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SENT VIA EMAIL: [foia@americanoversight.org](mailto:foia@americanoversight.org)

Mr. Austin R. Evers  
American Oversight  
1030 15<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W., Suite B255  
Washington, D.C. 20005

RE: FOIA 19-00139-DD

Dear Mr. Evers:

This letter is the final response to your March 8, 2019, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request that you sent to the Department of Energy (DOE) for a copy of the following:

“Requesting all records reflecting communications (including email messages, email attachments, calendar invitations talking points prepared for meetings, handwritten or typed meeting notes, or memos exchanged during meetings) with any of the following individuals:

- a. Tom Barrack
- b. Rick Gates
- c. General Keith Alexander
- d. General Jack Keane
- e. James Cartwright
- f. Dennis Ross
- g. Robert “Bud” McFarlane
- h. Rear Admiral Michael Hewitt
- i. Stuart Solomon
- j. Stephen Solomon
- k. Alan Dunn
- l. Eric Olson
- m. Frances Fragos Townsend
- n. Lars Butler
- o. Michael Wallace
- p. Mike Rogers
- q. James Heath
- r. John Tanner
- s. Kirkland Donald
- t. Patrick J. O’Reilly

- u. Phillip Eichensehr
- v. Raymond Palumbo
- w. Ziad Asali
- x. Alex Copson
- y. Bill Dudley
- z. Chris Crane
- aa. Stephen Bolze
- bb. Danny Roderick
- cc. Dan Poneman
- dd. Judy Marks
- ee. Anyone corresponding from an email address ending in @acustrategicpartners.com
- ff. Anyone corresponding from an email address ending in @clny.com
- gg. Anyone corresponding from an email address ending in @clns.com
- hh. Anyone corresponding from an email address ending in @colonyinc.com
- ii. Anyone corresponding from an email address ending in @ip3internatioanl.com,
- jj. Anyone corresponding from an email address ending in @ironnetcybersecurity.com
- kk. Anyone corresponding from an email address ending in @scppartners.com
- ll. Anyone corresponding from an email address ending in @mcfarlaneassociatesinc.com
- mm. Anyone corresponding from an email address ending in @ironbridgesecurity.com

American Oversight requests that NNSA search the files of the following custodians for records responsive to this request:

- i. The Under Secretary for Nuclear Security/the Administrator for Nuclear Security, Lisa E. Gordon-Hagerty
- ii. Chief of Staff and Associate Principal Deputy Administrator William (Ike) White
- iii. Chief and Associate Administrator for Defense Nuclear Security Jeffrey R. Johnson
- iv. Deputy Administrator for Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation Brent K. Park.

Please provide all responsive records from January 20, 2017, through the date the search is conducted. American Oversight seeks all responsive records regardless of format, medium, or physical characteristics. In conducting your search, please understand the terms “record,” “document,” and “information” in their broadest sense, to include any written, typed, recorded, graphic, printed or audio material of any kind.”

Your request was initially sent to the Department of Energy Headquarters Office (DOE HQ) for processing. DOE HQ transferred your request to this office and it was received on March 11, 2019.

The Office of Policy and the Office of Information Management conducted a search for records. A search was conducted of the emails of Lisa Gordon-Hagerty, William (Ike) White, Brent K. Park, and Jeffrey R. Johnson, for all records reflecting communications (including email addresses, email attachments, calendar invitations, talking points prepared for meetings,



handwritten or typed meeting notes, or memos exchanged during meetings) with any of the individuals as specified in your request for the period between January 20, 2017 to April 3, 2019 (date search was conducted) using the email addresses provided in the request.

Two responsive documents were located pertinent to this request.

A summary of the documents are listed below:

- Doc. 1 – Email from Dan Poneman to Lisa Gordon-Hagerty - August 24, 2018, including two pdf attachments.
- Doc 2 – Email from Dan Poneman to Lisa Gordon-Hagerty - February 25, 2019.

Document 1 is being released to you in its entirety.

Document 2 was determined to contain information that is exempt pursuant to 5 USC § 552 (b)(6) (Exemption 6 of the FOIA).

Exemption 6 permits the withholding of personnel and medical files and similar files when the disclosure of such information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. The purpose of Exemption 6 is to protect individuals from the injury and embarrassment that can result from the unnecessary disclosure of personal information. To determine whether disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, the public interest in disclosure, if any, must be balanced against the privacy interests that would be invaded by disclosure of the information. In this case, the personal email addresses of the parties involved have been withheld. Release of this information will cause inevitable harassment and unwarranted invasion of personal privacy for those individuals. In addition, release of this information would not shed light on the operations of the federal government. Since its release will not reveal anything of significance to the public, the interest in protecting against the invasion of privacy that would result to the individuals in question far outweighs the public interest in such disclosure.

The Department of Energy (DOE) regulations 10 CFR § 1004.1 provide that documents exempt from mandatory disclosure under the FOIA shall be released regardless of their exempt status, unless DOE determines that disclosure is contrary to public interest. For the reasons described above, NNSA has determined that release of the information described above is not in the public interest.

Pursuant to 10 CFR § 1004.7(b)(2), I am the individual responsible for the withholding of the information mentioned above pursuant to Exemption 6 of the FOIA.

You may appeal our decision to withhold information pursuant to 10 CFR § 1004.8. Such an appeal must be made in writing within 90 calendar days after receipt of this letter. Appeals should be addressed to Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals, HG-1, L'Enfant Plaza, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585-1615. The

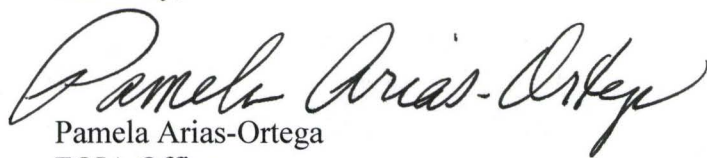
You may also submit your appeal to [OHA.filings@hq.doe.gov](mailto:OHA.filings@hq.doe.gov), including the phrase “Freedom of Information Appeal “in the subject line (This is the method preferred by the Office of Hearings and Appeals).

The appeal must contain all of the elements required by 10 CFR § 1004.8, including a copy of the determination letter. Thereafter, judicial review will be available to you in the Federal District Court either: 1) in the district where you reside; 2) where you have your principal place of business; 3) where DOE’s records are situated; or 4) in the District of Columbia.

There are no charges to you for processing your FOIA request.

If you have questions about the processing of this request, please contact Donna Del Rio by e-mail at [donna.delrio@nnsa.doe.gov](mailto:donna.delrio@nnsa.doe.gov) or write to the address at the top of the first page. Please reference Control Number FOIA 19-00139-DD.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Pamela Arias-Ortega". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Pamela" being the most prominent part.

Pamela Arias-Ortega  
FOIA Officer



Viars, Joy (NNSA)

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**From:** Gordon-Hagerty, Lisa  
**Sent:** Friday, April 05, 2019 10:15 AM  
**To:** Tullis, Cathy  
**Subject:** FW: Thank you  
**Attachments:** 2018 08 24 - Administrator Gordon-Hagerty.pdf; 2018 08 24 - Deputy Secretary Brouillette.pdf

Not sure if you saw this

**Lisa E. Gordon-Hagerty**  
Under Secretary for Nuclear Security  
Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration  
U.S. Department of Energy  
202-586-5555  
SIPR: Lisa.Gordon-Hagerty@hq.doe.sgov.gov

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**From:** Poneman, Daniel B [mailto:PonemanD@centrusenergy.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 24, 2018 5:16 PM  
**To:** Gordon-Hagerty, Lisa <Lisa.Gordon-Hagerty@nnsa.doe.gov>  
**Cc:** christopher.martin@nnsa.doe.gov  
**Subject:** Thank you

Lisa: Thanks again for making the trip! Best, Dan



**Daniel B. Poneman**  
*President & Chief Executive Officer*

**(301) 564-3300** *phone*  
**(301) 564-3201** *fax*

August 24, 2018

The Honorable Dan R. Brouillette  
Deputy Secretary of Energy  
U.S. Department of Energy  
1000 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Mr. Deputy Secretary:

Thank you for taking the time to visit Centrus' Technology and Manufacturing Center on Monday, and for your contributions to reviving and expanding the U.S. nuclear sector as well as to advancing our national interests on the world stage.

As you saw firsthand, we have in place a robust manufacturing infrastructure and a highly-trained workforce, all ready to answer the call as needed to support the restoration of a domestic capability to enrich uranium for national security and, ultimately, commercial purposes. We believe that, after billions of private and public sector funding have been invested in building up these capabilities, it is strongly in the national interest to exercise them vigorously in the near term. That would sustain both the supply chain and the workforce needed to perform to the exacting requirements imposed by the need to operate nuclear technology safely and reliably.

My colleagues at Centrus join me in wishing you every success in your efforts to strengthen U.S. nuclear leadership both here and abroad.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dan", is written over the typed name "Daniel B. Poneman".

Daniel B. Poneman

cc: Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration



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August 24, 2018

The Honorable Lisa E. Gordon-Hagerty  
Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration  
U.S. Department of Energy  
1000 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Madam Administrator: *Lisa*

Thanks again for taking the time to visit the gas centrifuge testing and manufacturing facilities in Oak Ridge, and for your public service in leading the National Nuclear Security Administration in its vital mission to assure that our deterrent remains safe, secure, and effective.

As you saw during your visit, the years of effort dedicated to the American Centrifuge have brought that machine to a technical readiness level sufficient to support deployment, at such time as the government concludes that the capability is needed. In addition, our engineering talent, experienced craft labor, and high-precision nuclear manufacturing capabilities at the Technology and Manufacturing Center can be leveraged to support design and development of other enrichment technologies, including alternative gas-centrifuge designs that NNSA may find of interest.

For a mission of such national importance as domestic uranium enrichment, we believe that a national effort is required. We also believe that such an effort would maximize the return on taxpayer investment. In that spirit, we would like to reiterate our proposal to establish an Enrichment Technology Center of Excellence at Oak Ridge, where we could join Centrus' engineering and industrial capabilities with ORNL's scientific excellence to establish a "best of the best" effort in support of national uranium enrichment requirements.

My colleagues at Centrus join me in wishing you every success in the vital work of the NNSA, and in supporting you and your colleagues in that mission.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "D Poneman", written over a horizontal line.

Daniel B. Poneman



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**From:** lisaegh [mailto:(b) (6)]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 25, 2019 5:59 PM  
**To:** Gordon-Hagerty, Lisa <Lisa.Gordon-Hagerty@nnsa.doe.gov>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Re: Greetings from Tokyo

----- Original message -----

**From:** Daniel Poneman <(b) (6)>  
**Date:** 2/25/19 12:07 PM (GMT-05:00)  
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Hi Lisa, "

Always good to see you and Walt and thanks again for the introduction to OTF.... makes a difference!

Just following up to see if your MA was able to liberate you for our long-awaited get-together. Would be great to learn your current thinking so we can be most supportive of NNSA efforts.

Will be downtown Friday and could work other times if the 1130 slot is blocked, or even meet in McLean at the end of the day if that is easier for you. Am in Oak Ridge Monday and Tuesday of next week but could also meet next Wednesday through Friday.

Thanks and have a great week,

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