



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
WASHINGTON, DC 20410-3000

OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION

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RE: Freedom of Information Act Request
FOIA Control No.: 19-FI-HQ-00755

Dear American Oversight:

This letter is an interim response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated and received on March 13, 2019, in the Department of Housing and Urban Development's FOIA Office. You requested the following:

All email communications, including email attachments and calendar invitations, between (1) the agency officials Ben Carson and Richard Youngblood or any person communicating on their behalf, such as schedulers or assistants, and (2) Virginia "Ginni" Thomas or any person communicating on her behalf, including but not limited to Crystal Clayton.

The keywords "Virginia Thomas", "Ginni Thomas", and "Crystal Clayton" were used and the timeframes you requested for each custodian. In addition, a search was conducted for Aida N. Rodriguez, Benjamin E. Demarzo, Jonathan A. McCall, and Kelsie J. Wendelberger.

The Department has completed the review of 247,757 pages. Following review, the Department determined that these pages did not contain any records responsive to your request.

We are continuing to search for records responsive to your request.

I am the official responsible for this determination based on an eDiscovery search of the requested individuals' records. You may appeal this determination within 90 days from the date of this letter. If you decide to appeal, your appeal should include copies of your original request and this response, as well as a discussion of the reasons supporting the appeal. The envelope should be plainly marked to indicate that it contains a FOIA appeal and addressed to:

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Office of Ethics and Appeals Law Division
Office of General Counsel
451 Seventh Street, SW, Room 2130
Washington, DC 20410

Telephone: (202) 708-3815

You may also submit your appeal online at: HUDFOIAappeals@hud.gov

The FOIA Public Liaison is responsible for increasing transparency, understanding the status of requests, and resolving disputes between you and the agency. If you need assistance in any of these matters, please send an email to FOIA@hud.gov.

In addition, 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
8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS
College Park, Maryland 20740-6001

Telephone: 202-741-5770; Toll free: 1-877-684-6448
Fax: 202-741-5769
E-mail: ogis@nara.gov

For your information, your FOIA request, including your identity and any information made available, is releasable to the public under subsequent FOIA requests. In responding to these requests, the Department does not release personal information, such as home address, telephone number, or Social Security number, all of which are protected from disclosure under FOIA Exemption 6.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Adrienne Harding at Adrienne.Harding@hud.gov or at (202) 402-3379. Thank you for your interest in the Department's programs and policies.

Sincerely,

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