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DHA's Initial Tracking No: 21-00016 (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 8, 2020. Your request has been assigned Control Number 21-00016. Please reference this number in any future correspondence regarding this matter.

A review of your request shows that you are seeking:

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

- 1. Any records reflecting directives or authorizations to treat or otherwise provide medical services at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center or any other military medical facility to any relatives of First Lady Melania Trump who are not members of the military or government employees.*
- 2. Records reflecting any analysis of the legality and/or propriety (including memoranda or more informally provided guidance or analysis) of using military medical facilities to treat relatives of First Lady Melania Trump who are not members of the military or government employees.*

*Please provide all responsive records from January 20, 2017, through the date the search is conducted.]*

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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  
DHA Freedom of Information Service Center