



**U.S. Department of Justice
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Request Number: 2020-06220

Dear Mr. Evers:

This is in response to the above referenced Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request. A copy of the first page of your request is attached.

After a thorough review of your request, we have determined that any records responsive to your request are categorically exempt from disclosure. Accordingly, this Office is not required to conduct a search for the requested records. Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, records are withheld in full from disclosure to you as release of any records could reasonably be expected to interfere with law enforcement proceedings. 5 U.S.C. §552(b)(7)(A). Please note, exemption (b)(7)(A) is a temporary exemption utilized to protect active and on-going law enforcement proceedings. Because of its temporary nature, you may wish to consider refiling your request for records in the future. Should you chose to refile your request, the status of law enforcement proceedings will be reevaluated and a determination made at that time as to the continued applicability of exemption (b)(7)(A).

If you have questions about this response please feel free to contact the undersigned, this office, or the Federal Bureau of Prisons' (BOP) FOIA Public Liaison, Mr. C. Darnell Stroble at 202-616-7750, 320 First Street NW, Suite 936, Washington DC 20534, or ogc_efoia@bop.gov.

Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, Room 2510, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001; e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

If you are not satisfied with my response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, 441 G Street, NW, 6th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20530, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIA STAR portal by creating an account following the instructions

on OIP's website: <https://www.justice.gov/oip/submit-and-track-request-or-appeal>. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within 90 days of the date of my response to your request. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Sincerely,



S. Raymond, for
Eugene E. Baime, Supervisory Attorney

Explanation of FOIA Exemptions

5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1) protects classified information.

5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(2) concerns matters related solely to internal agency personnel rules or practices.

5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(3) concerns matters specifically exempted from release by statute.

5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(4) concerns trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person that is privileged or confidential.

5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5) concerns certain inter- and intra-agency communications protected by the deliberative process privilege, the attorney work-product privilege, and/or the attorney-client privilege.

5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6) concerns material the release of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of third parties.

5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(7)(A) concerns records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes the release of which could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings.

5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(7)(B) concerns records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes the release of which would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication.

5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(7)(C) concerns records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes the release of which could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of third parties.

5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(7)(D) concerns records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes the release of which could reasonably be expected to disclose the identities of confidential sources and information furnished by such sources.

5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(7)(E) concerns records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes the release of which would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions.

5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(7)(F) concerns records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes the release of which could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or personal safety of an individual.

5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(8) concerns matters that are "contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions."

5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(9) concerns geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.



Re: Freedom of Information Act Request

Dear FOIA officer:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, and the implementing regulations of your agency, American Oversight makes the following request for records.

Following the police killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis on May 25, 2020, thousands of people have held protests in Portland, Oregon and nationwide. In late June, President Trump deployed federal officials to the city, leading to scrutiny from protestors and Oregon officials alike about the use of excessive force against protesters and the federal involvement.¹

American Oversight submits this request to shine light on how much the federal deployment to Portland cost taxpayers.

Requested Records

American Oversight requests that your agency produce the following records within twenty business days:

Records that compile, aggregate, or total the costs of providing lodging from June 20, 2020 to August 12, 2020, in the greater Portland, Oregon area for federal officials employed at your agency.

If your office does not have records that compile, aggregate, or total those costs, then American Oversight requests any and all invoices reflecting expenses at any lodging or hotels located in the greater Portland, Oregon, which were incurred from June 20, 2020 to August 12, 2020, by federal officials employed at your agency.

American Oversight does not object to the redaction of names or other personally identifying information from records responsive to this request.

Fee Waiver Request

In accordance with 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(iii) and your agency's regulations, American Oversight requests a waiver of fees associated with processing this request for records.

¹ John Yang, *Trump's Deployment of Federal Agents to Quell Portland Protests Draws Local Ire*, PBS (July 20, 2020, 6:40 PM), <https://www.pbs.org/newshour/show/trumps-deployment-of-federal-agents-to-quell-portland-protests-draws-local-ire>.