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*Privacy Office, Mail Stop 0655*

April 27, 2021

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Re: **2019-HQFO-00907**

Dear Mr. Evers:

This is the electronic final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), dated June 24, 2019, and received by this office on June 24, 2019. You are seeking all records reflecting communications, telephone call logs, calendar invitations, calendar entries, meeting notices, meeting agendas, informational material, draft legislation, talking points, any handwritten or electronic notes taken during any oral communications, handwritten or electronic summaries of any oral communications, or other materials) between (a) political appointees\* in the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Office of Legislative Affairs, Office of General Counsel, or DHS Leadership Offices and (b) any of the White House Counsel staff listed below regarding congressional oversight of the executive branch— including both specific congressional oversight of specific matters and general policies, concerns, and considerations related to congressional oversight of the executive branch, to include, 1) Don McGahn, 2) Pat Cipollone, 3) Stacy Amin, 4) Omeed Assefi, 5) Sue Bai, 6) Trent Benishek

7) Ryan Brady, 8) Joseph Clark, 9) Devin DeBacker, 10) Uttam Dhillon, 11) Jennifer Dickey, 12) George “Jed” Doty, 13) Anne Donaldson, 14) John Eisenberg  
15) Michael Ellis, 16) Deirdre Eliot, 17) Dan Epstein, 18) Emmett Flood, 19) Joe Gammello, 20) Kevin Garvey, 21) Scott Gast, 22) Scott Glabe, 23) Chris Greico, 24) Mark Grider, 25) Steven Groves, 26) Eric Hamilton, 27) Tara Helfman, 28) David Jones, 29) Dino LaVerghetta, 30) Will Levi, 31) Robert Luther, 32) Jon “Tyler” McGaughey, 33) Steven Menashi, 34) Chad Mizelle, 35) John Moran, 36) David Morrell, 37) Claire Murray, 38) Brian Nieves, 39) Kevin O’Sannlain, 40) Stefan Passantino, 41) Patrick Philben, 42) Bethany Pickett, 43) Sam Ramer, 44) Sean Sandoloski, 45) Schuyler Schouten, 46) Kathryn Comerford Todd, 47) Michael Velchik, 48) John Walk (Date Range for Record Search: From 9/1/2018 To 6/24/2019).

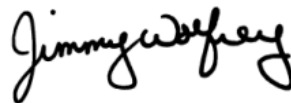
We conducted a comprehensive search of files within the Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) for records that would be responsive to your request. Unfortunately, we were unable to locate or identify any responsive records.

While an adequate search was conducted, you have the right to appeal this determination that no records exist within OCIO that would be responsive to your request. Should you wish to do so, you must send your appeal and a copy of this letter, within 90 days of the date of this letter, to: Privacy Office, Attn: FOIA Appeals, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, 2707 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue, SE, Mail Stop 0655, Washington, D.C. 20528-0655, following the procedures outlined in the DHS FOIA regulations at 6 C.F.R. Part 5 § 5.5(e)(2). Your envelope and letter should be marked "FOIA Appeal." Copies of the FOIA and DHS FOIA regulations are available at [www.dhs.gov/foia](http://www.dhs.gov/foia).

If you need any further assistance or would like to discuss any aspect of your request, please contact the analyst below who processed your request and refer to **2019-HQFO-00907**. You may send an e-mail to [foia@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:foia@hq.dhs.gov), call 202-343-1743 or toll free 1-866-431-0486, or you may contact our FOIA Public Liaison in the same manner. Additionally, you have a right to right to seek dispute resolution services from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) which mediates disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. If you are requesting access to your own records (which is considered a Privacy Act request), you should know that OGIS does not have the authority to handle requests made under the Privacy Act of 1974. You may contact OGIS as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov); telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

Provisions of FOIA allow DHS to charge for processing fees, up to \$25, unless you seek a waiver of fees. In this instance, because the cost is below the \$25 minimum, there is no charge.

Sincerely,



Jimmy Wolfrey  
Senior Director, FOIA Operations and Management  
(Acting)