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DHA's Initial Tracking No: 21-00017 (Media category)

Dear Austin R. Evers:

Thank you for your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of October 7, 2020, received by the Defense Health Agency (DHA) on October 7, 2020. Your request has been assigned Control Number 21-00017. Please reference this number in any future correspondence regarding this matter.

A review of your request shows that you are seeking:

[American Oversight seeks expedited review of this request for the reasons identified below and requests that your agency produce the following records as soon as practicable, and at least within twenty business days:

- 1. Any records reflecting the date and/ or time of the first test result for COVID-19 that the president received that was positive (or "detected" or which otherwise indicated infection).*
- 2. Any records reflecting the date and/or time of the last test result for COVID-19 that the president received that was negative (or "not detected" or which otherwise indicated absence of infection) before his first positive test result.*

Please provide all responsive records from September 10, 2020, through the date search is conducted.

To be clear, a report of test results with a date and/ or time would be responsive to this request, but other types of records would also be responsive. For example, email records about the president's first positive or last negative test result would also be responsive as the date and time stamp of those records would shed light on the timing of the tests.

Although the Department of Defense (DOD), the U.S. Navy, and the White House Military Office (WHMO) are best positioned to identify the location of responsive records, public information suggests that the White House Military Unit, the records of Navy officer Dr. Sean Conley, and Walter Reed National Military Medical Center must be included in an adequate search.]

After a thorough search, it was determined that the DHA has no records in response to your request. Although this does not constitute a denial because no records were withheld or found to be within DHA's custody, control, and access, you may appeal to the appellate authority if you are not satisfied with this response.

To appeal to the DHA appellate authority, your appeal must adhere to the following: be written and delivered within 90 calendar days of the date of this letter, cite the referenced control number, and be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, postal delivery for the DHA FOIA Service Center has been temporarily suspended. However, you may submit your appeal electronically to: DHA.FOIAappeals@mail.mil.

Please note you have the right to seek dispute resolution services from me, the DHA FOIA Public Liaison, via the following contact information: email: DHA.FOIA@mail.mil or via telephone at 1+ (703) 275-6017. However, if we are unable to resolve your FOIA dispute, the Federal FOIA Ombudsman's office offers mediation services through the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) to help resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies. You may contact OGIS via the following:

National Archives and Records Administration
Office of Government Information Services
8601 Adelphi Road - OGIS
College Park, MD 20740-6001
Email: ogis@nara.gov
Phone: 1+ (202) 741-5770 or Toll Free: 1-877-684-6448

If you have any questions about processing your request under the FOIA, please contact us, the DHA FOIA Service Center at (703) 275-6017.

Sincerely,



Ms. Rahwa A. Keleta
Public Liaison
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