mail: [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov)  
Web: <https://ogis.archives.gov>  
Telephone: 202-741-5770  
Fax: 202-741-5769  
Toll-free: 1-877-684-6448

Please note that using OGIS services does not affect the timing of filing an appeal with the Department's FOIA & Privacy Act Appeals Officer.

The Office of Public Trust regrets the delay in responding to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request. Please know that FOIA management is very committed to providing responses to FOIA request and remedying the FOIA backlog. We appreciate your interest in the National Park Service. If you have any questions about our response to your request, you may contact the Office of Public Trust [OPT\\_Trust@nps.gov](mailto:OPT_Trust@nps.gov).

Thank you kindly,



On behalf of, Kimberly Small  
Information Branch Officer for the Office of Public Trust (OPT)  
National Park Service Visitor and Resource Protection